

# FERNLEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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

Term 3 – Week 9

Visit Our Web Site At:

[www.fernleigh-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.fernleigh-p.schools.nsw.edu.au)



### Dates to Remember in 2015



#### TERM 3

##### September

8<sup>th</sup> Earn & Learn Sticker Collection – Ends

9<sup>th</sup> Zoo Visit  
After School Sport

10<sup>th</sup> Half Day Holiday –  
Ballina Race Day pm.

15<sup>th</sup> Spelling Bee WRPS

18<sup>th</sup> **LAST DAY TERM 3**

Assembly 2pm-3pm  
Afternoon Tea 3pm

##### October – Term 4

5<sup>th</sup> Public Holiday

6<sup>th</sup> **OCTOBER STUDENTS RETURN**

#### 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,

As you may be aware I am filling in for Dawn whilst she is on leave. I will be here each day, following Dawn's program and predominantly teaching the 3-6 class. I look forward to having the continuity of being at one school for 5 days instead of my 3 schools over a period of a week!

There are a number of upcoming events I wish to bring to your attention, particularly the **Ballina Cup half day holiday on September 10<sup>th</sup> starting at 12 noon.**

For those people who reside in Ballina Shire and/or work in Ballina Shire it has been proclaimed a half day public holiday. Therefore it is important that students are picked up from school by 12 noon. A note sent out last week outlined the half day public holiday and needs to be signed as acknowledged and returned to school. It also requires you to indicate the arrangements you have in place for the collection of your child on that day. Please ensure that we know what is happening. If on the day there is any difficulty getting to school by midday, please call the school. However, be reminded that the school is closed – no afternoon supervision is available.

Last week Miss Winfield prepared for her wedding. We had Mrs Liddle and Mrs Boyd working with the children. Mrs Petrie (Miss Winfield) will be returning this week.

As the term draws to an end I would also like to continue our traditional end of term presentation afternoon. I would like this to occur on the last day of Term at 2pm. The children in 3-6 have asked me if we could have foods from their country of study, so I thought it would be appropriate to have an afternoon tea after the assembly before heading off on holidays (for some). I will inform everyone the final arrangements by note and newsletter once I have negotiated all aspects of the afternoon.

Next week 2 of our Year 4 students, Ayla and Lilly, will be representing Fernleigh PS in the Premier's Spelling Bee at Wyrallah Rd. Congratulations Girls, for making it this far.

**Zoo Visit this Wednesday**-Please return note & money tomorrow.

Mrs Douglas will be returning in Term 4.

Sue Austin  
Relieving Principal

*Winners in the Les Peterkin Portrait Prize. -  
Congratulations*



CONGRATULATIONS to all our fabulous students for their amazing performance at the Lismore Performing Arts festival on Wednesday 27th August. Apart from the fact that they were amazing on stage, a teacher from another school publicly congratulated our students on their quiet behaviour in the holding room.

We have so much to be thankful for at Fernleigh. Not only are our students great singers and performers, hard workers and friendly, they are models of behaviour for others too. I never cease to be proud of their efforts.

Mrs Douglas



## SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS ART COMPETITION

Congratulations to Ryder Moss who has received a Highly Commended for his entry 'Bird creature' in the Lismore Sustainable Schools Art Competition.

Ryder will receive a certificate and a voucher from Boost Juice at Lismore Shopping Square.

All of the entries in the competition will be displayed at the Lismore Transport Expo at Lismore Shopping Square on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September between 9am and 4pm.

## BALLINA HIGH SCHOOL UPGRADE

### Parent Consultation and Information Meeting

Ballina HS Upgrade Parent Consultation and Information Meeting - to be held at BHS school on Thursday, 8th October from 7.00 pm.

Whilst the agenda has not been finalised as yet, Peter Campbell and other DoE officials will give a progress report and will seek feeder primary school stakeholder input as well.



## Water: did you know:



85% of a child's body weight is water.



The human brain is 75% water; a living tree is also 75% water.



There is the same amount of water on Earth as there was when the Earth was formed. The water from your tap could contain molecules that dinosaurs drank!



