Calendar of Events

22/2 SRC Speeches at Friday Assembly
27/2 Ear Health Talk
01/03 Canteen- Subway

David’s Discourse
We would like to remind parents and students that office is unattended on all day Tuesdays and Thursdays after 12pm. Could you please take this into consideration for all administration matters?

District Swimming Carnival
The District Swimming Carnival was held on Friday 15th of February at Ballina Pool. We had three students who made it through to the event. We would like to congratulate Stacey, Ashley and Reshawn for their efforts on the day.

School Supplies
Each year we ask parents to bring in some simple items to supplement what the school supplies. Parents could you please send in two boxes of tissues. I also know that the K/1/2 class is looking for paint shirts, so if you have an old t-shirt that would be suitable it would be appreciated.

Canteen
Due to water damage during the school holidays the canteen will not be operational until further notice. The P&C have organised an alternative starting next week. Please refer to P&C section

Toilet Upgrade
The school toilet upgrade is nearing completion and students are now able to use the updated facilities. It is a great improvement on what was originally in place.

ET4L Cutover
Our computer network and computers will be upgraded to ET4L solution during next week. As a result from the 26th to 28th of February staff and students will not have full access to the schools computer system. Please take this into consideration before making payments or administration requests during this period. I will also be unavailable during this period as I will be required to assist in the implementation of the upgrade.

Small School Cross Country
The Small School Cross Country will be held at Teven-Tintenbar on Friday the 5th of April. More details and permission notes will be sent out closer to the event.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
This year we are going to be involved in the positive behaviour for learning program. Students have been designing themes to support the program. We will be voting on the theme this week. We are also looking for a parent from each class to be on our PBL team to assist in developing resources and setting up of the program. If you are interested please contact myself.

In the initial stage we will be gather information of various incidents and environments around the school. These will be recorded on specifically designed sheet and analysed to see how we can improve situations. Just because information is being recorded does not necessarily mean that your child is in trouble.
Student Representative Council 2013
After discussions with the P&C we have restructured our SRC composition to reflect enrolments. The SRC will consist of 1 student from Early stage 1/stage 1, 1 student from stage 2, 1 student from stage 3 (year 5) and two vice presidents and a president from year 6. The year six students wishing to be part of the SRC will be required to write a speech and deliver it to the school assembly on Friday prior to voting.

Ear Health
On Wednesday the 27th of February a community health nurse will be attending the school to discuss with K/1/2 issues related to ear health and the best ways to look after their hearing.

David Owen
Principal

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Canteen
As mentioned in last week’s newsletter our canteen will not be operational until further notice. As of the 1st March we have organised with Subway (Ballina Café) to supply a lunch pack for our students. 
The lunch packs consist of one six inch sub, choice of drink as listed on the order form and one cookie. The lunch packs will cost $6.00. For every pack that is ordered Subway will donate $1.00 back to the school.
We will be sending home the order forms with today’s newsletter. Carefully fill in the form with your child’s requirements, place correct money in the envelope provided and return to school no later than 25th February. An order form needs to be filled in for each student, please do not combine family orders. This allows the office to prepare the orders for Subway for the 1st March. No late orders will be accepted.
If your child orders and does not attend school on the day parents may come to the school to collect the order, due to health and safety requirements food may not be stored on the school grounds.

Grapes are great for Crunch&Sip!
Sweet, easy to eat and full of nutritious goodness, Grapes are a perfect snack for Crunch&Sip. For a cool treat why not try freezing grapes?

Delicious!!!!

Need a Hat
Students need to bring a proper school hat to school each day. Students need a hat to participate in educational programs and the playground. Students who don’t bring a hat may be missing out on important activities. Please ensure that your child brings a hat each day to school and insist that they wear it when outside. We all need to enforce the sun safe message. The required hat is to be a broad brim hat. No caps are permitted to be worn.
Transport Survey: Have your say

Sustain Northern Rivers (SNR) is conducting a transport survey for the Northern Rivers. They want to know how people travel within the region and what prevents them getting to where they want to go. We’re calling for organisations, community groups and individuals who can assist with identifying the transport needs of our community. You’re an important link that can assist in gathering this information. The Northern Rivers Transport survey can now be completed online. Visit:

https://scuaau.qualtrics.com/SE/?SiD=SV_0J1GIHqqaBOcalD

The survey will close on 28 February 2013.

All personal information collected will remain confidential. The data will be available on the Regional Development Australia – Northern Rivers website, shared with SNR member organisations and given to Transport for NSW to inform their planning for the region.

Jodie Hewett
Road Safety Officer
Ballina Shire Council

Ballina Netball is having its 2013 sign-on on March 2nd at Ballina Fair Shopping Centre and on March 9th at the Owen St, Kingsford Smith Park Ballina Netball Courts, both between 10am and 1pm.

This is open for all players aged 5 years and older. It would be much appreciated if you could please advise your students and parents via your newsletter of our sign-on information. We have also attached our sign on notice. Any enquiries can be directed to Ballina Netball 6686 7191 or visit www.ballina.netball.asn.au

Thank you for your support in promoting netball within our shire.

Yours in sport,
Sandy Meredith
Public Relations Officer