Kindergarten Orientation 2015

We welcomed back our new Kindergartens on Day 2 of our Kindergarten Orientation for 2015 this week!

Finlay, Sebastian & Dylan enjoyed a number of pirate themed activities throughout the day & had the opportunity to familiarise themselves with our school community once again!

If you know of anyone considering enrolling their child in Kindergarten in 2016 or any other year, please let the school know or encourage them to contact us as soon as possible, thank you.

Special Swimming Scheme COMMENCES NEXT WEEK!

The Special Swimming Scheme commences next week for two weeks, (Mon 9th – Fri 20th November), at Alstonville Pool. Students are travelling by bus & heading straight to the pool after second bus arrives, returning by 11am for recess. If your child is unfit for swimming ie. due to illness, please send in a note; your child will accompany the group but not swim, or alternatively must remain at home for this timeslot. There are no teachers/supervision at school during this morning period.

Students will need:
- Swimmers & towel (swimmers may be worn under uniform) dry underwear.
- Goggles, hat, drink bottle,
- Plastic bag for wet swimmers
- Please apply sunscreen to your child prior coming to school

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME!

THANK YOU P&C for subsidising this event, bringing the total cost of this activity down to $40 per student (instead of $80 per student)!

Kim Toft Workshop REVIEW

A huge thank you to renowned author & local artist Kim Toft, for once again running the silk art workshop for Year 6 students. Their artworks look amazing & they now have a wonderful farewell gift to take with them!

Silk Art Framing: The actual framing cost for the silk art works has been confirmed as $118.00. Thank you to those parents who have already started to pay their child’s framing cost off. Final payments are to be received by no later than Tuesday 17th November, thank you.
School Assembly - REVIEW

Well done to those students who were recognised as high achievers this term. There were plenty of bronze & special awards in the junior and senior classes this week. Well done to all!

The audience were entertained by the infants class with a wonderful animated sing along called “I Met a Bear!”

SXCSS Chess/Draughts - REVIEW

16 stage 2 & 3 students travelled to Rous P.S last Wednesday to take part in the SXCSS Chess/Draughts Competition. Students from all of our small schools in the area attended the day. Most students eventually played approx. 6 games throughout the day. The day was once again a success for EVPS with 2 winners. Congratulations to Rohan B, being undefeated in stage 2 chess & Mille S also being undefeated in the stage 3 draughts. Ethan B was also a runner up in stage 3 chess. A big thank you to all the parents who transported students to the event.

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

Gold Awards (to be checked off)

DUE - Tues 10th Nov

Christmas T Shirts (Yrs 4-6)

DUE - Tues 10th Nov

Yr 6 Silk Art Framing cost (Yr 6)

DUE - Tues 17th Nov

Yr 6 Farewell Bubble Night Permission

DUE - Tues 24th Nov

Year 6 Farewell Bubble Night!

When: Saturday 12th December 2015
Where: Ballina Pool
Times: 5:00 - 7:30pm
Cost: $13.00 per student
(Spectators only-$3.00)
(Children swimming only-$3.50)

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

Year 5 are invited to attend the Bubble Night to farewell the year 6 students. Students will be supervised by Empire Vale staff and by the Ballina Pool staff.

Other students from the school are also welcome to attend but will need to be supervised by their parent or guardian for the duration of the evening. These students will not require a permission note, however, will need to indicate at the bottom of the permission slip of their attendance, so that the pool has an idea of numbers.

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

Permissions to be returned by no later than Tues 24th Nov, thank you.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Wednesday 11th Nov
Principal’s Awards… (GOLD)

In preparation for organising the Gold Awards prize, we would like any student who has received a Principal’s Award in 2015 (Gold A4) to bring it in to the school to be checked off. The school will then be able to compile a list of students eligible for this year’s reward.

These will need to be in by next Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} November, thank you.

Senior Class XMAS SHIRTS

The senior class may bring in a T shirt to be decorated in a Christmas theme if they wish. Students will be working on them here at school over the coming weeks. \textbf{If you would like your child to participate in this activity please send in a shirt by Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} November}, clearly marked with your child’s name, thank you.

