Small Schools Athletics Carnival

When: Thursday 16th July (Alt 23rd)
Where: Ballina High School
Times: 9:30am to 2:30pm
Cost: $5.00 per student
Transport: Bus

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

The Small Schools’ Athletics carnival requires quite a few adults on the day to be responsible for assisting the children, assisting the P&C fundraising and assisting in running the events. It has been increasingly difficult over the past few years to be able to continue to offer events and to stick to a reasonable time-frame for the day. We need your help...

We request that all attending families provide an adult to assist in the running of the carnival for 30min to an hour. If we are able to ensure parental help throughout the day we will be able to share the tasks around so that you are not disadvantaged and miss your own child’s events.

Please complete the attached permission with your preference of tasks. Thank you.

An information sheet from the organizing schools (Wardell PS and Broadwater PS) will be included with next week’s newsletter.

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)

Canteen: Lunch, snacks & drinks are available on the day.

Permission notes & payment to be returned to the school by no later than Tuesday 23rd June, thank you.

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.

Attachments

- Athletics carnival permission
- Chocolate EOI (senior class)
- EVPS Inside Out flier/colouring comp
- Kim Toft book launch 13/6/15
- Wardell P&C Disco flier
Southern Cross University’s Science and Engineering Challenge

Congratulations to our terrific team of young scientists who represented our school at The Southern Cross University Science and Engineering Challenge last Friday. Our students were part of the ‘Small Schools Team’ who proudly took out 2nd place in the challenge!

Liam, Kirsty, Jasmine, Ethan and Riley worked on two main scientific challenges throughout the day, which included creating a Space Buggy that required a suitable suspension system to allow it to successfully cross the rugged Mars terrain. Their other challenge was to create and successfully manipulate the water flow through a gravity fed pipe system, allowing an allocated amount of water to filter through to different tanks.

Each task required students to think scientifically, problem solve, work well in a team and work under pressure!

This was a the first year that our small school network has been involved in the Science and Engineering Challenge and we hope to provide opportunities for another team of student scientists to participate in this challenge next year.

Thank You to the parent transporters and supporters who helped make this wonderful learning opportunity possible.

Up & Coming Events

**June**

- **Thursday 11th**
  - SXCSS Spelling Bee (selected students)
  - Venue: Wardell Hall

- **Thursday 11th**
  - The Lion King Information afternoon (parents)
  - Venue: EVPS @ 1:45pm

- **Friday 12th**
  - SSPSSA Soccer
  - Venue: Eureka

- **Monday 15th**
  - Multicultural Public Speaking (selected students)
  - Venue: Alstonville PS

- **Thursday 18th 6:30pm**
  - Inside Out – Movie Fundraiser
  - Venue: Ballina Cinema

- **Friday 19th**
  - Debating Gala Day (selected students)
  - Venue: Woodburn PS

- **Monday 22nd**
  - Assembly

- **Tuesday 23rd**
  - NAIDOC (K-6)
  - Venue: CTI PS

- **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
Reminder - SXCSS - Spelling Bee

Who: Qualifying students
When: Thursday 11th June
Where: Wardell Hall
Time: 9.30am start (finish approx. 1.30pm)

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Reminder - SS PSSA Soccer Knockout

Who: Selected students
When: Friday 12th June
Where: Eureka P.S Soccer Oval
Times: Leaving 9.30am for a 10.30am start
Transport: Private car

Reminder - Multicultural Public Speaking

Who: Qualifying students
When: Monday 15th June
Where: Alstonville Public School
Times: Stage 2 - 9.30am to 12.00pm
        Stage 3 - 12.00pm to 3.00pm
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Reminder - Debating

When: Friday 19th June (qualifying students)
Where: Woodburn PS
Time: 9.15am start (finish approx. 2.30pm)

Reminder - NAIDOC Celebrations

Day One
When: Tuesday 23rd June (all students)
Where: Cabbage tree Island PS
Cost: $5.00 per student
Transport: bus

Day Two
When: Thursday 25th June (years 3-6)
Where: BHS
Cost: $5.00 per student
Transport: bus

Reminder - Empire Vale Concert...

The Lion King

A performance based meeting will be held on Thursday 11th of June at 1.45pm, where we will discuss the play, costumes and props. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Mrs Rantissi

Senior Excursion Chocolate Fundraiser

Just a reminder that the 1st round of chocolate monies need to be returned by no later than Tuesday 23rd June thank you.

