

# FERNLEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

7<sup>th</sup> October, 2015

Term 4 – Week 1

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## Dates to Remember in 2015

### TERM 3 - October

13<sup>th</sup> Swimming-Weekly

20<sup>th</sup> Swimming

21<sup>st</sup> After School Sport

**Student Banking**

Wednesday

**Munch and Sip**

Every Day

**Office Days**

Monday, Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Friday.

Dates and times may

Change

### BELL TIMES

9.30am - Class

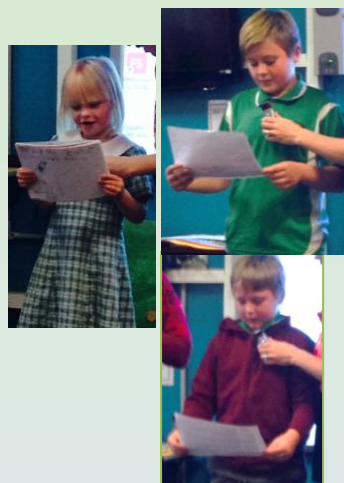
10.30am - Fruit break

11.40am–12.25am-Lunch

2pm – 2.30pm-Afternoon

Tea

3.30pm - Home



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our final term for 2015. I trust that you have had an enjoyable holiday with your families.

This is only a short newsletter for Week 1, containing some urgent and upcoming information.

Firstly, I'd like to thank Ms Austin for relieving for me while I was away in the last few weeks of last term, as well as Ms Liddle and Ms Allingham who filled in for both Ms Winfield (now Mrs Petrie) and Mrs Boyd. We are all 'back on deck' now and looking forward to a fruitful term.

Secondly, I'd also like to say what a wonderful assembly held on the last day. Congratulations to all our children for their wonderful work over the term. I'm sure your parents are as proud of you, as are the teachers at Fernleigh PS.



While our **After School Sports program isn't running this week**, we intend to start this activity in Week 2, so **next Wednesday, it will be running**.

Last term, information was sent home about consultative, information meetings regarding the proposed new high school to be based on Ballina HS grounds in the near future. This is notice that **one of the planned meetings – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October has now been cancelled**. If you are interested in attending an information session on this new 'school' the date for this is **now Tuesday 20 October, 6pm to 8.30pm at Ballina High School, Burnett Street**. (see attached information update).

Coming up **next week** is the start of our **Swimming Program** for this term. Please read, sign and **return the attached swimming note by the end of this week**.

Thanks once again and in anticipation of a wonderful productive term with our children.

Dawn Douglas  
Principal







The Northern NSW Local Health District would like to remind parents and carers that the Child Oral Health Service offers **FREE dental care to ALL children under 18.**

- Oral health is essential for health

and wellbeing.

- It is recommended that children have regular dental check ups starting at 1 year.
  - Regular dental check ups can prevent minor problems becoming major ones and prevent unnecessary pain and distress.
- Dental visits can be fun for kids, treat these visits as normal, routine events so as not to develop fear.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

# A Fair To Remember Wollongbar Public School

## P&C FETE

Saturday 17th October, 2015

9am – 2pm



Market Stalls, Plants, Entertainment, Second Hand books, Food, Coffee, Drinks, Cakes, Displays, Giant Slide, Mechanical Surfboard, Iron Man Obstacle course, Laser Skirmish, Bouncy Castle, Rock Wall, Inflatable Maze, Fairy floss, Snow Cones and much more.....

Pre-paid ride passes available from the School Office

\$30 (\$35 on the day)

For more info Active attraction Rides; <http://www.activeattractions.com.au/>

## 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/promocode](http://ThemeParks.com.au/promocode) and enter our promocode "CPC615" to gain access to these ticket offers.

\*Terms & conditions apply, offer valid for a limited time.



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# Working together to plan for our new high school in Ballina

## Community update, 16 September 2015

### Background information

The Department of Education (the Department) is responsible for planning public education so it meets the needs of students now and in the future. The Department has decided to build a new school on the site of Ballina High School to combine students in years 7 to 12 from Ballina High School (Ballina High) and Southern Cross School K -12 (Southern Cross) in one location. This school will open in term one, 2019. Southern Cross will continue to cater for students in years K to 6 and will be the site for all distance education in Ballina.

There are several reasons why the Department has decided to build a new high school in Ballina.

1. Ballina High School requires extensive upgrade and refurbishment. It is more cost effective to demolish the existing buildings and build new buildings.
2. Enrolment numbers for distance education and year K to 6 at Southern Cross are predicted to continue to increase over the next ten years. Moving year 7 to 12 students from Southern Cross to the new school will free up space at Southern Cross to cater for this growth.
3. The combined year 7 to 12 enrolments at Ballina High and Southern Cross show no significant change over the next ten years. Combining these students in one location, to create a student population of 1000 students, provides a student

base to support a greater range of secondary subjects, than would be available at two separate schools.

4. A new school environment will include classrooms and specialised facilities that support best practice teaching and learning methods. This will include flexible, open and modern learning spaces that are suitable for a range of teaching and learning methods.

### Consultation overview

Planning for the new school is still in the early stages. The Department understand the importance of involving stakeholders and the community in the planning for, design of and creation of the new school.

To start planning for the new school Ballina High and Southern Cross have formed a Combined Schools Working Party which includes Executive staff from both schools. The Working Party will play an important role in planning for the educational and student offerings at the new school.

The Department is soon to commence a broader consultation process to gain feedback on a number of important topics that need to be considered in planning for the new high school:

- Topic 1: Teaching and learning methods to be used at the new high school.
- Topic 2: Features and facilities at the new high school.



