Dear Parents

Ballimore Parents & Citizens Association
The P&C are catering at the Ballimore Auction this Sunday 21 February at the Ballimore Carnival Ground. Attached are the Canteen Roster and the Minutes from last week’s P&C Meeting. The P&C AGM will be held Tuesday March 8 from 1:30pm to 3pm. All parents are encouraged to attend.

‘Say No to Bullying’
This week our students at Ballimore Public School created posters as part of the 2016 ‘Say No to Bullying,’ competition. Pictured below is Jacob Stiff’s interpretation of this year’s theme: Differences Make Us Special. Don’t Bully.

Congratulations to Clair Stiff and Gemma Mills who will represent Dubbo/Wellington Small Schools at the Dubbo District PSSA Swimming Carnival on Thursday 25 February. Congratulations also to Dubbo School of Distance Education who won the Overall Point Score.

Thank you to the many parents/carers and relatives who encouraged our keen swimmers throughout the day.

Emergency Procedures
Last week our school practiced an emergency evacuation and lock down drill to improve our ability to deal with emergency situations. These drills prepare our students to act in a manner that ensures their safety. Please be assured that these drills, practiced every 6 months, are simply preventative measures to ensure the safety of your children and our staff.

Waste 2 Art 2016: 7 May – 7 August
Save the Date for the annual Waste to Art exhibition showcasing the creative re-use of discarded recycled materials. As part of our 2016 creation we would appreciate donations of used plastic bottle tops (similar to the butterfly artwork on the Primary building).

Book Club: Due Monday 22 February, 2016

Swimming News
Congratulations to all students for their enthusiastic participation and exemplary behaviour at the Dubbo/Wellington Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival. Junior students enjoyed a tabloid of races and pool activities whilst the Primary Swim Team enthusiastically competed in Championship and 25m events. Congratulations to our Relay Team – Gemma Mills, Ashleigh Mills, Kayla Chatfield and Clair Stiff, for a fantastic team effort.

An ‘ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL’
In an attempt to make our school environment safe for all students, staff and visitors, Ballimore Public School has implemented an “Allergy Awareness” program. We request parents avoid sending peanut butter, Nutella and similar spreads, or whole nuts to school. We appreciate your help to make the school a safe environment.

Melinda Suttor
Relieving Principal
16 February 2016