

The Wave



Term 3 – Week 3

Principal's Message

Stage 3 STEM Showcase

Congratulations to all Year 5 and 6 students and teachers for their excellent showcase of their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) work from the past term.

Students have worked on creating an arcade game to demonstrate their understanding of contact and non-contact forces. Other classes had the opportunity to see the games in action in the Hall on Thursday.

Kindergarten 2022

We are inviting parents and carers of children who begin Kindergarten in 2022 to join us for a school tour. Come along and see our school, check out classrooms and meet with teachers and executive staff to ask any questions you may have. The tours are being held at 4pm on Tuesday 3rd and Tuesday 10th August. All visitors can meet at the office to QR check in and sanitise hands.

Due to Covid restrictions, bookings are essential. You can contact the school on 6686 2205 to book.

COVID Updates

I'm sure you would have seen that the lockdown for the Greater Sydney area has been extended for an additional 4 weeks. We are fortunate that our restrictions remain at Level 2, meaning that our school is open for staff and students. We must still follow the guidelines for social distancing and mask wearing for any essential visitors. All parents and carers must still drop off and pick up outside the school gates.

We can stay safe in our area if everyone follows the Public Health Orders, including isolating for 14 days if coming from a known hot spot, before moving around in our community.

For all current NSW Department of Education guidelines for our area, you can head to <https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families/schools-outside-of-greater-sydney1>

District Athletics Carnival

Over 20 students qualified for the District Athletics Carnival on Friday, held in Byron Bay. Congratulations to the students for giving their best efforts on the day. Thanks to Mrs Cameron for her organisation of our school's athletes.

Attendance

Last week I shared with you the importance of attending school each and every day. It is also important to show up to school on time each day. By arriving late, students miss out on important classroom interactions with their peers and teacher. What can you do differently to make sure your child is at school before the bell at 9:15am? Can you make that appointment after school?

Kind Regards,
Stacie Luppi

Important Dates

Term 3

Week 4

Monday 2nd August
Ballina Public School
PIZZA DAY

Tuesday 3rd August
Kinder 2022 School Tour 4pm

Week 5

Tuesday 10th August
Kinder 2022 School Tour 4pm

Friday 13th August
FNC Athletics

Week 6

Monday 16th August - Fri
20th August
Dentist & Optical Visit

Week 7

Thursday 26th August
Book Character Parade

Week 8

Friday 3rd September
Years 5 & 6
Cricket Blast School Cup

School Banking every
Wednesday

*P & C Meetings are
cancelled until further
notice.*

Our school canteen will be open Wednesday, Thursday & Friday weekly from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

Alison Mann
Canteen Manager

Attendance

Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...	they miss days per year	
5 mins per day 	= 3 days	
30 mins per day 	= 18 days	



Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.

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When your child misses just ...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes each day	50 minutes each week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks each year	Nearly ½ a year of learning
20 minutes each day	1 hour and 40 minutes each week	Nearly 2 ½ weeks each year	Nearly 1 year of learning
30 minutes each day	2 ½ hours each week	4 weeks each year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 day each week	8 weeks or nearly 1 term each year	Over 2 ½ years of learning

2022 Kindergarten Enrolments

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten Students of 2022.

If you wish to enrol your child, please contact our administration office.



Enrol your child at



Ballina Public School

for

Kindergarten 2022

Where every child is known, valued and cared for

School Tours for Parents and Carers
with Kindy teachers & executive
Monday 2nd August & Monday 9th August at 4pm

Meet at the main office Bookings essential - 66862205

small class sizes

diverse & inclusive

sporting, musical, dance & cultural opportunities

buddy program to support your child at 'big' school

Contact our office today on 6686 2205 to register for updates about our Kindergarten Orientation Program starting in Term 4



Stage 3 STEM Showcase





Book Club

Book Club closes on 13th August, 2021. No orders will be accepted after this date.

This will be the only Book Club for this Term.

School Uniform

Lowes in Ballina Fair are having a 20% off Schoolwear sale on the 5th & 6th of August, 2021.



Get to know our Staff

Interview with Mrs Melissa Ainsworth – Learning Support Teacher

- 1. How many years have you been at Ballina Public School?**
This is my second year here.
- 2. What is your role at Ballina Public School?**
Learning and Support Teacher 3-6.
- 3. What is your favourite food?**
Anything picked straight from my garden!
- 4. What is your favourite thing to do outside of work?**
Go to the beach with my family and our dog.
- 5. Who is your favourite actor?**
Cate Blanchett.
- 6. What is your favourite colour?**
Blue.



Supporting our Local Community

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.

THURSDAYS IS
KIDS DAY
@ CHERRY STREET SPORTS!

EVERY THURSDAY FROM 5:30PM

LITTLE CHERRIES WILL HAVE ACCESS TO
A DIFFERENT EVENT EVERY WEEK INCLUDING:

**ART & CRAFT WORKSHOP,
ACTIVE ZONES, WORKSHOPS,
GIANT GAMES, KIDS ENTERTAINERS**

TO JOIN LITTLE CHERRIES
CONTACT RECEPTION TODAY!

**KIDS EAT FREE
ALL DAY**

**KIDSKLUB HAS JOINED
OUR LITTLE CHERRIES GROUP**

Cherry Street Sports, Little Cherrys, Kidz Klub
+ 61 2 6686 2811
cherrystreet.com.au



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Our friendly Lifestyle Support Workers can support you under the NDIS with:

- Getting ready for your day
- Cleaning your home and maintaining your garden
- Banking tasks
- Attending appointments
- Personal tasks
- Self care
- Going ten pin bowling or participating in team sports
- Going fishing or learning how to swim
- Going on movie outings or learning how to dance
- Attending trips to concerts and events
- And much more...

NDIS Intake Officer Lisa Rea can be contacted on 0436 450 107 for a coffee and chat at any time.



To learn more about how we can support you or your loved one, visit www.rloa.org.au