End of Term Assembly
Our end of term celebration assembly will be held tomorrow, 18th September. We will start organising the children from 2pm and plan to start the assembly at 2.15. As the younger children will be very excited, we will start with Kindergarten and Year 1. We will then have an item from the newly formed junior choir before 1/2K and 2/3S perform. Then the combined choirs will perform followed by our two senior classes and the senior choir.

We hope you can join us for the afternoon.

Talent Show Auditions
Due to the success of last years talent show at the Country Fair, we will be doing the same again this year. The acts should be no more than 4 minutes long and we are looking for anything that will showcase the talent of the children.

Older siblings are welcome to perform as are parents.

So if you think you can captivate an audience come along to the auditions.
Auditions will be held at the school (during school hours) on Friday 10th October so you’ve got the holidays to rehearse, rehearse, rehearse.
Contact person is Laleynya Ryan. 0405 123 638.

Back to School Term 4
Monday 6th October is the Labour Day holiday. School will resume for students and teachers on Tuesday 7th October. The last Focus on Reading professional Learning session for teachers will be Thursday and Friday of the first week back. Children are permitted to wear their sports uniform on both these days. Have a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to seeing you again in Term 4

Assembly tomorrow
Please come along to our concert assembly tomorrow afternoon at 2pm for a 2:15 start. Each class will be presenting an item. We hope you can come.

Ben, John & Jazmyn show some class projects at last terms assembly.
Good News—Swimming
We have been able to secure some extra support towards the cost of the swimming program. This will be attached to children who are participating in the Stroke Correction classes at Ballina Pool. The adjusted cost is $110, saving $20 per student. For the families who have already paid, you will either receive a refund (if you have paid by cash), or cheques will be returned home for adjustments. EFTPOS payments will be debited $110 rather than $130. We are sorry for this inconvenience, however we wanted to pass on the benefits of this subsidy. Please contact Mrs Latta before the end of term if you have any questions about the swimming program.

Thank you to everyone who has paid. Please speak to Mrs Latta before the end of term if you are experiencing any difficulty meeting these costs. Studies indicate that by 2020, there will be a significant rise in the amount of childhood drowning because children are not being taught to swim. We don’t want our children to be part of these statistics and hope, with your help, to do everything we can to ensure children leave our school being able to swim. Permission notes are available on the school website under Permission notes. Could payments be finalised by the 8th October please.

Congratulations Harvey
Recently Harvey participated in a golf tournament at Port Macquarie as part of the State Golf Team. He came 2nd out of 80 participants. He now plays as a member of the NSW Team at Nationals in November. We are all very proud of your efforts Harvey.

Combined Sport Afternoon
Students in Years 4/5/6 practiced their sport leadership skills by teaching some sporting skills to the younger students.

This weeks song
This week, Kate, Eliana and Taylah chose the morning bell song "Shake it Off" by Taylor Swift because it’s a confident and happy song to start off the day.

Lake Ainsworth Camp
Progress payment may be made at any time towards the total amount of $165.

Ballina Cup Day
Thank you to everyone for making alternative arrangements for their students on Ballina Cup Day 12pm pickup. We appreciate how difficult this arrangement is with working families and for transport arrangements when the buses don’t run at 12pm. Thank you again for co-operation in this event.

Country Fair
Our Country Fair is quickly approaching. If you could please read the Country Fair sheet attached and can help the committee out in anyway please let them or the school office know. The office is a collection point for all donated items so drop your ‘wish list’ items in whenever suits or send them with your students.

Purple Day
It’s also “Talk like a Pirate Day”, come as a purple pirate.

For the end of term Mufti Day the SRC has decided to support the Ballina Shire Relay for Life fundraiser. We are asking all students to wear purple and to donate a gold coin for the day. Funds raised will go towards our local community for cancer research, education and support programs.

The canteen will have purple slushies -contains extra sugar (red food). Please consider when giving children money.

P&C Vacant Position
Currently we have a position the P&C would like to fill.

- Roll of Secretary: this role entails sorting incoming mail to relevant committees, take minutes at the P&C meetings then distribute.
Country Fair Wish List

We are hoping to provide the homemade sideshow alley games as a cheap activity. For everyone to become a winner for a $1 outlay we will be relying on donations. If you can assist we need donations of:

- Lollies for prizes (lolly bags)
- Chocolate bars
- Pringle containers
- Ping pong balls
- Stuffed toys

The following is being collected to keep our stalls interesting and affordable:

- Working remote control vehicles
- Plastic packaging bags eg linen zipped
- Googly eyes or Buttons
- Pom poms
- Boxes need to be firm
- Wool
- Toys
- Cans of soft drink
- Books
- Clothes
- Garage sale items

Please drop off your donations to the school office and place in striped bags provided.

Pre-loved Clothing Stall

School holidays are a great time to clean out your wardrobe. We are seeking new or near new clothing in top condition, as new special pieces are the best sellers. Please be mindful that our volunteer helpers had to take 20 garbage bags full of unsuitable clothing to the charity shop even before the Country Fair last year and are trying to avoid this happening again. Please NO socks, underwear, pyjamas or tracksuits as they just do not sell. Donations of coat hangers and also loan of clothes racks would be greatly appreciated. Belinda & Wendy Co-ordinators