FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I trust that you have all had an enjoyable and restful break away from the school routine.

As school returns to another busy schedule in Term 3, we have 2 urgent notices for this week (as notified last term). Attached to this newsletter, you will find 2 permission notes requiring your attention.

The first one is for our Small Schools’ Athletics Carnival at Ballina High School on Thursday, 16th July and we hope that many of you will be able to attend along with all our children.

The second one is about the 26 Storey Treehouse performance for K-6 on Friday, 17th July. For this we require 3-4 parents to help with transport to and from Lismore. Please ensure these notes are returned to school by Wednesday in order to arrange the most appropriate transportation for Friday.

While we start another busy term, the end of last term also saw considerable activity. We had a wonderful turnout of parents and family at our end of term assembly and once again, I want to thank our amazing students who put in the effort to select and share some of their work, as well as performing a class song. I never cease to be amazed by our children’s willingness to participate in many forms, along with their eagerness to show off their work.

Congratulations also to the Barber family, who won the end of term ticket draw to Movie World. All entries are based on the payment of school voluntary contributions.

Art Smart is for students in Years 5/6. Notes were sent home last term about this and we currently have 2 students attending. If anyone still wants to attend, please speak with Mrs Douglas tomorrow, as entries have closed, but we may be able to take latecomers if still needed.

As the weather has been very cold of late, please be reminded of the importance of your child bringing/wearing warm clothing to school and wearing appropriate school footwear. Thank you to many parents who also checked clothing at home last term, as this enabled some ‘lost’ clothing to be returned to their rightful owners. Please ensure all jumpers are named clearly.

I’d also like to remind parents of the necessity of informing the school immediately if your child develops any contagious disease. One of our families requires support to minimize the risk of spreading infectious diseases to one of their children with significant health concerns, at home. In order to provide this support we ask that all parents keep their child/ren at home should they develop an illness that may be shared easily with others. At school we are trying to do our part by continuing to remind students of our regular hand washing policy, correct coughing and sneezing procedures, and not to share food. Thank you for your help with this.
I’ve included some pictures of our trip to Dorroughby in the final week of last term, as well as some from our Assembly and our debating team at Mullumbimby.

You may also notice some of our NAIDOC week work that is displayed near the entry gate.

Coming up… The week starting Monday, 27th July is Education Week. As part of this we intend to perform, along with a number of other local schools, at Ballina Fair on Thursday, 30th July. More information will be sent home next week.

Looking forward to a great term ahead.

Dawn Douglas
Principal
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Did you know?

Less than half of Australian children eat the recommended 5 serves of vegetables per day, while most eat 2 serves of fruit.

To raise awareness about the benefits of eating veggies our school is participating in the Big Vegie Crunch. This is an attempt to set a record for the greatest number of children eating vegetables at a given time.

When: August 27th at 11am

What do you need to do: pack your child a vegetable to crunch on for the day. Don’t forget to encourage them to eat vegetables at home as well as at school.

UNIFORMS FOR SALE

I have a variety of second hand uniforms for sale. For more details please phone Angela on 0415 677 686.

WHATS HAPPENING AROUND US

Road safety - Your child’s safety depends on you

When Driving:
Make sure your children are in an appropriate child car seat that is fitted and used correctly.
Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.
A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.
Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
It’s safest for children to get out of the car on the kerb side of the road to be away from passing traffic.

When Walking:
Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.

Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.
STOP! one step back from the kerb.
LOOK! for traffic to your right left and right again.
LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK! whether it is safe to cross.

When Cycling or Using Scooters, Skateboards or Rollerblades

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law.
Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.
Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides.
It must protect the forehead.
Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.
Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.
When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ procedure.

Remember, drive safe - our child’s safety depends on you!
**TRANSPORT**

- Parents / Caregivers wishing to attend must park on the streets surrounding the High School and are **NOT** permitted to park in the Staff car park as this blocks access to and from the grounds and prevents an ambulance accessing the oval.
- Supervision will commence at 9.30am under the school’s shade tents.
- All students and teachers will assemble in front of the Recording desk at 9:55am for the official welcome, overview of the day and rules / out of bounds.
- ALL Students leaving the carnival by private transport will need to see their Principal or Class Teacher before coming to the recording desk and be “signed out” by a parent or guardian.

