Ballina District PSSA Winter Sport Trials (selected students)

Best of luck to the following students who will be representing the school at the Ballina District PSSA Winter Sport Trials this Friday March 21: Millie, Kirsty & Jasmine (girls netball), & Jesse & Anthony (boys soccer). Best of luck competitors!

Small School Cross Country Carnival

| When      | : Friday 28th March |
| Where     | : Teven Tintenbar Public School |
| Cost      | : $5.00 per student |
| Transport | : Bus |
| Alternate date | : (Friday 4th April) |

The whole school will be participating in the Small Schools Cross Country on Friday 28th March, 2014 at Teven-Tintenbar P.S. Kinder-Year 2 students will be involved in tabloid games until recess. Running events commence after recess at approximately 10:40am. Students will need to:

- Wear sports uniform & hat
- Wear appropriate footwear (no spikes or football boots permitted)
- Bring a packed morning tea, lunch & drink bottle, if not ordering from canteen.
- Apply sunscreen before coming to school

Wet weather arrangements: Regardless of weather conditions, students are to come to school as normal & in the event of a postponement; students will remain at school for regular classes.

Permission notes, lunch orders & payments URGENTLY REQUIRED!!! Please note that lunch orders are now CLOSED.

SXCSS General Knowledge LUNCH ORDERS NOW AVAILABLE!

| When      | : Thursday 3rd April |
| Where     | : Ballina Public School (Hall) |
| Times     | : 9:45am (10am start) 1:30pm finish (approx) |

The Southern Cross Community of Small Schools General Knowledge Day will be held on Thursday 3rd April at Ballina Public School Hall. Transport will be by private car.

Questions will support the KLA syllabuses of English, Maths, Science & Tech, HSIE and Creative Arts. There will also be questions focusing on current affairs and pot luck which will be very trivial. The questions are not based on any trivial pursuit games to ensure that it is fair for all competitors. There will also be lots of fun activities in between questions. Lunch orders: Lunch orders are optional, canteen pricelist attached for those students wanting to order their lunch. Orders to be placed on paper bag, with correct money & handed into the school by no later than Tuesday 25th March. Students are advised to still bring a packed recess & water bottle, as the canteen is not able to take orders due to long lines. All students should be in full school uniform.

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

| E.O.I Yr 7 High School 2015 | URGENT!! |
| Ballina Small Schools Cross Country permission notes & payment (all students) | DUE – Tues 25th March |
| SXCSS General Knowledge Competition permission notes (selected students) & lunch orders (optional) | DUE – Tues 25th March |
| “Meet the Cast” workshop permission & payment (yrs 4,5,6) | Due – Tuesday 1st April |
| Indigenous Performance permission note & payment (yrs 4,5,6) | Due – Tues 1st April |
| ICAS International Comps (optional yrs 2-6) | Due – Tues 15th April |
Our senior students were very lucky to be chosen to attend a “meet the cast & puppet workshop” at the Macadamia Castle, in conjunction with the live Indigenous performance they will be visiting on Tuesday 8th April. The workshop will be held on Monday 7th April (the day before the performance).

Our students will be joined by Cabbage Tree Island P.S students & will be travelling by bus.

Students will need to bring along a packed, morning tea, lunch & drink bottle.

It is an enchanting story with an indigenous twist on the traditional fairytale of *Snow White and The Seven Dwarves*. Watching this performance will both promote cultural awareness and complement our study of traditional, fractured and modern adaptations of fairytales during library classes.

The story is told with original and contemporary music and song, simple light projections, puppetry, poetry and dance. It is a complex story with different layers of meaning for different age groups. It has received outstanding reviews from all corners of the country!

Permission notes for the “Meet the Cast” workshop AND the live indigenous performance to be returned by no later than Tuesday 1st April with $20 in total, thank you.

For over 20 years, Education Assessment Australia has been conducting the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS).

The competitions are open to years 3-6 and the Year 2’s are now able to sit the Maths, English & Science tests.

The tests will be administered from May through to August.

*Entry fees are $8.00 for Computer Skills, English, Mathematics & Science, $11.00 for Spelling & $17.00 for Writing. If you would like your child to sit for any of these tests, please send in an envelope with entry cost, your child's name and the competition's name you require your child to enter. Entries are to be returned to the school by no later than Tuesday 15th April, thank you. Please note that for administrative purposes, late entries will not be accepted beyond this date. Your co-operation in this matter would be much appreciated, thank you.*
Up & Coming Events

March

Thursday 20th
Students in the 2013 school group (Yrs 1-7)
Sea World Excursion
Venue: Sea World, Gold Coast

Friday 21st
PSSA Winter Trials (nominated students only)
Venue: Various

Friday 28th (Alternative date Fri 4th)
SS PSSA X-Country
Venue: Teven Tintenbar PS

Monday 31st 11.30am
Whole School Assembly - All Welcome

April

Thursday 3rd (selected students only)
SXCSS General Knowledge Comp
Venue: Ballina High School

Monday 7th
"Meet the Cast" Workshop (Yrs 4,5,6)
Venue: Macadamia Castle

Tuesday 8th
Live Indigenous Performance (Yrs 4,5,6)
Venue: Lismore City Hall

Friday 11th
Last Day of Term 1

Friday 18th
Good Friday

Monday 21st
Easter Monday

Thursday 25th
ANZAC Day March
Venue: Ballina

Tuesday 29th
First Day of Term 2

Wednesday 30th
Debating Workshop (selected students)
Venue: Alstonville PS

STOP THE PRESS!

