

The Wave



Term 1 – Week 8

Principal's Message

NAPLAN

Testing for NAPLAN started this week. Mrs Whalan has done a wonderful job of organising this, with arranging times, staff, and the technology team to support the process. Our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting their NAPLAN assessments over the next week and a half. Like 2022, the assessments will be online except for Year 3 Writing which is still a paper assessment. The NAPLAN Online assessment window starts on Wednesday 15 March 2023 and finishes on Monday 27 March 2023. Students will be assessed in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and Numeracy. The online format is an adaptive program, designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. If you have any concerns regarding NAPLAN, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Attendance

Research highlights a clear correlation between student attendance and the achievement of quality academic, socio-economic and health outcomes. This research tells us that students with an attendance rate below 90% are educationally at risk.

We are aiming for Ballina Public School students to come to school at least 95% of the time - this will assist them in getting the best outcomes for their future.

Arriving at school on time (before 9:15am) and staying all day (until 3:15pm) is an important aspect of this – please allow your child/ren to be in attendance for the whole day. Please take the time to read the Attendance notice included in this newsletter.

SRC – Student Representative Council

This year, the SRC has started strong, with many ideas being discussed on how to engage our students in activities, and how to keep improving our school. Mrs Faulks has been meeting with the team of students each week. Watch the newsletter as some of their ideas come to fruition.

Harmony Day – Tuesday 21st March

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone. Harmony Week this year is being celebrated from Monday 20 March to Sunday 26 March. Harmony Day is celebrated on Tuesday 21 March, which is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

At BPS, we are participating in Harmony Week activities and holding a mufti-day on Tuesday 21st March. The theme is "orange".

School Community Charter

The NSW Department of Education has developed a School Community Charter to outline the responsibilities of parents, carers, educators and school staff in NSW public schools to ensure our learning environments are collaborative, supportive and cohesive.

At Ballina Public School we ask that all communications between home and school are always supportive and respectful.

Please take the time to read the School Community Charter which is included in this week's newsletter.

Kind Regards,
Stacie Luppi

Important Dates

Term 1 - 2023

Week 9

Monday 20th March –
Friday 24th March
NAPLAN
Years 3 & 5

Tuesday 21st March
Harmony Day
(Wear Orange)

Thursday 23rd March
Book Club Closes

Friday 24th March
Earth Hour

Week 10

Monday 27th - Thursday
30th March
Royal Far West Visit

Thursday 30th March
Hat Parade
School Hall

Friday 31st March
Assembly
10:30am
Hall

Week 11

Tuesday 4th April
Cross Country

Thursday 6th April
Last Day of Term

Term 2 – 2023

Week 3

Tuesday 9th May
Mother's Day Stall

Canteen

Meal Deal

Ham & Cheese Toastie
Up & Go
Fruit Salad Cup
Prize
\$6.50

Our Canteen is open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:45am to 12:00pm.

Students need to place their orders by 9:15am on the day.

World's Greatest Shave

Hello BPS Community,

I am taking part in World's Greatest Shave!

If anyone would like to support me in my fundraising efforts please see me in the canteen.

I also have a toy library and I am selling tickets as part of my efforts to raise as much money as possible. Tickets are 50c each or 3 for \$1.00.

Alison from the Canteen



Mother's Day Stall – Tuesday 9th May 2023



Raffle Tickets are on sale 50c each or 3 for \$1.00

Gifts ranging from \$1.00 - \$10.00 will be available for purchase on the day.

Classes will have designated times to attend the stall.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

education.nsw.gov.au



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.

education.nsw.gov.au



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.

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 treat each other with **respect**

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

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NSW Department of Education – School Infrastructure

Ballina Public School Works notification | 15 March 2023

Dear staff and parents/carers,

Upcoming maintenance work to remove asbestos containing material and lead based paint at Ballina Public School will take place outside of school hours between Friday 17 March and Sunday 19 March 2023.

The work locations include:

- inside the walls of one classroom in Building A and one classroom in Building D
- lead based paint from a classroom in Building D
- in the ceiling lining of an undercover area in Building I

The work will also involve removing vinyl tiles discovered under the carpet in a classroom in Building A and D.

The areas have been cordoned off and are currently out of bounds to students, staff, and school visitors.

The areas will remain out of bounds until the removal works are finished and have been inspected by an independent hygienist to confirm they have been fully remediated. The school will receive a clearance certificate from the hygienist before these areas are reopened to students and staff.

Work will be done in accordance with SafeWork NSW regulations and the NSW Department of Education's Asbestos Management Plan. All work will be completed by licensed and accredited asbestos contractors and monitored by occupational hygienists in strict accordance with all applicable legislation, regulations, policies, and guidelines.

The health, safety, and wellbeing of the school and the local community is our highest priority. Thank you for your cooperation during this important work.

School Infrastructure NSW
Email: schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au
Phone: 1300 482 651
www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au



Royal Far West Visit – Monday 27th to Thursday 30th March

We will be welcoming back clinicians from Royal Far West (RFW) on 27th to 30th March, delivering a range of supports as part of the Community Recovery Program. The visit will include the mental health screening for a small number of children and Professional Learning and consultation for our teaching staff. As part of professional learning for teaching staff, the clinicians will be spending time with the teachers to gain an understanding of how the classroom runs, any concerns the Teachers may have about how their classrooms are functioning, and provide advice to teachers on supporting learners' regulation, learning and attention in the classroom. If you have any concerns or questions about your child being present for these classroom visits, please get in touch with your child's Teacher before Monday 27th March.

