

The Wave



Term 1 – Week 10

Principal's Message

Crazy Hat Parade

Congratulations to all students on their amazing creations made for the hat parade! It was great to see so many students taking part.

Thank you to Miss Smith for running the parade with the support of staff. It was a lovely way to end the term.

COVID Information

As you will be aware, our town has been affected by the latest cases of COVID-19. This will make the first few days of the holidays difficult.

Hopefully we will be affected by the restrictions for a short time.

Take care of each other and stay safe.

Any updates that might affect our operations on Term 2 will be posted on the Ballina Public School Facebook page.

Updated Information

If you have changed your contact details or address, please notify our office so we can contact you in case of an emergency.

Term 2

Term 2 begins for students on Tuesday 20th April, 2021.

Have a happy and safe holiday!

**Kind Regards,
Stacie Luppi**

Important Dates

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

**A date for the next P & C
Meeting will be advised
in due course.**



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.



Collaborative.
Respectful.
Communication.

School Community Charter

education.nsw.gov.au

Canteen and P & C News

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



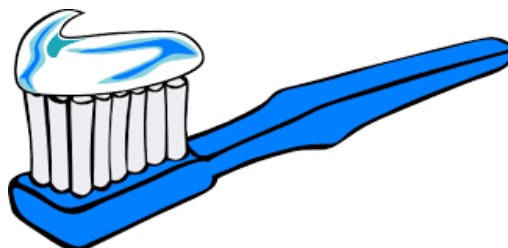
Alison Mann
Canteen Manager

The **lunchbox** canteen

News around the School

PacificSmiles
DENTAL.

Thank you to Pacific Smiles Dental in Ballina Fair for providing 120 toothbrushes for our Kindergarten to year 2 students.



Crazy Hat Parade





Prize Winners



Deklan



Leighaya



Leona

Opportunity knocks ...

Join the virtual school for rural and remote students

Aurora College is NSW's virtual school, offering a mix of online and residential school classes for high potential and gifted students in rural and remote government schools.

The school provides innovative, flexible learning in a whole new context, by allowing students to connect locally and to learn globally.

Students learn with their teachers and classmates in timetabled lessons using cutting-edge technologies in a virtual learning environment.

Year 5 applications for Aurora College's 2022 virtual opportunity class **open Tuesday 20 April 2021** and **close at 5pm on Friday 7 May 2021**.

Opportunity class students study mathematics, science and technology, integrating the design thinking process.

For further information, visit our website www.aurora.nsw.edu.au or phone **1300 287 629**.



To apply for Aurora's virtual opportunity class, go to:
<http://www.aurora.nsw.edu.au/learn/opportunity-class/how-can-i-enrol/>





Brisbane Broncos Visit

On Friday, 26th March, 2021, years 5 & 6 were lucky enough to participate in a training session with some of the ex-players from the Brisbane Broncos.





On Wednesday, 31st March, 2021, years 5 & 6 had their last Fit for Life session with NSW Police. A big thank you to Senior Constable Beek and her team for their time.



Applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022

Once you complete and submit your application you must change details receive messages and record decisions through your application portal.

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2022?

You must apply online at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>



Key dates

Application site opens:
Tuesday 20 April 2021

Application site closes:
5pm, Friday 7 May 2021
You must apply before this deadline

Test centre advice sent:
Wednesday 7 July 2021

Opportunity Class Placement Test:
Wednesday 21 July 2021

Placement outcome information released overnight on:
Friday 1 October 2021

Please read this booklet carefully before applying.

Parents* should check the Department's website at:
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> regularly throughout the application and placement process.

Please check the Department's website for information before you contact the Team.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Team*.

Contact Details:

High Performing Students Team, NSW Department of Education
Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au
Telephone: 1300 880 367 Telephone Interpreter Service: 131450
Postal Address: GPO Box 33, SYDNEY, NSW 2001
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/159342048077050/>

Please Note:

*In this document, the High Performing Students Team is referred to as the Team.



*'Parent' is defined under the Education Act, 1990, as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.

Interview with Jess Matuchet - AEO

- 1. How many years have you been at Ballina Public School?**
2 years.
- 2. What is your role at Ballina Public School?**
I am an Aboriginal Education Officer.
- 3. What is the most rewarding thing about your job?**
I love seeing all the smiling faces when students get to participate in culture and can finish a task in class that they thought was too hard. This makes me so happy.
- 4. What is your favourite colour?**
Blue, because I love the ocean.
- 5. What is your favourite song?**
When the war is over by Cold Chisel.
- 6. What is your favourite holiday destination?**
North Stradbroke Island because it's where I am from.
- 7. Do you have any hobbies or sports you play?**
I love watching rugby league especially when my kids are playing.



