Reconciliation Walk

On the first day of the July school holidays some students from Ballina High represented their school at a special Community event. The Reconciliation Walk along the main street of Ballina was well attended by many in the Community. Ballina High Boy’s Aboriginal Dancers and didgeridoo players Daniel Kapeen and Jaquier Sines did the school proud performing for the crowd. It was also great to see Jason Sines joined by ex students Taylor Giltrap and Jarred Roberts at the celebration as great role models for Ballina’s young people. Community events such as these are important in bringing all sectors of the Community together and it was wonderful to see these celebrations over the week that followed which highlighted “Community togetherness”. Congratulations to all of these students for taking the time to “make a difference” in our Community.

Mrs Kim Hernage, CLO

Director General for a Day

Ballina High students Hannah Hourigan and Ethan Halverson-Dunwoodie are two of twenty chosen from across the state to participate in the DGFAD (Director General for a Day) program.

Through this experience the students will shadow senior executives in the Department of Education for a day, learning about the challenges and satisfactions of working in senior management, finding out more about how educational policy relates to the daily management of schools.

This is taking place as part of Education Week 2011 and the theme this year is Creating the future. Hannah and Ethan were assessed on their applications, which outlined leadership experience, personal qualities, areas of interest and what they hoped to learn from the experience.

We congratulate them and look forward to hearing all about their experience.

Mrs Kim Hernage, CLO
in a study environment. Enrolling now. Phone Wollongbar Campus on 6620 4700 for more details.

**Watoto, Rescue, Rebuild** — Proudly presented by The Point Church of Lennox Head, Concert of Hope, Choir of orphaned and vulnerable children from Uganda. At the Cultural Community Centre Lennox Head on 11 August 2011 at 7.00pm. Enquiries contact Angela Parr 0409 314 144, www.watoto.com.

**Camp Out** — 26 September-1 October 2011. A camp for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) and sex &/or gender diverse teens and their allies aged 13-17. For more information go to www.campout.org.au. *CampOut* on Facebook, Twitter, Formspring and Tumblr or see your School Councillor.

**Hip Hop Workshop** — 8 x Wednesday afternoons in Term 3. Learn to write songs, record them, perform them. Starts Wednesday 27 July to September 14 from 3.30pm-6.00pm at Wardell. It’s FREE/Need to Register. Contact Matthew Tanttari 6681 5511 youth@bdcsa.org. Limited transport available from Ballina High 3.40pm, Southern Cross 3.30pm. Drop off around 6.20pm at Ballina High (shop across the road) 6.25pm at South Cross. Follow the signs from Alstonville along Wardell Road, turn right at Rous Road. Parking available in the school grounds and surrounds.

**33rd Annual Muriel Findlay Young Artist Award** — Part of St. Andrews Nursing Home Fete Saturday, 27 August, 2011, 8.30-12noon. Presentation at 12 noon. All entries should be submitted to St. Andrews Ballina, 59 Bentinck Street, by 3pm Friday, 21st August 2011. Please include Name, Age and School. 1st Prize Judged: $100 plus 5x$20 popular choice. Contact Helen, Leisure & Lifestyle or Fiona, Care Service Administration Phone 6620 5800. For applications received before 30 November 2011, WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12 a $500 discount off the 2011/12 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in August - September 2012: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Turkey, Thailand or the USA. For applications received before 30 November 2011, WEP is offering students in years 9 to 12 a $500 discount off the 2011/12 program fee towards a semester or year program to any of the following countries departing in August - September 2012: Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Mexico, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Norway, Turkey, Thailand or the USA.
**INFORMATION FOR PARENTS**

1. **Medicare teen dental plan**
   To help keep your teenager’s teeth in top shape, the Australian Government provides eligible teenagers with a voucher, valued up to $159.85, to help with the cost of a preventative dental check.
   
   To be eligible your child must be entitled to Medicare benefits, be receiving certain government payments individually or as part of a family, and be aged 12–17 years, for at least part of the calendar year.

