**‘Sweet As’ Art Exhibition**

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.

A big thank you to those parents/ nan who lent a creative hand last week with our sugar cane construction for the “Sweet As” exhibition…. it’s coming together fabulously!

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**AFL - GAME 2 NEW DATE!!**

When: THIS Friday 21st Aug!

(Change from 28th)

Where: Cabbage Tree Island P.S

Times: 11.00am start, 12.30pm finish

Transport: private car, allocated seating

Game 2 of the interschool AFL program which was to be held on Friday 28th August, has been RESCHEDULED TO THIS FRIDAY AUGUST 21ST.

Cars to leave the school at 10.45am & leaving C.T.I.P.S at approx. 12.30 to return to the school.

Seating will remain the same (& is also attached). Permission will be transferred to the new date.

**IMPORTANT NOTE FOR TRANSPORTERS!!!**

If you have not already done so, could the parents listed below, please have your current drivers licenses & car registration sited by Kim BY TOMORROW, THANK YOU.

Julie Barnwell, Suzanne Monti, Kerry Melhuish, Shantelle Searle, Kylie Heldt, Kim G-J.

This is a DEC requirement & current documents must be sited every 12 months.

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**½ day Race Holiday**

In the Ballina area the Council has declared that Thursday 10 September 2015 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.
Our senior students are growing up so fast, that to our surprise, they do not fit into the lion costumes! As the play is only a few weeks away, we need to come up with a costume solution really fast! If you have any good ideas, can sew or are up for the creative challenge please come to a costume meeting on Monday (Aug 20) at 2 pm. If you are unable to come but are willing to help, please leave a message at the office. Thank You!

Lion King - Junior Class Costume Requirements.

The Junior Class will be playing ‘wilder beasts’ throughout the performance of the Lion King. To successfully costume for this role we need each student to have a set of black, grey or brown jumper/shirt and long pants. Tracksuit pants or tights are fine. If you have clothing with a print on it, they can usually be worn inside out.

If by chance you have additional items that can be borrowed by other students please bring them to school. It is important to place your name on all clothing, so that they are easily returned after the performance. Thank You.

Lion King Dress Rehearsals.

All costumes need to be at school by Monday the 31st of August. We have managed to costume most students, however we may need some additional items for some students to complete their look. A note will be sent home ASAP if your child requires any additional items.

* ALL STUDENTS will need a small pair or shorts and a singlet that they can wear underneath their costume, allowing them to change costumes with ease and comfort, as we do not have individual change rooms.

Please place your name on ALL items sent into school so that they can be returned to the correct home at the end of the performance.

Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange

Sushi, Sumo and Student Art!

Three artworks to be exhibited in the Nagoya Sister City Art Exchange.

Congratulations to Toby, Tilea and Kirsty who have had their artworks selected to tour Japan!

Our school is thrilled to have three students’ artworks representing our school on an international level this year, as in the past we have had just the one.

Our student’s artworks will tour Japan galleries and schools, and then once the exhibition ends, the art will be presented to a young student artist in Nagoya. The three students will be sent an artwork each from a Japanese student in exchange at the end of the project. Awesome Effort! Mrs Rantissi
Southern Cross Community of Small Schools (SXCSS) - Public Speaking

**When:** Tuesday Sept 1st  
**Where:** Tregeagle PS  
**Time:** 9.30am start  
**Transport:** Private Cars

Good Luck to those students who will be representing the school at the SXCSS Public Speaking to be held on Tuesday, Sept 1st.

This is a stepping stone for the **Rivers Public Speaking Final** which is held in Lismore in term 4. Four students from each stage will be selected with one reserve.

Students will be competing against students in the SXCSS (CTI, Broadwater, Fernleigh, Newrybar, Rous, Tregeagle, Wardell & Wyrallah). An adjudicator/judge will then select a winning student (and reserve) from Stage 2 and stage 3 to represent the SXCSS at the Rivers Public Speaking competition to be held in Lismore early term 4.

Our students in stage 2 & 3 have been selected and can begin preparing their speech in preparation for the competition.

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**Topics 2015**

**Stage 2 (3 minutes)**  
- Is it really that great being young?  
- Three things you do well  
- Breaking bad habits  
- Bullying and racism  
- Kids can make a difference  
- Sport breaks down the barriers

**Stage 3 (4 minutes)**  
- Beauty is in the eye of the beholder  
- Why are manners important?  
- My biggest concern for the future is...  
- Spelling is Important  
- The History of Vampires  
- Should people be paid to be awesome?  
- Words can hurt  
- Learning languages

**Premier’s Spelling Bee**

**When:** Tuesday Sept 15th
**Where:** Wyrallah Road PS  
**Time:** 9.30am start (more information to follow)  
**Transport:** Private Cars

Good Luck to those students who will be representing the school at the Premier’s Spelling Bee to be held on Tuesday, September 15th at Wyrallah Road P.S.

