Welcome

Welcome to school for 2016! We hope you have had a relaxing and happy time as a family over the December-January period. The school is well organised for the coming year with many opportunities for the students.

Parents are asked to speak with their children about making the most of the opportunities available at school, to be familiar with the requirements of the Student Welfare & Discipline Policy, taking care of their relationships with students and staff, and ensuring they have a school diary and other required equipment appropriate to their year level.

There are some staffing matters of which to be aware. As of Wednesday this week three people were newly appointed to permanent positions: Mrs Sonya Price (Head Teacher PDHPE), Mr Peter Kennedy (HSIE Teacher), Mrs Sue-Ellen Vallance (School Learning Support Officer). Mrs Karen Warwick replaces Mr Andrew Grant – Frost as Year 8 Adviser, Mrs Fiona Fields returns from maternity leave to work two days per week, Mr Craig Clarke will cover Mrs Bianca Spencer’s time whilst she continues on maternity leave, Ms Kelly Venier has taken on duties as Year 2 class teacher and Zoe Warren as Year 3 class teacher. Other positions were announced in late 2015 or are continuing from 2015.

We all look forward to working with you for a great year for each of the students of our school.

Alec at Griffith University

January 19-21 School Captain Alec Barker attended Griffith University. Whilst there, he participated in the Griffith Future Leaders Retreat. During the retreat participants learned leadership skills which could be used in many aspects of life. A lot was learnt of the programs at Griffith University. Sessions also covered how to give presentations. 70 students from NSW and Queensland attended. Alec said “I really enjoyed it. It was a good experience to meet people and discover your own talents in leadership and areas of personal improvement. We met and spoke with key leaders and mentors, learning of the challenges they had faced and how they overcame them. We also learnt how to start our own brand or business and other skills which would strengthen our employability. We stayed in the on-campus university accommodation during the retreat. Alec became aware of the program through Careers Adviser, Chris Hayward and Alec pursued attending the course. “I would recommend others participate in the future. It was a really good camp.” Alec said.
Accetable Uniform 2016
Jade shirt with embroidered logo (white with embroidered logo for seniors), plain navy on bottom half (not denim & no coloured inserts, stripes, pockets or logos), footwear is to be completely black (no coloured logos, trim, sides of soles or laces), footwear must be leather, suede or vinyl (not canvas), completely cover the foot (ie sealed, no mesh) and of sturdy construction (ie a shoe or boot; ugh boots are not acceptable); navy, black, grey or white short socks (not multi-coloured). Shorts and skirts must reach the length of the finger tips when arms and hands are extended down the side of the body. Boys: One of the three school tops for cold weather (all have the school’s logo). Girls are same except they also can wear plain navy button down knit cardigan. Navy is preferred for headwear. Senior students are also permitted to wear a plain white button down shirt with firm collar (ie not a polo) with a school tie, pleated navy slacks, shorts or skirt, with white socks. Black leather shoes must be worn.

Equipment Students Need to Bring to School
All parent/carer are asked to ensure students from Year 3-12 attend school with the equipment required to complete their school work. Any families experiencing genuine financial hardship meeting this need are asked to make contact with Mrs D’Anna or Mr Walker at the school. Parents and carers are encouraged to maintain good contact with class teachers to ensure students are presenting at school with the required equipment.

Equipment List (minimum)
Pencil Case Red Pen
Pencil Blue or Black pen
Pencil Sharpener Eraser
Ruler Scissors
Glue stick
Liquid Paper is NOT to be brought to school
Diary use is to be encouraged where appropriate.

Dropping Off and Picking up Students to/from School
Parents are reminded a ‘No Parking Zone’ has been established in Cypress Street for parents who wish to pull up in their car and drop off or pick up their children. Should you wish to accompany your child into the grounds you are most welcome to do so by coming into the southern car park, parking the car and walking in with your child. PLEASE DO NOT drop off children in the southern car park unless parking in a designated parking space. Unloading children near the “intersection” in the car park or the canteen delivery bay is a safety risk. There have been numerous ‘near misses’. In particular you are asked NOT to use the canteen delivery bay as a pick up/drop off location – please use the Cypress St ‘No Parking Zone’ for quick pick up/drop offs.

Parents and students are reminded there are two access gates in Cypress street for pedestrian and push bike access to the school.

PLEASE DO NOT use the car park gates for pedestrian access to the school. If you are on foot or bike please use the Cypress St entrances. All students are reminded that on entering the school they are to dismount their bikes and walk them to the bike racks.

