

# The Wave



Term 4 – Week 7

## Principal's Message

### Kindergarten Orientation

Our final Kindergarten Orientation took place today for our incoming kindergarten students for 2024.

Please let any friends and family know that we are taking enrolments for 2024. We look forward to welcoming all new families to BPS.

### Class Organiser 2024

Our teachers spent one afternoon this week creating our first draft of classes for next year. Please remember that if you have any class preferences for 2024, they need to be put into writing to the school email address ([ballina-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ballina-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) as soon as possible. We will do our best to meet everyone's preferences.

### Combined Whole School Sport

Thanks to the magical organisation of Mrs Cameron and Mrs Franklin, our students and staff have been enjoying combined whole school sports sessions on Fridays. This has been wonderful for the children to rotate through different activities in the middle session. It has been lovely to see the students supporting and encouraging each other.

### Permission Note & Payments

There are a lot of activities at this time of year and we don't want anyone to miss out. Please make sure that all notes and monies are returned to the office by the due date. The due date is in place to provide information to the venue about how many people are attending. We usually have no control to extend the deadline, so please return notes/money to the office by the cutoff date. Thank you for your understanding.

### Thank you!

I would like to thank Mr Coulter for relieving as Principal, and Mrs Cameron for relieving as Stage 3 AP while I was out of the school relieving as Director for the Clarence Valley network. We are lucky at Ballina Public School to have strong leaders within our school.

Kind Regards,  
Stacie Luppi  
Principal

## Important Dates

### Term 4 - 2023

#### Week 8

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 6 to 7 Gungahair  
Transition Day

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
K-2 – Ten Pin Bowling  
Excursion

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**  
10am  
Whole School Assembly

#### Week 9

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 6 Farewell

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Stage 3  
Ballina Pool & Waterslides  
Rewards Day

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**  
PBL Rewards Day

#### Week 10

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December**  
End of Year Presentation  
Day Assembly

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**  
Stage 3  
Laser Tag Rewards Day

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
Stage 3  
Ballina Tenpin Bowling &  
Pizza Rewards Day

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last Day of Term 4

## Permission Note and Payment Reminders

1. End of Year Monster Raffle Tickets and money are due on ***Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.***
2. K-2 Excursion due ***27<sup>th</sup> November, 2023.***
3. Years 3-4 Incursion Meal Deal Canteen order due ***Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2023.***

## Canteen

### MEAL DEAL

**\$6.50**

Salad Tub with choice of Ham, Egg or Cheese

Jelly and Custard

Up & Go (Choc or Vanilla)

### Canteen Christmas Raffle

Tickets are available for purchase from  
the Canteen.

50c each or 3 for \$1.00

NSW Department of Education



# Every Day Matters

## Days missed = years lost

If your child misses as little as



day per week

they will miss



weeks of school  
per year

which adds up to over

# 2.5

years missed over  
their school life

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Strengthen friendships



Build skills through fun



Scan the  
QR code to  
learn more



## Kindergarten Orientation





5/6C students have been extremely busy. Last term we looked at structural adaptations of bird beaks in Science. This term we have been exploring States of Matter, investigating and comparing the properties of solids, liquids and gases.



We were lucky to have Ian from Rotary come and help us create bee hotels. Students will hang their bee hotels in their gardens encouraging native bees to come.





## Community Notices

### BALLINA SHIRE Steps Up AGAINST DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE

**FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2023**

*Walk with Rotary*

Schools, sporting groups, service organisations and community members are welcome to join us

Assemble at the La Balsa Plaza carpark for a 12.30pm start  
(next to the Ballina Swimming Pool)

Walk along River & Cherry Streets to the Ballina Indoor Sports Centre  
(part of these streets will be closed for the walk)

*Together we say*

**YES** to **RESPECTFUL**  **RELATIONSHIPS**

At the BISC there will be special guest speakers and music including

Meg Vallentine - Lived Experience

Superintendent Scott Tanner - District Commander, Richmond Police District

Dr Hannah Tonkin - Women's Safety Commissioner, Depart. of Communities and Justice

Music and Dance by Ballina Coast High School students

Please Note: By participating in this event, participants/walkers agree to do so at their own risk

**STEP UP SPEAK UP BE A VOICE FOR CHANGE**

Organised by Rotary Club of Ballina-on-Richmond Enquiries: Dave Harmon M: 0401 956 996



### SUICIDE PREVENTION AND THE POWER OF COMMUNITY

**Facundo Cuesta, Registered Psychologist**

Thursday 7th of December / 6pm  
(doors open 5pm)

Byron Theatre & Community Centre

**Free Entry**

Book your seat - [byrontheatre.com](http://byrontheatre.com)

Stay for pizza and discussion afterwards



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

## Positive Identity Programme

**SUMMER GROUP**  
29th, 30th & 31st  
January 2024  
Ballina, NSW

**I ♥ ndis**

Identity is who we are, it is ours to own, create and change, whenever we want to. It is a way that we can express ourselves and to connect and belong with others. Having a positive sense of identity can protect us from mental health problems.

Participants can use NDIS funds to attend

Let's talk identity... Are you a person with a disability, aged 12-16 years and living in the Northern Rivers?

Would you be interested in joining a group where you will connect with other people your age and explore topics like:

- Identity**  
Who you are, what makes you unique
- Self-advocacy**  
Being assertive, standing up for your rights
- Relationships**  
How to find your tribe
- Self-care**  
Managing stress and worry
- Diversity**  
Celebrating differences
- Values and goals**  
Acting in the direction of the things you value

Interested?

### Contact Us

Please contact [sarah@identityfirst.com.au](mailto:sarah@identityfirst.com.au) to express your interest

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