Creative Writing Challenge

How to get a picture to tell 1000 words.

Our school has developed a creative writing program where we use art masterpieces to inspire creative writing.

To make this program more inclusive for our whole school community we are offering the chance for families, older siblings and parents to get involved in the fun.

We encourage you to get your creative juices flowing by creating a story, poem or play about the following artwork.

This month, we will choose a winner, who will receive a special prize.

Please send in your story to school and place it into the white notes box or email it to karen.rantissi@det.nsw.edu.au by 15th of March.

A larger, colour version of this artwork can be found on our school website.

Our first artwork is called ‘The lovers” and is a sculpture of two snuggly Vespa scooters.

PICCININI, Patricia
Australia, 1965
“The lovers”, 2011 Melbourne, Made from fibreglass, automotive paint, leather, scooter parts

Parent Responses Due

NC (Regional) Swimming permission/levy
(qualifying students)
DUE – Tues 8th March

ICAS International Competitions EOI
(Optional for Yrs 2-6)
DUE – Tues 8th March

Chocolate Fundraiser EOI (senior students)
DUE – Tues 8th March

SXCSS General Knowledge (qualifying students)
DUE – Tues 22nd March

SS PSSA Cross-Country (ALL students)
DUE – Tues 22nd March

Kinder Publication in Northern Star!

On Wednesday 23rd March the Northern Star will produce a liftout supplement entitled “My First Year” & it will feature kindergarten class photographs from the public, private & independent schools across the Northern Rivers Region. Be sure to check out our Kindergarten group!

NEW School Bus for EVPS!

Students are now lucky enough to be travelling to & from school on a brand new, 57 seater, air-conditioned bus! The new bus is fitted with seatbelts & students will be required to wear these AT ALL TIMES. This upgrade has been subsidised by the Department of Transport NSW. A HUGE thank you to Ballina Buslines for their efforts in securing the biggest & best equipped bus for our students!
REVIEW - Empire Vale Art Group

Our first Empire Vale Art Group was a great success with participants exploring drawing and pattern making techniques under the guidance of talented local artist Melissa Wright.

We had seven participants, which included both parents and grandparents, each creating unique and wonderful artworks.

The Empire Vale Art Group is open to all members of the community, so if you know someone who might be interested in a creative and social outlet, please invite them along.

Our next Art Group afternoon will be held on Thursday 10th of March at 1.45pm to 3pm.

We hope to see you there!

SXCSS General Knowledge Day

When: Thursday 31st March
(Note date change!!)
Where: Ballina Public School Hall
Times: Arrive 9.45am for a 10:00am start
Approx. 1:30 finish

Congratulations to the following students for their selection in the SXCSS General Knowledge team!

Stage 2 team...
Jack P
Liam W
Hien H
Ethan B
Owen G
Rohan B
Erin G
Tayla U
Grace M (Res)
Bella W (Res)

Parents are most welcome to stay & spectate but cannot assist the students.

Students need to bring: pencils, textas, pens, recess, lunch & drink bottle. Lunch may be pre-ordered from the Ballina P.S canteen on the day. Canteen pricelist is attached – orders to be placed on brown paper bag, with correct money. Lunch orders will be collected on the morning of the event.

Permission notes are attached & are to be returned to the school by no later than Tuesday 22nd March, thank you.

Chocolate Fundraiser

A reminder to all parents that the deadline for ordering chocolates is NEXT WED 8th March. Chocolate boxes will be distributed in the last few weeks of term. There is no guarantee there will be a second round of chocolate orders as a minimum order of 16 boxes is required, & this is usually unlikely in the second round due to lesser demand. If you would like to take advantage of this fundraising activity to reduce senior excursion costs, this is the time to order!

Chocolate Fundraiser order forms to be returned by no later than next Tuesday 8th March, thank you.
Small School Cross Country Carnival

When: Friday 1st April
Where: Teven Tintenbar PS
Cost: $8.00 per student
Transport: Bus
Alternate date: Friday 29th April (term 2)

The whole school will be participating in the Small Schools Cross Country on Friday 1st April, 2016 at Teven-Tintenbar P.S. K-2 students will be involved in tabloid games until recess. All competitors will walk the track at 10:15am. Running events commence after recess at approx. 10:40am.

Canteen: Will be operating on the day. Further information & ordering process to come.

Students will need to:
- Wear sports uniform & hat
- Wear appropriate footwear (no spikes or football boots permitted)
- Bring a packed morning tea, lunch & drink bottle, if not ordering from canteen.
- Apply sunscreen before coming to school

Parking Information: For parents wishing to attend, you are welcome to park on the school grounds if you arrive before 9.30am. At this time, there will be a block at the front entrance. No one will be able to leave until the conclusion of ALL races - usually 1.30pm. If you arrive after 9.30 or need to leave before the end of the races, you will need to park in the surrounding streets. Please don’t block anyone’s drive way. The road between the school and Fredericks Lane (near the rainforest entrance) is a private road - please do not park there at all. Please note the fixed equipment is out of bounds for the duration of the carnival, including preschoolers, as there is no teacher supervision in this area.

Wet weather arrangements: IF we are aware of a postponement ahead of time ie day before, a note will be sent home & an alert will be sent via EVPS School Stream. Regardless of weather conditions, students are to come to school as normal & in the event of a last minute postponement on the morning, the bus will be cancelled & students will remain at school for classes, (please ensure they have a packed lunch).