**CLOTHING**

- Each school will participate in their regular *school sport’s uniform* with the appropriate coloured name tag displayed on their shirt. Tags will be distributed to students on the day of the carnival and are the responsibility of each school to provide. EVENTS MAY BE WRITTEN ON THE FRONT or BACK.  
  
  **JUVENILE – RED**  
  **JUNIOR – BLUE**  
  **11 YEARS – YELLOW**  
  **12/13 YEARS – GREEN**

- Students who are participating in high jump/long jump may wear skins or leggings under their school sports uniform. Students can change back into their school uniforms after each event.
- School hats only will be worn by all students during the carnival.
- Sunscreen should be applied at home, but there will be more available at the carnival.
- Make sure that all jumpers, track-pants, hats etc. are clearly labelled with the child’s name.
- Personal items brought at the owner’s own risk. **No soccer or footballs permitted.**
- Children who are ASTHMATIC must bring their inhaler with them to each event. Inhalers should be labelled with the child’s name.
- Children must wear shoes & socks during all events. *(This is a legal requirement.)*
- Spiked running shoes may be worn only in events where students are running in marked lanes.

**AGE DIVISIONS**

- Age divisions – Juvenile (age 5, 6, 7), Junior (8, 9, 10), 11 Years and seniors (aged 12 & 13). These are the ages students will turn in 2015.
- ALL students will compete in their age races. Age race finals will be run straight after the heats if there are more than 8 competitors.
- For all other events, only those students nominated from each school in Juvenile, Junior, 11 Years and Senior 200m, 400m, 800m, Long jump and High Jump will compete.
- Junior and Senior relays are circular 4 x 100m. Juvenile relays are shuttle 4 x 50m.
- Novelty events will be conducted on/near the tracks for students not competing in other events during Rotations.
PLACE WINNERS AND AGE CHAMPIONS

- Shot Put and Discus events for Junior, 11 Years and Senior students will be held at individual schools. Nominations were forwarded to Wardell P.S. and points automatically allocated towards overall age champions. Winning throwers will receive their ribbons after the carnival.
- High Jump – **no diving over the bar – IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.**
- Individual ribbons for events will be awarded on the day if possible.
- Age Championship medallions will be forwarded to individual schools for distribution.
- New Record certificates will be forwarded to schools for presentation.

OUT OF BOUNDS / DUTY OF CARE / CROWD CONTROL/LOST PROPERTY

- Under no circumstance are students to go into the High School or the **Car Park.** - They are **OUT OF BOUNDS.**
- Children must remain at their school’s Shade Tent, participating in Novelty games, at their scheduled field event or be watching their respective age group as spectators.
- Toilet runs will be under the supervision of nominated teachers every 30 minutes as the facilities are key locked. Students are not permitted to go to the toilets by themselves. They may go with their parent/guardian.
- Dangerous behaviours / inappropriate language / disobedience and rudeness **WILL NOT** be tolerated. Students who display these behaviours **WILL** be reported to the ‘Recording Desk’ and the appropriate disciplinary measures will be taken by the appropriate Principal.
- First aid, lost property and general information will be available from the Recording Desk.
- Toddlers and pre-schoolers must be supervised at all times so as to not interfere with the events on the day.

DRINKS AND SNACKS – BROADWATER PS

- Cakes
- Chips
- Lollies
- Cold Drinks

RAFFLE – EMPIRE VALE PS

CANTEEN – WARDELL PS P&C

- Set up from 8:30am
- Bacon and Egg sandwich - $3.50
- BBQ Sausage Sandwich - $2.50
- HOT chicken and gravy roll - $4.50
- Chicken Caesar Wraps - $4.00
- Thai Rice Paper Wraps including vego - $5.00 each
- Pod coffee, hot chocolate and milo $3.00
- Instant coffee or tea $1.50

Best of luck to all schools and students.

D. Crealy
(On behalf of the Staff and students at Wardell P.S.)