School Contributions

Thank you to those families who have already paid their contribution for 2015. The contribution per student is $35.

The General School Contribution of $35 per child is paid directly to the school and covers items in use by your child such as text books, pens, pencils, exercise books, sport affiliation fees etc.

Bunnings Tree Planting REVIEW

A big THANK YOU to Bunnings who donated a variety of bottle brush trees to the school! Year 6 students assisted with the planting & we have now added 6 lovely new trees to the playground!

Up & Coming Events

November

- Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} - Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} (ALL students)
  Special Swimming Scheme
  Venue: Alstonville Pool

- Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} at 7pm
  P&C Meeting
  Venue: EVPS

- Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th}
  BHS Showcase Evening (Yrs 5 & 6)
  Venue: BHS

- Wednesday 18\textsuperscript{th}
  BHS Friendship Picnic (yr 6)
  Venue: BHS
  & Popcorn/Movie Day-100 Nights Reading (Infants)
  Venue: EVPS

December

- Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd}
  Ballina Yr 7 Orientation
  Venue: BHS
  & Evans River K-12 Yr 7 Orientation
  Venue: Evans River K-12 School

- Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} (Date TBC)
  Gold Award Activity (Gold Award Winners)
  Venue: TBC

- Monday 7\textsuperscript{th}
  Whole School Assembly
  Venue: EVPS

- Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} (Alternative date Tues 15\textsuperscript{th})
  Carols Evening
  Venue: EVPS

- Saturday 12\textsuperscript{th}
  Yr 6 Farewell Bubble Night
  Venue: Ballina Pool

- Wednesday 16\textsuperscript{th}
  Last day of school (casual day for a gold coin)
HEALTH ALERT-WHOOPING COUGH

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055.

Year 7 Orientation Dates
(Information for Years 5 & 6)

Representatives from Ballina High School visited our Year 6 students this morning to talk about their up & coming Year 7 Orientation Program. Year 5 students are also invited to attend the BHS Showcase Evening on Thursday 12th Nov. Students were given further information notes today regarding this program. Orientations dates are as follows:

**Ballina High School**
Thurs 12th Nov : B.H.S Showcase Evening (Years 5 & 6)
Wed 18th Nov : BHS Friendship Picnic-Yr 6
Thurs 3rd Dec : BHS Orientation - Yr 6
Evans River K-12 School
Thurs 3rd Dec : Orientation Day

Community News

The adventures of Huckleberry Finn

Ballina Region 4 Refugees is holding a fundraiser at Ballina Players Theatre – 24 Swift St, Ballina on Wednesday 2nd Dec at 8pm.
Tickets - $30 adults
$15 child (12 yrs and under)
There will be snacks and drinks available before the show starts at 8.
For tickets phone Trish 0418663369.
Money raised will be contributed to the support of asylum seekers and refugees.
FASHIONS ON THE FIELD!

Check out our seniors fabulous hats & accessories made entirely of newspaper, in celebration of Melbourne Cup Day!

PERMISSION NOTE

Yr 6 Farewell Bubble Night – Ballina Pool
(Saturday 12\textsuperscript{th} December 2015)

Permission required by Yr 5 & 6 only

I give permission for my child/ren……………………………………………………………………… to attend the Yr 6 Farewell Bubble Night at Ballina Pool on Saturday 12\textsuperscript{th} December 2015. I understand that transport is the responsibility of the parent & the cost per child & adult are $13.00 each, which will be paid to the pool on the night; (spectators $3 & swimmers in pool only $3.50)

Total number of adults/children attending Bubble Night ………………………………… (please indicate numbers)

Signed ………………………………..
Parent/Guardian

If your child is NOT in Yr 5 or 6, but will also be attending on the night under the supervision of their parents, please indicate their attendance below, thankyou

Total number of adults/children attending Bubble Night ………………………………… (please indicate numbers)

Signed ………………………………..
Parent/Guardian

* Please return permission notes by Tuesday 24\textsuperscript{th} November, thank you *