Principal’s Report

Half Day Holiday Friday 12th September (Week 9)

As in previous years, Friday 12th September has been gazetted as a half-day public holiday in the Ballina Shire. We would have preferred to have notified you of this holiday earlier, however Ballina council has only just had approval signed off at state level, providing notification to schools yesterday. Our school will be closed from 12.00 pm on Friday 12th September and our students will finish school for the day at this time. Students should have received a note today regarding the holiday, with a return slip detailing how they will be getting home.

Last year, as part of the Leading Educators Across the Planet (LEAP) program, Canadian Principal Mrs Tracey Cant visited and worked at our school. It is now my turn to go and work with Tracey at her school in Ontario, and meet with the School Directors and the School Board. I am really excited about this great learning opportunity, and look forward to talking about it at our final P&C meeting for the year.

I am also taking the opportunity to do some travel while I am in Canada. Mrs Katie Prosser will be Principal (Relieving) until I return in November.

Tallebudgera Excursion – Stage 2. Students in Years 3 & 4 are away at the Tallebudgera Camp this week, and having a great time.

Kindergarten Marine Centre Excursion. Kindergarten have been studying ocean environments in their classroom. To complement their learning, today they have gone to visit the Ballina Marine Studies Centre at Ballina H.S. They will also be going on a visit to the mangroves. It looks like they are having a great time this morning.
During the week students participated in the first Plateau to the Sea Speaking Competition. Our students represented our school with pride and really enjoyed the experience, despite the nerves of presenting to strangers. Each student presented a fantastic prepared speech in their representative section. Stage 2 and 3 students also experienced the joy of an impromptu speech. The Stage 3 topic was “Inside or Outside” while Stage 2 had the opportunity to inform their audience about “The best things in life...”. This aspect of the competition displayed all the students’ awareness of public speaking techniques. Every participant deserves congratulations for their effort.

Circus Group. Congratulations to the circus group who represented our school, performing at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival last week. The group meets and trains at lunchtimes, benefitting from just one of the enrichment programs that runs in our school. Thank you to Mrs Green who organises the group and to Mrs Toniello for her support on the night.

Jennifer Thomas
Principal

Assembly Awards and Birthdays

| Gold | Gold | Platinum | Birthdays | Birthdays |

Congratulations

To these students who have achieved 100 nights of Home Reading

To these students who have achieved 200 nights of Home Reading
North Coast Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the 6 students who participated at the NC Athletics Carnival in Lismore on Tuesday.

All students represented our school extremely well. XXXXXXX and XXXXXXXXX will now compete at the State Carnival.

Julie Woolfe
PSSA Coordinator

Young Communicators Award

On Monday 6 students went to Lennox Head Public School to participate in the first Plateau to the Sea Public Speaking Competition.

XXXX and XXXXX competed in the Stage 1 category, presenting a speech on their chosen topic. XXXXXXX and XXXXXXXXX competed in the Stage 2 category presenting their speeches as well as a 1 minute impromptu speech on their given topic “The best things in life...”

XXXXXX and XXXXX competed in the Stage 3 category, presenting their speeches as well as a 1 minute impromptu speech on their given topic “Inside/Outside”

Congratulations on a job well done.

Nadine Toniello
Young Communicator’s Coordinator
Sports/Special Photo Orders

The following sports/special photos are on display in the Front Office Foyer:

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Parents/Carers can order these photos by completing a Re-Order envelope from the Front Office. Please place payment, either cash (unfortunately change cannot be given) or cheque, in the re-order envelope. Credit Card payments can be made online through the School Photographer’s website: [www.theschoolphotographer.com.au](http://www.theschoolphotographer.com.au). Please write your ORDER NUMBER from the website on the Re-Order envelope.

Re-Order envelopes should be returned to the Front Office NO LATER than Friday 10th October 2014.

The photos are **$14.00** each, 2 for **$26.00**, 3 for **$36.00**, 4 for **$44.00** or 5 for **$50.00**. Any additional orders over 5 photographs are **$10.00** each. This discount is only available per family order.

*Please note if payments are not received before photos are sent to the school, a late fee of $5 will be incurred*

Shannin Cook
School Administration Officer

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**S.R.C Pyjama Day!**

What:
The S.R.C. are holding a casual day. Please bring a gold coin donation!

When:
Tuesday 9th September - Week 9

Theme:
Wear your dressing gown, a onesie, or simply just your P.J.s!

Students must wear covered school shoes as well as ‘Sun Smart’ clothing eg shirts with sleeves, school hats.
The Wollongbar Circus group began in 2013 as a lunchtime activity for anyone who wanted to come along, have some fun and learn some new skills. The children are encouraged to try everything from juggling to plate twirling. They have all found equipment they like to use the most but are always willing to have a go at something new.