Expressions of interest are attached for a possible second & final round of chocolate orders, (depending on demand).

Seeking Debating Cards!

As the seniors go through a great deal of debating cards/palm cards during practise sessions & actual debates, we are trying to find a more economical source for cards. If anyone has any old bundles of business cards that they may be able to donate to our debaters, or know of any possible contacts in local printers, please let the school know. Thank you for assisting our debaters!

Wardell P&C Disco

See attached flier....

The Wardell P&C have asked for a responsible parent / teacher from each attending school to assist with the supervision of EVPS students. A teacher from EVPS will be in attendance if we have sufficient numbers attending. If there are insufficient student numbers from EVPS we would need an EVPS parent willing to be our representative - please let us know if you are able to do this.
Administration staff are only present at the school for 3 days each week. On occasion our administration staff are absent for additional periods of time (leave, illness, meetings, training days etc).

To allow our teachers to spend their time preparing classroom learning activities instead of attending to office tasks there are a few things that parents can do to assist.....

How you can help us!

- **Permission** notes & payments to be returned **on time please.**
- **Correct money** to be sent in.
  - Monies to be in an envelope with details listed on the front.
  - Please avoid large amounts of coinage where possible.
- **Canteen orders** to be on a lunch bag with the correct change please.
- Details of **student absences** are required to be in writing. Please avoid phoning through your child’s absences as this requires additional steps for us. Just a reminder that it is a **legal requirement** of the Department of Education & Communities that **ALL** absences, (whole OR part absences.... including late arrivals & early pickups), be explained via a **written note**. Your assistance in this matter would be much appreciated.
- Check with your child EACH Wednesday for their **newsletter**, reprints from the office will no longer be available.
- **Bus arrangements** are best in writing & placed in the notes box by your child at the beginning of the day. If the change was unexpected, please ensure it is phoned through early in the day & the message left clearly on the answering machine.

These are all very small things, but when taken into consideration from all families, it really does make a big difference to Kimmy’s workload. Thank you all for your understanding!

**P&C News**

The next **P&C meeting** will be held next Tuesday evening, 9th June in the senior classroom at 7.00pm - all are welcome!

**Movie Night Fundraiser** - please see flier attached last week (and available online).

**Colouring Competition attached today!! Prizes given...** Winner announced next week. Due **TUESDAY 16th**.

**Inside Out**

Thurs June 18 @ 6:30

**Community News**

**NAIDOC Week**

NAIDOC Week is held in the first full week of July. It is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements and is an opportunity to recognise the contributions that Indigenous Australians make to our country and our society.

We encourage everyone to participate in the celebrations and activities that take place in the Ballina Shire during NAIDOC Week.

The annual Celebration Walk will take place on Monday 6 July starting in front of the Ballina RSL Club at 11.00am (assemble from 10.30am). It will proceed along River Street to the Ballina Visitor Information Centre where any official flag raising ceremony will be held. Refreshments will then be served in the Richmond Room with a children's bbq and activities in the nearby carpark area. All members of the community are invited to participate in the walk and proceeding activities.
PERMISSION NOTE

Small Schools PSSA Athletics Carnival
(Thursday 16th July)

I give permission for my child/ren..............................................................to compete in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Ballina High School on Thursday 16th July, (alternate date 23rd July). I understand the cost of the carnival is $5 per student and that transport is by bus.

☐ I / we are able to assist at the carnival. I / we have a preference for (you may select more than 1):
  ☐ Assisting with timing (at the finishing line)
  ☐ Assisting at the high jump / long jump stations
  ☐ Assisting the P&C selling raffle tickets
  ☐ EVPS photographer
  ☐ EVPS competitor event manager
  ☐ Any of the above
  ☐ Assisting with transporting high jump mat and bars to/from Ballina High

☐ I / we are unable to assist at the carnival but I / we have arranged for family / friend to assist in our place __________________________ (name of person assisting)

☐ I / we are unable to assist at the carnival (no adult attending, no-one to supervise non school-aged child/ren)

Signed ___________________________ Date ___________________________
Parent/Guardian

Please return permission by no later than Tuesday 23rd June, thank you.