Ballina Year 11 and 12 students have been busy building Cubby Houses as part of the Certificate II in Construction Pathways Course. Both mainstream school students and Trade Based Apprentices are involved in the construction incorporating facets of building such as flooring, framing, roofing and cladding, fitting out and painting.

Wollongbar pre-school have purchased a Cubby from Ballina High School as part of the Cool Cubby initiative run in conjunction with Rous Water. The aim of the program is to educate pre-school children in the benefits of sustainability. A concrete slab was needed for the Cubby to be located. This was formed and poured by Year 11 Trade Construction students Kim Richter and Thomas Carruthers. Finished last Friday, the slab is now ready for the Cubby which is being painted and should be ready for delivery soon.

Mr Paul Frangos
Some are paid advertisements and BHS accepts no responsibility for these organisations and their activities.

Tanttari Youth Services BDCSA 6681 5511 or email youth@bdcsa.org. Limited places.

Drop off around 6.20pm at Ballina High (shop across the road) 6.25pm. Transport available from Ballina High 3.40pm, Southern Cross 3.30pm.

Register. Contact Matthew Tanttari 6681 5511, matrix.tanttari@bdcsa.org. Limited places.

HipHop Workshop

Tumblr or see your School Councellor.

Camp Out — 26 September-1 October 2011. A camp for lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or intersex students aged 13-17. For more information go to www.campout.org.au. “CampOut” on Facebook, Twitter, Formspring and Tumblr or see your School Councillor.

HighHop 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 (at shopping centre across the road). Each participant will need to fill-in a permission slip signed by parent/carer — contact Matt Tanttari Youth Services BDCSA 6681 5511 or email matthew.tanttari@bdcsa.org.

Eltham Art Awards 2011 — The theme this year is “My Backyard”. Opening Friday night 28 October 2011 at 6-8pm at the Eltham Public School, Corner of McKenzie Road and Boatharbour Road. Exhibition open Saturday 29 and Sunday 30 October 9am—4pm. For more information and an entry form contact Amanda Reichelt-Brushett on 0439 293 809 or email Amanda.reichelt-brushe0t@scu.edu.au.

MOVIE PASS GIVEAWAY

Question: What is the collective name of a group of beavers?

Have your answer in by Wednesday, Day 3, Week A, Recess.

Place your answers in the box on the Receptionist Desk at the Front Office.

Last weeks winner was Katie Tanttari Yr 8 with the answer “Cows sweat from their Nose”.

On Tuesday 6 September, 6.00-7.00pm at Ballina High School in the Trade Centre

Please enter through the VEC office located in Martin Street

Light refreshments will be served at 6.00pm

SUCCESS MENTORING

An excellent partnership has begun with Year 9 Ballina High Students, Volunteer Community Members, Rotary Clubs of Ballina and Connect. Students are paired up with volunteer mentors to discuss future options and how to go about achieving their goals. All participants look forward to the finale dinner at the end of term where they will present the findings.

Mr Andrew Playford
Ballina Naval & Maritime Museum & Ballina High are working together.

The Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum volunteers have invited Ballina High School Senior Chemistry and Marine Studies students to become involved in and assist with the restoration of the wrought iron anchor from the brigantine “Josephine” wrecked in 1865.

This restoration project will allow our Senior Chemistry students to put into practice their knowledge of Shipwrecks, Corrosion and Conservation Chemistry which they study as an elective accounting for 25% of their Higher School Certificate 2 Unit Chemistry course. Our Marine Studies students also study Marine Archaeology as part of their course.

The Museum’s volunteers have wealth of knowledge and experience that they will willingly pass on to these students.

Ballina Naval & Maritime Museum is open to the public 7 days a week 9am–4pm and you will find it behind the Visitors Information Centre in Regatta Ave, Ballina. Phone 66811002.

Pictured below are Clem McMahon and Ron Creber with the display to commemorate 100 years of the Royal Australian Navy. They also have an extensive display of the Port of Ballina’s local history, a tribute to women in the Navy, Interactive displays, DVD showings, and a working triple expansion steam engine.

They also have the largest collection of Naval & Merchant ship models in Australia. Guided tours are conducted for schools and bus groups and there is also a souvenir/gift shop available.

For more information visit www.ballinamaritimemuseum.org.au

Mrs Kim Hernage, CLO

WELCOME TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

It was with sadness that a few of our international students returned to their countries last term. We are happy that six more students have commenced their studies at Ballina High in Term 3.

Last week the SRC had a welcome luncheon in the library. Andrea Wenzel-Nicholson, SRC President, praised the visitors on their choice of school and hoped they enjoyed the experience of living in Australia. Raphael Grau Yr 11, on behalf of the international students thanked everyone for their hospitality while he ate his favourite yoghurt. All students enjoyed the vegemite sandwiches, fairy bread and mini meat pies. Mr Andrew Playford

LIVING SUSTAINABLY

Why should I use a compost bin?

Well you may say, “really for the amount of gardening I do I don’t need one”. The benefits of having a compost bin in your yard gives you a place to dispose of your vegetable waste, (potato peels, rotting tomatoes, carrot skin, etc) lawn clippings, paper, hair and dead leaves, etc. In time it will break down in natural ways, by the heat from the sun and worms from the garden. In the end you have beautiful soil full of nutrients that is ideal for putting on veggie gardens or to help when potting plants. It is important that you do not put waste meat or milk products in your compost, as it will attract flies and other undesirable rodents.

This will stop this waste ending up in landfill where it ends up rotting down, creating toxic gases and sludge that can enter the natural water table and cause contamination. You will also benefit from having more room in your waste bin.

Mr Paul Frangos
Mandatory Year 10 Science Project

Year 10’s wheat investigations should be well on the way to completion.

A few weeks ago, Year 10 got a bag of wheat seeds each. Their task was to develop an hypothesis involving the seeds and then to design and carry out an experiment to test their hypothesis. All data and photographs must be recorded in a log book.

On Thursday 18 August, Year 10 will use their collected data to write a scientific report on their experiment in class time. The log book must be submitted with their report at the end of the lesson.

Mr Mick O’Connor

Award Assemblies

End of semester assemblies were held last term with many awards given to students who have achieved excellent academic outcomes or to students who have participated in sports and service. Congratulations to all students who received awards.

Mr Andrew Playford

Landscaping for Tree Day

National Tree Day was celebrated at Ballina High last week with many students participating in much needed maintenance of the school grounds. Over the years we have planted many trees, shrubs and grasses and they have become overgrown and untidy. The students worked hard all day clearing an overgrown garden and then mulching the area so it is a useful part of the grounds. The Native Bush Garden was tidied up to look inviting and attractive. Thank you to all students involved.

Mr Andrew Playford

Dates for your Diary

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Human Beans and Colourful Celery

Zac Martin shows off some of the stars of an ongoing science experiment that Year 8 set up for Unit 5: Plants. Year 8 monitored the germination and growth of broad bean seeds to study plant structures and tropisms in a typical Dicotyledonous Angiosperm. They noted the shrinking of the two cotyledons (food stores in the seed) as the embryo grew and saw the shoots and roots respond to light, water and gravity.

In the same topic, Demee Hall checks the progress of coloured water up the stalk of celery. The food dye will reveal where the vascular tissue is located within the stem and what parts of the leaves are supplied by each xylem bundle.

Mr John Kersaitis

One of the most important things for students to take on board is to accept their parents’ and teachers’ advice, just as they do with their sports coaches; this is studying smarter. All too often, teenagers see this advice as criticism, don’t act on it and their progress is adversely effected.

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