Casual Day - last day of school

Students may wear **PYJAMAS** on the last day of this term (appropriate of course 😊) - Friday 26th June. Please bring a gold coin donation if wearing pyjamas and a double gold coin donation if you're not game!! 😊. All proceeds will be donated to Stewart House.

Small Schools Athletics Carnival

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The whole school will be involved in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Thur 16th July.

There are MANY OUTSTANDING permission/payments - please return these URGENTLY (this term!!)

Wet-weather Plan: Possible postponements will be broadcast over radio station 2LM from 7.30am on the morning of the carnival. (Alternative carnival date 23rd July)

School Photos - Wed 22nd July

School photos have been scheduled for Wednesday 22nd July. Please ensure your child wears full school uniform on this day.

Order forms have been sent home today; white envelopes are for individual photos & yellow envelopes for family photos. Please do not place envelopes inside one another, they must remain separate. Family photos will be taken after all classes have been photographed. **Orders & payment are to be returned by no later than Tuesday 21st July, thank you.**

Parent Responses Due

**Senior Excursion chocolate monies (yrs 4-6)** OVERDUE

**SS PSSA Athletics Carnival (K-6)** OVERDUE

Review - Assembly

It was great to see so many students receive awards during this assembly, which highlights all the wonderful work our students have achieved this term. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came along to support our students at the school assembly.

*The audience was wowed with the senior class’s "Poetry Slam"*. Students impressed the audience with their creativity & expressive presentation of various forms of poetry. The poetry slam had all the traits of a dance off but used poetry instead!

A special congratulation also goes to our Empire Vale Public Speaking Competition winners! Stage winners were chosen by our visiting judge Mrs Michele Grant.

Early Stage 1 - Odynn M

Stage 1 - Kyle P

Stage 2 - Rohan B

Stage 3 - Jasmine C

Student Reports

Reports have been attached to this week's newsletter for all students.
**Review - Debating**

Well done to our competitors - Ethan B, Jasmine C, Kirsty G-J & Riley G who participated in the Debating Gala Day at Woodburn P.S last Friday. This was a wonderful opportunity to pick up new tips & tricks to improve their debating skills whilst participating in some friendly competition.

The team came away with a win against Wyrallah and a defeat against Woodburn. We look forward to our second Gala day early next term.

Thank you to parents for transporting students to & from the venue.

**NAIDOC Week Celebrations**

**Day 1 - CTI P.S. (all students)**

Unfortunately, the NAIDOC celebrations at Cabbage Tree Island Public School yesterday morning had to be rescheduled due to unforeseen circumstances. The change of day was a day that we were unable to attend.

$5 payments for seniors will be credited to their senior school excursion cost. Infant's payments will be kept in credit for the next school activity. Alternatively if you would prefer a refund, please complete & return the attached request for refund slip by the end of this week, thank you.

**Day 2 - @ Ballina H.S. (3-6 students)**

Tomorrow, students from years 3-6 will participate in the SXCSS dance/games day held at BHS playing traditional games as well experiencing traditional dance. Please pack your child’s recess, lunch & drink bottle. We will be travelling to & from Ballina H.S via bus, & be returning to school in time for first bus.

In the event of wet weather the event will be cancelled and the students will remain at school for the day.

**Guitar Lessons Recomence Wk 2 Tm 3**

Guitar lessons will recommence in week 2 of Term 3.

**Senior Excursion Chocolate Fundraiser**

**MONIES OUTSTANDING!**

All chocolate monies from the first round are now OVERDUE - if you have not already done so, please return these as a matter of urgency! Chocolate payments MUST be finalised before the end of term!

Due to lack of demand, a second round of chocolate orders will not be submitted this year.

**AFL Skills / Interschool Competition**

As part of the AFL Inter-School Football Program, Years 4, 5 & 6 students will be participating, in 3 friendly AFL matches against various local schools throughout next term. Game 1 will be with Rous P.S students on Friday 7th August. Game 2 will be with Cabbage Tree Island P.S. students on Friday 28th August at CTI & Game 3, the final match will be with Wardell P.S at Wardell on Friday 18th September.

We will be kicking off the Interschool Competition with two ‘skills clinics’ which will be held at Empire Vale PS on Friday 17th & 24th July.

We will require assistance from parents with transport. A permission note and transport request will be forwarded early in term 3.

**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.*

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.
Top Tips from the DET

Sorting fact from fiction
You can't always trust what you read when researching information for homework, assignments or projects. Here are ways your child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

P&C News

P&C Meeting - The next P&C meeting will be held in the third week back after the holidays - Tuesday 28th July.

“Inside Out”

Movie Night Fundraiser - A big thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser by purchasing tickets to view “Inside Out” last Thursday evening! A wonderful night was had by all the movie was fantastic!

Attachments

- Student Reports
- School Photos orders envelopes – Individual/Family
- NAIDOC ‘show bag’ – given to the students today.

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

Canteen will re-commence in WEEK 2, Term 3 2015!

Up & Coming Events

June

Thursday 25th
NAIDOC (3-6)
Venue: Ballina HS

Friday 26th
Last Day of Term 2

July

Tuesday 14th
First Day of Term 3

Thursday 16th
SS PSSA Athletics Carnival (K-6)
Venue: Ballina HS

Friday 17th
AFL Skills Clinic (3-6)
Venue: Empire Vale PS

Tuesday 21st
Debating Gala Day (selected students)
Venue: Wyrallah PS

Wednesday 22nd
School Photos
Venue: Empire Vale PS

Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th
ArtSmart (selected students)
Venue: Wollongbar PS

Friday 31st
District PSSA Athletics

Community News
The Annual NAIDOC Group exhibition coincides with NAIDOC Week celebrations featuring a diverse selection of works by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists living and working in the Northern Rivers Region. This year’s NAIDOC theme ‘We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate’, is an opportunity to pay respects to country; honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and share the stories of many sites of significance or sacred places with the nation.

Telling of the Stars artwork installation is a collection of small star like woven forms created by students from Southern Cross School in a series of mentor based creative workshops with Lismore based Indigenous artist Penny. The ‘Telling of the Stars’ installation is a living artwork that will grow and be added to during the exhibition where visitors can learn and make their own star in an artist workshop with Penny Evans in the Gallery! Become part of the ‘Telling of the Stars’ story in this wonderful weaving workshop for the whole family! Both exhibitions open Wednesday 24 June and continue until Sunday 19 July 2015.

We look forward to seeing you!

Alstonville Scouts welcome new Members in 2015!

Come and try FREE for up to 4 weeks before joining!

For Girls and Boys of all ages who love adventure and fun.
For Mums and Dads who want their Kids to learn important life skills in a safe environment.

Joeys Scouts: ages 6 to 8 yrs, Wed: 5.30 to 6.30pm
Cub Scouts: ages 8 to 11 yrs, Wed: 6.30 to 8.00pm
Scouts: ages 11 to 15 yrs, Thurs: 6.30 to 8.30pm
The Alstonville Scout Hall is located at Gap Road, Alstonville.

To find out more, contact either:
Troy Davis (Group Leader) Mobile: 0428 582 973
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