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Reserves are yet to be confirmed.....

**Program**

9:30-11:00 Stage 2 (approx. timing TBC)  
11:00-11:30 Recess  
11:30-1:00 Stage 3

There will usually be a practice round initially to settle everyone’s nerves. Students may stay for their timeslot only or stay on to watch the other stages compete.

Transport will be the responsibility of the parent.

**Attachments**

- NAPLAN Results (Yrs 3 & 5)  
- NC PSSA Regional Track & Field info & permission note (qualifying students)  
- AFL Seating Arrangements (yrs 4-6)  
- Snr School Excursion info/permission note  
- Northern Rivers Community Gallery - “Sweet As” exhibition flyer  
- School Photos (if ordered)
REVIEW - FNC Athletics

Congratulations to Kirsty G-J, Jasmine C, Ethan B, Liam O & Riley G (reserve) who have qualified to compete in the North Coast PSSA Regional Track & Field Championships in the PP5 relay event at Lismore on Friday 28th August! It’s great to see our small school being represented at this high level!

REVIEW - “A Taste of High School”

Yr 5 & 6 students attended “A Taste of High School” as part of the Ballina High School Transition to high school program last Wednesday. Students had the opportunity to view the school, meet some teachers & participated in a variety of classes including technology & music, clay work, cooking & hands on maths sessions. Students also enjoyed sharing a sausage sizzle with other future Ballina High School students.

EARN & LEARN STICKERS

Thank you to everyone who is sending in their earn & learn stickers! 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). **Sheets are to be returned to the school by Tuesday 15th September, thank you, or dropped into River Street Woolworths.**

Up & Coming Events

**August**

**Friday 21st** (years 4, 5 & 6)
Interschool AFL game, EVPS v CTI
Venue: CTI

**September**

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

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

**Monday 7th**
Spring Concert Matinee
Venue: EVPS

**Tuesday 8th - 6pm (alt Mon 14th)**
Spring Concert
Venue: EVPS

**Thursday 10th**
½ day Race Holiday

**Monday 14th**
Assembly
Venue: EVPS

**Tuesday 15th**
Premiers Spelling Bee
Venue: Wyrallah Road PS

**Thursday 17th**
Paradise FM
Venue: Paradise FM radio station Ballina

**Friday 18th** (years 4, 5 & 6)
Interschool AFL game, EVPS v Wardell
Venue: Wardell PS
Senior Excursion – 21–23rd Oct 2015

MT TAMBORINE!

Students from Years 4, 5 & 6 will be participating in the senior school excursion between 21st & 23rd October this year! The group will be staying at Mt Tamborine QCCC & be involved in activities onsite as well as at Thunderbird Parc. Activities will include kayaking, archery, orienteering, inflatable obstacle course, high ropes course, skirmish & a visit on the way home at “Bounce” indoor trampolining centre. Students are sure to have a fun and educational excursion.

The cost for this excursion has now been confirmed at $360 per student. Thanks to those families who have already been making part-payments and to those who have been busy selling chocolates.

Permission / medical notes have been attached to this week’s newsletter.

Action required:

- **Wed 9th Sep** – $150 (minimum) deposit due. Permission & Medical forms due. Students will not be included in our booking if payment of the deposit is not finalised by this date. **No exceptions can be made.**
  - $150 deposit due
  - Permission ‘Excursion Consent Form Section A’
  - Permission ‘Excursion Note Sect A’
  - Permission ‘Excursion Note Sect B’
  - Permission for Skirmish
  - Permission for Tree Tops course
  - Medical Information note

- **Wed 7th Oct** – Final payment due for your child to attend the excursion. Deed of Indemnity due and any medication for you child. Students will be withdrawn if the payment and notes are not finalised by this date. **No exceptions can be made.**

- **Wed 14th Oct** – This requires no action by you but you need to be aware that students withdrawing from the excursion after this date, or being withdrawn by the school for disciplinary reasons, cannot be refunded any of their payment.

P&C News

The next P&C Meeting will be held on Tuesday evening 25th Aug at 7.00pm. All welcome!