Supporting our Local Community

Bunjum Us Mob Together VIRTUAL YARN UP

To All Aboriginal Organisations/Services,

We are hosting a Virtual Yarn up Forum to let you know about a new exciting inclusive 'Us Mob Together' Project that is based around a series of Community Connection Yarn up groups tailored and flexible that provides opportunities that empowers Aboriginal People with a Disabilities and their families to lead and identify project activities to meet their interests on social, cultural, arts and well-being levels in their Communities.

We hope you can join us to work together with us to support Aboriginal People with Disabilities to included within our Communities and have a voice.

WHEN: THURSDAY 8th OF APRIL, 2021

TIME: 10AM—12PM

ZOOM LINK: us02web.zoom.us/j/85370869134

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM PLEASE CONTACT
JERMAINE BRADSHAW
 COORDINATORUMT@BUNJUM.COM
 0492 184 039

We Need You

Out of School Hours Care Central Ballina Operates

Before School Care	7:00am to 9:00am
After School Care	3.20pm to 6.20pm
Vacation Care	7.00am to 6.20pm

Applications are available at www.rainbow.nsw.edu.au

Also Rainbow 4 John Sharpe St East Ballina

Government Child Care benefits and rebate available.

All enquiries phone Jan or Jodie at the Rainbow Children's Centre for Information (02) 6686 6621

Important information regarding student attendance and COVID-19

Dear Parent or Carer,

In accordance with advice from NSW Health, parents and carers are reminded NOT to send children to school if they are unwell, even if they have the mildest flu-like symptoms.

The School will arrange for students who present as unwell or have flu-like symptoms to be sent home.

Any student who is unwell or has even mild flu-like symptoms, can be tested for COVID-19. Students and staff with flu-like symptoms may need to provide a copy of a negative COVID-19 test result before being permitted to return to school.

Free Testing is available at the Ballina Respiratory Clinic, without the need for a referral from a GP.

Ballina Respiratory Clinic can usually accommodate same or next day appointments, with results received within 24-48 hours.

If patients require a medical review for flu-like symptoms, they can be seen by a doctor at the Ballina Respiratory Clinic free of charge at the same time as their COVID-19 test.

TO ENSURE YOU CAN BE SEEN ON THE DAY, BOOKINGS ARE PREFERRED.



Online bookings can be made online at fhealthcare.com.au/ballinar/ or by calling 6685 6326.

Please book a test if you have any of the following symptoms, no matter how mild:

- fever • respiratory symptoms
- coughing • sore throat • shortness of breath • runny nose
- headache • muscle or joint pains

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our team by calling 6685 6326.





Sincerely,
 Dr Tonya Coren, Principal GP
 Ballina Respiratory Clinic & First Light Healthcare


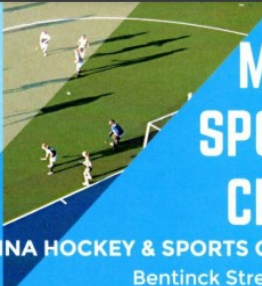
Ballina Respiratory Clinic

Fast, free assessment and COVID-19 testing for people with mild to moderate respiratory symptoms such as fever, sore throat, cough or fatigue.

Ballina Respiratory Clinic, Tamar Village, 92 Tamar Street, Ballina.
 Book online fhealthcare.com.au/ballinar/ or by calling 6685 6326.
 Bookings preferred, 8.30am—4.00 pm Monday to Friday

Respiratory clinics are part of the Australian Government's \$2.4 billion health package in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Ballina Respiratory Clinic is supported by North Coast PHN.

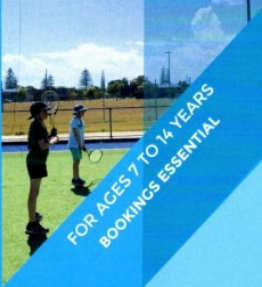

MULTI SPORTS CLINIC

BALLINA HOCKEY & SPORTS COMPLEX
Bentinck Street, Ballina

**EMPHASIS
ON SKILLS
DEVELOPMENT
AND FUN!**

FOR AGES 7 TO 14 YEARS
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Fully qualified coaches

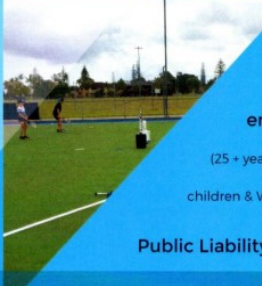
You will need to bring:

A packed lunch, hat, drink bottle, sports shoes (no soccer boots).

Safe and friendly environment

(25+ years working with children & WWC clearances)

Public Liability Insurance

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