AFL: final two games at Wardell P.S!

**NEW DATE**: Friday 5th September

**TIMES**:
- EVPS vs CTIPS, 11.30-1.00pm
- EVPS vs Wardell, 1.00-2.45pm

**NEW VENUE**: Wardell P.S

Years 4, 5 & 6 students will be participating in their last two games of AFL as part of the Inter-school Football Program on Friday 5th September. **We will be playing Cabbage Tree Island P.S students at the new venue of Wardell P.S at 11.30am, (date change from 29/8 to the 5/9), followed by a game against Wardell P.S at 1.00pm.**

Cars will need to leave the school at approx. 11.00am for an 11.30am start & leave Wardell at approx. 2.45pm to return to school.

Paradise FM

Paradise FM Interview.

At approximately 2pm TOMORROW, Thursday the 4th of September, Paradise FM listeners will be kept both entertained and informed when our Year 6 students 'go live to air' to discuss all the great qualities of our school. Paradise FM radio announcer and school community member David Felsch will provide our students with a tour of the radio booth & control panel as well as share his wisdom about doing great radio interviews. Tune in for some quality local radio!

Animal Tales

Thank you to all parents who have sent in their child’s play costumes. Our first dress rehearsal for our school performance was a great success, with this year’s performance promising to be very entertaining.

The dress rehearsal has highlighted some important costume related issues.

- Every child needs to have a small pair of shorts and a singlet so that they can change costumes with comfort and confidence in front of others.
- Each student is required to have a black shirt and pants, which they will be wearing in musical items.
- If your child has long hair, could they please tie it back in a low pony tail or braid. This is important as it helps keep animal themed hats on.
- Please label ALL clothing.

Our school performance times are:

- **Daytime Matinee** - Tuesday the 9th of September at midday. (Perfect for people bringing young children or Nan and Pop)
- **The Evening Performance** - Thursday the 11th of September. 6pm for P&C BBQ with 7pm Show. (Dress Warm)

Videoing the Performance.

Each year the school puts in an enormous effort producing the school play, which becomes lasting memories for our students, for this reason it is important that we capture the play on film. We are looking for a volunteer to video the performances. Please contact the school if you are able to help.
On Monday students from EVPS travelled to Lennox Head PS to participate in the Plateau to the Sea Public Speaking competition. Students competed against numerous schools within the learning community.

Stage 3 began the day with a prepared 3 minute speech and followed up with an impromptu speech lasting 1 minute. Jesse gave a highly descriptive speech about ‘Australia’s Past’ where the listeners had to imagine walking through the time of dinosaurs. Anthony posed the question to the audience of 'Beauty verses Brains' where he strongly supported brains is better. Their impromptu topic was ‘Inside/Outside’.

Stage 2 saw Owen convince us with his speech that ‘Birds can make a difference’ while Ethan shared the wonders of a recent family trip with his ‘Best Holiday Ever’ speech. Their impromptu topic was ‘The Best Things in Life’

In Stage 1 Erin delivered a wonderful speech on ‘What makes a community?’ while Billy gave a powerful speech about ‘Family’. Both were very unlucky not to come away with 1st place.

All students received a special certificate for their participation on the day. There was no impromptu for stage 1 students.

The students represented themselves and their school proudly. Thank you to the parents who transported the students to Lennox.

**Remind - **½ day Race Holiday

When: Friday 12th Sept

Last year 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 applied to the Minister 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.

PLEASE NOTE… the bus will be running as usual in the morning but WILL NOT BE collecting the children in the middle of the day.

Please make your own arrangements to collect your children between 11:30-12noon. The school will be closed from 12noon sharp – if you are not able to collect your children please keep them home on this day.

**Attachments**

- Concert costume note (all students)
- School Photos (for those who ordered)
- FNC Softball flyer
- Child Protection Week activities flyer
The senior class are busy creating media articles and photographs which will be printed in the Northern Star's Newspapers in Education (NIE) Competition. Our students are producing a healthy balance of media stories promoting school success, regional environmental and social issues.

Our stories will be printed in the Northern Star Tuesday 16th of September. We recommend that you treat yourself to a copy!

**Swimming Scheme**

The whole school will be participating in the Department of Education & Training Special Swimming Scheme next term. 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 has been a change of dates for our swimming... We are currently scheduled for weeks 7/8, (17th to 28th Nov), but are trying to negotiate a change to weeks 5/6, (3rd to 14th Nov). Please 'watch this space' for a confirmation of dates as soon as they become available.

Due to the swimming now being later in term 4, we are able to offer an additional timeframe for permission & monies to be in. Please return permission & payment by the new due date of Tuesday 21st October.

**September**

- **Thursday 4th** (selected students)
  - Paradise FM
  - Venue: Ballina

- **Friday 5th**
  - Interschool AFL Competition – EVPS vs CTI
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  - Venue: Wardell

- **Tuesday 9th Sept 12:00**
  - Matinee Mid-Year Concert

- **Thursday 11th**
  - Mid-Year Concert
  - (Wet Weather date Thursday 18th)

- **Friday 12th**
  - ½ day Race Holiday

- **Monday 15th** (selected students)
  - Premiers Spelling Bee
  - Venue: Wyrallah Road PS

- **Tuesday 16th** (selected students)
  - SXCSS Public Speaking
  - Venue: Tregeagle PS

- **Friday 19th**
  - Last Day of Term
  - Casual for a Cause (gold coin donation please)

**Top Tips from DET**

Banish the “I’m bored” complaints these holidays

It’s harder in winter to keep kids occupied with anything other than a small screen. Here are some websites that have great tips for things your family can do these school holidays, whether you’re staying put or taking off on a holiday across the state:

- Destination NSW (http://bit.ly/1niJ7sl)
- Winter school holidays in Sydney (http://bit.ly/1nQsVC6)
- School holidays in Newcastle (http://bit.ly/1njljlp)
- Winter school holidays Central Coast (http://bit.ly/1ngSwX)
- Attractions for kids in regional NSW (http://bit.ly/1fE8vMw)
**Sydney Olympic Park – What’s On**

**Australian Museum**  

**Movie Reviews – Raising Children Network**  

**Kids Camps – NSW Sport and Recreation**  

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**Keep brains ticking over these holidays**

If your child is working on a personal project or a school assignment these school holidays (or you want to make use of the break for a little revision), don’t forget [www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au](http://www.SchoolAtoZ.com.au) has lots of information and fact sheets to help with homework. For students polishing their spelling skills, the free Spelling Bee mobile app also allows them to record a list of their own words and then test themselves. You might even want to challenge them with a list you create. Here’s where you’ll find the free app to download: [http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G](http://bit.ly/Q9ez0G)

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**P&CP News**

**NEXT P&C MEETING**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 7pm All welcome!

**BUNNINGS BBQ**

The P&C is running a BBQ at Bunnings this Saturday and are still looking for parent volunteers after 11am. If you can spare a little time, please call

Shantelle on 0407 488 982

**FATHERS DAY STALL**

The Fathers Day Stall will be held THIS Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept (in the morning). A $3 gift or multiple gifts may be purchased (once everyone has had first selected). Helpers NEEDED to set up and run stall call/txt Linda 0419 445 755, thank you.