

The Wave



Term 1 – Week 9

Principal's Message

Harmony Day

What a wonderful day of celebration! Mrs Eadsforth and Mrs Cameron organised a fantastic day of activities to celebrate some of the many cultures in Australia and at Ballina Public School. Check out the photos taken on the day!

Weather

It has certainly been a soggy week! While our school gets some big puddles, and we can't play on the oval, we are lucky that Ballina Public School doesn't flood, so can remain open for our community. It was a super effort from staff on Monday and Tuesday in the heavy rain to keep our school going. While a number of staff were unable to make it in due to localised flooding near their homes, many staff travelled great distances via detours to make sure they got here for our kids. Just another reminder of how dedicated the staff are to the kids of BPS!

NAPLAN 2021

This year, NAPLAN will go ahead. Ballina Public School is competing the Online version of NAPLAN, as we did last time. All students in Years 3 and 5 have completed a Practice Test to become familiar with the online platform, and feel ready to complete the test in May.

Baby Boom at BPS

Three staff members will have new babies in their homes very soon! Mr Pearson's wife had their baby this week, Mr Allen's wife is due before the holidays and Miss Bailey finished up this week to prepare for her baby bundle in a few weeks time. We wish them all the very best – and we can't wait to meet their new additions.

Cross Country

Unfortunately, due to the weather we have had to cancel our Cross Country on Monday 29th March, 2021.

The new date for Cross Country will be Tuesday 27th April, 2021 (Term 2/Week 2). Student will be able to purchase a sausage sizzle on the day. A note will be sent home in Term 2.

End Of Term 1

We are close to the end of Term 1 now, with the last day of school being **Thursday 1st April, 2021**. The holidays begin on **Good Friday, Friday 2nd April, 2021**. Next week on Wednesday, 31st March, 2021, we will have our "Crazy Hat Parade".

Term 2 begins on Tuesday, 20th April, as Monday 19th is a Staff Development Day.

Kind Regards,
Stacie Luppi

Important Dates

Week 10

Monday 29th March

Cross Country
(Cancelled)

Wednesday 31st March

Crazy Hat Parade
12:30-1:30pm
School Hall

Thursday 1st April

Last Day of Term

Term 2 – Week 1

Tuesday 20th April
First Day of Term 2

Term 2 – Week 2

Tuesday 27th April
Cross Country

School Banking
every
Wednesday

School P & C Association
Meetings are held the 3rd
Monday of every month
at 4:00pm in the
Staffroom Admin Building



School Community Charter

 **Collaborative. Respectful. Communication.**

The following School Community Charter outlines the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

We treat each other with **respect**

What our schools provide

NSW public schools work to create positive environments for students, staff and the entire school community that support student learning. We strive to ensure that every student is known, valued and cared for.

The best education happens when parents and schools work together.

The School Community Charter aligns with the NSW Department of Education Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022.



Positive environments

It is important that our NSW public schools are positive environments and that parents and carers are kept informed of students' progress and school announcements.

Parents and carers can expect:

- To be welcomed into our schools to work in partnership to promote student learning.
- Communication from school staff will be timely, polite and informative.
- Professional relationships with school staff are based on transparency, honesty and mutual respect.
- To be treated fairly. Tolerance and understanding are promoted as we respect diversity.

We **prioritise** the wellbeing of all students and staff

Unsafe behaviour is not acceptable in our schools

We work **together** with the school

Ensuring respectful learning environments for all members of NSW Public Schools communities.



We create **collaborative** learning environments

We all play **our part**

We work **in partnership** to promote student learning

Communicating with our schools

Our staff will find a time to talk to you when they can give you their full attention. Please remember that while our staff are in class or dealing with other matters, they may not be available to answer your questions immediately.

Our schools and communities will make sure that written communication is appropriate, fair and easy to read. We encourage you to use email and social media appropriately to connect with your school and stay up-to-date with up-coming events in the school community.

Our guide for parents, carers and students provides useful information about the complaints process:
education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/rights-and-accountability/complaints-compliments-and-suggestions/guide-for-parents-carers-and-students.

Respectful communication is a right

In all workplaces people have the right to feel respected. Unacceptable and offensive behaviour has no place in our school communities.

To ensure the wellbeing of students, staff and the community in our schools, steps will be taken to address unacceptable behaviour. This may include restricting contact with the school community or, in more serious cases, referral to NSW Police.

