Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a safe & restful holiday!

**Kindergarten Orientation for 2015**

**Kindergarten Orientation has been scheduled for 2 half days - Monday 3rd & Monday 10th November, (9am-1pm).**

If you know of anyone considering enrolling their child in Kindergarten in 2015 or any other year, please let the school know or encourage them to contact us as soon as possible, thank you.

**Interrelate (Yrs 5 & 6)**

**When**: TODAY & Monday 13th October

**Where**: Monday’s venue – Wardell P.S

**Cost**: $15 (cost reduced from $35.20 through school subsidy)

Thank you to those parents who transported Years 5 & 6 to Cabbage Tree Island today as part of the Interrelate Program. The second part of the program will be held this Monday 13th October at Wardell P.S.

Interrelate offer this course for students in Years 5 & 6 to prepare them for High School. “Moving into the Teen Years” explores a range of adolescent issues and offers a comprehensive sexuality and relationship education program designed specifically for this important time in life.

**Transport for Monday 13th October:**

**Year 6 students**: Cars will need to leave the school at 9.00am for a 9.30am start, leaving Wardell at 1.00pm to return to school.

**Year 5 students**: Cars will need to leave the school at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm, leaving Wardell P.S at 3.00pm to return students HOME, not the school, due to the late finish time.

**Black Spot Swimming Program (Yrs 5/6)**

**When**: Each Thursday 16th Oct - Nov 6th

**Where**: Ballina Pool

**Times**: 10.00 - 12.00 (instruction times)

**Cost**: NIL

**Transport**: BUS!

Our Years 5 & 6 students have been invited to participate in The Black Spot Swimming Program, (run by Ballina High School utilising the skills of Francis Quinn).

We have just been notified that we will be receiving some funding for transport. We have managed to secure a bus for 4 double swimming sessions for the following dates:

**Transport arrangements are as follows:**

Thurs 16th/23rd/30th Oct & 6th Nov: BUS to & from EVPS.

If you have not already done so, please return your child’s permission as a matter of urgency, as this program commences NEXT WEEK! Thank you.

**Faces from the Future**

The 18th Les Peterkin Portrait Prize

Congratulations to our talented student artists Jim King, Jumarlia Franklin and Owen Green whose portraits were selected to be on exhibition at Tweed Regional Gallery as part of The Les Peterkin Portrait Prize. Each artwork was awarded with a ‘Work of Excellence’ and will be on exhibition from the 17th of October until the 14th of December. A special exhibition opening and award ceremony will be held at the Tweed Regional Gallery on Sunday the 19th of October starting at 10.15am. An outstanding effort!
Animal Tails

(Our follow-up was missed off the week 10 newsletter! 😊)

Wow! We couldn’t be prouder of our students, staff and P&C who put on such an outstanding performance! Everyone was kept both entertained and well fed at both the matinee and evening performances, thanks to a great community effort.

It was wonderful to have so many friends, family and students from Sugar Town Pre-School and the Southern Cross School come along to support our young performers.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s performance such a success.

Theatre Thoughts….

We asked: What did you like the best about this year’s school performance of Animal Tails?

“I liked the Wombat Stew scene. The costumes were exquisite!” Anthony, Year 6.

“It felt great when I came out on stage and the audience started clapping.” Millie, Year 5.

“It was fun playing ‘The Blues’ on my guitar in front of all the people.” Tom, Year 5.

“I really enjoyed using the puppets. It was a fun yet challenging way to do theatre.” Lillian, Year 6.

“I loved how Jasmine and I made everyone laugh in our spaceship.” Kirsty, Year 5.

Newspapers in Education

Congratulations to the Senior Class who created a wonderful range of media stories and photographs for The Northern Star. If you missed getting a newspaper on Tuesday and would like to view our hard work, we have a copy proudly on display on the front desk of the office.

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

Interrelate Permission & Payment (Yrs 5 & 6)
OVERDUE

B.H.S Black Spot Swimming Program Permission (Yrs 5 & 6)
OVERDUE

Senior School excursion permission notes & $100 deposit
OVERDUE

Special Swimming Scheme (ALL)
Due - Tues 21st Oct

Plastic is not so Fantastic!

(Our photo was missed off the week 10 newsletter! 😊)

The Senior Class at Empire Vale Public School have enjoyed learning about local environmental issues throughout their work with The Jane Goodall ‘Roots and Shoots’ Program.

Casual for a Cause

A big thank you to those students who brought along their gold coin donation for casual day on the last day of Term 3. All proceeds will be forwarded to the Children’s Tumour Foundation of Australia, who are committed to research & improving the lives of those affected by Neurofibromatosis.
Top Tips from DET

Premier’s Spelling Bee app
The app is free at Samsung Apps and features two categories for junior and senior primary school aged children, with a number of levels that increase in difficulty. Most adults would find the high levels in the senior category a challenge! Find out more:

Getting organised
Mid-way into the month, you may be in need of a planner; or if you’re super-organised why not download October’s? Find out more:

P&C News

P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday October 14th in the Primary classroom beginning at 7pm. All welcome.