Water regulates the Earth's temperature. It also regulates the temperatures of the human body, carries nutrients and oxygen to cells, cushions joints, protects organs and tissues, and removes wastes.



Although the average person can live for about one month without food, we can only survive about a week without water.

## Drink water: it's Cool!

Timing tables - how fast can we go?



Helping each other learn times tables



Pre wedding gathering with Miss Winfield

The knitting club continues- thanks Toni



We congratulate Miss Winfield on her wedding last Saturday. What a beautiful bride! It will be a challenge for us all to remember to use her new name... Mrs Petrie. Mrs Petrie will be at school on Wednesday, 9th September. After School Sport will be on again this week.



Final collection day for stickers - this Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. Please send in all stickers ASAP so they can be bundled & counted ready to be posted. Thank you to all families for collecting and sending. What a great effort.



**LAST DAY TERM 3**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

**TERM 4**  
**STUDENTS RETURN**  
**TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

Ava, Ayla and Lilly in the small schools choir



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### BALLINA JUNIOR TOUCH

2015-16 Season Sign-on

Online registration - NOW until 25th September 2015.

Information available on the Ballina Touch Association Face Book page and Juniors website or contact

[ballinatouch1@gmail.com](mailto:ballinatouch1@gmail.com)

### TINCAN

(Tintenbar Community Aid Network) runs a series of social activities at the Tintenbar Hall.

Dates for upcoming activities at the Hall are as follows:

**SCRABBLE:** Thursday 10am -12noon, Sept 3rd and 17th

**CARPET BOWLS:** Friday 10am -12noon, Sept 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

**SHOPPING BUS:** From home, starts pickup at 9am Thursdays, Sept 10th and 24th, goes Ballina CBD and Ballina Fair (there is a small charge for bus).

Contact Marg on 6687 8033 for more information

### BYRON BAY NIPPERS

Registration days are:

Sunday, 20th September 3 -5pm

Saturday, 3rd October 9 -11am

Both registration days are at the Byron Bay surf club. Enquiries can be made to email address Byron Bay Surf Life Saving Club

e: [nippers@byronbaysurfclub.org](mailto:nippers@byronbaysurfclub.org)

w: [www.byronbaysurfclub.org](http://www.byronbaysurfclub.org)

### Byron4Kids website

A recently launched website - designed to cover everything to do for kids in Ballina and Byron Shires.

It includes playgrounds, skateparks, patrolled beaches, walking trails, shops, markets and of course, activities, attractions and events and festivals suitable for kids.

It has a Calendar of Events - community activities for families such as Story time at the Library, Mobile Library Stops, Toy libraries, markets and local playgroups. It also lists, shows, events and festivals suitable for children.

It's intended to be a super - handy guide/directory for everything for families in the local area. Take a look at:

<http://www.byron4kids.com.au/>

## SCHOOL TERM AND VACATION DATES FOR NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2016 – 2020

### 2016

Term 1	Wednesday, 27 January 2016	to	Friday, 8 April 2016	Eastern Division	51	Days
	Wednesday, 3 February 2016	to	Friday, 8 April 2016	Western Division	46	Days
Autumn vacation	Monday, 11 April 2016	to	Friday, 22 April 2016			
Term 2	Tuesday, 26 April 2016	to	Friday, 1 July 2016		48	Days
Winter vacation	Monday, 4 July 2016	to	Friday, 15 July 2016			
Term 3	Monday, 18 July 2016	to	Friday, 23 September 2016		50	Days
Spring vacation	Monday, 26 September 2016	to	Friday, 7 October 2016			
Term 4	Monday, 10 October 2016	to	Tuesday, 20 December 2016		52	Days
Summer vacation	Wednesday, 21 December 2016	to	Thursday, 26 January 2017	Eastern Division		
	Wednesday, 21 December 2016	to	Thursday, 2 February 2017	Western Division		

No of school days: Eastern Division 201 Western Division 196



Buy 20 or More & Save! Call 07 5519 6210 or email [groupbookings@vrtp.com.au](mailto:groupbookings@vrtp.com.au)