The performance group involves children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6. They had great fun choreographing a routine to include as many circus skills as possible for the Lismore Performing Arts Festival. The group had a rehearsal last Wednesday during the day on the stage at the Workers Club and presented their performance to an audience of around 200 people last Thursday night. There were many cheers from the crowd as the children performed tricks with their equipment, never seen before at the Lismore Performing Arts Festival.

I was extremely proud of all the children. Their behaviour in the holding rooms and tunnel was exceptional and they were fantastic audience members while other schools performed on stage.

I would like to thank Vicki Hill, Adrian Bruce, Leigh Laing and Colleen Downs for helping us with transport to our rehearsal, all the parents for transporting their children to the venue on Thursday night and the wonderful Mrs Toniello, who is always so willing to support the creative arts.

Great job circus!!!! I can’t wait for our next performance.

Kim Green
Co-ordinating Teacher

Eisteddfod Wins for Sam

In the words of Herbert Kretzmer, “It only goes to show what little people can do”. Sam Green is a little boy with a big voice and last weekend he was put to the test at the Lismore Eisteddfod. Sam was entered into 6 individual sections at the eisteddfod and one duet. He sang a range of songs from hymns to musical theatre pieces and was rewarded with five first place trophies and two second place medals.

The adjudicator of the eisteddfod, Melissa Philp from Toowoomba, also awarded Sam with the Elizabeth Sneesby Trophy for the most promising vocalist over 10 years of age living within a 50 km radius of Lismore.
Dear Parents and Carers,

The Life Education Van will be at our school from Tuesday 21st to Thursday 23rd October. John and Harold present age appropriate, interactive lessons full of information and fun activities to help our students understand and learn how to deal with various health and safety issues.

Life Education links with learning in PD/H/PE and fits well with the Live Life Well concepts we promote. We encourage all students to attend.

The cost is $9.00 per child. This includes the Life Education session, a student workbook and a sticker for each child.

Please fill in the attached permission note and return it with payment (see below) to the school office by Friday 17th October.

You can find out more about the program by visiting http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/ and students may like to take a look at Harold’s website http://www.healthyharold.org.au/. If you have any questions or would like more information about Life Education please contact me via the office.

Karina Offley
Life Education Coordinator

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**Life Education Permission Note**

I give permission for my child/children ................................................................. in ........................................................ (class/classes) to attend a lesson in the Life Education Van.

**Payment Information:**

☐ I enclose $9 per child as payment for this lesson

or, please contact the office to pay by EFTPOS / Credit Card.

Signed .......................................................... Parent/Carer   Date ...................
Bugsy Malone – AHS School Musical

Alstonville High School is offering our students the opportunity to see their performance of the musical “Bugsy Malone” on Friday 10th October at 12pm. The cost of this excursion will be approximately $10 for the show and transport by bus, depending on how many students wish to attend. This is an excellent opportunity for our children to experience a live performance. It will also allow them to see the range of subjects that may be available to them in their senior years.

The musical features high school students from year 7 to 11 as the characters and is suitable for children in Stage 2 and 3. It was originally seen as a movie featuring a very young Jodie Foster and Scott Baio. Bugsy Malone was designed to tell a grown up story with child actors. The movie was very successful and launched the career of Jodie Foster. Alstonville High’s performance is Directed by Mr Scott Thomas (English), with Musical Director Mrs Colleen Bowles (Music) and Mr Mike Sheehan (Maths) as the Production Manager.

Bugsy Malone tells the story of Gang Warfare in the streets of New York. In 1929, Gangster warfare in New York erupts, Dandy Dan’s hoodlums terrorise the district and exterminating undesirables with their new weapon splurge guns. His rival is Fat Sam Stacetto, who runs the Grand Slam Speakeasy, but Fat Sam’s gang still use old fashioned pies. Fat Sam engages the help of Bugsy Malone, a smooth city slicker who hitherto has been more occupied in sweet talking Blousey Brown, a would be girl singer. With Bugsy’s help, Fat Sam escapes from a frame up but he learns later that Dandy Dan’s mob have splurged nearly all his gang. They’ve also destroyed his sarsparilla and grocery rackets, the whole empire’s gone! There’s only one hope left. Fat Sam pays Bugsy 400 dollars in exchange for more help. Bugsy, who has promised to take Blousey to Hollywood, has to break his date with her. Is she mad! Meanwhile Bugsy and Leroy Smith, a guy with an awesome punch, witness a secret delivery of splurge guns at Dock 17. With a bunch of down and outs, they help themselves from the crates. Then the police arrive, led by Captain Smolsky and Lieutenant O’Dreary. Bugsy and the gang escape through a trapdoor. Finally Dandy Dan prepares for a showdown at Fat Sam’s speakeasy. When his mob burst in, Bugsy and the guys let ‘em have it, the works, splurge, custard pies, flour bombs... Out of the gooey pandemonium it emerges that Bugsy and Blousey have made it up. Peace has broken out at last.