   If your child is in equal shared-care arrangements, the first family to claim the service with Medicare Australia will be entitled to the full benefit. The voucher expires on 31 December 2011. For more information or eligibility visit your local Medicare office, call 13 20 11 or go to www.medicareaustralia.gov.au

2. **Student travel cheap**
   CountryLink currently offers a $1 kids’ fare, for children aged four to 15, to help make your holiday, short break or visit to friends or relatives more affordable.

   Up to four children from the one household can travel to any destination on the CountryLink network for just $1 each (subject to certain conditions) All passengers must be members of the one household and must travel together for the duration of the journey. More info or online bookings go to: www.countrylink.info/promotions#dollar or call 13 22 32

3. **Housing NSW Youth Scholarships 2012 – applications for 2012 close 29 Jul 2011**
   Housing NSW has launched the Housing NSW Youth Scholarships 2012 to encourage and support young people living in social housing to remain in the education system to complete their HSC or TAFE equivalent.

   Housing NSW is offering 200 scholarships of $2,000 each to be spent on educational related items that will assist students from social housing who are planning to study Years 11 or 12 in 2012 to complete the HSC.

   The scholarship funds will be administered on behalf of the student by their school or TAFE college for individual students to obtain maximum benefit from the grant and ensure that the student’s learning goals are linked to the assistance provided through this grant.

   The Housing NSW website has a page dedicated to the Housing NSW Youth Scholarship 2012 with links to the application package.

   An information flyer (pdf, 485 KB) can be downloaded. The applications (pdf, 586 KB) for the Housing NSW Youth Scholarships 2012 close on Friday 29 July 2011. For more information contact the Youth Scholarship Program, Client Service Operations, Housing NSW on 1300 468 746 or email youthscholarships@housing.nsw.gov.au

   Mrs Kim Hernage, CLO

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Graeme Marlowe has been a volunteer at Ballina High School for many years. We congratulate him on winning the award at the recent KIC Awards for the Outstanding Individual Supporting Youth. Congratulations also to Taylor Giltrap former Ballina High Student who won the award as “Role Model” for youth. Kim Hernage CLO

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**SAMI JEFFERY ATTENDED THE STATE**

Sami Jeffery Year 11 will join 130 senior school students from across the state in Sydney during Education Week to take part in the 2011 State SRC Conference.

The conference aims to strengthen leadership skills and discuss ways to encourage peers to have a voice on issues that affect them.

Director-General of the NSW Dept of Education and Communities, Pam Christie who will open the conference said “As elected members of their school, SRC members must take into account everyone’s views and be a link between students, the principal, teachers and the wider community.” Kim Hernage CLO

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**PRIORITY SCHOOL PROGRAM FUNDING**

The school community is advised that funding for Ballina High school as a PSP school will be reviewed early in 2012.

NSW Priority Schools Programs provide resources which aim to improve the literacy and numeracy achievements and engagement of students from low socio-economic status back grounds. To achieve these aims, additional funding, staffing and consultancy are provided through PSP to targeted schools.

The PSP program supports government schools like Ballina High which serve the highest densities of low socio-economic status families.

PSP resources are provided on the basis of surveys completed by parents and support is provided to the school over a four year period.

The current funding will finish at the end of 2012 so the Ballina High school community will be required to complete a survey early in 2012 to ensure we keep the valuable funding which provides additional staffing and programs which are vital to our school. Mrs Kim Hernage CLO

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**Ex-Band Students who still Play**

Celebrate 150 years of Ballina Public School by playing in a big group of current and ex-band members on the 24 August at approx. 11am. We may run a rehearsal early that morning and then the big performance (a few oldies and a couple of newies). If you are interested: Contact Amanda Drinkwater 6686 2205 or email Amanda.drinkwater1@tet.nsw.edu.au
AERONAUTICS EXCURSION

Year 11 and 12 Aeronautics class attended an excursion to the ultra-light wing factory.

