REVIEW - Whole School Assembly

The final whole school assembly for the year was on Monday. Congratulations to all of our award winners who have persevered & done their best this term! Congratulations to Jesse B who was awarded the Premiers Sporting Medallion for 2014!

Our students learning guitar showcased their talents & were very excited to show everyone what they have been learning this term! Well done to Michael Ward who has done a great job in preparing these students for this performance!

NSW PSSA have sent through certificates today, for those students who competed in the State Swimming Carnival this year!

School Attendance

The Education Act (1990) requires parents to ensure that children between the ages of six and fifteen attend a registered place of instruction on each day it is provided. While sickness or family leave can be unavoidable it is important to encourage good attendance as this has a positive effect on learning.

It is a departmental requirement that when your child is absent, the parent/caregiver must provide an explanation for the absence within 7 days. The explanation must give a justifiable reason for the absence.

Attendance Notices for term 4 (as at 16/12) will be attached to next week’s newsletter if your child’s attendance has fallen below 85% or if justifiable reasons have not been received.

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

Yr 6 Farewell (Bubble Night) – Fri 13/Dec

Casual Day – last day of school

Students may wear casual clothing on the last day of school - Wednesday 17th December, for a gold coin donation. All proceeds will be donated to charity.

Appropriate clothing must be worn, i.e. no shoe string strapped tops or thongs etc.

Attachments

- Senior Excursion Feature Page
- P&C roster for Carols Night
- School Security magnet/sticker
- BHS Bookpack for 2015 (BHS students only)
- Sport & Rec. School Holiday Activities
STOP THE PRESS!

Congratulations to our media savvy senior class who were recently awarded the following media prizes in The Northern Star’s Newspapers in Education Competition.

- Winner - Best Photograph
- Winner - Best Environmental Story
- Winner - Best Arts and Culture Story

The judges made favourable comments on our use of snappy headlines, interesting yet educational stories and entertaining photographs. For our hard work, the school will receive a wonderful arrangement of prizes that include cash prizes, gift vouchers, and a worm farm. We are so proud of this outstanding achievement!

GOLD AWARD WINNERS
Sleepover Night - This Friday!

Congratulations to all of our gold award winners for this year! As this year’s reward, we are holding a sleepover night here at the school THIS FRIDAY evening, 12th December.

Drop Off Time : 5.30pm, Fri
Pick Up Time : 8.30am, Sat

An information note outlining times & what to bring was distributed last week & is also on the school’s website.

Year 6 Farewell - Bubble Night

When : Saturday 13th December 2014
Where : Ballina Pool
Times : 5:00 - 7:30pm
Cost : $13.00 per student
(Spectators/ Children swimming only-$3.00)

(To be paid to the pool on the night - payment not required by the school).

Wet weather - please check with the pool directly if you are unsure of the weather conditions on the night.

REVIEW - K-3 Excursion

Students from K-3 went on an excursion to the Ballina Town Centre last Wednesday. They got to visit businesses in the community that provide a special service to the people. At the Maritime Museum students learnt about the many types of ships and their part they and the men and women played in the history of Ballina and Australia. A visit to the Town Library where students were shown the many uses it can provide and were also read a number of books by Fiona one of the Librarians.

The Ballina Police Station gave the students a full tour of the office, cells and their vehicles. A BBQ lunch at Missingham Bridge Park and a Sand Modelling competition on the beach.

Thank you to those parents who helped with transport and cooking duties. A special thank you to Mrs Watts who made a special trip in for the day.

REVIEW - Major Senior Excursion

Our seniors had a FANTASTIC excursion to Brisbane & the Sunshine Coast! They visited the Gallery of Modern Art, Southbank, Australia Zoo, The Science Centre, Brisbane Wheel & The Planetarium - just to name a few!

A big thank you to Mazzers Coaches for getting the group to the various destinations throughout Brisbane & the Sunshine Coast!

See Feature Page attached.
Carols Evening

We would like to invite everyone to attend our Carols Evening TOMORROW - Thursday 11th December at 6pm.

6:00pm  BBQ
6:45pm  Children assemble
7:00pm  Carols
          Kinder Presentations
          Yr 6 Presentations
          P&C thanks & raffle
          Carols continued
8:00pm  Santa arrives
8:20pm  Thanks and goodnight

Wet Weather Plan: In the event of inclement weather, the evening will be postponed until Tuesday 16th. If a postponement is required, a notice will be sent home as well as being displayed at the post office for community members.

Carols Evening Parking

It would be appreciated if parents/community members could avoid parking along the front of residential properties on either side of the school on Carols night - as the grounds can be quite wet, front lawns can become quite damaged. Parking is available:

• along the front of the school (no further than where the old senior class demountable was situated, as this is private property & not suitable for parking)
• the back paddock behind the school (which provides ample parking & easy access to the school’s grounds)

Your co-operation is greatly appreciated, thank you.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival 2015

Heads-up....

