What's Coming Up!

Term 1

Week 6
Mar 2  Interrelate 10 - 2pm
Mar 4  Midginbil Hill Final payment due

Week 7
Mar 9  Interrelate 10 - 2pm
Mar 10 Parent teacher interviews 3.50-7.00pm

Week 8
Mar 14 -16 Midginbil Hill Excursion
Mar 16  Interrelate 10-2pm

Week 9
Mar 21-22 World of Maths
Mar 23  Interrelate 10 - 2pm
Mar 24  Easter Hat Parade 11:30am

Weekly Achievement Awards

Producing Excellent Students
Student of the Week
Our student of the week is a caring and considerate class member who always produces quality work. He has participated in the Premiers Reading Challenge 6 times and is a wonderful buddy to kindergarten students. In the playground Zac plays fairly and his positive attitude makes him a valued peer leader.

He is a talented sportsperson who has been selected in the regional cricket team and he is the captain of Lennox Head Public School's cricket team.

Congratulations to our Vice-Captain Zac Gilmore

Merit Students

Meet our Merit Student – Jamilah Bikoumou
Another busy week - we are already half way through the first term of school. As you are aware the weather is remaining very warm. We are unfortunately reminding some children to remember to wear a hat whilst in the playground, please ensure your child packs a school hat in their bag every day. In addition in very warm weather it is really important that children are drinking enough water and remaining hydrated. It is a great idea to send your child with a drink bottle full of water every day. These can then be refilled at school if necessary and used both in and outside of classrooms when required.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held on Thursday March 10 from 3:50 to 7:00pm. These will be held in the school hall. Bookings for this are to be made online. You will need to go to this website – www.schoolinterviews.com.au and the event code you will need to log in and make bookings is b8dct. You then make a booking with your child’s teacher and you will receive a notification you can print out if necessary. A reminder that interviews are for a duration of 10 minutes only. You must be on time for your child’s interview and once the bell rings to signal the end of the interview you must move on to allow the next person to take up their timeslot. If you feel that you will require a longer interview following a discussion with your child’s teacher, we would be grateful if you made another time to do this. A reminder that if you choose to bring your child/children with you, that is fine, however it is your responsibility to supervise them. There is no child minding facility, as teachers are busy with parents. Children should not be playing on the larger playground equipment out of school hours. There have been some serious accidents in the past and we are trying to avoid these in the future. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Bike/Scooter/Road Safety

A reminder that all children, when riding to and from school on bikes, scooters and skateboards, must be wearing an approved helmet. If they are not wearing a helmet they shouldn't be riding to school. Last week in Ballina two children were seriously injured when they were struck by a car whilst riding their bikes/scooters across a road. Several staff have already noticed children not riding safely coming to and from school. Please discuss with your child/children the importance of road safety. This will also be discussed at school.

In addition, another child was hit by a car in Ballina last week after getting off a school bus and then proceeding to cross the road before the bus had moved. If your children travel on buses and you are meeting them at the bus stop you should always meet them on the same side of the road as the bus. If you don’t meet your children at the bus stop, please discuss with them (as we will here) regarding waiting for the bus to move off so that they can clearly see in both directions before attempting to cross the road.

The school received a letter this week from a concerned citizen regarding children that are enrolled at Lennox Head Public who allegedly were not fully immunised. Unfortunately there were no contact details for us to respond to this letter. I have attached the information form the NSW Department of Health, regarding enrolment of children in NSW public schools. There is no exclusion to an enrolment of any child, regardless of their immunisation status. However if an outbreak were to occur, children that are not fully immunised may be excluded from school for the period of the outbreak. We are guided by the Department of Health if this does occur. Please read the information below if you require further information.

Primary school enrolment and the Immunisation History Statement

When enrolling a child, parents/caregivers will be asked to provide an Immunisation History Statement. Parents can request an Immunisation History Statement by contacting the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register on 1800 653 809.

Primary schools record the immunisation status of students on enrolment. They keep the statement (or photocopy of the original statement) for three years after the student has left the primary school. If a student changes primary schools the Immunisation History Statement (or a copy) is forwarded to the new primary school. Primary schools are not required to transfer history statements to high schools as high schools are not required to keep immunisation records.

A child without an Immunisation History Statement will not be prevented from enrolling in primary school. Under the NSW Public Health Act 2010, however, children without proof of immunisation may be asked by Public Health Officials to stay at home during an outbreak of vaccine preventable disease.

Further information about the requirements for primary schools is available here.
Congratulations, good luck and thanks.

