Swimming Scheme
Today children in Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 have been given permission notes for the Intensive Swimming classes. This program is primarily geared for non-swimmers in these years. Round one notes and money are due by Friday 13th September. Round 2 notes will be provided to students in Years 4-6 on Monday 16th September. As with the younger grades, this program is geared for non-swimmers.
We have very limited places for the swimming program. As such, to secure your child’s place, money MUST be returned with the permission note.
We are currently in negotiations for a stroke correction program for our more capable swimmers. Once this has been confirmed, permission notes will be provided through the newsletter. This program will be only available for confident swimmers in Years 3-6.

Ballina Cup Day 2013
Our school will close at 12pm on Friday 13th September. In the past, local businesses have closed at 12pm for Ballina Cup Day, which is classed as a local government public holiday. Under NSW legislation, schools are now affected by local government public holidays. Please be advised that while the school buses will operate as normal in the morning, THERE WILL BE NO BUS SERVICES TO COLLECT CHILDREN AT 12PM. Parents will need to make alternate arrangements.

What’s on ...
5th September
NO ASSEMBLY

7th September
Election Day Cake Stall

10th September
Milo Cricket Yrs 5&6 Lismore Rec Fields

12th September
Stage 3 Careers Day at Ballina PS

13th September
Ballina Cup half day public holiday
School closed at 12midday

16th September
Yr 5 Interrelate "Minding Me" $16.50

20th September
Last Day of Term - Footy Colours Day

7th October
Labour Day public holiday

8th October
First day of Term 4 for students

2nd November
Country Fair
Ballina Cup Day 2013 cont.
If a non-family member is collecting your child, please provide information in writing to the class teacher. It is DEC policy that children are to be collected by a person over the age of 18.
If you intend keeping your child at home for the day, an absent note will be required for the morning session. Students still here at 11.50am on Friday will be moved to Miss Talbot’s room, near the office. This will allow easy pickup for parents.

There will be a short recess break at 10.30. We will not be stopping for lunch at 11.25. There will not be any canteen service available.

Premier’s Spelling Bee
Congratulations to Eva and Clancy who will be our Stage 2 Spelling Bee representatives; and Kaleeta and Kallista who will represent Stage 3.
The selection process was long and difficult (in a very positive way!!) given the number of keen and talented participants. They will be competing at Alstonville Public School on Thursday 12th September. Best of luck to you all.

Year 5 Interrelate
Year 5 students have received notes regarding their upcoming Interrelate program called Minding Me. The cost of the 2 sessions - which are both being held on Monday 16th September - is $16.50 payable by Wednesday 11th September. Please see Mrs Sawras or Ms Talbot if you have any questions about the program.

Footy Colours Day
The SRC will again be coordinating our participation in Footy Colours Day. Footy Colours Day aims to raise awareness of and funds for the Fight Cancer Foundation who raise money to support children battling cancer. For a gold coin donation, we will be wearing our favourite team jerseys on the last day of term, Friday 20th September. Visit the website for more information http://www.footycoloursday.com.au/

Careers Day
All students in Years 5 and 6 are visiting Ballina Public School on Thursday 12th September for a Careers Expo. This is one of the transition activities we are involved in with Ballina PS and other feeder primary schools to Ballina High School. On the day we will be able to speak to people from a variety of occupations, finding out what their job entails, how they came to be in that job and how we might get to that point ourselves one day. We are seeking parent assistance with transport. Parents are welcome to stay for the Expo and sausage sizzle afterwards.

Kinder helpers needed
We are looking for volunteers who can commit to a regular day and time, especially during literacy rotations which occur from 10-11 Monday to Wednesday. Please let Mrs Lasserre, Mrs Toscan or the office know if you are able to help.

Canteen Roster
6th September - Loretta Brandolini & Fay Kurrle
20th September - Arwyn Atkinson & Berry Learmonth-Norton

Guest Speaker Dave Alley
Students in 3/4M, 4/5S and 5/6T will be having a visit from former local Dave Alley on Monday 9th September at 2:30pm. Last year, Dave broke the world record for cycling around Australia in an incredibly quick 37 days, 20 hours, and 45 minutes. Whilst breaking world records, he also managed to raise valuable funds for the Royal Flying Doctor Service (we helped out with an out of uniform day!). Parents and friends are invited and encouraged to join us for this talk.

Currumbin Farm Camp
The payment deadline is fast approaching for the Year 3 and 4 camp in early Term 4. Final payment is due by Friday 6th September.
P&C Update

Wi-Fi
Last Tuesday 27th August we had our monthly P&C meeting. You will know that Wi-Fi has been one topic of conversation within the school over the last few months. Without going into every detail, recently we explored the possibility of implementing switches in our classrooms so Wi-Fi could be turned off when not in use. We have had a response from Chris Lovatt Operations Manager to say that he is not aware of a solution available via DEC Procurement to achieve this, therefore this is very unlikely to happen.