Permission notes & payment to be returned to the school by no later than Tuesday 22nd March, thank you.

Up & Coming Events

March

Wednesday 9th (qualifying students)
NC (Regional) PSSA Swimming Carnival
Venue: Kempsey

Thursday 10th (interested community)
Empire Vale Art Group
Venue: Mrs Rantissi’s classroom

Tuesday 15th (Parent & Community) NOTE Date Change
P&C Meeting 7pm
Venue: Senior Class - EVPS

Friday 18th (qualifying students)
PSSA Winter Sporting Trials
Venue: Saunders Oval & Kingsford Smith (TBC)

Friday 25th - Monday 28th
Easter Long Weekend

Thursday 31st (qualifying students) NOTE Date Change
SXCSS General Knowledge
Venue: Ballina PS Hall

April

Friday 1st (all students)
SSPSSA X-Country
Venue: Teven-Tintenbah

Monday 4th
School Assembly
Venue: EVPS

Friday 8th
Last Day of Term 1
Casual for a Cause (gold coin donation)

Attachments
- Small Schools’ Cross Country Permission
- General Knowledge Day Permission & Canteen Pricelist (participating students)
- N.C Swimming Program (qualifying students)
REVIEW – Debating Workshop

We have had very positive feedback from students who attended the Debating Workshop at Lennox Head P.S last Wednesday. This workshop is a great way to re-inforce students debating skills & to offer new techniques for future debating.

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

REVIEW – FNC Zone Swimming

Well done to all of our swimmers who competed in the Far North Coast Swimming Carnival at Ballina Pool last Friday. Congratulations to Owen G, Rohan B, Sally C & Ethan B who have qualified to compete in the North Coast Swimming Championships next Wednesday 9th March at Kempsey. The very best of luck to our fabulous swimmers!

REVIEW – School Assembly

Congratulations to all of our award winners at the school assembly on Monday! A number of bronze & silver awards were handed out on the day to students who had demonstrated outstanding academic, sporting, citizenship or character development throughout the term.

The audience was also entertained by the K-3 class who performed a wonderful song/dance routine to the tune of “The Ants Go Marching”.

Principle: Ms Bonita Avery
Ph: 6683 4298
**P&C News**

P&C meeting **CHANGE OF DATE!** Tuesday 15th March at 7pm. All welcome.

**Community News**

**Kids’ fishing workshop**

Kids 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from Industry & Investment NSW.

**LOCATION:** Faulks Reserve, Riverside Drive, West Ballina.

**DATE:** 21st of April 2016

**BOOKING CLOSE:** 15th of April 2016

**CONTACT:** Milan Duwenhogger-Lange

0458 274 876 (please leave a message)

milan.duwenhogger@dpi.nsw.gov.au

**Update - New School**

Last week a small team were fortunate to travel to Auckland New Zealand to spend the day at Hobsonville Point Secondary School. It was an inspirational experience.

Similar to our vision for the new school in Ballina, students are at the centre of all decisions made at Hobsonville Point. This ensures that students develop as confident, connected, actively involved life-long learners.

The values they encourage, model and explore are:

**EXCELLENCE:** Setting high standards.

**CONNECTEDNESS:** Connecting respectfully with others, engaging with learning, community and opportunities.

**COLLABORATION:** Working cooperatively in partnership with and learning from others.

**INQUIRY:** Questioning, reviewing and reflecting to ensure continuous improvement and problem-solving.

**INNOVATION:** Taking risks by trying new and different ways of thinking to achieve positive impact.

The material gathered at Hobsonville Point will be invaluable in assisting the Year 7 team who are currently developing a new approach to the curriculum.

*If you would like to find out more please come to our information evening on the Thursday the 10th March at Southern Cross School K-12. School tours will commence at 5pm with a BBQ. An information session will run from 6pm.*

Remember if you have any questions please contact me and I will endeavour to find an answer.

*Sue Page (Deputy Principal Strategic Directions)*
PERMISSION NOTE

Ballina Small Schools’ PSSA Cross Country Carnival
(Friday 1st April 2016 – Alternative date, Friday 29th April)

I give permission for my child/children ……………………………………………………………………………… to participate in the Ballina Small Schools’ Cross Country Carnival at Teven-Tintenbah Public School on Friday 1st April 2016. I understand that transport is by bus & the cost of this excursion is $8.00 per student.

Signed …………………………………………
Date ………………………………………
Parent/ Guardian

Please return permission by no later than Tuesday 22nd March, thank you.

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PERMISSION NOTE

SXCSS General Knowledge inter-school competition
(Thursday 31st March, 2016)

I give permission for my child/children ……………………………………………………………………………… to participate in the General Knowledge Day at Ballina Primary School on Thursday 31st March 2016. I understand that transport is the responsibility of the parent.

☐ I will be transporting my own child to the General Knowledge Day

☐ I will be transporting _________________

☐ I confirm that I have arranged transport for my child with _________________

By signing this form I also acknowledge my responsibility to:

✓ hold a current driver’s license,
✓ drive a vehicle with current registration and
✓ abide by the RMS recommendation to seat children 13 and under in the back seat if a front seat airbag exists.

If I have organised transport for my child I take the responsibility to ensure my chosen transporter abides by the afore mentioned regulations.

Signed …………………………………………
Date ………………………………………
Parent/ Guardian

Please return permission by no later than Tuesday 22nd March, thank you.