Welcome to 2014
We would like welcome our new kindergarten enrolments for 2014 to our school. It is a big day for them all being the first day at the big school. We also welcome back our existing students and we hope that you have a well-earned rest, as this year has a lot of interesting and wonderful experiences ahead.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival
On Monday the 10th of February the Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held at Ballina Pool. This is event is open to all students who turn 8 years old or above this year and can swim 50 meters. Permission notes will be sent out this week. Travel to the event will be by private transport.

Interrelate Anti Bullying Program
On Tuesday the 1th of February Interrelate will be visiting the school to conduct an Anti Bullying Program for the 3-6 class.

Responsible Pet Ownership.
On the 7th of March the K-2 class will be visited by the Responsible Pet Ownership Program. This is a wonderful experience for the children and teaches the students how look after their own pets and how to approach other people’s animals as well.

Parent Volunteers
At our school we appreciate and value the efforts that our parents contribute to our school, from helping out in classroom to transporting students to different events. This year we wish this to continue and further expand the possibilities of the assistance provided by our parent body. Due to changes to Child Protection Procedures, we are now required to ensure that all volunteers complete a Working with Children Declaration. We know that some parents might feel that this is an inconvenience, but it is in place to ensure your child is safe at school. All that is required for the parent wishing to act as a volunteer is complete the Declaration form and supply Proof of Identity as part of a normal 100 points check. The information is retained at our school and remains active for the year. If you feel that you may volunteer during the year, please contact the office so we can complete the documentation beforehand. I know that we already need volunteers for student transport for the Small Schools Swimming Carnival.

Asthma
If your child suffers from Asthma, we need a copy of their Asthma Action Plan that is provided by their doctor or nurse. We need to ensure that your child receives the appropriate treatment if an attack occurs.
Absentees
On occasions students sometimes need to miss school due to illness, medical appointment or family commitments. If this does occur we need to have written or verbal communication from the parent or care giver explaining the reason for their absence.

Bunnings BBQ
On 16th of February the P&C will be holding a Fund Raising BBQ at Bunnings at Ballina, if you are able to help out on the day to do a shift or to please let the school or P&C know.

School Office Hours
The School Office hours have changed from last year. The school office is open only on Tuesday, after 12pm Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you have any enquiries or wish to make payments or purchases, you can do so at these times. If you wish to make an appointment to see me, my administration days are Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Library Days
Library days for students are as follows:
K/1/2 Wednesdays
3/4/5/6 Thursdays
Library Van attends on alternate Wednesdays; the next visit will be Wednesday 5th February.
Parents are asked to provide their child with a library bag.
These can be purchased through the uniform shop operated by Wardell Public School P&C.

David Owen
Principal
The Wardell Parents and Citizens Association would like to welcome all our students and their families back to Wardell PS for the 2014 year. We look forward to working with you all this year as we embark on our fundraising ventures for the new year.

Our first major fundraising venture will be held on **Sunday 16th February at Bunnings, Ballina.**

We have been given the opportunity to host the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. This is a fantastic opportunity to generate a substantial amount of funds for our students and would like to request as much help from our community of families as possible.

Bunnings require the sausage sizzle to operate between 8.00am and 4.00pm. This makes it a long day for everyone if we only have a few parents willing to help. If you are able to donate some time on the day please fill in and return the slip attached to the office.

I / we ___________________________ are available to help on Sunday 16th February with the Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser.

I/we are available (please tick appropriate time)

- [ ] 8-9am
- [x] 9-10am
- [ ] 10-11am
- [ ] 11-12pm
- [ ] 12-1.00pm
- [x] 1-2.00pm
- [ ] 2-3.00pm
- [ ] 3-4.00pm

Signed: ______________________________________