Complaints
During the last few fundraising events at our school volunteers have been approached by parents who complain about the way the event is run, or the items on sale. Our volunteers play a vital role in fundraising and put in a lot of time and effort leading up to, during, and following an event. Kindly also note that we do not exceed the number of allowed red light school days, and that it is not in any way mandatory, to give your children money. We respect that parents may have different opinions on any number of issues, therefore if you have any concerns please ensure that they are directed to Mrs Latta or Mrs Lasserre in her absence.

School Disco
A huge thank you to the fundraising team who worked really hard to ensure our children had a great night last Friday. You all did an amazing job, the children had a blast! Thank you also to anyone who volunteered in any way, whether you loaned items for decoration, cleared classrooms, set up, donated or prepared food, served on the night or helped to clear up. We really appreciate your help.

Regards,
Sara Remfrey, P&C President

Fundraising News

Beach Party Disco
Well, going by the many smiles we saw on lots of little faces on Friday night, we can conclude that our beach party disco was a success. Our beach party theme was embraced by the students, with many going out of their way to dress up in their best beach gear, and our DJ certainly helped to get the party started with a great selection of dance music for the kids to groove to. Our ‘wave’ and ‘sunset beach’ photo booths produced some memorable photo opportunities, and our palm beach entrance helped get everyone into the mood to party as well as providing an excellent place to send the conga line through.
Many many people worked very hard behind the scenes to make the night a success, and at the risk of overlooking people, I would like to single out the following people and recognize their contribution:

- The fundraising committee: Jodie Gow, Barbara-Ann Wyatt-Peters, Sue McLachlan, Donna Jaszewki, Belinda Johnson
- David Kirsch for organizing and running the BBQ
- Hayley and Trevor Brown from Lennox Head Butcher for donating sausages, and Woolworths, Ballina Fair for donating bread rolls
- Sara Remfrey and Natalie Chatterton for their continued support
- All the many parents and teachers who helped on the night and baked in support of our tea/coffee and cupcake stall
- The many people who stayed behind afterwards to pack up and clean up

While a final tally is still underway, at this stage we can confirm that we have raised approximately $1,220 for our school from the evening. A great result.

Election Day cake stall
Thank you to those parents who have offered to work AND to bake for our Election Day cake stall. We would be very grateful for some more donations of cakes / muffins / slices, etc, if you can spare something for us. Our stall will commence from 8am until sold out, and we can accept cake donations this Friday, or early on election morning – before 9am please.

Michelle Mahon

Calling all cooks!
Public Notices

Tintenbar Red Cross - Trash & Treasure
**Sat 7th & Sun 8th September** Tintenbar Hall. For more info Ph 6628 7405

Ballina Touch
Online registration **12th August - 30th September 2013.** Information available on the juniors website or contact - Ruth 0422 596 911, email ballinatouch1@gmail.com

Tintenbar-East Ballina Cricket Club
Junior sign on **Thursday 5th Sept – 4pm–5.30pm / Saturday 7th Sept 10.30am– 12 noon / Tuesday 10th Sept 4pm–5.30pm.** Contact Colin Earl 0419 608 775 or Brett Crawford 0438 636 094

Ballina Lighthouse & Lismore Surf Life Saving Club
Nippers : **Sundays 8th & 29th Sept 10am – 1pm** (OLD) Shelly Beach Clubhouse (due to major road works at the new Lighthouse Beach Clubhouse). Existing members renew on-line www.ballinasurfclub.com.au and follow instructions. More information email ballina.nippers@gmail.com

Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club
**Sunday 15th Sept & Sunday 29th Sept 10am – 12noon**

Alstonville Swimming Club
Swim season commences Saturday, 1st September.
Sign on for new swimmers 9.30am-10.30am at the Alstonville swimming pool on **Saturday 7th September & Saturday 14th September.** Contact Greg Kershaw, President, on 6628 7103 or alstonvilleswimmingclub@gmail.com

Alstonville Junior Cricket  **Saturday 7th September 8am – 12 noon** Geoff Watt Oval Clubhouse, Alstonville
Further details contact club President Tony Yager 0417 290 380 or club Secretary Craig McNally 0429 778 923

Girls Quick Kids
Tuesday 8th October – Tuesday 10th December, 4:30pm - 5:45pm
**Geoff Watt Oval,** Deegan Drive, Alstonville www.quickkicks.com.au

Autism Specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop
Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is pleased to announce we will be running our **Recipe for Success Workshop** in Lismore 19 and 20 September 2013. It is a practical two day workshop for professionals and families. If you have any professionals or families you think would like to attend, please pass on the attached flyer. Register on our website www.autismspectrum.org.au

Interrelate Parenting Program for dads
A free 6 week parenting program for Dads, starting October 9th. This event is sponsored by Interrelate Family Centre and the YWCA. This program was offered last year and well received by the dads who attended. Dates: Wednesday evenings, October 9th to November 13th Time: 6pm - 9pm Venue: 5 Market Street, Interrelate Cost: Free

Ballina Little Athletics
Season commences early October - Register On Line 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)
Athletics Fields, Quay’s Drive, West Ballina www.ballinalittleathletics.com.au / ballinalittleathletics@gmail.com