

FERNLEIGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

1st February, 2016

Term 1 – Week 2

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SOUTHERN CROSS COMMUNITY OF SMALL SCHOOLS



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2016 school year. We especially welcome the new kindergarten students and their families. We know that you will love being a part of this great small school community.

As you are aware there has been a re-shuffle of staff and the following list will give you a better idea of who is where each day.

K-2 Mrs McClymont Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Mrs Petrie Thursday & Friday

3-6 Mrs Reid Monday to Friday.

Mrs Austin (when returns) Thursday 3-6 9.30am - 1.30pm

K-2 2.15pm – 3.30pm

Library has moved to Thursday. Mrs McClymont is replacing Mrs Austin until she returns.

Mrs McGill will be here every Wednesday as Learning & Support teacher.

Mrs Lewis – office hours Monday, Wednesday, 2nd Fridays & Mr Currey General Assistant Wednesday.

Last week we introduced a new buddy reading program. This program promotes our school values.



Newsletter is published every second Monday. Please keep it somewhere close so you can check what is happening in the upcoming weeks. It is also uploaded to the school website.

School arrival time is between 9am – 9.30pm. Please be aware that there is no supervised supervision before this time.

Pick up time is 3.30pm.

Bell times have changes slightly:

9am Playground – supervision begins.

9.30am Class, 11.30am – 12pm Break 1, 1.30pm - 2.15pm break 2, 3.30pm home time.

Dates to Remember in 2016



February

2nd 3-6 Swimming

Carnival Ballina Pool

8th K-2 Information for Parents afternoon 3pm

9th 3-6 Information for Parents afternoon 3pm

12th P&C AGM 2.45pm @ School
- Bookclub orders due

Student Banking

Wednesday

Munch and Sip

Every Day

Office Days

Monday, Wednesday, 2nd Friday.

Dates and times may Change

BELL TIMES

9.30am - Class

11.30am–12pm-break 1

1.30pm–2.15pm-break 2

3.30pm - Home

Together We
Grow
Stronger &
Smarter

Our annual Small Schools Swimming Carnival will be held tomorrow 2nd February at the Ballina pool. Meet at pool by 9.30am – finishing approx. 1.30pm. Travel is by car/parent. Cost is Pool on entry \$3.50. Remember – Sunscreen, hat, towel, bag for wet gear, water bottle, food and suitable footwear. Canteen will be operating. School as usual for all K-2 students and non-swimmers.

The school zone inside and outside the gate is very frantic. Please supervise pre-schoolers extremely carefully and make sure that all your children know the correct rules about crossing the road and getting in to your car.

Parents of students in Kindergarten will also have attached an information letter about the Best Start Kindergarten Assessment program. Kindergarten assessment will take place tomorrow, please note that this is an assessment that all NSW schools take part in and it is aimed to assist the classroom teachers

Scholastic Bookclub is available for all students. Two issues are sent home each term. All orders generate points for the school to use on a wide range of resources for the students. The current issue will be sent home today. Please return orders and payment to the office by Friday, 12th February.

ALL students are encouraged to have a fruit/vegie break and have a small drink of water. Please send a small amount of chopped/sliced fruit or vegetable in a sealed container that can be placed on the desk. The container needs to be separate from the lunch box for easy access. Items that have proved successful are carrots, cucumber, apple, berries, grapes or sultanas.

Fruit tubes are now available for purchase for 50c.

We invite parents to make an annual voluntary contribution towards the cost of providing all textbooks, stationery, equipment and online registrations used for the children's education. The amount per student this year will be \$60 or \$90 for 2. Please send this to school in a sealed envelope with your family name clearly written on the outside.

Homework for all students, K-6, is sent out Monday and needs to be returned Friday. Home readers for K-2 students will not start until week 3 and these need to be read and returned daily.

All information for parents will be advised at the **Parent Information Sessions** on:-

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K-2 will be in the classroom at 3pm Monday 8th February and Tuesday 9th for Yrs 3-6 3pm.

Relieving Principal
Melissa Dunbar-Reid

P&C Annual General Meeting

The P & C will be holding their AGM on Friday from 2.45pm at school. Everyone is very welcome and encouraged to participate. It is anticipated that the meeting will not be a long one. 😊

Welcome to all our families



STUDENT BANKING

Student Banking will be on Wednesdays. Information packs will come home shortly for students.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Ballina Rugby Union

2016 Registration
Wednesday 10th & 17th February
5pm

From under 8's
\$95 includes shorts, socks and shirt
Kalinga St, West Ballina
Contact Kahli Milner 0415797494

Tintenbar East Ballina Football Club

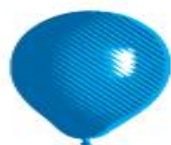
Sign on at www.myfootballclub.com.au from Feb 1st.

