Kindergarten Orientation 2014

Kindergarten Orientation has been scheduled for 2 half days - Monday 3rd & Monday 10th November, (9am-1.20pm). 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.

Black Spot Swimming Program (Yrs 5/6)
CONTINUES TOMORROW!

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).

Your child will need: swimmers, towel, sunscreen, plastic bag, school hat & drink bottle. Please clearly label all items with your child name).

Senior School Excursion
FINAL PAYMENT DUE – Fri 31st Oct!

Our senior school excursion is approaching fast so please be aware that final payment is due on Friday 31st October (week 4 this term!). Payments may be made in instalments, however this excursion MUST be paid in full by the above date, thank you.

SXCSS Chess / Draughts Competition

On Wednesday 5th November a team of 8 Empire Vale PS students will compete in the 'Southern Cross Community of Small Schools' Chess Competition (SXCSS) at Rous P.S. The children have been playing each other in preparation and are ready to compete!

Empire Vale will be fielding a 4 person chess team as well as a 4 person draughts team.

The EVPS teams are as follows:

Chess
Jesse B  Jade T
Ethan B  Anthony M
Reserve; Rohan B

Draughts
Jade F  Owen G
Maureen G  Jasmine C
Reserve; TBA

Parents must provide their own transport to the event which is being held at Rous PS starting at 9.30am and finishing at around 1.30-2.00pm. All students are to wear their school uniform and take recess and lunch with them.

Permissions are attached & are to be returned to the school by no later than Wednesday 29th October, thank you.
**Alstonville & Lismore Show Entries!**

**Lismore Show Success!**

*Congratulations Lillian G and Anthony M* who both had success at the Lismore North Coast National Show with their photography skills. Lillian entered only one photograph into the competition and took out 1st Place whilst Anthony was presented with a High Commended certificate. We also gained a Highly Commended Award for our scarecrows. Sensational effort!

Our school will have our photography, artworks and scarecrows on exhibition at the Alstonville Show, if you are looking for a fun outing this weekend, why not go to the Alstonville Show and support our young artists.

**Swimming Scheme**

The whole school will be participating in the Department of Education & Training Special Swimming Scheme between **Monday 17th through to 28th November (weeks 7 & 8)**. This 10 day program is an intensive learn-to-swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

There are a number of outstanding permission notes & payments, please return these ASAP, thank you!

**Parent Responses Due**

- **Special Swimming Scheme permission & payment (all students)**
  - OVERDUE

- **Chess / Draughts permission (selected students)**
  - Due – Wed 29th Oct

- **Senior School Excursion final payment**
  - Due – Friday 31st Oct

- **B.H.S on Display Day (Yr 5 students)**
  - Due – Fri 7th Nov

**Silk Painting Workshop – Yr 6 Students**

Each year our Year 6 students have the opportunity to participate in a silk painting workshop with Kim Toft, an award winning children’s book author, illustrator & artist. With Kim’s assistance, students will create their own silk art painting.

The workshop will take place at the school on Tuesday 18th November.

Parents were asked to fill out an expression of interest in term 1 regarding framing options for their child’s artwork. An invoice will be sent home in the next few days for those parents who nominated their child’s artwork for framing. We are currently waiting to hear from the framers to confirm the cost.

*As the artworks will be sent directly to the framers on the 18th November, payment for framing is to be sent into the school by Tuesday 18th November, thank you.*
Ballina High School on Display - Yr 5

When: Friday 14th November
Where: Ballina High School
Times: 9.30am to 2.30pm
Transport: Private transport

Ballina High School have invited all Year 5 students to attend their B.H.S on Display day on Friday 14th November. The day will offer students a number of workshops including marine studies, cooking, drama, English, Maths & give students an idea what is offered when they get to high school.
Students will need to bring a packed morning tea & lunch or alternatively access the school canteen. A BBQ lunch will also be provided. Transport will be the responsibility of the parent. Permission notes & further information has been attached. Please return permission notes by no later than Friday 7th November, thank you.

Top Tips from DET

Selective High Schools

Choosing the right school shoes
Can those school shoes last...one...more...term.....? And are the expensive ones REALLY better for your child’s feet?

Creative reading
If your child is full of great ideas, share these 22 slides to help them tell their stories. Pixar’s 22 rules for great creative writing are brilliant! [http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3](http://bit.ly/1fyxNK3)

Attachments
- B.H.S on Display Day - Yr 5 students
- Chess/Draughts permission (selected students)
- Parents Guide to the NSW Primary
- Syllabuses
- "Paddle for Ali" charity event flyer

Up & Coming Events

October
Thursday 23rd & 30th (Yrs 5/6)
B.H.S Swimming 'Blackspot' Program
Venue: Ballina Pool

Monday 27th
Whole School Assembly
Venue: EVPS

Wednesday 29th (B.H.S yr6 students)
B.H.S Transition - “A Taste of H.S”
Venue: B.H.S

November
Monday 3rd & 10th (9am - 1.20pm)
2015 Kindergarten Orientation
Venue: EVPS

Wednesday 5th
SXCSS Chess / Draughts
Venue: Rous PS

Thursday 6th (yrs 5/6)
B.H.S Swimming 'Blackspot' Program
Venue: Ballina Pool

Friday 14th
B.H.S on Display Day (yr5 students)
Venue: B.H.S

Tuesday 18th
Silk Art Workshop (yr 6)
Venue: EVPS

Wednesday 19th (B.H.S yr6 students)
B.H.S Transition - “A Taste of H.S”
Venue: B.H.S

Monday 17th to Friday 28th (10 day program)
Special Swimming Scheme (all students)
Venue: Alstonville Pool
PERMISSION NOTE - (selected students)

**SXCSS Chess / Draughts Competition**

(Wednesday 5th November)

I give permission for my child………………………………………………………………………………………… to participate in the Southern Cross Community of Small Schools’ Chess/Draughts Day to be held at Rous Primary School on Wednesday 5th November 2014. I understand that transport is by private arrangement and is the responsibility of the family.

Signed ........................................ Date .........................................................
Parent/Guardian

Please return permission by no later than Wednesday 29th October, thank you.