Opening Night for our ‘Sweet As’ Art Exhibition Thurs 3rd of Sept 5:30pm.

The opening night of our combined small school art exhibition will be held at:

The Northern Rivers Community Gallery
Corner of Cherry and Crane Streets, Ballina
Thursday the 3rd of September 5.30 to 7.30pm.

Our students have created many amazing artworks that reflect the beauty, lifestyle and ingenuity of our region and its awesome local sugar cane industry.

We would love to see all families supporting our student artists by attending this special event. Please mark this date on your family calendar. Thank You.

“Sweet As”….. We need your help!

Our students have been busy making a sugar cane ‘Totem Pole’ art installation, that requires student artworks to be attached to individual conduit pipes, for our “Sweet As’ Art Exhibition. It would be wonderful to have some parental help to successfully put these artworks together.

Creative jobs include gluing; weaving wire through cardboard leaves and creating a stand that will allow each piece of cane to stand tall. I am asking for a team of parents to help out with this special project on Thursday 6th of August (tomorrow) from 12 midday.

Bunnings Warehouse of Ballina has generously donated the hardware materials to create this artwork. The materials will be available for collection early next week. Please thank the Bunnings team for their generosity and support next time you are visiting their store!

Spring Concert – The Lion King

Thank you to all parents who have helped their children learn their scripts in preparation for The Lion King. As the play is fast approaching, it would be wonderful to include the reading of scripts into your home reading/homework routine. Thank You!
**REVIEW - Premiers Debating Challenge**

WE WON! Congratulations to Kirsty-G-J, Riley G Jasmine C & Ethan B who represented the school at the round 5 Premiers Debating Challenge today.

Mr John Sim was our adjudicator and he spoke highly of our team. The topic for today’s debate was “That parents should give pocket money to their kids”.

I hope you’re all putting aside your spare change because our team had some compelling reasons for getting paid!! 😊

Our team finished the competition with 3 wins and 1 loss - a great result!

**AFL - EVPS vs Rous P.S.**

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 the term.

- **When:** Game 1 Friday August 7th
- **Where:** Rous Public School
- **Times:** Cars to leave for Rous at 12.15 for a 1pm start. Cars to return from Rous PS approx. 2.30pm to return to school.

**Thank you to those parents who are able to assist with transport.**

Seating arrangements were sent home last week.

- **Game #2** Friday August 28 at CTI PS
- **Game #3** Friday Sept 18 at Wardell PS

*School Administration*

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!
Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews (optional) will be held in weeks 3, 4 & 5; Monday 27th July through to Friday 14th August.

Timeslots for teacher availability are below. Times may be booked through the office.

Ms Avery:
- Tues 11th Aug: 9:00-11:00
- Fri 14th Aug: 2:00-3:30pm

Mr Spencer:
- Wed 12th Aug: 10:30-1:00pm

Mrs Rantissi:
- Thurs 6th Aug: 2:00-3:00pm
- Mon 10th Aug: 1:30-3:00pm

Mrs Roberts:
- Thurs 6th & 13th Aug: 2:00-3:00pm

REVIEW - Ballina District Athletics

Well done to all of our athletes who competed in the Ballina District Athletics Carnival at Alstonville last Friday!

All of our competitors did their very best on the day. Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to compete in the Far North Coast Zone PSSA Track & Field Championships at Byron Bay on Friday 14th August.

Jasmine C: 11yrs girls' high jump, senior girls relay and PP5 relay
Kirsty G-J: senior girls relay and PP5 relay
Liam O'C: senior boys' high jump, senior boys relay and PP5 relay
Ethan B: PP5 relay

Permission notes have been sent home today for those qualifying students. Permission notes & levies are to be returned by no later than next Tuesday 11th August, thank you.

Attachments
- P&C Raffle Books
- Primary Homework term 3
- Zone permission

August

Friday 7th (years 4, 5 & 6)
Interschool AFL game, EVPS v Rous P.S
Venue: Rous P.S.