Open day and sign on at our new home fields at Power Drive, Cumbalum
Tuesday, 9th February 4:30-7pm
Seniors and Juniors welcome.

www.tebfc.com.au secretary@tebfc.com.au

For Sale

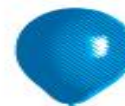
Second hand school uniforms. Dresses and shirts etc to fit a Year 3 student. Please contact Angela 0415677686.



**Asthma
Australia**

Children's Asthma in Education & Care Services

Families & staff
working together



**Asthma
Australia**

Did you know ...

- One in ten children have current asthma (that's over 350,000 school aged students)
- Asthma is a common reason for hospitalisation of children
- Children's asthma is a major contributor to their being absent from education or care

On average, more than one Australian dies from asthma each day.

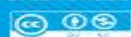
Asthma Australia provides asthma training for education and care services across Australia. Training in schools and preschools is supported by the Australian government.

To find out more about asthma
contact your local Asthma Foundation
1800 ASTHMA (1800 278 462)
asthmaaustralia.org.au



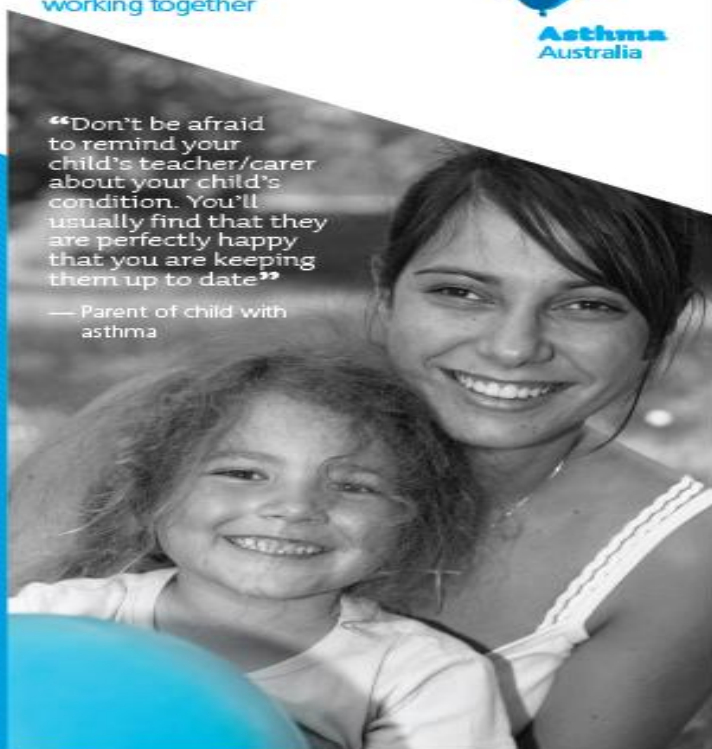
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Suite 900, Mountain View, California, 94041, USA.

This resource is supported by funding from the Australian Government under the Asthma Management Program.



"Don't be afraid
to remind your
child's teacher/carer
about your child's
condition. You'll
usually find that they
are perfectly happy
that you are keeping
them up to date"

— Parent of child with
asthma

Working in partnership

It is essential that families and staff work together to achieve the best health and learning outcomes for children with asthma.

A national survey by Asthma Australia of parents and carers identified the key issues for them when communicating with staff about their child's asthma and other health care needs.

- **87 % Identified the class/home group teacher/carer as the most important person to communicate with**
- **97 % thought that parents of children with asthma should provide a Care Plan to the school or care service**
- **87 % chose regular "face to face" communication as a good way to share information between them and the staff**



"Don't be shy ...
the more carers/
teachers know the
better"

— Parent of child
with asthma

Children and self-management

Children and adolescents have an important role in managing their own asthma. Families and staff can work together to support them to increase their understanding and confidence. What children can safely do depends on their age and stage of development.



Livewire

Young people with severe asthma aged 10-20 years can join Livewire — a safe, moderated online forum for those with a chronic condition. More information at livewire.org.au

Asthma Plans

There are many different asthma plans available.

Asthma Action Plans describe what to do when well, when asthma symptoms occur and in an asthma emergency.

Asthma Care Plans can be specific to an education or care organisation, e.g. child care. Some services will require a specific Care Plan.

Other plans can be medication specific Asthma Plans and language/culture specific plans.

Work with the staff at your education or care service and your child's doctor to decide on the best Asthma Plan for you to provide to the staff.

Other messages from the online survey

- Asthma is a serious condition
- Children with asthma have different triggers, treatments and care needs
- Staff need to know what to do in an emergency
- Asthma Foundations offer staff training in every state and territory

2015 end year celebrations



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