Principal’s Report

What a huge week it has been since our newsletter last week. Have a look at the terrific things that have been going on in and out of our school!

**Thursday 19th – Teachers are learners too.**

Did you know that kids are not the only learners in our school? Our teachers are now half way through a year long course, focusing on improving students’ reading fluency and vocabulary. This follows on from our study last year into developing students’ comprehension.

**P&C Disco** – Thanks to the P&C for organising a terrific disco. There were plenty of ‘groovy moves’ thrown about on the dance floor (and not just by the students). A great opportunity for kids to get together and have some fun.

**Friday 20th – Sports Carnival.** Beautiful weather shone down on our athletics carnival last Friday. Thank you to Mrs Woolfe for a seamlessly organised event. Parent volunteers were a great support on the day. A highlight of the carnival was watching our youngest students run in their 5 year olds’ 50 metre sprint. Congratulations to all our terrific kids who ‘had a go’ on the day.

**Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th – Coastal Kids Concert.** We know our students are terrific, but events like the Coastal Kids Concert not only enrich students’ learning, it gives an opportunity to show the whole community how great our school is. Congratulations to our choir and 5/6W who performed at a matinee and evening performance at the Ballina RSL.
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th – NAIDOC Week. Although we integrate Aboriginal perspectives into our programs all through the year, NAIDOC Week gives us a great chance to focus on the indigenous culture of our country and to honour the contributions made to modern Australia. Students have participated in a range of in-class activities and have contributed to a whole school artwork, borrowing from aboriginal art techniques. A visit from the Ballina Public School Aboriginal Dance group has been a highlight of the week.

Friday 27th – Reports and Work Sample collections – Tomorrow your children will bring home their Semester One Progress report and portfolio of work samples. Please remember that if you have questions or would like to discuss your child’s learning further, you are welcome to make an appointment with your class teacher at any time. Please find overleaf a copy of our ‘Approaching Your School’ form, should you wish to arrange a time to discuss your child’s report or work samples.

Holidays and return to Term 3 – We wish you all a happy and safe end of term holiday. We look forward to seeing all students back at school on Tuesday 15th July, 2014.

If you notice anything suspicious going on at school in the holidays, please contact the School Security Hotline on 1300 880 021.

Ben Barker
Assistant Principal

All students enjoyed watching the Aboriginal Dancers who visited our school on Tuesday.

The performers from Ballina enhanced our NAIDOC Week Celebrations with their cultural dancing.

Karina Offley
NAIDOC Co-ordinator
**LOST**

Have you lost a Nintendo DS Game at school?

**Does it belong to you?**

If so, please come into the office. Give the name of the Nintendo Game to Shannin or Andrea and it will be returned to you.

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**Assembly Awards and Birthdays**

Please note:

Awards, Home Reading and Birthday Certificates will be handed out at our first Assembly in Term 3, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Unfortunately students who have not paid and brought in a permission note for these events will not be able to participate. Please see the school website if you require a permission note.

*is available at our school from 8.30am-1pm*
Annual Athletics Carnival – 2014

Well done to everyone who participated in the Athletics Carnival last Friday! Congratulations to Bradman on winning the carnival.

**Age Champions for Athletics - 2014**

Juvenile Boys –

Juvenile Girls -

Junior Boys –

Junior Girls –

11yrs Boys -

11yrs Girls –

Senior Boys -

Senior Girls –

The District Carnival will be held on Friday 1st August at Geoff Watt Oval, Alstonville.

Thank you to the canteen who kept us fed throughout the day and to the parents who helped take tents down at the end of the carnival.

Julie Woolfe
PSSA Coordinator

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**Ballina Coastal Kids Concert**

Congratulations to the students who performed at Coastal Kids Concert on Tuesday. The choir sang ‘Hey Brother’ and 5/6W danced to ‘Celebration’.

We had many favourable comments about both performances and were very proud of the efforts put into making the night so special.