Monday 10th
Whole School Assembly
Venue: EVPS

Wednesday 12th (year 5 & 6)
‘A Taste of Ballina High’
Venue: BHS

Friday 14th (qualifying students)
FNC Zone PSSA Athletics
Venue: Byron Shire Cultural & Sporting Complex

Friday 28th (years 4, 5 & 6)
Interschool AFL game, EVPS v CTI
Venue: CTI

September

Monday 1st (selected students)
SXCSS Public Speaking
Venue: Tregeagle P.S.

Tuesday 2nd & Wednesday 3rd
Gallery Exhibition & Launch
Venue: Northern Rivers Community Gallery

Monday 7th
Spring Concert Matinee
Venue: EVPS

Tuesday 8th - 6pm
Spring Concert
Venue: EVPS

Thursday 10th
½ day Race Holiday
**REVIEW - ArtSmart**

Congratulations to Owen, Tilea, Jasmine, Millie, Liam, Y and Kirsty who had outstanding success at the Art Smart workshop. Our creative students enjoyed a 3 day intensive creative arts workshop where they were given rich learning opportunities in sketching, creating 3D effects, shading as well as applying watercolours and food dyes.

At the end of the workshop, students were given a choice to have their artworks collected to be in an art exhibition or bring them home. We will be sharing the Art Smart exhibition details with our school community as soon as we receive information regarding this special event.

We asked our student artists what they enjoyed most about participating in the Art Smart program:

"I enjoyed drawing the flowers and painting in a different way than normal." Owen, Yr 5.

"I enjoyed learning new techniques and skills to create an amazing artwork." Kirsty, Year 6.

"I loved all the things that Mr Hoile taught us, I got a lot out of it!" Jasmine, Year 6.

"I enjoyed doing art in a different way and I really like my piece of art." Liam, Year 6.

"I love the way I painted my artwork. I enjoyed learning something new." Y, Year 6.

"I liked how I learnt new watercolour painting skills." Tilea, Year 5.

"I enjoyed Art Smart because I got to use different techniques and learn new skills." Millie, Year 6.

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**EARN & LEARN STICKERS**

The school is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again this year. The program gives schools & early learning centres the chance to earn new educational resources.

Simply shop at Woolworths & you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker for every $10 spent. Stickers are to be placed inside your sticker sheet, (attached). You can download more sticker sheets from www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn.

**Sheets are to be returned to the school by Tuesday 15th September, thank you, or dropped into River Street Woolworths.**

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**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](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).

Previous vaccination with the pandemic influenza vaccine, Panvax® is not a barrier to also receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine.
Meet ‘Next Gen’ our next generation of computerized robotics.....

The senior class has been busy building and programming their robots over the past week and will continue to expand their knowledge and skills in the area of robotics in the coming weeks. We hope to share some of their work with you at the week 10 assembly.

P&C News

* **P&C Raffle** – Raffle books have been attached – We need the assistance of ALL families to sell tickets to help us raise money for our students.

We have had generous donations of prizes and would like to thank and acknowledge....

1st Prize – Bar Fridge donated by The Good Guys

2nd Prize – A night’s accommodation at the Ramada donated by the Ramada

3rd Prize – BMX Bike donated by Classic Colour Studios.

Please return sold AND unsold tickets by the end of the term.

More tickets are available, call Linda on 0419 445 755. We also hope to provide more tickets for sale early next term.

* Reminder of the next **P&C meeting will be held on** Tuesday August 25th at 7pm. All welcome 😊

* **P&C Water Esky MISSING!** – if anyone has seen the P&C blue & white water esky, could you please return it to school ASAP so we can use it for our next function. Thank you.

* **HELP NEEDED! BALLINA BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER Sunday 30th August**

We are seeking helpers for this BBQ! No children under the age of 15 are allowed to help on the day - this is a Bunnings policy. (Enclosed shoes must be worn on the day)

If you would like to help fundraise for our school please make URGENT contact with:

Shantelle: 0407 488 982 Zoe: 0400 786 761