Calendar of Events
7/2  Canteen
10/2  Active After Schools Sport
10/2  Small School Swimming Carnival
12/2  P&C Mtg
16/2  P&C Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser – Ballina Store
11/3  Interrelate Anti Bullying Program

David’s Discourse
Active after -School Communities Program
On Monday and Wednesday afternoons this term from 3:30pm to 4:30pm we will be running the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program. This Australian Government program is run by the Australian Sports Commission and provides opportunities for primary school children to participate in free sport and other structured physical activity, after school. This a free initiative, with no cost involved. Afternoon tea is also provided. Unfortunately it is limited to only 15 places. The first round of offers went to 3/4/5/6 class. There are now 3 places remaining for the program which will now be offered to the K/1/2 class.

There will only be one session next week, which will be held on Monday the 10th of February.

Chicken Pox
We have been informed by a parent that their child has been diagnosed with Chicken Pox. As a result attached to the newsletter this week advice about infectious diseases as a reference for parents to keep so they know what actions they should take if their child becomes ill.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival
On Monday the 10th of February the Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held at Ballina Pool. We wish our competitors all the best and we know that you will represent the school with pride. Mr Macpherson will be our staff member attending on the day.

Interrelate Anti Bullying Program,
Interrelate will be visiting the school to conduct an Anti-Bullying Program for the 3-6 class. The date of this program has changed to 11th of March due to a double booking. Permission notes to participate in this program will be sent home and will need to be completed and returned before students will be allowed to participate in the program.

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 to look after their own pets and how to approach other people’s animals as well.

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 the plan to ensure that your child receives the appropriate treatment if an attack occurs.
**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 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.

**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 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.

**Sun Safe School**

Our school is a Sun Safe School which enforces the “No Hat, No Play” rule. Some students are still arriving at school without their hat. Students need to bring a broad brim hat to school each day such as our school uniform hat. Caps are not an effective means of sun protection as the hats and therefore are not allowed. If your child continually forgets their hat, it may be an idea to have a hat that they leave at school, so they don’t miss out playing with their friends. Cheap broad-brimmed hats can sometimes be purchases on sale at places like Aldi, Target and Best & Less for a couple of dollars.

**David Owen**

Principal

**Student Representative Leaders**

Changes have been made to the election of the S.R.C. and School Captain positions in an effort to make the process and procedures fairer and more equitable for students. Today students in Years K-6 nominated peers from their class whom they believe would make outstanding Student Representatives for our school and work well as part of a school leadership team. On Friday the 7th, students who were nominated will have the opportunity to accept or decline the offer to stand for a position. All students who accept the nomination will be placed on a ballot. Nominated Stage 3 students in Years 5&6 will be invited to present a short speech to the school next Friday 14th February at 9am stating their suitability for the position of School Captain or Vice. Immediately after the assembly, a secret ballot will be conducted K-6. All successful SRC representatives for 2014 will be announced at the whole school Assembly Wed 19th Feb. The newly elect SRC will be presented with their badges and take their oaths at a Special Assembly later in the term when the badges have arrived.

**Miss Crealy**
PBL News
Positive Behaviour for Learning is based around the philosophy of PREVENTing problems occurring, TEACHing the appropriate behaviours NOT presuming students know what to do, ACKNOWLEDGING when students are doing it right and CORRECTing them if they are doing something wrong.

Wardell school staff have shown their commitment to the PBL ethos by focusing on rewarding students in the playground, classroom, library and office for doing the right thing and behaving appropriately. Students have received Wardell Winners for following the 4 core school rules;

 ✓ Being Safe
 ✓ Being Fair
 ✓ Being Respectful
 ✓ Being a Learner

The first week back at school has been spent revising the key ideas covered in 2013. Students have revisited lessons on; punctuality, following directions, putting rubbish in the appropriate bins, caring for property and equipment and walking on all hard surfaces. Kindergarten students have participated in all of these lessons and are learning how to behave and act at school by watching their classmates and the older students.

1176 Wardell Winners have been given out to our K-6 students during the first week of school!

Daily draws are held in both the K-2 and 3-6 classrooms to reward appropriate behaviour and attitude in the classroom. Every afternoon after lunch, the school recognises appropriate behaviour in the playground with a daily draw from the PBL tin.

Weekly winners will be drawn out at the first whole school assembly. Students’ photos will continue to be published in the newsletter, on the school website and displayed proudly in the foyer.

Students are part of the decision making PBL processes and have discussed the criteria for becoming Student of the Week during class under the core rule – Be a Learner. This information will be published in next week’s newsletter.

The next PBL meeting will be held in Week 8 – mid March. More information to come.

Please consider joining the PBL TEAM in 2014 - Together Everyone Achieves More

Miss Crealy

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 and some liquid soap? The K/1/2 class is looking for library bags and paint shirts, so if you have an old t-shirt that would be suitable it would be appreciated. Due to the fact that drink bottles leak and lunch boxes sweat from time to time we would like to ask if parents could put any spare underwear in their child’s bag into a plastic bag to save them from getting wet.

Lyn Welstead
School Admin manager

NSW Education & Communities
Wardell Public School
Wardell Public School needs a Canteen Operator for 2014.

Do you have one Friday a month free?

This is a volunteer position and provides the children with the opportunity to order their lunch - something they love to do. It also gives them the chance to learn to manage money on a small scale and to make choices as to what they will buy and eat. Healthy choices are always encouraged.

The Canteen is run by our P&C and funds raised help to provide resources for your children. Please consider if you would like to take on this role, or if you can volunteer to help in canteen.

It would be a great opportunity for parents to share the operation - perhaps taking it in turns? During 2013 the Canteen operated under a dedicated menu arrangement; each week a different selection of main meals were offered in accordance with the Healthy School Canteen Guidelines. In the past, there has been a set menu and children select their preference and put in an order on a lunch bag each week.

If you would like to volunteer, please fill out the following form and return it to the office.

I ______________________ (Phone No. ________________) am interested in volunteering one Friday per month to operate the canteen for 2014 at Wardell Public School.

Jodi Wilcox
P&C Treasurer

P&C Meeting Wednesday 12th February 2014

Our first P&C meeting for the School year will be held on Wednesday 12th February at 5pm. First we will hold an Annual General Meeting where all financial records from 2013 will be presented. Also, all positions held by Office Bearers will be open for election. We will need the following Office Bearers for 2014:

P&C President
P&C Vice President X 2
P&C Secretary
P&C Treasurer

Can you fill any of these roles? Come and meet the P&C Committee from 2013 and get to know them as well as our Principal and other school staff by attending this important meeting and become a member of the Wardell P&C WE NEED YOU!!!!

After the close of the AGM, a General Meeting of the P&C will be held with our new office bearers for 2014.

All are welcome. Hope to see you there!!!!!

(Membership fee of 50c applies.)
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.

Thank you to the parents who have already offered their time to assist with this invaluable venture. We still have a few time slots available where we will need assistance. If you can help please select from the available slots listed below and return your form to the office. 😊

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
- 11-12pm
- 2-3.00pm
- 12-1.00pm
- 3-4.00pm
- 1-2.00pm

Signed: ________________________________