Our school is currently collecting tokens which are printed in The Northern Star Newspaper daily, with the motivation of winning 10 iPods for our school. It would be greatly appreciated if you could help us collect as many newspaper coupons as possible. Please drop them to Mrs Rantissi or the school office.

Sea World - 20/3/2014

Tomorrows forecast is possible showers in the morning, however according to the B.O.M website, the weather along the coast will be fine. As a precaution, please pack a light rain jacket or a light jumper if you have one. We'll leave these on the bus if they're not required once we get up there.

SEE YOU AT 7:45am SHARP!

Attachments

- "Meet the Cast" workshop & live indigenous performance permission note (Yrs 4,5,6)
- EVPS Payment envelopes (yrs 4-6)
- Payment envelopes for Swimming Raffle Tickets (all)
- Canteen pricelist for the SXCSS General Knowledge comp at BPS (selected students)
- P&C Minutes - March & Girls Night Out flyer.
- Broadwater P.S Movies under the Stars flyer
To assist our state swimming qualifiers get to Sydney, the school is selling North Coast School Sport Association raffle tickets at $2.00 each.

1st prize: $1500 worth of sport equipment
2nd prize: $750 worth of sport equipment
3rd prize: $500 worth of sport equipment
4th prize: $250 worth of sport equipment

Tickets to be drawn on 1st December 2014.

We are hoping to sell as many tickets as possible so dig deep everyone! It is very exciting to have 5 students representing the school at such a high level!!!!

Please order tickets using the attached request for tickets slip & return payment by no later than Tuesday 8th April. Thank you for your support!

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)
If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.

Find out more:

School A to Z app
Do you struggle to understand your child's homework? Does your child need to practise their spelling and times tables? Are you looking for inspiration for projects and assignments? This free homework helper app provides maths and English glossaries, assignment starters and more.

Find out more:
http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/about/mobile-applications/school-a-to-z

Wild Australia app
Your child can use this terrific app as an interactive educational tool at Taronga Zoo in Sydney or at Taronga Western Plains Zoo, Dubbo. Wild Australia can also be used at home to discover more about the zoos' amazing animals and interesting keepers.

Find out more:

Relay For Life Donation - Please spare a few dollars & donate to our relay for life team in honour of all of our mothers, wives, sisters... who have been or may be touched by Breast Cancer. All donations, big or small, would be appreciated.

All you have to do is go to Grafton relay for life and donate to a team. Ours is called Avery Family 😊


Noah Movie Premiere
Mrs Rantissi is working alongside The Lennox Lions Club to host the movie premiere of 'Noah' (starring Russell Crowe, Anthony Hopkins and Emma Watson). This special movie event is on Thursday the 27th of March, with refreshments served from 6pm and the movie starting at 6.30pm. Tickets are $20, with all money raised supporting community projects in the Ballina Shire. Please see Mrs Rantissi to purchase tickets or for further information. It is sure to be a great night!
PERMISSION NOTE

“Meet the Cast” Workshop - “Wulamanayuwi and the Seven Pamanui”
- Monday 7th April (Senior Class - yrs 4-6)

I give permission for my child/ren…………………………………………………………………. to attend the “Wulamanayuwi and the Seven Pamanui” Meet the Cast workshop at Macadamia Castle on Monday 7th April 2014.

I understand that transport is by bus at a reduced cost of $10.

Signed ………………………………… Date …………………………………

Parent/Guardian

Permission notes are to be returned no later than Tuesday 1st April, thank you.

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PERMISSION NOTE

Live Indigenous Performance “Wulamanayuwi and the Seven Pamanui”
- Tuesday 8th April (Senior Class - yrs 4-6)

I give permission for my child/ren…………………………………………………………………. to attend the live indigenous performance “Wulamanayuwi and the Seven Pamanui” at Lismore City Hall on Tuesday 8th April 2014.

I understand that transport is by bus at a reduced cost of $10.

Signed ………………………………… Date …………………………………

Parent/Guardian

Permission notes are to be returned no later than Tuesday 1st April, thank you.

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Raffle Tickets to Support our State Swimming Representatives

Name ………………………… Contact No……………………………………………………………

I would like to purchase …………………………….tickets @ $2.00 each

Total enclosed…………………………

Raffle Tickets requests are to be returned to the school with payment by no later than Tuesday 8th April, thank you.