FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I want to thank all parents who have so willingly assisted with transport to and from Ballina Pool for our swimming program. It is only through your constant generosity that we are able to get our children to and from the pool. Our children seem to enjoy the lessons and already many are displaying improvement. This week will mark half way through the program.

Secondly, a huge thank you to Karina for sharing her skills of pottery with our children. We have so many parents with varied skills, it's wonderful to share them with the children. Karina kindly donated her time, knowledge, skills and clay to expand the work the children are doing with Mrs Petrie on Wednesday afternoons. All our children enjoyed working the clay, experimenting with ideas and making their pieces. Karina is also donating her kiln use for the firing of the pieces.

Last week saw a visit from the Responsible Pet Program, supported by the Dept Education. All our children learnt how to responsibly approach dogs, be aware of signs of friendliness and aggressiveness and how to care for dogs. This program is aimed at making children safer around dogs.

Last Friday we sent home the scripts for our end of year musical. When possible, please provide time for your child to learn their part/s, remind them of their cues (the previous line) and assist them as needed. Some (mainly the older children) have considerable parts to learn.

Our proposed date for this has moved to Tuesday 15th December in the afternoon, but I've also had another request to see if an after school event is possible. In order to make this the most appropriate time for everyone as much as possible, please complete the tear out slip on page 5 and return to school this week. Following this week, the date and time will be locked in, depending on the majority response.

Our end of year excursion is currently being investigated and thoughts centre around a visit to “The Farm” at Ewingsdale and perhaps a visit to Byron Lighthouse, with an indigenous focus. Should you have any other ideas or thoughts, please let me know this week.
This week, we’ve included some pictures of our newly purchased bowling lanes, complete with ten pins and bowling balls. These have been a big hit, thanks to the Sporting Schools grant.

Along with this, other pictures include those of the 3-6 class working on suffix and prefix matches-games and computer work, as well as K-2 working on measuring in metres and practicing number skills through games.

Our Kindergarten Orientation will occur on November 25, December 2 and December 9. We are looking forward to a lovely group of children attending.

Finally, our numbers for next year are looking promising to make another full time class. If your child’s circumstances or enrolment for next year is likely to change, please inform the office this week or as soon as possible.

Dawn Douglas
Principal

Great celebrations: Fuel them up with the right kind of energy!

- Grate carrot & other vegies into lean mince for healthier sausage rolls or burgers.
- Try delicious kebabs made with lean meat, chicken or pork pieces and lots of vegies.
- Simple cheesy vegie muffins packed full of favourite vegies and reduced-fat cheese. Kids love the combination of flavour and colour of corn, capsicum & grated zucchini.
- How about sandwich sushi made with popular vegie fillings? Just cut crusts from wholegrain bread, spread thinly with low-fat cream cheese, add colourful vegie fillings, roll & slice into 2 or 3 pieces.
- Mini pizzas of half a wholemeal muffin topped with a range of fresh chopped veg, a little ham, tomato sauce and some grated reduced-fat cheese, place under grill for 5 minutes.
Congratulations to Ayla, Quinn and Milly on reaching Bronze level (10 deposits) in their student banking. They also get an award from the box.

FREE FOR FERNLEIGH SCHOOL PUPILS
Tintenbar Tennis Club is offering free memberships. What are the advantages of being a club member?

- Free use of the courts with other club members.
- Priority purchase of tickets to major tennis events. Some complimentary tickets to some events.
- Insurance against injury when playing tennis.

For more information contact Evan or Chris Connick on 66878076.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive lessons
Australian summers usually involve plenty of fun in and around the water, but no parent should forget how important it is to make sure children stay safe.

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive classes for preschoolers and school-aged children help youngsters learn important ways to be safe and enjoy our pools, rivers, beaches and lakes.

The intensive nine-day programs provide wonderful results, and are great fun as well. Plus, family discounts make our program affordable for all the children in the family.

Sport and Recreation runs Swim and Survive classes in pools throughout regional NSW.

Our instructors are nationally qualified and screened for their suitability to work with children.

Prices for nine lessons are $69 for school-aged children and $49 for preschoolers (prices exclude pool entry fee).

For more information or to make a booking, visit sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or phone 13 13 02

REMINDER
Adidas Fun Run money - due back to school by Friday, 6th November. THIS FRIDAY, if you haven’t already. Thank you.
COMMUNITY NEWS

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055.

Hamper Appeal for Farmers in Drought.

Our farmers out in the drought stricken areas it will be a very sad and bleak time during summer break. Many are coming into the 4th year of drought and this means a long time between paydays! Depression and suicide is all too common.

Once again the people of the Northern Rivers are asked to donate non-perishable food which will be packed into boxes and freighted out west to Bourke, Walgett, Brewarrina, Mungindi and surrounding districts. We only have to look in our own cupboards for items we can do without such as tins of vegetables, fruit, tuna & salmon; jars of jams, pickles, sauces, vegemite; honey; cartons of longlife milk, cream, custard, fruit juices etc., packets of cereal, pasta, rice, cake mixes, sugar, stockcubes, jellies, lollies and biscuits - but please NO chocolate as it melts! Fruit pudding, cake, nuts, festive food and a tin of ham or salmon for a celebration meal.

Toys and gifts are also needed and toiletries are also acceptable and these are packed separately, but it's nice to include toothpaste & band aids in with the food hampers. Cash donations enable us to buy what we really need and can be made to: Summerland Credit Union A/C no 22266650, BSB 728-728 or cheques can be made payable to Bangalow Lions Drought A/C, c/o Anne Thompson, P.O.Box 214, Clunes, 2480, NSW.

Let's show that we here on the beautiful lush North Coast have not forgotten our farmers. We know from the 100's of cards and letters of thanks over the last 21 years - just how much this means to them. For offers of help to pack, or pick up and deliver to the Eltham Hall, please contact: Anne Thompson - 66291041 - 0412910523 Organiser North Coast Drought Appeal.

Fernleigh will have a box located in the staffroom & office for all donations.
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| 15 | LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS | | | | |

Please Return to School this week.

**PREFERRED TIME FOR END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE**

*Please tick one*

- [ ] 15<sup>th</sup> December - school time
- [ ] 15<sup>th</sup> December - evening
- [x] 15<sup>th</sup> December – directly after school

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1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching

When: 3 x Wednesday
October 28th, November 4th & 11th - 2015
Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm
Where: Baptist Church - Rajah Rd, Ocean Shores

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching is a 3 week parenting course, designed to teach parents a simple and easily implemented system to help manage children’s difficult behaviour.

The program also introduces parents to the emotional development of their children and provides strategies for building a deeper connection between parents and children.

To confirm a place in this free course please call Rose 66804919 or Simon 66 864109
Limited childcare is available so please discuss with us when you book.

Ballina-Byron Family Centre Inc.

Teven-Tintenbar Public School
Country Fair

7th November

Rides • Bric a Brac treasures • Games • Food • Books
• Classic Cars and Bikes • Stalls • Raffles • Cake stall
• Entertainment and much much more!

Any enquiries phone Wayne on 0419 617 588

2pm to 6pm