Unacceptable behaviour may include but is not limited to:

- Aggressive or intimidating actions, such as violence, threatening gestures or physical proximity.
- Aggressive or intimidating language, including the use of obscenities, making sexist, racist or derogatory comments or using a rude tone.
- Treating members of the school community differently due to aspects such as their religion or disability.
- Inappropriate and time wasting communication.



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THIS WEEK'S SPECIALS

**\$6 Meal Deal
Ham & Cheese Toastie
Drink of Choice
Piece of Fruit**

**New to the Menu
Butter Chicken & rice \$4.50**



The Egg guessing competition is still on at the canteen. The cost is 50c per guess. The winner will be announced at the Crazy Hat Parade.

A big thank you to those wonderful families that have supported our raffles by donating Easter themed items. Any further donations can be dropped off at the canteen.

What a great turn out we had for our annual A.G.M and P & C Meeting. Thank you to all that came. Congratulations to Mrs Katherine Reitman who has taken on the role of P & C President.

With Easter comes our famous P & C Easter raffles.

Tickets can be purchased at the canteen for \$2.00 each, or our P & C members will be at Ballina Fair this Saturday 27th March, 2021 selling tickets.

**Alison Mann
Canteen Manager**



Crazy Hat Parade



Date: Wednesday 31st March, 2021

Time: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Venue: Our School Hall

Please note that due to Covid restrictions, only one member of each family may attend this year's parade.

Thank you for your understanding.

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets at the canteen!



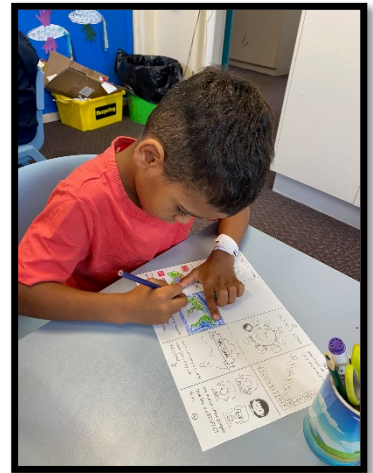
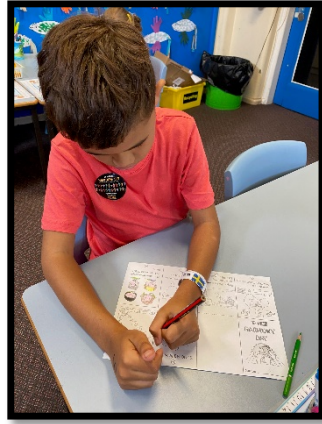
PCYC

POLICE CITIZENS
YOUTH CLUBS NSW

A big thank you to the NSW Police for finding time in their busy schedules to boxercise with our Year 5 and 6 students.



NSW Police Force



HARMONY DAY





2021

On Monday, 22 March, 2021, years 3 and 5 participated in a Naplan Practice session.

The link below is some useful information for Parents/Carers on NAPLAN:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/resources/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>



Bronze and Silver Award Recipients



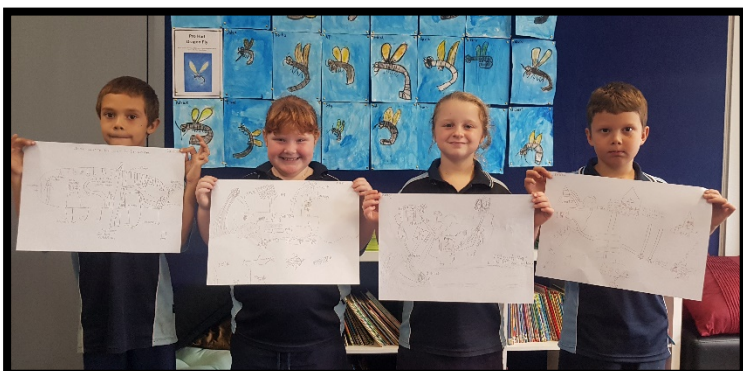
Welcome to 2E

2E have had a busy start to the school year and have been working hard to be Safe, Fair Learners.

They have been learning about their feelings and a range of skills to help them have positive relationships with others. They have been learning about being brave in their learning as well as in their relationships and made paper bag puppets of themselves to be able to show this.