Well done to our boys cricket team who defeated Wyrallah Road in their cricket match on Wednesday. They now move onto the next round.

Good luck to all of the children competing at zone swimming in Murwillumbah today. I hope you all did your best and had a great day representing our school.

Finally, I would like to thank Jason McCombie for offering to select and train our rugby sevens teams for an upcoming carnival on Tuesday 8 March. We will be taking two teams. A big thank you to Berrick Barnes a former Wallaby who is also helping the boys to train. We appreciate both of you giving up your time, to get children involved in a different sporting opportunity.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Kind regards
Deb Langfield
Relieving Principal

Thought for the week
“The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today.”

University of NSW Competition
Each year the University of NSW conducts the ICAS tests. These are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. These are available to students in years 3 - 6 across the areas of Science, Spelling, Writing, Digital Technologies, English and Mathematics.
If you would like your child to enter any of these competitions please collect a note and permission slip from the school office. Costs are as follows:

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Peer Support
Types of friends is the focus in Peer Support this week. Children will explore what encourages them to form friendships with different people (common interests, admirable qualities etc). Through various activities children will identify that their friends can fall into the categories of ‘best friends’, ‘friends’ and ‘people we know’. Children will also discuss the fact that friendships can change over time for various reasons.

Discuss with your child the different friends they have in their lives and how friendships may change. Some friends may be more important at different times in their lives.

Update New School
At both Ballina High School and Southern Cross students are at the centre of everything we do. With this in mind we are investigating the possibility of combining Year 7 in 2017 and are putting together a team of teachers who will be developing a new approach to the delivery of the curriculum.

This approach will be hands on, tailored to each child’s strengths and focus on authentic real world problems. We invite all parents to an information evening on Thursday 10 March to find out more about this exciting initiative. The information evening will begin at 6pm and will be held in the Southern Cross gym. More details will be available in the next newsletter.

As well, on Monday 29 February we are having the first meeting of our cross-school uniform committee. No decisions have been made as to what the uniform will look like. This is your opportunity to have input into the planning process. The meeting will be held at Southern Cross library from 6pm. The agenda is as follows:

• Welcome
• Purpose of uniform
• Guiding principles
• Process
• Discussion of samples
• Next step

If you wish to attend please RSVP by Friday 26 February to suzanne.page@det.nsw.edu.au
Remember if you have any questions please contact me and I will endeavour to find an answer.
- Sue Page
Music

Fees for this Semester are due this Friday, Feb 26. This includes those paying in instalments. Invoices regarding fees were sent home early in the term; if you have not received an invoice please contact Fiona Clarke at kids_musik@yahoo.com.au

Hire Agreement Forms
Hire agreement forms have also been sent home. If your child wishes to continue on their instrument this needs to be handed in.

L.S.T.T. Combined Band Rehearsals
Monday rehearsals for Junior and Senior Band are now running; Junior Band 4-5pm and Senior Band 5-6pm. These combined band rehearsals are held in the Lennox Head Band Room.

Friday Practice
Don't forget that Lennox Head Band Students need to bring their instrument to school on Fridays as they have rehearsals after assembly.

New Students
This week we have many students starting on instruments for the first time. It is important students remember to bring their instrument to school on their lesson day along with their Beginner's Booklet. It is also important for these students to remember they only need to attend lessons and DO NOT have to attend any rehearsals.

Returning Instruments
We would like to remind all students no longer participating in the band program that they need to return their instrument (and Band shirt) ASAP as we have students waiting for them.

Thank you,
Fiona Clarke and Mark Whitney

Library News

Returns
Please encourage your child/children to return their books on time. They have library each week and can renew their books if they haven't finished reading them. A large number of children are not using library bags. Please ask your child to use a plastic bag to keep the books dry from water bottles. Thank you.

Sport

Zone Swimming

Well done everyone for getting to this level!

PSSA Knockout Cricket
Lennox Head defeated Wyrallah Road in their Round 1 Match last Tuesday. Well done boys!

PPSA Cricket Trials
Zac Gilmore, Oden Wauchope and Ryan Kernaghan went to the FNC Zone Cricket Trials last week. Zac and Ryan were selected in the FNC team. Well done boys!

P&C News

It was great to see some new faces at our first meeting for the year, so thank you for taking the time to come. Here is a little run down on what the P&C did for your child's school in 2015….

