FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a matter of urgency I’m informing parents that, as of yesterday (Sunday), we have the opportunity of joining another small school at Wyrallah for a full day of working with an author of children’s books as well as an illustrator on Thursday this week (December 4). I took the opportunity for our students as it is funded under a grant, as long as it is for students from small schools. Once I have the final details (hopefully by tomorrow) I will send home permission notes. We WILL require some parental assistance with transport to and from Wyrallah. Parents are welcome to stay for the day, or perhaps they might like to spend the day shopping in Lismore??? Or have other ideas for the day?? This is a great opportunity and I didn’t want our children to miss this. I hope, at this busy time of year, there will be enough parents who can assist with transport. Unfortunately I will be at another financial budgeting course for the day.

Thank you to all the parents who sent in fun run money – that has been sent off now. Also thanks to those parents and children who joined in our mufti day last Thursday. $23 was raised for our end of year concert costs and this has been very helpful. On Friday this week (Dec 5), the senior students have organized a ‘canteen’ menu for a special day of ‘food’. The costs are:

- Chicken and Avocado sushi - $3
- Hot Dog - $2.50
- Ham and Cheese Croissant - $3
- Fruit Poppers - $1.50
- Muffins - $1.50 or Slice - $1

Please ensure you send your child’s order and money back by Wednesday at the latest. It is unlikely that we can cater for late orders. Thank you to Karla and Eliza who have indicated their willingness to help prepare the food.

Tomorrow is our final day of swimming and we thank Ballina High School for the grant organization, along with Frances Quinn and his instructors for the wonderful program that has been conducted. We intend to be involved again next year.

Thanks also to Ms Winfield for conducting the After School Sports program this year. It’s been a great opportunity for our children. The program has now ceased.

Our preparations for the end of year musical, the Noble Gnarble, are ‘heating up’. Next week on Tuesday, we intend to hold our first dress rehearsal at the Bright Horizons preschool. I will be sending a note home shortly to ask for parental transport help again. Thanks

Second hand Fernleigh uniforms for sale contact Angela 0415677686.

Dawn Douglas
Principal
For the last few weeks in class we have been focusing on a book called “Fox”. Fox is about love and belonging. The fox didn’t feel like he belonged and there was a kind of love between the Magpie and the Dog. It is also about temptation risk and betrayal. The fox tempted the magpie saying that he could “really make her fly, she finally agreed and betrayed her friend by going with him. The dog also knew that there was a risk letting the fox into his home but he did because he was good hearted. Finally, Fox was about friend-ship. The magpie and the dog had a great friendship and the fox was very jealous of them and that’s what drove him to trick the magpie into betraying her friend.

By Brea Watts
For the last few weeks we have been studying a book called “Fox”. It is about love and belonging, the Fox didn’t feel like he belonged anywhere and the dog and the magpie had a beautiful connection that developed friendship and love.

There was temptation as well, for example Fox tempted Magpie to betray Dog saying that life was better. Magpie was risking her friendship with Dog when she left Dog for Fox.

By Mia Iaconis

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us and celebrate Christmas!

2:00PM - 5:00PM

Saturday 13th December

@ Ballina Presbyterian Church

Free - Fun - Food - Friends

More info: Holly 0401 222 546

R.S.V.P.

10/12
Summer holiday fun
Book your children into one of our fun-filled camp next school holidays. Your children will be kept busy and active while learning new skills and making new friends. You'll have peace of mind knowing your children are safe and well looked after.


Avoiding homework drama
Bell Shakespeare’s artistic director, John Bell, discusses Shakespeare and how to make it accessible. He says to tell your teen not to worry about the language; to concentrate on the characters, the dilemmas, and the problems they face, and find out how to identify with the protagonists in the story.


For the love of science
Science is a method of engaging with, and trying to understand, the world. Professor Tim Flannery says if a child is interested in pursuing science, encourage them to develop persistence and humility – the idea that they won’t always be right.


Pleasures of free play
Allowing free time for children to play on their own, making up games and activities, can help kids to be comfortable in their own company, teach them how to cope with boredom and, importantly, foster their imagination.