Evans River K-12 Suspension Procedures
From time to time students will engage in behaviour which is unacceptable in our school setting. Where the behaviour is extreme or ongoing the situation may arise where it will be in the best interest of the school community and the student/s involved that the student be suspended from school for a period of time or even permanently excluded.

The school has copies of the Department’s Guidelines for suspension and exclusion and these are available from the office.

Parents and students are advised that suspension is immediate where a student:
• Is in possession of a suspected illegal drug
• Is violent or threatens serious physical violence
• Is in possession of a prohibited weapon.

In other circumstances suspension will usually occur after there has been school based intervention of some kind.

Parents are also advised that there are many staff who are available to assist students in management of their behaviour. Such assistance will hopefully prevent behaviour problems from progressing and resulting in suspensions or exclusion. Please feel encouraged to contact the following personnel for assistance if you have a concern about your child’s behaviour: Deputy Principals, Year Advisers, Executive Staff and School Counsellor.

Rob Walker – Principal

MS Office 2016 for Home Use
As part of the department’s Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft, MS Office 2016 is now available under work-at-home rights for DoE staff and students. Under this agreement, a single copy for use on a single computer is provided to NSW public school students for free and to staff for under $25. More licences of Office 2016 will be made available for free to all students and staff during Term 1 next year under our MS Office 365 agreement.
Quote of the Week
“The key to everything is patience.”
You get the chicken by hatching the egg -- not by smashing it.
- Arnold Glasow

Canteen Roster - Week B

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P&C News
Our next meetings will be held on Monday 15th February. Our morning meeting takes place at 9:00 am in the Administration Building and the second meeting is held in the Library at 4:30pm.

2016 Sports Captains K-6

**Dolphins**
- Captain: Jacob Franks
- Vice Captain: Jeremy Clinkett
- Vice Captain: Sophie Stewart

**Marlins**
- Captain: Luke Elley
- Vice Captain: Ned Barany
- Vice Captain: Ally Forsyth

**Sharks**
- Captain: Oscar Forrester
- Vice Captain: Joseph Harcourt
- Vice Captain: Justice Savage

**Stingrays**
- Captain: Eric Redman
- Vice Captain: Tyson Horseman
- Vice Captain: Courtney Norman

Ballina Hockey Club Kids n’ Sport
Ever wanted to try hockey
Come and Have a go for Free new and experienced players
Welcome, Learn Pre season skills with experienced coaches, hockey sticks supplied, come and have some fun........
Where: TURF at Kingsford Smith
When: 9/2/2016 every Tuesday for 5 Weeks
Time: 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Bring: Hat, Sports shoes, water bottle, Shin pads and MOUTHGUARD essential.
For more information contact: Mark Stanger
Mobile 0414477811
Email – secretary@ballinahockey.org.au
Ballina Club Website: www.ballinahockey.org.au
BREAKFAST AT THE CANTEEN
Any student can come along any morning for TOAST, FRUIT & A DRINK to get you started on your day 8:30 - 8:50am
Sponsored by IGA Evans Head

Universe Store
Uniform Caps; Trucker and Flat Cap for students in Year 7-12. $10
The uniforms have arrived - Senior and Secondary shirts. Shorts and Skorts are all in stock.
Reversible Primary Hats with House Colours are in stock also.
The School Uniform Store operates each Friday 8:30am to 9:30am

*EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE FOR UNIFORMS*
Contact: Gayle or P&C

JUST DANCE & CHEER!
Richmond Valley are currently accepting enrolments for 2016.
Our aim is to build confident students capable of taking on whatever their future has in store for them...

We operate out of Woodburn & Coraki, offering: JAZZ/ FUNK/ HIP HOP/ LYRICAL/ EXAMS/ 'YUMMY MUMMY'S' (Ages 3 to Adult), ALL STAR CHEER (Tumble + Stunt + Dance + Jumps), Recreational to Competitive/ (Ages 5 to adult), KINDER GYM & TUMBLE CLASSES.
Contact Tammy for further info on 0409822565

WOODBURN WOLVES FC
SIGN ON DAYS ARE AS FOLLOWS: FEBRUARY 6th, 13th & 20th AT WOODBURN SOCCER FIELDS 9am-12pm

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Please Note—The cut off time for information to be included in the newsletter is 2:00pm Wednesday Newsletter will be printed on Thursday afternoons.

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