Calendar of Events
15-19/09 Canberra Excursion
15/09 Excursion to Dorroughby E.E.C
17/9 Assembly
18/9 School Banking
19/9 Pub Raffle
19/9 Last day of Term 3

Life Education
Healthy Harold visited the School last week and I am sure all students enjoyed the visit and learned some valuable lessons. Thanks to all those who participated.

Canberra Excursion Update
Students from our school will soon be undertaking, an education tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

The Canberra and Snow excursion will be leaving on 3pm on Sunday. Please ensure that your child brings something to eat for dinner that night.

Public Speaking and Regional Spelling Bee
The Small Schools Public Speaking Competition is scheduled for the last week of term. Unfortunately this is during the period when 3/4/5/6 Canberra Excursion is on, and as a result we may have to substitute some of our competitors for the competition.

Active After School Communities Program
The Active After School Communities Program will continue next term. New application forms for the program will be sent out early next term. The program will consist of Yoga and Martial Arts.

Davids Discourse
Interrelate
We have been invited by Cabbage Tree Island and Empire Vale Public to join them for the Growth and Development program for years 5 and 6 next term on Wednesday the 8th and Monday the 13th of October. The school will be funding the cost of the program. Permission notes will be sent out by the end of term.

Black Spot Swimming Program
Students in Years 5 and 6 have been invited by Ballina High School to participate in the program. The program will run on Thursdays from 10 am to midday for 8 weeks, starting Week 2 (14 October) and concluding Week 9 (2 December). This program is supposed to be fully funded and transport is provided by Ballina High. I will provide more information once it becomes available.

School Swimming Scheme
The School Swimming Scheme will be held next term in weeks 5 and 6. Students will be attending the pool every day from 12:30 to 1:15 from the 3rd of November until the 14th of November. The program helps students develop water safety and swimming skills and is a whole school activity.
**Student Absences**

We have noticed that there have been a lot of student absences lately, which we have not received written or verbal explanations for. If your child is absent for any reason, please send in a note explaining the reason the next school day they attend. Unexplained absences need to be referred to the Home School Liaison Officer for further follow up. All students are expected to be at school every day.

**Variations to Student Travel**

Sometimes it is necessary to change travel arrangements for your child. It is essential that you inform the school of these changes. This will ensure your child travels home in the manner you wish and that school and you know where you child is. Please do not vary your child’s travel without informing the school.

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Bus Zone. Please make sure that if you are coming into the school that you do not park in the bus zone and giving the council $300 of your hard earned money.

**WHAT AM I**

Q. What kind of a nut has a hole in it?

Answer??????

**Wardell Red Cross Circa 1918**

Wardell Red Cross would like to cordially invite you to their Centenary celebrations.

**When:** Saturday 6th September

**Where:** Wardell Memorial Hall Richmond Street Wardell

**Time:** 9am to 12 midday

What: Morning tea, display of memorabilia and music for the era

**COST:** $10

**RSVP:** ASAP

Ruth Partridge (president) 02 66285751

Paddy Goff (treasurer /acting secretary) 02 66834187 or dpgnorro@bigpond.com

Of interest to the community and children as well is that as part of our centenary celebrations Wardell Red Cross is adding a plaque to a memorial erected at the Wardell Sports and Recreation Ground in 1925, by the Wardell branch of Red Cross to commemorate 27 local men who lost their lives in World War 1. There was also a grove of 27 trees planted at the site by the families of these men.

The plaque we are adding will have the names of these 27 men.

**Organised by Woodburn Chamber of Commerce**

**When:** Saturday, 11th October

**Time:** 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Where:** Riverside Park and on the Richmond River at Woodburn.

Wardell Public School
Dragon boats Water-skiing demos Children's activities
Entertainment Markets Barbecue Fireworks
Watch this space for further details!
For information contact
Glenn Crawford at Woodburn Visitor Information Centre 6682 2032 or Pam Bellingham 0414 953 879

Rosters for Term 3, 2014

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Alstonville Swimming Club sign on:

Come swim with the friendliest club on the North Coast!
The Alstonville Swimming Club’s new season commences on Monday, 1st September and the club will be holding a sign on for new swimmers from 9.30am-10.30am at the Alstonville swimming pool on Saturday 6th September and again on Saturday 13th September. Swimming with the Alstonville club is for all swimmers of all standards, catering from the very young through to the serious, competitive swimmer. Last year, our swimmers enjoyed some terrific results with around a third making it through to representative school level swimming and selection in development squads. We have a highly experienced team of coaches so come along and join a fast growing, fun sport.
For further details, contact Greg Kershaw, President, on 6628 7103 or alstonvilleswimmingclub@gmail.com

P&C News

The next P&C fundraising BBQ 12th October
1st Sunday back Week 1, Term 4.

Please fill in the attached form if you can help.

BALLINA LITTLE ATHLETICS - Fun, Family and Fitness
Athletics Fields, Quay’s Drive, West Ballina
2014 – 2015 Season

- Season commences 8th October
- Register & Pay online now at www.lansw.com.au
- Club nights are every Wednesday from 5:15PM
- Age Groups from 4/5 years old ( tots ) up to 16 Years ( U/17 )
- For more information, see our website www.ballinalittleathletics.com.au
  Email: ballinalittleathletics@gmail.com

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