We were fortunate enough to have a lovely tour from Nick and Howard. They showed us many different aspects of engineering of a plane from the beginning of making models to even the finished products.

They were also kind enough to bring one of the ultra-lights out, so we could muck around and get the feel of the plane. We also had a run down of the pre-flight checks you do before take off.

One of the employees let the boys play with his side project, a home made 3 seater bike, which most of the boys failed at, but ‘apparently’ it was quite complicated to steer. In the end we all really enjoyed the excursion and learning experience and can’t wait to do it again.

Niketa from the Aeronautics Class

RAKU SUSHI EXCURSION REVIEW

I thoroughly enjoyed our excursion to Raku Sushi on Tuesday 28 June. It was really fun and we got to try yummy food we wouldn’t normally have in Australia. It was a great chance to try something new and I’m very happy we got this opportunity.

The food was great and it was the first time I had ever tried Japanese Cuisine.

Kiani Heldt, Year 8

A New Initiative to Help Tackle Bullying

Local community welfare organisations operating as NRABA (Northern Rivers Anti Bullying Alliance) have obtained funding to develop a website to assist youth, parents and community members with issues surrounding bullying and to give a direction to find support and intervention.

The website is: www.bullybin.com.au

The Facebook site is: (or search facebook for The Bully Bin) www.facebook.com/pages/The-bully-Bin/139445712772453?sk=info

DECISIONS, VALUES, DIRECTION (DVD)

One period per week for students in Years 7-9 is timetabled for a program entitled Decisions, Values, Directions. The program is delivered by a teacher employed with the funding assistance of the Ballina Special Religious Education Association representing 14 churches in Ballina.

The teacher, Ms Amy-Jane Tyson, delivers a Christian-based program of activities with an emphasis on personal growth.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from this program and they will undertake a secular alternative under the supervision of a deputy principal.

Mr Phil Steer, Principal

DISCOVER ENGINEERING

- Civil Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Environmental & Coastal Engineering


Session Details Thursday 4 August 2011, Time 6-8pm Venue McCarthy Hall adjacent to Catholic Church Main Street, Alstonville (opposite Cawley Close).

RSVP Bookings are preferred. Contact Catherine Cheyne at GeoLINK Consulting 6687 7666 or email ccheyne@geolink.net.au

STUDENT DIARIES to be used Daily

“Emotional Intelligence” is about students understanding and having an awareness of their feelings and how they affect those around them. Nearly everything we achieve in life comes from working with people and how well we interact with others will determine the degree of success of the outcomes. Cultivating collaborative “people” habits in students is a cornerstone of teaching.

Research has shown that developing students’ emotional intelligence plays a greater role for them reaching their personal potential than their IQ. The components that make up a person’s emotional intelligence are:

- Self Awareness
- Self Control
- Self Motivation
- Empathy
- Managing Relationships.

www.learningcurveplanner.com.au

Dates for your Diary

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Helping learner drivers become safer drivers

FREE workshops for parents and supervising drivers

To provide practical advice about:
- Current laws for L and P licence holders.
- Supervising learner drivers.
- Completing the Learner driver log book.
- The benefits of supervised on-road driving experience.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

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NSW PUBLIC SCHOOLS ONLINE MAGAZINE

"SCHOOL PARENTS"
Helping Mums and Dads with school life Accessible through www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine

Spine Society of Australia Scoliosis Detection

The Spine Society of Australia is offering a Scoliosis Self Detection Brochure. The brochure can be accessed directly via www.scoliosis/self_detection_prog.html or by typing 'Scoliosis Australia Self Detection Program' into a search engine.

Kidney Screening Research Visit

Rita the Aboriginal Health Education Officer from the Centre of Kidney Research will be consulting with the community and contacting participants sometime between the 25th July-5th August to organise a Kidney Screening visit.
If you have any questions or would like further information or you would like to become a participant please call:
(02) 9485 1469 or 1800 005 846

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