If your child is in Year 3 – 6 and would be interested in attending this production, please fill in the slip below and return it to the front office by Friday 12th September so travel arrangements and costs can be finalised. A final permission slip will then be required for your child to attend this excursion.

Thank you
Kim Green
Co-ordinating Teacher

My child/children _____________________________ of class/classes ____________ would be interested in being involved in the excursion to Alstonville High to see the musical Bugsy Malone, being presented by students of Alstonville High School on Friday 10th October 2014. I understand that travel will be by bus and there will be costs involved with this excursion.

Signed ________________________________                        Date__________________________________
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

Congratulations to this Month’s winner

Susan D

This Sunday, 7th September, is Father’s Day. A very happy Father’s Day to all Dads! We hope you love the beautiful gifts the students have made for you.

A FAIR TO REMEMBER!!

1st November 2014

9am-2pm

Remember....
Ride passes go on sale 7th October. We have lots of great rides on the ride pass this year including the rock wall.
Would you like to have a stall at our 2014 A Fair to remember?

Wollongbar Public School P&C Committee invite you to participate in our Community Fair fundraiser event.
Saturday 1st November, 2014
$25 per site. BYO shade and stall equipment.

For further details please contact:
Elaine (mob 0411 487 432 after 6pm)
or email: wpsfete2014@gmail.com

Calling all buskers we need YOU!!!!!

Can you sing, dance, play a musical instrument or perform circus acts? Do you want to busk at the 2014 ‘A Fair to Remember’?

If your child/ren is/are interested, please fill out the permission note below, sign and return it to the office. The P&C fundraising team will then send you a letter with details of what time and where your child/ren will busk. All children participating must be accompanied by an adult and be self sufficient ie; bring their own instruments, music or any equipment they might need to busk.

I give permission for my child to perform at the Wollongbar School Fair on the 1st November, 2014. Entries to be handed into the office no later than 17th October.

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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 letter box. The order will be then filled on the Friday and sent home with your child.

**News in the Canteen**

Due to the half-day Public Holiday on Friday 12th September the canteen will NOT be open on this day.

We are **URGENTLY** in need of volunteers for Friday. Please contact us if you are available to help. It’s a great way to meet new people and best of all, seeing the smile on your child’s face when you serve them 😊

The canteen contact details are:

Leigh on 0412 716 991 Email: llaing77@hotmail.com.au
Anna on 0410 594 676 Email: madmods@bigpond.com

Thanks
Anna and Leigh

**Canteen Roster**

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SUMMIT HOLIDAY SWIMMING INTENSIVES
Book now to improve your child’s swimming
Mon 22 Sept – Fri 26 Sept
Mon 29 Sept – 3 Oct
Group lesson (3-1) $50
1-1 lesson $95
Ring Teesh @ Summit 6625 2025

Pre-School & Kindy Creative Movement Ballet Classes
For enquiries & bookings phone 0411 306430

ThemeParks.com.au
Our School Ticket Sale

Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promo and enter our promocode "CPCOM" to gain access to these ticket offers.

HOLIDAY TENNIS CLINICS
Venue: Alstonville Tennis Club, Kays Lane Russellton Industrial Estate
Date: Tuesday 23rd – Friday 26th of September
Time: 8:30am-3pm
Cost: 4 days $100 or $35/day
FREE BBQ + PRIZES

FULLY OPERATIONAL CANTEEN SERVING DRINKS (HOT/COLD), SALADS, HOT FOOD, ETC.
Alstonville Swimming Club sign on

*Come swim with the friendliest club on the North Coast!*

The Alstonville Swimming Club’s new season commences on Monday, 1st September and the club will be holding a sign on for new swimmers from 9.30am-10.30am at the Alstonville swimming pool on **Saturday 6th September** and again on **Saturday 13th September**.

Swimming with the Alstonville club is for all swimmers of all standards, catering from the very young through to the serious, competitive swimmer. Last year, our swimmers enjoyed some terrific results with around a third making it through to representative school level swimming and selection in development squads.

We have a highly experienced team of coaches so come along and join a fast growing, fun sport.

For further details, contact Greg Kershaw, President, on 6628 7103 or alstonvilleswimmingclub@gmail.com

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**BALLINA LITTLE ATHLETICS - Fun, Family and Fitness**

Athletics Fields, Quay’s Drive, West Ballina

2014 – 2015 Season

- Season commences 8th October
- Register & Pay online 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)
- For more information, see our website www.ballinalittleathletics.com.au
  Email: ballinalittleathletics@gmail.com

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Water

- About two thirds of our body is water
- It carries food around our body
- It carries away waste
- It keeps our temperature steady

Drink plenty of clean, plain water: it is THE thirst quencher!