Prawn Festival

Calling all Prawns - Expression of interest

The Ballina Prawn Festival is fast approaching and there has been a call out to local schools and community groups to participate in the Grand Prawn Festival Parade. This will be the Prawn Festival’s first parade which will be held on Saturday the 15th of November.

We are asking for an expression of interest from students and their families who would be able to walk in the parade as a ‘school of prawns’, showcasing the many great prawns through history. We have plans to make prawn related hats, costumes and props. There are also workshops held at Ballina Fair on the 1st and 8th of November, leading up to the parade which may also provide us with some great ideas.

It will be lots of fun to support this community festival whilst building our school profile! Could you please return the attached expression of interest by no later than THIS FRIDAY 31st Oct if you would like to be a part of the festival.

Kinder Orientation THIS MONDAY

Kindergarten Orientation for 2014 will commence THIS Monday 3rd & 10th of November, between 9am & 1pm. We are all looking forward to welcoming our new kinder students to our school community.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in enrolling their students here next year, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible, thank you.

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

Special Swimming Scheme permission & payment (all students)

OVERDUE

Chess / Draughts permission (selected students)  Due - TODAY!

Senior School Excursion final payment

Due - THIS Friday 31st Oct

B.H.S on Display Day (Yr 5 students)

Due - Fri 7th Nov

Review - Assembly

Well done to all of our award winners at this week’s Assembly! It was great to see so many parents, grandparents & community attend.
**North Coast Debating Selection**

**Well done to Jesse B**

who attended the North Coast selection for the Primary Schools State Debating Championship team at Coffs Harbour last Friday. Jesse was nominated to try out for the Regional Debating team by the Debating Gala Day judge, Mr John Sim.

Mrs Rhonda Thompson stated that the standard was extremely high making it difficult to select the team.

Jesse has been selected as one of the reserves for the North Coast team - what a great effort! The school is very proud to be represented at this high level, well done!

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

**CONTINUES TOMORROW!**

**When**: Final dates TOMORROW & Nov 6th

**Where**: Ballina Pool

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

**Cost**: NIL

**Transport**: BUS!

Yrs 5 & 6 students have been enjoying 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.

**October**

**Thursday 30th** (Yrs 5/6)

B.H.S Swimming 'Blackspot' Program

Venue: Ballina Pool

**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

**Tuesday 11th 7pm**

P&C Meeting

Venue: EVPS Senior Classroom

**Friday 14th**

B.H.S on Display Day (yr5 students)

Venue: B.H.S

**Monday 17th to Friday 28th** (10 day program)

Special Swimming Scheme (all students)

Venue: Alstonville Pool

**Tuesday 18th**

Silk Art Workshop (yr 6)

Venue: EVPS

**Wednesday 19th** (B.H.S yr6 students)

B.H.S Transition - "Friendship Picnic"

Venue: B.H.S
**SXCSS Chess / Draughts Competition**

If you have not already done so, please **RETURN NOTES AS A MATTER OF URGENCY FOR THOSE STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THIS ACTIVITY!**

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!

**Best of luck to the following students who will be competing next Wednesday!**

**Chess**
Jesse B  
Ethan B  
Reserve; Rohan B

**Draughts**
Jade F  
Maureen G  
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.

**Message re Mozzie spray and sunscreen**

The mosquito season and the hot summer sun are now upon us. Please put mosquito spray and sun screen on your child each morning prior to sending them to school. We have some back up spray and sun screen for ‘top ups’ but Department regulations are strict and we require your assistance in applying protection before school.

**Health Alert! - HEADLICE**

It is that time of year again! With the warmer weather upon us, headlice become a problem. **There have been reported cases of headlice in the school. Could ALL parents please check their child’s hair for any signs of headlice &/or eggs.**

There are many over the counter treatments for headlice, however, smothering your child’s hair with a thick, cheap hair conditioner & combing all signs of headlice out, is also very effective.

**Top Tips from DET**

**Sun safety**


**Digital citizenship**

We’re the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online. Here are some tips to get you started: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens)

**P&C News**

The next P&C Meeting is Tuesday Nov 11 at 7pm. All welcome!
BURNS POINT FERRY MAINTENANCE!

The Burns Point Ferry is scheduled for routine maintenance from November 17th through to the 28th November.

Services will resume 29th November.

Beauty By The Beach!

Pack away those covered shoes… summer’s coming!

Chip resistant and long lasting Gelish nails $15

Allow your feet to look refreshed and colourful

Book now for your appointment

Beauty by the Beach
Patches Beach
Emma xx
0431464861

John Marsden, Matt Ottley
Book/DVD Launch Murwillumbah

Join us on Thursday, 13th November, 6pm at the Regent Cinema, Murwillumbah for an evening with awarding winning author/illustrator Matt Ottley, as he launches John Marsden’s book Home and Away, illustrated by Matt Ottley, with accompanying DVD including original music composed by Matt Ottley. It is a unique multi-sensory production. All proceeds from the evening, including book and DVD sales go to the Uki Refugee Project, set up to help refugees in community detention in Brisbane. Also screening will be New Land, New Life, inspiring accounts by African refugees. Admission charges are: Adults $15, school students $5 and families $30. Tickets available in advance from Regent Cinema or at the door. A light meal will be provided.

For further information contact: John Tyman on 6672-8223 or Heather McClelland on 6679-5603
Jo Spiller Teacher Librarian Uki Public School on 0427296504

Expression of Interest

Grand Prawn Festival Parade – Saturday 15th November 2014

Student Name/s……………………………………………………………

Yes, I would be interested in having my child/ren …………………………………….participate in the Grand Prawn Festival Parade on Saturday 15th November 2014.

Please return Expression of Interests by no later than THIS FRIDAY 31st Oct, thank you.