2E has been learning to make their writing more interesting for an audience by looking at the writing of other authors and by looking at other student's work. They have been using these examples to help them understand what they need to do in their own writing and have begun including more descriptive language to describe their characters and settings.

In Science they have been enjoying learning about living things, their needs and how they change. As a follow-up to Clean Up Australia Day they put on their scientist/engineers' hats to design a machine that would help clean up the huge area of rubbish that has collected in the Pacific Ocean. They were amazed and shocked at how big this problem is and were quite enthusiastic in their approach. Working in pairs they had to consider how to collect the rubbish, how they treated it and then how they stored it and then they create a design with labels to describe the features.



News from the Library



All students at Ballina Public School are encouraged to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge 2021! The Challenge aims to instil and promote a love of reading for pleasure and to enable them to experience quality literature.

The Challenge begins on 1 March 2021 and continues until the 20 August 2021.

In order to complete the challenge, students must read a certain number of books in the below timeframe. Your child will be supported during library time to learn more about this challenge and to select PRC books that are appropriate for their age, interest and maturity levels. For further information and to access the [PRC website](#).

Challenge	Number of books you must read	Minimum number of PRC books	Maximum number of personal choice books	PRC booklists you can read from
K-2	30	25	5	K-2, 3-4, 5-6
3-4	20	15	5	3-4, 5-6, 7-9
5-6	20	15	5	5-6, 7-9

3 – 6 Students

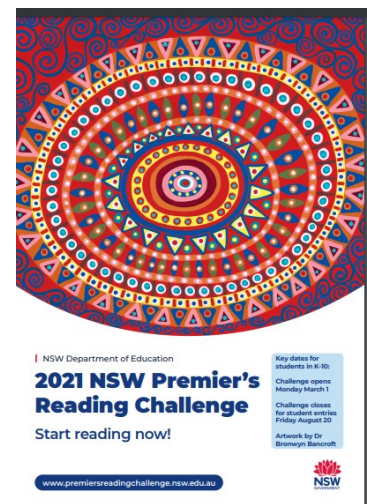
Students in 3 - 6 are to record books they read independently on an electronic student reading record in the PRC website. Parents can support their child by helping them record their books read at home. Students logon using their *existing DoE User ID and password*. Students can also log their books read during library time each week.

K – 2 Students

Students in K - 2 read their PRC books as a class during library lessons and these will be automatically added to their electronic log.

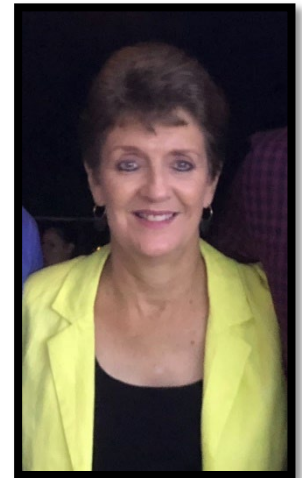
Happy Reading!

Julie Streader
Teacher Librarian



Interview with Mrs Evans

- 1. How many years have you been teaching?**
I've been teaching for 29 years with a couple of little breaks in-between.
- 2. What is your favourite food?**
I really like chillies and spices and my favourite food is anything Thai.
- 3. What is the most rewarding thing about your job?**
Getting to meet so many different people is really interesting but to see that what we do as teachers makes a difference in helping others to grow.
- 4. Did you always want to be a Teacher?**
I always wanted to be a teacher and even used to roleplay being a teacher as a child.
- 5. What is your favourite song?**
I like a lot of different types of music and don't have a particular favourite song but I do still love the music of Fleetwood Mac and The Eagles.
- 6. What is your favourite holiday destination?**
I love being out in the countryside, especially in the mountains and especially if it is with my family.



Meet our GA – Mr Allen

- 1. How many years have you been at Ballina Public School?**
8 years.
- 2. What is your favourite food?**
Anything but Mexican.
- 3. What is your favourite thing to do outside of work?**
Surf, fishing, kayaking, snowboarding, trail bike riding, body boarding, and mountain bike riding.
- 4. What is your favourite song?**
Sweet Child of Mine by Gun's N Roses
- 5. What is one plant machine or tool that you couldn't live without?**
Cordless drill.
- 6. Who is your favourite Australian Idol?**
My son's.