Community Recovery Program



RFW are coming to visit Ballina Public Schools

Two clinicians from Royal Far West (RFW) will be visiting our community/school between Monday 27th – Thursday 30th March.

RFW will be supporting the School throughout 2023 with their Community Recovery Program. The Program can offer a range of support for students, parents/carers and school staff.

When?

The current plan for the RFW clinicians is: Monday 27th – Thursday 30th March 2023.



What support can be offered?

The RFW clinicians will spend this first visit building connections with the students, staff and parents/carers, learning about the current needs & what support would be most beneficial. Clinicians will spend time in the classrooms, run small groups as well as offering timeslots to meet with teachers and parents/carers.

Throughout 2023, some of the support which can be offered includes:

- Support for children: Group Programs for Children who may have experienced change, grief and loss, individual support/therapy for those with specific needs (e.g. Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Psychology).
- Support for school staff: Professional Learning sessions on topics of interest
- Support for parents/carer: tailored support from a social worker, parenting support, support for children with specific needs, offer to join an online parenting group (separate "Tuning in to Kids" flyer can be provided).

If you have any questions/queries about RFW's visit, please contact the school.

Next steps:

If you are a parent/carer of the school and interested in connecting with the RFW clinicians, either via phone or in-person, please contact Alice: alicek@royalfarwest.org.au or 02 8966 8503.

RFW Visiting Team Members:



Alice, Occupational Therapist



Indi, Occupational Therapist



Sariah, Social Worker

Wear Orange to School

SRC Harmony Day

21st March 2023

Orange has been the Harmony Week colour since the first event was held in 1999. Traditionally the colour orange relates to social communication, stimulating two-way conversations. It aids in the development of new ideas and frees the spirit of its limitations, giving us the freedom to be ourselves.

On **Tuesday the 21st of March**, the Ballina Public School SRC is inviting everyone to wear something orange to school to show support for Harmony Day. Harmony Day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background. It celebrates our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds.

**Everyone
Belongs**

**Celebrating
Cultural
Diversity**

Harmony Week
21st March



Hat Parade

Thursday 30th March 2023

Commencing @10 am

(Please arrive and be seated at 9.55am)

School Hall

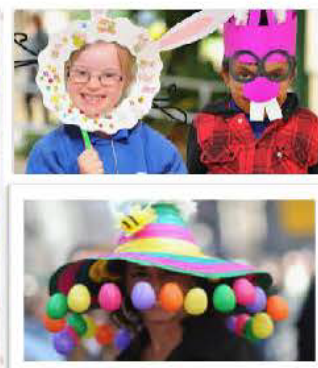
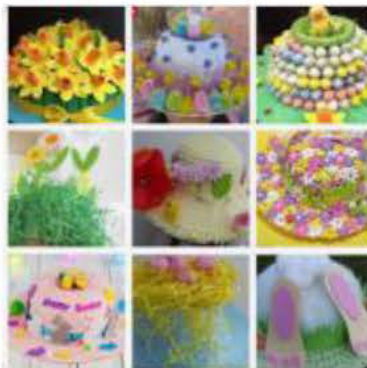
Everyone is welcome to attend.

Design and create a hat at home.

Bring your hat to school and then parade it at the special '**H A T**' assembly.

(Stage 3 has the option to design and create a hat poster)

Check out these great ideas!



Earth Hour

What is Earth Hour? Earth Hour is the world's biggest movement to protect our planet.

Every year hundreds of millions of people around the world take part in Earth Hour. For 60 minutes people in more than 7,000 cities in over 190 countries switch off their lights as a gesture of solidarity, to show they care about our planet and its future.

Earth Hour isn't just about switching off your lights. The aim is to spark conversations about climate change and inspire positive action to protect our natural world. By working together, we can help shape a bright future for us all.

This year, Earth Hour is at 8:30pm on Saturday 25 March. So, on **Friday 24th March 2023** the SRC are asking that every class turns their lights off and any unnecessary electricals for just 1 hour.

Fun Fact: Australia has a population of approximately 25 million people. If every person in Australia turned their lights off for just 1 hour, we would save the world 2852 years' worth of power... imagine if everyone in the whole turned their lights off for 1 hour... that could potentially save around 800,000 years of power!

This year's theme is # Taking Time for Nature



<https://youtu.be/cYac-tEXMQU>



WATER BALLOON CATCH

ART & CRAFT

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

SYD SIXER EASTER EGG HUNT

play cricket

- Location: Missingham Park, Ballina
- Dates: 11th April
- Time: 9am – 3pm
- Price: \$59
- Age: 5-12
- Includes Participant Pack
- Contact: melissa.norup@cricketnsw.com.au

Search: Sydney Sixers Holiday Program – Ballina

**PLEASE
BRING**



Food



Drink



Sunscreen



Towel

(For Water Balloon Catching)



REGISTER HERE