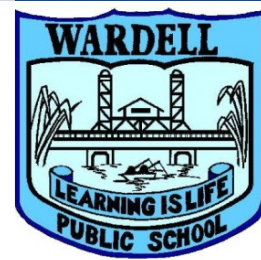


Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 26	Last day of Swimming
Mar 28	Easter Hat Parade
Mar 28	Easter Raffle Drawn
Mar 30-Apr 2	Easter Break
Apr 6	Purple Day(Epilepsy)

ATTACHMENTS TO THIS NEWSLETTER:

1. Absent Note (where applicable)

Master "Water Dragon's" Words of Wisdom Swimming Scheme

Last day of our Swim Scheme will be on Monday the 26th of March there will no supervision for students who are not participating in lesson due illness or injury at the pool. These students will need to remain at home.

3-6 Canberra and Snow Excursion

The 3/4/5/6 Excursion will take place in Week 2, Term 3 the 29th of July to the Friday the 3rd August. The excursion will be to Canberra visiting such places as Parliament House, The War Memorial, Discovery Zone, Questacon and skiing for two days plus lots more. For some students it may be the first and only time to see snow. It will be a trip of a lifetime for some. The cost of the excursion is \$927 but with subsidies from the school and P&C the maximum expected cost for students is \$711. This can be paid in a lump sum, or paid throughout Terms 1, 2 and 3. A payment plan is available to parents but it is a guide only, sit down and work out what will work for you, starting now. An expression of interest form has been sent home

Working Bee

Thanks to all those who came along and helped in our working bee on Saturday. We got lots cleaned up trimmed up and spruced up, and our school is looking a lot better due to your hard efforts. What a great bunch of volunteers.

Easter Hat Parade

Our Easter hat Parade and raffle will be held next Wednesday; Easter hats were made Today and will be finished off on Monday. It will be great to see the different styles in our parade on Wednesday.

All raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle should have been returned. If not:

THEY MUST BE RETURNED SOLD OR UNSOLD ON MONDAY- NO EXCUSES

On Wednesday morning prior to the Hat Parade K-2 will be participating in an Easter Egg Hunt which will be much excitement and mayhem in the school.

The Canteen will be open for M/T with Coffee /Tea and a lovely slice of homemade cake for only \$2.50, so if you are coming along to watch our hat parade and see if you were lucky in the raffles, remember that M/T is available. Following the Parade and Raffle will be a Free sausage Sizzle for everyone.

Easter Guessing Competition

We have a guessing competition running in the front office it is .20c a guess for how many Easter eggs are in the bottle. Guess the right number and you win the bottle of Easter Eggs. All money goes back to the school. Let us see who the cleverest person is!

Bundjalung Language Program



We have been fortunate to be able access the Goonellabah Public School Language Nest resources, which has enabled us to run a Bundjalung Language Program at our school. This program will run on Wednesday afternoons in both class. Uncle Ricky Cook will be our language tutor who will assist teachers to incorporate Bundjalung Language into their regular teaching program. Ricky will also be supported by Glen Rhodes, the Goonellabah Public School Language coordinator.

Breakfast Club

Just a reminder to all parents that our Breakfast club operates on Tue, Wed & Fri mornings in the Library from 8.30 – 9am. This is a chance for kids to get a good start to the day with cereal & fruit. There is no cost to students and it is a boost to the students before a busy day at school.

Connecting Country Schools (CCS) project

Our school has been included in the Connecting Country Schools (CCS) project, which is delivering upgraded wireless connectivity and internet access to more than 900 schools around the state. Planning for installations at our school has commenced with our assigned Technical Officer from the Department's IT Directorate, who are managing this project. CCS will deliver upgraded and reliable wireless access in all our learning spaces, assisting teachers to deliver future focused learning to prepare our students for digital age jobs. Improved wireless and internet services will also give students more chances to connect and collaborate and greater access to online knowledge databases, streaming media, educational institutions and experts. We are working with our Technical Officer to ensure that disruptions during the installation are kept to a minimum.

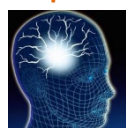
External contractors who will visit the school to undertake work are required to have a Working With Children Check.

General Knowledge Day

Our students attended the General Knowledge Day held at Ballina yesterday and our students from Stage Two, Xavier & Felix along with two students from Cabbage Tree Island came a BIG second - Super Effort Boys and our other students Amy, Sean Ewan & Harrison equipped themselves extremely well against great opponents. All students were a credit to our school with wonderful manners. Awesome Effort everyone.

