**Book Fair - “Catch the Reading Bug”**

*When:* Tuesday 26th August  
*Time:* 9:45am until 1pm.  
*Where:* Empire Vale Public School

**Calling all Bookworms!**

Our Book Fair is just around the corner, where we will be transforming our library into a magical book shop full of amazing books, posters, pens and erasers. *All items sold on the day helps to raise money for our school, this year we plan to purchase a range of library books that have won awards at the Children's Book of the Year Awards.*

The 2014 Book Fair theme is 'Book Fair Garden'. We are asking all students to get into the spirit of reading by decorating a hat with a garden theme or a hat inspired by their favourite book.

On the day we will be enjoying a hat parade, sharing a morning tea and participating in fun educational activities.

We have attached a brochure showcasing some of the wonderful books on offer this year, if you are tempted by one of these books, we are able to send an early order for them.

If you have any great garden themed ideas on how we can decorate our Library, please share them with Mrs Rantissi, together we can decorate our library into something spectacular!

*It is guaranteed to be a great day, see you there!*

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**Far North Coast Athletics**

Best of luck to Kirsty G-J, Jasmine C, Liam O & Jesse B who will be competing in the Far North Coast Zone Athletics Carnival in Byron Bay this Friday 15th August!

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**Permission notes & levies were due TODAY.**

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**Art Success – Poster Competition**

A selection of Year 5 and 6 students have had great success in the Lennox Lion’s Club’s ‘Peace, Love and Understanding’ Poster Competition. The peace posters will be on exhibition at the Town and Gown Art Exhibition at Lennox Head Primary School Hall this weekend, with a special opening and award ceremony being held this Friday night starting at 5.30pm. It would be great to have members of our school community support our talented young artists and support art in our region. See Community Notices for more information.

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**REVIEW - Boating Safety**

Our Year 5 & 6 students had a fantastic boating safety excursion last Thursday! Students were transported by Ballina High School Marine Studies truck, enjoyed a fishing talk at Burns Point Ferry & then on to Shaws Bay for their boating safety session.
Plateau to the Sea (PTTS) Learning
Community - Public Speaking

When : Monday Sept 1st
Where : Lennox Head PS
Time : 9.30am start
Transport: Private Cars

Good Luck to those students who will be representing the school at the PTTS Public Speaking competition to be held on Monday, Sept 1st at Lennox Head P.S. This is the inaugural event and the only interschool competition of its sort that involves the Stage 1 students. We are excited to be involved and hope that the day is a success and continues in future years. Two students from each stage will be selected with one reserve.

Our students in stage 1 and 2 have been selected and can begin preparing their speech in preparation for the competition. They will be given an opportunity to present their speech at school in week 7. In this competition the students are able to choose their own topic, please seek assistance/guidance from your child’s teacher as required. Stage 2 & 3 will have an impromptu component.

Due to the large number of talented speakers in stage 3 we have chosen to short-list the stage 3 students. Students will have 4 weeks to prepare their speech (topics and times are attached for selected students). Speeches will then be judged by a panel of at least 2 teachers and the representing students will be announced in the week 7 newsletter. They will present the same speech and the PTTS event.

Stage 1                Stage 2                Stage 3
Billy W       Ethan B       Anthony
Erin G         Owen G       Jade T
Grace M (Res) Sally C (Res) Jasmine C
                      Jesse B       Kirsty G-J
                      Lillian G

Please let us know if your child will be unable to compete at the PTTS event.

Permission notes to be returned by next Wednesday 20th August, thank you.

REVIEW - Whole School Assembly

What a fabulous whole school assembly on Monday! Congratulations to all of our award winners who received awards for excellent work in both sport and academics. Well done to all our students for trying their very best at everything they do.

½ day Race Holiday

When : Friday 12th Sept

In 2012 there was a change in legislation enabling local councils to declare a half day public holiday for local Cup days.

In the Ballina area the Council has declared that Friday 12 September 2014 will be a half day public holiday within the Ballina Council area.

This means that schools will close for half a day on this day.

More information will follow in the coming weeks.
Parent Responses DUE

Senior excursion chocolate fundraiser monies
URGENT

PTTS Public Speaking permission
(selected students)
DUE - Wed 20th Aug

Review - (AFL) EVPS vs Rous P.S

As part of the AFL Inter-School Football Program, Years 4, 5 & 6 students participated in the first of 3 games scheduled for this term. It was a great game against Rous with Empire Vale winning on the day, 52-34.

A big thank you to those parents who were able to assist with transport on the day!

Game #2 will be with Cabbage Tree Island P.S. students on Friday 29th August at CTI.

Game #3 Unfortunately Wardell are not able to play the final game on the 19th. We will explore a date change but if that is not possible, Wardell will forfeit the match.

Mobile Library
Wed 20th Aug

Kids Helpline

Kids Helpline is Australia’s only free, national telephone service for children & young people between the ages of 5 & 18. It promotes a non-judgmental, confidential service where no problem is too small, too embarrassing or too “out of bounds” to talk about. The service is available 24 hours anywhere in Australia.
(Free call: 1800 55 1800)

Attachments

- FNC Zone Athletics Program (qualifying students only)
- Book Fair flyer
- Summerland House With No Steps - Country Fair flyer
Top Tips from the DET

Flu season is here!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

- Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
- Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness.

The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people. More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's vaccination page.

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.

P&C News

The P&C Meeting has been postponed until next Tuesday evening 19th Aug at 7.00pm. All welcome!

Community News

EMPIRE VALE P.S STUDENTS EXHIBITING IN………..

Lions Club – Lennox Head
Town & Gown Exhibition 2014
(Friday 15th to Sunday 17th August)
Venue: Lennox Head Public School

Official Opening 6.00pm Friday 15th August

Everyone is invited, family friends & anyone who loves art! There will be an entry fee of $5.00. This will cover refreshments & a ticket in the lucky door prize. Exhibitors free entry on opening night. Entry at all other times is by a gold coin donation.

Funds raised from raffle will be donated to Lennox Head Public School P&C.

PERMISSION NOTE

Plateau to the Sea – Public Speaking
(Monday 1st September 2014)

I give permission for my child/ren……………………………………………………………………………to participate in the PTTS Public Speaking competition at Lennox Head Public School on Monday 1st September 2014.

I understand that transport is the responsibility of the parent.

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

Please return permission by no later than Wednesday 20th August, thank you.