Leigh Creighton, Natalie Hamlyn & Julie Woolfe
Organisers
## Extra-Curricular Opportunity

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<td>Students notified at assembly of lunchtime circus workshops. Children will be informed of selection criteria at circus workshop sessions.</td>
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<td>Mrs Green will be selecting the circus group. Selection will be based on regular attendance at lunchtime activity workshops, child’s communication of other commitments and level of skill.</td>
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<td>Students will be notified at morning assemblies. A list for expressions of interest will be circulated through the relevant classes. Children can add their name to the list or see Mrs Green.</td>
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| What are the criteria for selection? (inc. who is selecting?) | Students will be selected based on:  
  - Skills demonstrated at try outs eg timing, directionality, movement  
  - How will students fulfil roles identified for the chosen choreography  
  - The number of students needed for the choreography  
  - Commitment to the group  
Students will be selected by Mrs Green and Mrs Toniello. |
| How will the outcome be communicated? | Students will be notified at school. |
Remember ....If you would like to contact the P&C team please contact:

Donna – M: 0413138743, email wayne.lloyd6@bigpond.com  Tash – M: 0407 968 561

Many thanks to our local supporters who are providing coffee vouchers for the next few months for our lucky volunteers:

QUATTRO COUNTRY AND ALSTONVILLE GARDEN HOUSE.

We hope everyone has a relaxing and fun holiday. A big thank you to everyone for their support this term whether it be contributing to P&C meetings, volunteering in the canteen or uniform shop or attending fundraising meetings. Term 3 includes planning for A Fair to Remember.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on Friday from 8.45am to 9.15am. Alternatively you can use the envelopes that are available at the office and leave the order and payment with the lovely office staff or in the black box. The order will be then filled on the Friday and sent home with your child.

News in the Canteen

We would like to give a MASSIVE THANK YOU to:


Without you all, the Disco and Sports Carnival would not have been so successful!!
News in the Canteen continued....

REMINDER:
POTATO PIES ARE UNAVAILABLE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. The supplier of the Mini Potato pies is no longer able to get them. We are trying to source them but it looks like they are a discontinued line.

NAIDOC WEEK CUPCAKES

On Friday 28th June 2014, in support of NAIDOC Week, the canteen will be selling cupcakes in the Red, Yellow and Black Colours. The cupcakes will be 50c each and all proceeds from the cupcakes will go back to the NAIDOC Committee. So show your support and purchase a cupcake.

The canteen contact details are:
Leigh (Monday/Tuesday) on 0412 716 991 Email: llaing77@hotmail.com.au
Anna (Monday - Friday) on 0410 594 676 Email: madmods@bigpond.com

Thanks
Anna and Leigh

Canteen Roster

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Lemons are on......

If you have plenty of lemons and do not know what to do with them...... how about donating them to the P&C Fundraising Committee so that we can make stuff for our Fete in November. Bags of lemons can be left at the office and will be greatly appreciated.
Holiday art classes for children: Panda Pandemonium

Be inspired by beautiful pandas in these engaging workshops. Whether you're inspired by the illustrations of children’s author Jon J Muth or just love to paint and draw cute pictures of these beautiful creatures, you're bound to have fun and create gorgeous artwork ready to hang at your place. **Monday 7th / Tuesday 8th / Wednesday 9th July** (10am – 12 noon). Every day is different. All classes are conducted by Del Strong a national multi-award winning teacher, author and artist. $20 per class. Bookings are essential studio: ‘delstrongart’ at 88a Main Street Alstonville, phone: 6628 1749, mobile: 0401447717, web: [art@delstrong.com](mailto:art@delstrong.com)

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Alstonville High School

PARENTS & CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Cawley Close, Alstonville 2477. Ph: (02) 6628 5222. Fax: (02) 6628 1223

**Bookkeeping Services Required for Alstonville High School P&C**

We are looking to engage the services of a bookkeeper to assist in maintaining the Canteen and Uniform Shop accounts. Services required include calculating and paying wages, superannuation and tax, paying creditors, maintaining records using accounting software MYOB, approximately 5 hours per month. For more information please contact P&C President, Annette McGrath 66291678
Ballina Shire Council invites you to participate in NAIDOC Week celebrations on Monday 7th July in Ballina.

The day’s events will begin at 11.30am with a Celebration Walk from Grant Street, in front of Balina RSL Club along River Street to the Ballina Information Centre, where a ‘Welcome to Country’ and flag raising ceremony will be held from 12.00pm.

Following the formal ceremony, light refreshments will be served in the Richmond Room, which is located immediately behind the Centre.

For further enquiries please contact: 6686 1284
2014 Arts Initiatives
Boys Vocal Workshop

Are you a boy at a public school? Do you love to sing? Then this experience is for you!!!