P&C

P & C have now set the Voluntary Contribution for School Fees for students for this year. The cost will be \$40 for 1 child \$80 for 2 children and any more than 2 in the one family and they will be FREE.

Purple Day

Purple Day is a global initiative dedicated to raising epilepsy awareness. Purple Day was founded in 2008, by nine-year-old Cassidy Megan of Nova Scotia, Canada. Motivated by her own struggles with epilepsy, Cassidy started Purple Day in an effort to get people talking about the condition and to let those impacted by seizures know that they are not alone. She named the day Purple Day after the internationally recognised colour for epilepsy, lavender. We are holding our Purple Day on the 6th of April. Students bring in a gold coin donation to be out of uniform and wear purple for the day to help raise awareness for epilepsy. The Student Representative Council hosts the fundraising event.

Skoolbag App

Our School has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community.

You may wish to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name Wardell Public School in either the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

For Windows users search for Skoolbag in the Windows Store and install the app and then find your school. Please note it must be a Windows 8.1 or 10 device.

You can also access a web browser version at <http://skoolbag.com.au/web/index.php?schoolid=9490>

Using the web browser version, you can sign up to receive email notifications and have documents emailed directly to you such as the school newsletter. You can also choose which category of email notifications you wish to receive.

If you sign up to skoolbag through the link on the school website, you are able to receive emails of events and notifications.

Last Day of Term

On Friday the 13th of April we will be holding a tabloid sports afternoon as part of our end of term activities. Parents are quite welcome to come and help us run a tabloid event on the day.

Ballina Coast High Rugby Day

Students in the 3/4/5/6 class have been invited by Ballina Coast High School to join them on the 12th of April, for day learning Rugby Skills and meeting the Waratahs.

A Fair To Remember Wollongbar P&C FETE

Saturday 24th March, 2018

9am – 2pm



Market Stalls, Plants, Entertainment, Second-hand Books, Food, Coffee, Drinks, Cakes, Giant Atomic Rush, Roaring River Obstacle Course, Mechanical Bull, Lion King Castle, Bungee Run, Laser Skimish, Rock Wall, Fairy Floss, Snow Cones and much more!

**Wollongbar
P&C**

Pre-paid ride passes available from the
School Office or <https://tinyurl.com/wollPC/fete>
\$30 (\$35 on the day)

This Sunday 25th March, the Wardell & District Progress Association will be hosting the Official Opening of the Boardwalk in Wardell. A free sausage sizzle and Easter eggs for the kids will begin the afternoon from 1.00pm before the official ceremony at 2.00pm. Please contact either Kerry on 0414 899 247 or Pat Carney 0438 834 362 if you require any further information.



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.

Yr 7 Transition

Wardell Yr 6,

Thanks for having us out last week. Reflecting on last year, we have decided to run the excursion process differently. In 2018, we will provide each of our feeder schools with the excursion information for the three transition days. Can you please complete a Variation to Routine for each excursion? This will allow each feeder school to have accurate records regarding contact and medical details. Last year it proved difficult to ensure we had accurate records of students on each of the transition days when the excursions were organised by Ballina Coast High School.

The details for the first excursion are:

Date: 17th May 2018

Venue: Lennox Head Community Centre

Time: 10am - 2pm

Transport: Make your own way to the venue

Uniform: No

Recess and Lunch: Provided

Cost: N/A



Broadwater Public School

Movies Under the Stars

You're invited to join us for:

DESPICABLE ME 3

The evening is open to all families of Broadwater and surrounding communities.

When: Saturday 7th April 2018

Where: Broadwater Public School Oval

Time: 6:30pm BBQ -movie will commence at dusk

Cost: \$20 per family at the gate

We will have a BBQ available for families to buy dinner. Popcorn, drinks and treats will also be on sale.

All families are asked to bring a blanket or outdoor chairs to secure your spot under the stars.

We hope to see you there!

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Responsible Pet Ownership



During the week we were lucky enough to have a visit from Gina & Cruz from the Responsible Pet Ownership Program and they came to explain about the responsibility we have when we own pets. I am sure we all learnt some valuable lessons about owning Pets.

K-2 Mini Cross Country

As our senior students were at Teven/Tintenbar, for Cross Country during the week, the K -2 students held their own Mini Cross Country with two laps around the school Oval. Comradery won out for the day with all students enjoying each other's company. Well worth the effort for the icy poles at the end. Congratulations to everyone for great sportsmanship.



Birthday Corner

None this week

Winners & Grinners:



STUDENT OF THE FORTNIGHT



🌟 PEACHES GRAY 🌟