

# Fernleigh Public School

## Newsletter

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**Monday 1st August**

**Week 3 Term 3**

I am pleased to share that a very exciting public art opportunity has opened up for our Southern Cross Community of Small Schools. We have been given the opportunity to create a collection of recycled, kinetic, public artworks, which will be created under an environmental / marine theme. The art installation aims to bring public awareness of the destructive nature of plastics within our marine ecosystems. It would be wonderful for us to work under the creative umbrella of 'Schools Protecting Schools'.

The artworks will be on exhibition during the 'Prawn Festival', held on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November, 2016. I am currently finalising details for our artworks will be made in partnership with local Lismore based artist Jyllie Jackson. Generous funding has been sourced through a successful Creative Arts Grant. This outlined funding per school is:

- \$450 towards a bus to explore the local river/ocean ecosystem
- \$500 towards two half-day in-school workshops with Jyllie Jackson
- \$250 towards material costs.

### Swimming

School swimming starts this Thursday. We are extremely lucky to have the opportunity to receive eight free lessons. The cost of the lessons are paid for by our successful Sporting Schools Grant. Parents that can not transport their children are required to pay a small fee of \$30 for the 8 sessions or \$3.75 per session they travel with someone else. As our lessons finish at 3.15pm afternoon pick up will be at Ross Lane Aquatic Centre. Please speak to Mrs Reid if this is a concern for you.

### Flexible Seating

This term we are trialling classroom flexible seating. Flexible classroom seating invites collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking by helping students manage their physical learning space. Students can choose where to sit in the classroom to complete their learning tasks. To manage classroom expectations the students along with the teachers came up with five guidelines that must be followed. Please feel free to visit the classrooms and speak to the students about this new arrangement.

### Writing Goals

The students have been busy reviewing their writing goals from last term and setting new goals. Goal setting helps the students to identify areas they need to work on in their writing and focus on working towards improving their writing by trying to reach their goal. This is part of our How2Learn program.

### What's Coming Up!

**Monday -**

**Tuesday -** Mrs McClymont  
@ L3 training

**Wednesday -** 2-6R @ Byron  
Bay Writers  
Festival.

**Thursday -** Swimming starts  
Library

**Friday -** District Athletics

### Reminders

- **Byron Writers Festival** permission notes need to be returned tomorrow.
- **Swimming** permission notes to be returned tomorrow

### Community Announcement

#### Little Pickers Guitar Lessons

Music Tutor—Summer Gillespie  
When— Before and After School  
Where— Tintenbar  
Contact— 66878111

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# Student Achievement

## Transition to School

It is that time of the year again that we start to look at our Kindy enrolments for 2017. Transition to school is an important step for any child starting school as it helps to establish routines, expectations and calms nerves about the unknown. Fernleigh Public School Transition Program will be extended this year to start in Term 3 and continue to the end of the year. These will start as partial days and extend to full days during Term 4. Our first day is **Thursday 25th August, 9.30 - to 12 noon**. More information to come, or call the school and speak to Mrs McClymont or Mrs Reid.

**Guinea Pig Update**– Thank you to Sarah and James for donating the new guinea pig play pen. The students are enjoying being able to sit with Cookie and Choc Chip to play during break time.



## Harvest Farm Excursion

On Tuesday the 26th of July Fernleigh Public School arrived to school and sat in a line and listened to instructions. I was so excited I then jumped on to the Mojo bus and was ready for our excursion. When we started to go Nat the bus driver (Honey and India's dad) blew the whistle that meant there was a shark in the bus.

We all ran out of the bus one by one. We all stood in front of the Mojo Surf bus and said 'hi'.

All of us went in groups. The group I was in went to learn about chickens.

Then we went to the composting group. We didn't only learn about composting, we also learnt about plants.

It was a long day so we all sat at a huge table, it had knives, forks and plates for everyone. We all completed a worksheet and ate India's special cake. It was a great day. By Lilliana



The  
**Ballina District  
Athletics Carnival** is  
being held at Geoff Watt  
Oval, Alstonville on  
Friday 5th August. Well

done to Lily, Honey, India, and Quinn who will be representing our school. We wish them the best of luck, and look forward to hearing about their

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## India's Interview Corner

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Jude Gillespie</b>
<b>What year are you in?</b>	Year 3
<b>What sports do you like doing?</b>	Karate
<b>What's your favourite food?</b>	Sushi and Pizza
<b>Do you have a hobby and what is it?</b>	Drawing
<b>What's the best thing about Fernleigh PS?</b>	My Friends
<b>Do you have a favourite movie?</b>	Big Hero Six
<b>Have you ever travelled overseas?</b>	Yes to Thailand, America & Africa
<b>What's the craziest thing you have ever done?</b>	Bungy Jumping
<b>What is one thing you are good at?</b>	Eating Pizza and Watching Movies
<b>What would you like to achieve in life?</b>	I would like to Graduate High School at thirteen and become a Scientist.
<b>Tell us what makes you laugh?</b>	Funny Movie Lines.



### Bell Times

9.30am - Class  
 11.30 am- 12pm - Break 1  
 1.30pm - 2.15 Break 2  
 3.30pm - Home

### Student Quote of the Week

“ Don't let the pit close up, face your fears” Lucas

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## What's Coming Up!

<b>August Week 3</b>	1	2 Mrs McClymont @ L3 Training	3 Byron Bay Writers Festival	4 Swimming	5 Ballina District Athletics Carnival
<b>August Week 4</b>	8	9 Mrs Reid at How2Learn Professional Learning	10 Preschool reading. Mrs Reid at How2Learn Professional Learning	11 K-2 Collegial staff meeting@ Empire Vale Swimming	12
<b>August Week 5</b>	15	16	17 Preschool Reading	18 Swimming	19
<b>August Week 6</b>	22 Book Week! Ballina Library Excursion	23 Book Parade and Book Fair	24 Preschool Reading	25 Swimming	26
<b>August Week 7</b>	29	30	31	1 Swimming	2

### Update New School

The announcement for the amalgamation of Ballina High School and Southern Cross School 7 -12 was made on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. Since that time we have been busy planning how to make this as seamless as possible for all involved. Planning for transition days for the class of 2022 is well underway thanks to Sarah McDonald, Caleb Sandcock, Michelle Garrett and Shelley Keenhan. The first of these days is planned for Wednesday week 6 this term where the students will be involved in getting to know you and team building activities. As well we are beginning to plan some induction days for students of Ballina High to come to Southern Cross. The first of these days will occur this term whereby students from Ballina will become familiar with the Southern Cross site. As well team building and get to know you activities are planned so students in both schools can begin to forge strong and supportive bonds.

Staffs from both schools are continuing the **How 2 Learn** training and the focus for this term is on developing growth mindsets with our students. There are many blockers that students use when learning becomes hard. For example often we hear students state: I'm dumb I can't do it! This is what we call a fixed mindset. We aim to change this way of thinking to a growth mindset so the response is: You are not dumb- you just don't know this yet.

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