The Arts Initiatives Boys Vocal Workshop is an exciting singing workshop specifically designed for boys. It is aimed at engaging male students in singing in schools.

During the four-hour workshop, attending students will have the opportunity to work with conductor Peter Lehner on vocal warm-ups, vocal techniques, ensemble singing and exciting repertoire.

Peter Lehner is a well respected musician, conductor, actor and performer. He has worked with a variety of ensembles as musical and choral director. These include many acapella choirs, jazz quartets, and groups for festivals around the state such as the Lismore Lantern Parade for many years. He has also been the Musical Director and Coordinator for the Sydney Street Choir, including performances with Delta Goodrem, Ricki-lee, Normie Rowe, Jonathon Welch and Deborah Cheetham. Along with this he has been the coordinator and manager of the Sydney A Cappella Association. Peter has conducted many music and performance workshops around NSW. His work has involved working with many different sectors of the community including Aboriginal/Indigenous groups, Glee clubs, Hip Hop choirs, Disadvantaged groups, and Special Needs groups. Peter has worked on many short independent films. He has also appeared in many different theatrical productions and television roles in shows such as Home and Away, A Country Practice, Rafferty’s Rules, Come In Spinner and Candid Camera.

He has been the recipient of several awards including “Living for Others” (2009, Universal Peace Federation), “Top 100 Influential People” (2009, Sydney Morning Herald) and an Australia Day award for Services in Community (2011, Lismore Community).

A workshop for boys in Years 3-6 is being held at:

**Tacking Point PS**  
Thursday 30 October  
10:00am – 2:00pm  
Cost of $30.00

Workshops are open to individual students from NSW Government schools.  
Parents will be responsible for travel arrangements and supervision.

**Applications are Now Open via our Website:**

http://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/music/music-initiatives

See information for closing dates.

For further information please visit our website or contact Kirsten Dickason - 8512 1178  
kirsten.dickason1@det.nsw.edu.au
Lake Ainsworth Activity Day (67951)
(7-12 yrs) A day program for children in primary school.
Today’s activities include traditional camp activities such as Archery, Canoeing and Indoor Rock Climbing.
Lake Ainsworth Centre, Lennox Head
Monday 30 June 2014
9am – 4pm
Cost $45 Includes lunch.

Lake Ainsworth Activity Day (67952)
(7-12 yrs) A day program for children in primary school.
Today’s activities include traditional camp activities such as The Challenge Ropes Course, Archery and Kayaking on the lake.
Lake Ainsworth Centre, Lennox Head
Tuesday 1 July 2014
9am – 4pm
Cost $45 Includes lunch

Lake Ainsworth Activity Day (67953)
(7-12 yrs) A day program for children in primary school.
Today’s activities include traditional camp activities such as Bike riding, Cookout and Surf Skiing on the lake.
Lake Ainsworth Centre, Lennox Head
Wednesday 2 July 2014
9am – 4pm
Cost $45

Lake Ainsworth Adventure Camp (67948)
(7-12 yrs) Enjoy action-packed days at camp! Be part of a more traditional camp experience where you will develop friendships, build life skills and participate in a range of fun adventure activities and challenges. Activities may include Flying Fox, Archery, Cookout, Rock Climbing, Canoeing, Challenge Ropes Course, Sailing, Bike Riding, Disco, Tabloids and County Fair.
Lake Ainsworth Centre, Lennox Head
Monday 7 July - Friday 11 July 2014
Cost $285
Price includes all meals, activities and accommodation.

How to enrol
Web: http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au
By phone: Call 13 13 02 and have your credit card details ready (Visa, MasterCard).
By fax: Complete the enrolment form, include your Credit card details and fax to (02) 9006 3888.
By mail: Complete the enrolment form and send to:
Client Service Centre
Locked Bag 1422,
Silverwater NSW 2128

You are invited
Let’s have some school holiday fun!!!
please support
Alstonville Public School Senior Band as they go ‘On Tour’

What: Rio 2
Where: Ballina Fair Cinema
When: Monday 30th June 2014
Cost: $12
Time: 9.15am for treats with the movie to follow...

Tickets on sale now...
Alstonville Primary School or Gabrielle 0421029162
to reserve your ticket