- Topic 3: Transitioning our students and staff to the new school.
- Topic 4: Developing our new school's identity and culture.
- Topic 5: Opportunities for community partnerships and shared use of our school facilities.
- Topic 6: The future of Southern Cross School K-6 and Distance Education Centre.

Further background information on these topics will be provided during the consultation to help anyone with an interest in public education in Ballina to join the conversation.

The feedback received during this consultation will help shape the ongoing work of the Combined Schools Working Party and the Draft Concept Plans for the new high school – to be displayed to the community for comment in 2016.

## How to participate

The Department encourage all those with an interest in the new high school in Ballina to participate by:

1. Attending a workshop.
2. Participating online.

### Attend a workshop

Workshops will be held for various groups in the community. Select the most appropriate workshop for you to attend from the list below.

**Ballina High and Southern Cross staff (combined)** – Tuesday 13 October, 3.45pm – 5.30pm at Southern Cross School K-12, Chickiba Drive.

**Ballina High and Southern Cross P&C groups (combined)** – Tuesday 13 October, 6pm – 8.30pm at Southern Cross School K-12, Chickiba Drive.

**Southern Cross parents/carers** – Wednesday 14 October, 6pm – 8.30pm at Southern Cross School K-12, Chickiba Drive.

**Ballina High parents/carers** – Thursday 15 October, 6pm – 8.30pm at Ballina High School, Burnett Street.

**Community workshop** – Monday 19 October, 6pm – 8.30pm at Southern Cross School K-12, Chickiba Drive.

Who should attend the community workshop?

- Pre-school, primary and tertiary educational organisations – staff and parents/carers.
- Local businesses.
- Residents.
- Disability or special educational needs advocacy organisations.

**Future parents/carers (parents with children in pre-school and primary school across Ballina and surrounds)** – Tuesday 20 October, 6pm to 8.30pm at Ballina High, Ballina High School, Burnett Street.

**Ballina Yarn Up** – Monday 26 October, 5pm – 6.30pm at Ballina Aboriginal Child and Family Centre, 10 Hayman Street. There will be a free barbeque at 6.30pm for people who attend the Yarn Up.

**Cabbage Tree Island Yarn Up** – Tuesday 27 October, 5pm – 6.30pm at Cabbage Tree Island Primary School, Cabbage Tree Island Road. There will be a free barbeque at 6.30pm for people who attend the Yarn Up.

**So that we can best plan for the workshops please register your interest in attending the workshops by emailing**

**[Lismore.office@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Lismore.office@det.nsw.edu.au). Please give your full name and the date of the workshop you'd like to attend.**

Ballina High and Southern Cross will also be hosting focus groups with students, to best understand their ideas, issues and concerns.

### Participate online

Further details of how to participate online will be provided in early October 2015.

### Further information visit

<http://www.dec.nsw.gov.au/about-the-department/our-reforms/innovative-education-successful-students/newschools/ballina>

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Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015

Dear Parents,

Our swimming scheme starts on Tuesday October 13 (NEXT TUESDAY) and is in the afternoons this year. This will be our Sport program during the 8 weeks that it will be operating.

Qualified instructors will take our students in small groups. Teachers will still be supervising and there will be substantial assistance from parent transport required in order for us to attend.

The details are as follows:

**Venue:** Ballina Pool and Waterslide (We will not be using the waterslide.)

**Time** of lessons: 2-3pm

**Travel:** Car (teacher and parent transport)

**Leave School at approx. 1:30pm** to get to the venue. Students may be collected from the pool by 3pm.

**Dates** of Swimming School activities: October 13, 20, 27, Nov 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec 1.

**Cost:** free – all cost is covered by a grant organised by Ballina HS for their related Primary Schools.

**Students will need:**

Appropriate swimmers (preferably one piece for girls)

(goggles if they feel they have to wear them)

Towel

Plastic bag for wet gear

This program is for the whole school (K-6).

Parents must complete the attached information in order for your child to participate.

**Dawn Douglas**

Principal

Please retain this information for your reference and return the attached page.

## SCHOOL SWIMMING CONSENT FORM

I hereby consent to the attendance of my son/daughter \_\_\_\_\_ at the School Swimming Classes as organised by Ballina HS grant, to be held at Ballina Pool and Waterslide complex every Tuesday for 8 weeks from October 13, 2015.

Travel will be by car (teacher and parents). There may be 2 occasions where we can organise a bus – to be notified later.

**Total cost for the 8 session program is NIL.**

I can assist with transport to the event from school. ☐

I would prefer to take my child/ren to the Ballina Pool and Waterslide ready to start at 2pm. ☐

I give permission for my child to travel by car with either a teacher or parent from the school. ☐

I will collect my child from Ballina Pool by 3pm. ☐

I will arrange transport for my child to return home from Ballina Pool at 3pm. ☐

I need my child to return to school with a teacher or parent so they can travel home as normal. ☐

I can assist with transporting children back to school following the swimming lessons on some days (negotiated with the school). ☐

In the event of injury or illness, I also authorise (on my behalf) the seeking of such medical assistance that my child may require. Special needs of my child of which you should be aware (eg. allergies, sensory impairment, etc):

In relation to the proposed structured aquatic activities (please circle response):

My child is **permitted** to go in the water (complete the section below)  
My child is **not permitted** to go in the water and will remain supervised out of the water.

.....  
Signed parent / care giver

.....  
My child is permitted to go in the water (please circle response):

**A non swimmer:** My child is unable to swim

**A weak swimmer:** My child is comfortable and confident in shallow water but cannot swim very well

**An average swimmer:** My child is a reasonable swimmer but is not very strong or confident in deep water

**A strong swimmer:** My child is a strong swimmer and is very confident in deep water

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_