The 2015 Small Schools Swimming Carnival for yrs 2-6 is scheduled for Week 2, Tuesday 3rd February. Students 8 years & older who can swim 50 meters will be involved in the carnival. Infants children will remain at school & normal classes will be held.

Transport: Students will require private transport on the day which will need to be organised by each individual family. We expect the carnival to conclude by around 2pm. Due to the short time frame in 2015 we cannot organise the transport through the school. Please mark the date in your calendars so that organisation can be smooth and quick in 2015.

(District Carnival Friday 13th Feb)

Zero Tolerance - School Security

Please be advised that the school grounds will be out of bounds for the duration of the school holidays and at all times that school is not in session. We ask that all community members be vigilant in the holidays to help us keep the school property secure. We have been advised the police are:

Conducting a zero tolerance operation targeting schools to reduce the frequency and intensity of malicious damage, arson, break and enter & trespass offences that impact upon schools. Police will document names and offences and utilise the move-on legislation to send a clear message that the current level of malicious damage, trespass, arson and break and enter offences in schools is not acceptable and the risk of detection and apprehension by Police is at maximum.

Please help protect our school, should you see anyone on school property during the school holidays, please call the 24hr School Security Unit hotline on 1300 880 021 or the local police. We thank you for your co-operation.
It would be really helpful for parents to provide their children with a few small items ready for the commencement of school next year:

Many items are provided to each class to start the year for the students to share i.e. coloured pencils, sharpeners, erasers

Students could benefit from owning their own.

**K-3 Class**

K/1 students:
- Coloured pencils (not textas please)
- Library bag

2/3 students:
- Coloured pencils (not textas please)
- Library bag
- Sharpener
- Eraser

The following items are provide to each student to start the year but most students could benefit from more than one - please also keep one at home for homework!
- Lead pencils
- Ruler

**4/5/6 Class**

- Coloured pencils (not textas please)
- Library bag
- Sharpener
- Eraser

The following items are provide to each student to start the year but most students could benefit from more than one - please also keep one at home for homework!
- Lead pencils
- Blue pen
- Red pen
- Ruler

Optional items that would be useful in the senior class
- Highlighters
- A Mathomat (not essential but handy 😊)
- Mini Drive (not essential but handy 😊)

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**Up & Coming Events**

**December**

Thursday 11th 6pm (Alt Tues 16th)
Carols Evening
Venue: EVPS

Friday 12th
Gold Award Sleepover Night
Venue: EVPS

Saturday 13th 5pm
Yr 6 Farewell – Bubble Night
Venue: Ballina Pool

**Wednesday 17th**
Last Day of school for 2014
Venue: EVPS

**January 2015**

Wednesday 28th
First Day of school for 2015
Grades 1-6

Thursday 29th
First Day of school for 2015
Kindergarten Students

**February 2015**

Tuesday 3rd
Small Schools Swimming Carnival
Venue: Ballina Pool

Wednesday 4th
EVPS Canteen resumes

**Senior Class Xmas Shirts**

The senior class have been working hard on their Christmas shirts over the last few weeks. Here is just a sample of some of the T Shirts our creative seniors have been working on!
**FINAL NEWSLETTER**

**STUDENT REPORTS – Next TUESDAY!**

The final newsletter for the year will be sent home on TUESDAY next week. STUDENTS REPORTS will be attached to this newsletter.

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**Guitar Lessons Info for 2015**

Guitar teacher, Michael Ward, will be continuing his guitar lessons at our school in 2015. Michael is a qualified Music Teacher with many years’ experience.

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**Top Tips from DET**

**Ready for high school**

Can you recall what you were most apprehensive about when you started high school? This video of Year 7 students explain why teens shouldn’t be worried about starting high school, and how they can get off to a great start in the first few days.


**Teach your kids to be waterproof**

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.


**Road safety reminder for parents and carers these holidays**

Remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always: hold your child’s hand, talk to your child about road safety and point out road safety dangers and differences in new environments.

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**P&C News**

**CALL OUT FOR SWEETS/DESSERTS FOR CAROLS NIGHT!**

The P&C would like to put a call out for cooking of sweets for dessert on Thursday night! Thank you everyone – much appreciated!

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**IMPORTANT CANTEEN NEWS FOR PARENTS!**

Canteen will be operating next week as usual.

**CANTEEN 2015**

Just a reminder to parents that there will be **NO CANTEEN in the first week back next year** (Canteen does NOT operate on the first week back of EACH term).

Canteen will re-commence in **WEEK 2, Term 1 2015!**
SEEKING HOUSE TO RENT (SOUTH BALLINA AREA)

Looking for house to rent at South Ballina. 3 bedroom with double garage. If you know of anything available, please contact: Shantelle 0407 488 982.

BEAUTY BY THE BEACH!

Only 2 weeks til Christmas!

Freshen up before the big day
Waxing, tinting, shellac nails, facials. Look your best in no time at all.
Book now for your appointment.

Can’t find the perfect gift?
Take some stress away from searching and allow them to choose for themselves.

Gift vouchers available.
Beauty by the Beach
Patch’s Beach
Emma xx