* Provided canteen services at both lunch breaks, 5 days per week, every week of term, and at school carnivals and special fun days.
* Raised more than $18,000 for school resources.
* Provided a disco for the whole school.
* Organised a wonderful Walk a thon.
* Provided mother's and father's day stalls so all children could purchase inexpensive gifts for their carers.
* Provided an Easter Raffle and a huge Christmas Raffle
* Provided parental input into school decision making in many areas.
* Provided a welcome barbeque for families.

No wonder we are tired! We need some new people to join this dynamic team. Please don't sit back and leave it to someone else, step up and help your school!
Our next P & C meeting is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and is being held on Tuesday 15 March from 6.30pm @ Club Lennox - please note the change of date. We need people to fill the following positions on the Team:

* President
The President oversees the work of the P&C. They set the agenda and chair the P&C meetings each month, as well as keeping in close contact with the Principal between meetings. The President also represents the P&C at school functions, and keeps the school community informed of P&C matters through the school newsletter.

* Vice President
We have two of these and their job is to assist the President. For example, if the President can’t attend a school function, a Vice President can help by attending in the President’s place.

* Secretary
The Minutes Secretary takes the minutes at P&C meetings, and types them up ready for the next meeting and also provides the P&C report to the Principal for the School Report.

* Treasurer
The Treasurer looks after the P&C’s funds. While the Canteen Coordinator banks the canteen takings each day, the Treasurer is responsible for banking any fundraising monies. The Treasurer pays weekly wages for the Canteen Coordinator, writes any cheques the P&C requires, and provides a monthly financial report to P&C meetings.

* Fundraising Coordinator
As the name suggests, the Fundraising Coordinator coordinates the raising of funds for the school. They are assisted by a committee of helpers, who they work with to plan the fundraising events for the year. Last year’s fundraisers included an Easter Raffle and the Spring Fair. We will also be looking for people to join these sub committees who help out the co-ordinators:

* Fundraising *Canteen
Even if you do not want to nominate for any of the above positions, please still come along to the AGM. You will find that P&C meetings are a great way to hear about what is going on in the school, and to meet other parents. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6.30pm at Club Lennox.

I hope to see you there
Kerren Kernaghan - President

Join School Banking on an outback adventure!

To encourage regular savings behaviour, the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a silver Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

This year’s program is themed the Outback Savers and has 8 new rewards to help develop smart savings habits. For existing school banking students, details of the new rewards will be included with their deposit book after the first week’s banking. For new school banking students, this information can be found in the parent’s 2016 School Banking information pack which is available from the school office. School banking day is now every Tuesday, starting on 1 March. The deposit books will be collected from each classroom by the coordinator.

This year School Banking is also giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin. Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. Getting involved in school banking is easy! If you would like more information, please contact Karla (School Banking Coordinator) at karla01hepburn@gmail.com.

Charity Cricket Day
Sunday 1 March 10am-5pm
Williams Reserve, Lennox Head
All proceeds going to The Shake It Up Foundation for Parkinson’s Disease.
Celebrity Guests
Raffles of signed Memorabilia
Sausage Sizzle
Bar Facilities
Bring the Family, everyone Welcome

Contact Details: Tania McGarrity
0420 303 445

Canteen Roster: Please note Sue will be away from Monday 29 February – Thursday 3 March. Karen will be in the canteen in her place, thanks Karen!

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Beating Picky Eating
Children with strong food preferences who limit their intake of the needed variety of foods can be a challenge. Some of the following ideas may be helpful:

- Remember: Parents choose “which” foods, children decide “how much”
- Create a positive environment at the table, make meal times pleasant
- Be a good role model
- Stick to a routine
- Provide the same meals for the whole family
- Take children shopping, involve them in planning and preparation
- Limit sweet drinks and juice so children have an appetite

If you are stuck in a constant battle, maybe try a different approach.

Community Announcements

Byron Bay Junior Basketball Summer 2016-TERM 1
MINIBALL (8-12yr olds) Tuesdays 4-5pm @ Cavanbah Sports Centre

AUSSIE HOOPS (5-8yr olds) Thursdays 3.30 - 4.15pm
@ Byron Bay Public School (Term 1)
For more information www.byronbasketball.com or ph; 6687 2246 a/hrs e-mail, info@byronbasketball.com

Lennox Head Football Club U12 Girls

This year, Lennox Head Football Club hope to enter an u12’s team in the All Girls competition and are chasing players.

Note, players are eligible to play up 2 grades, so u10 girls and u11s are also eligible to play in this team. The games are played either Friday evening or Sunday morning.

Please advise the club when registering if your daughter is keen to play in this team by sending an email to the Registrar.
Contact Mick Denny on 0411 041 522 for further information.