FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dates to Remember in 2015

TERM 3
September
8th Earn & Learn Sticker Collection – Ends
9th Zoo Visit
After School Sport
10th Half Day Holiday – Ballina Race Day pm,
15th Spelling Bee WRPS
18th LAST DAY TERM 3
Assembly 2pm-3pm
Afternoon Tea 3pm
October – Term 4
5th Public Holiday
6th October STUDENTS RETURN

Student Banking
Wednesday
Munch and Sip
Every Day
Office Days
Monday, Wednesday, 2nd Friday.
Dates and times may change

BELL TIMES
9.30am - Class
10.30am - Fruit break
11.40am–12.25am–Lunch
2pm – 2.30pm-Afternoon Tea
3.30pm - Home

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware I am filling in for Dawn whilst she is on leave. I will be here each day, following Dawn’s program and predominantly teaching the 3-6 class. I look forward to having the continuity of being at one school for 5 days instead of my 3 schools over a period of a week!

There are a number of upcoming events I wish to bring to your attention, particularly the Ballina Cup half day holiday on September 10th starting at 12 noon.

For those people who reside in Ballina Shire and/or work in Ballina Shire it has been proclaimed a half day public holiday. Therefore it is important that students are picked up from school by 12 noon. A note sent out last week outlined the half day public holiday and needs to be signed as acknowledged and returned to school. It also requires you to indicate the arrangements you have in place for the collection of your child on that day. Please ensure that we know what is happening. If on the day there is any difficulty getting to school by midday, please call the school. However, be reminded that the school is closed – no afternoon supervision is available.

Last week Miss Winfield prepared for her wedding. We had Mrs Liddle and Mrs Boyd working with the children. Mrs Petrie (Miss Winfield) will be returning this week.

As the term draws to an end I would also like to continue our traditional end of term presentation afternoon. I would like this to occur on the last day of Term at 2pm. The children in 3-6 have asked me if we could have foods from their country of study, so I thought it would be appropriate to have an afternoon tea after the assembly before heading off on holidays (for some). I will inform everyone the final arrangements by note and newsletter once I have negotiated all aspects of the afternoon.

Next week 2 of our Year 4 students, Ayla and Lilly, will be representing Fernleigh PS in the Premier’s Spelling Bee at Wyrallah Rd. Congratulations Girls, for making it this far.

Zoo Visit this Wednesday - Please return note & money tomorrow.

Mrs Douglas will be returning in Term 4.

Sue Austin
Relieving Principal

Winners in the Les Peterkin Portrait Prize.

Congratulations

FERNLEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
7th September, 2015
Term 3 – Week 9
Visit Our Web Site At:
www.fernleigh-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

SOUTHERN CROSS COMMUNITY OF SMALL SCHOOLS

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Email: fernleigh-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
CONGRATULATIONS to all our fabulous students for their amazing performance at the Lismore Performing Arts festival on Wednesday 27th August. Apart from the fact that they were amazing on stage, a teacher from another school publicly congratulated our students on their quiet behaviour in the holding room.

We have so much to be thankful for at Fernleigh. Not only are our students great singers and performers, hard workers and friendly, they are models of behaviour for others too. I never cease to be proud of their efforts.

Mrs Douglas

**SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Ryder Moss who has received a Highly Commended for his entry ‘Bird creature’ in the Lismore Sustainable Schools Art Competition.

Ryder will receive a certificate and a voucher from Boost Juice at Lismore Shopping Square.

All of the entries in the competition will be displayed at the Lismore Transport Expo at Lismore Shopping Square on Thursday, 10th September between 9am and 4pm.

**BALLINA HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADE**

Parent Consultation and Information Meeting

Ballina HS Upgrade Parent Consultation and Information Meeting - to be held at BHS school on Thursday, 8th October from 7.00 pm.

Whilst the agenda has not been finalised as yet, Peter Campbell and other DoE officials will give a progress report and will seek feeder primary school stakeholder input as well.

**Water: did you know:**

- 85% of a child's body weight is water.
- The human brain is 75% water; a living tree is also 75% water.
- There is the same amount of water on Earth as there was when the Earth was formed. The water from your tap could contain molecules that dinosaurs drank!
- Water regulates the Earth’s temperature. It also regulates the temperatures of the human body, carries nutrients and oxygen to cells, cushions joints, protects organs and tissues, and removes wastes.
- Although the average person can live for about one month without food, we can only survive about a week without water.

**Drink water: it’s Cool!**

Timing tables - how fast can we go?

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Helping each other learn times tables

The knitting club continues - thanks Toni

Final collection day for stickers - this Tuesday 8th September. Please send in all stickers ASAP so they can be bundled & counted ready to be posted. Thank you to all families for collecting and sending. What a great effort.

We congratulate Miss Winfield on her wedding last Saturday. What a beautiful bride! It will be a challenge for us all to remember to use her new name... Mrs Petrie. Mrs Petrie will be at school on Wednesday, 9th September.

After School Sport will be on again this week.

Ava, Ayla and Lilly in the small schools choir

LAST DAY TERM 3
Friday 18th September

TERM 4
STUDENTS RETURN
TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER

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BALLINA JUNIOR TOUCH
2015-16 Season Sign-on
Online registration - NOW until 25th September 2015.
Information available on the Ballina Touch Association Face book page and Juniors website or contact ballinatouch1@gmail.com

TINCAN
(Tintenbar Community Aid Network) runs a series of social activities at the Tintenbar Hall.
Dates for upcoming activities at the Hall are as follows:
SCRABBLE: Thursday 10am -12noon, Sept 3rd and 17th
CARPET BOWLS: Friday 10am -12noon, Sept 11th and 25th
SHOPPING BUS: From home, starts pickup at 9am Thursdays, Sept 10th and 24th, goes Ballina CBD and Ballina Fair (there is a small charge for bus).
Contact Marg on 6687 8033 for more information

BYRON BAY NIPPERS
Registration days are:
Sunday, 20th September 3 -5pm
Saturday, 3rd October 9 -11am
Both registration days are at the Byron Bay surf club. Enquiries can be made to email address Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club e: nippers@byronbaysurfclub.org w: www.byronbaysurfclub.org

Byron4Kids website
A recently launched website - designed to cover everything to do for kids in Ballina and Byron Shires.
It includes playgrounds, skateparks, patrolled beaches, walking trails, shops, markets and of course, activities, attractions and events and festivals suitable for kids.
It has a Calendar of Events - community activities for families such as Story time at the Library, Mobile Library Stops, Toy libraries, markets and local playgroups. It also lists, shows, events and festivals suitable for children.

It's intended to be a super - handy guide/directory for everything for families in the local area. Take a look at:

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