Awards for Excellence

Academic, Cultural, Sporting

2011

The School’s Awards for Excellence Ceremony was held on Tuesday 13 December, 2011. These Awards are the most prestigious that the school confers and are awarded for outstanding achievement in academic, service, culture and sport.

Thirty students received these awards this year.

At this ceremony the 2012 School Captains received their badges, which were proudly pinned on by their parents.
Information for Parents

Ballina High School’s funding as a PSP school will be reviewed early in 2012. This will be done by asking all families to complete a survey next March. If you have children at more than one government school you will receive more than one survey form. There are many benefits to both families, students and the school in receiving funding as a Priority School. NSW PSP provides additional resources to each school that is successful in obtaining funding. Among the program’s aims are: to improve literacy and numeracy achievements and enhance engagement of students from low socio-economic status backgrounds. Each individual program that is funded by PSP has had its benefits highlighted in previous newsletters so now the Ballina High’s parents and community should be well aware of the significance of the value of being funded as PSP school. The support of all families will be crucial and input from each and every family is vitally important when the survey is conducted next March.

Kim Hernage CLO

YEAR 11-12 FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The raffle was drawn by P & C President, Gary Thomson, at the Year 11 Awards Assembly. First prize was won by Jaime Towers, sister of Jake, second prize Tanya Francis, mother of Joel, third prize Luke deVos, boyfriend of Cassie-Lee Tann- ton and fourth prize to Brooke Rudgley. Thank you to the following businesses who donated prizes: The Bean Bank, Hotwaxxx, The New You, Juice It Up, Ron’s Salon, Mary’s La Boutique Gifts, Brewsters, Malibu Burgers, Milkshake Clothing, Soul Pattinson Chemist, Beach workz, Sirocco. Thanks also to Freya Cubis who was the driving force behind the raffle together with Rachelle Reed, Ruby Brysha, Brooke Rudgley and James Heath.

Mr Jamie Gordan, Year Adviser

PRIORITY SCHOOL PROGRAM FUNDING

Lowes Ballina stock Ballina High school uniforms and are open everyday. It is an all Australian owned and operated family company. They sell Beare & Ley brand school wear and have generously donated to Ballina High some uniforms that are available for families experiencing genuine financial hardship.

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STUDENT REPRESENTS REGION

On Monday 14th November, I was given the opportunity to fly to Sydney, where I participated in the New South Wales State Constitutional Convention, which was held at New South Wales Parliament. I was one of 60 students in the state that were chosen to attend this conference. Throughout the day I engaged in different discussions involving issues such as the role and nature of the Senate and the Head of State; who, how and what role they play in our Government.

Over the course of the day I met new people and got to listen to all of the other students’ opinions on politics. The day was very informative and beneficial as well as a great chance to meet new people and express my views on current issues. I recommend to any student who is given this opportunity in the future to take it.

Georgia Huggett

BALLINA JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Ballina Junior Chamber of Commerce is made up of 6 or so students from each local high school and has had a busy fulfilling year. We meet twice a month at breakfast meetings before school. In our final meeting for the year the Ballina Junior Chamber of Commerce worked on our Annual report which was prepared by Jack Norris from Ballina High and we also made our plans for next year. We hope to start 2012 with a team building time on a Camp out for the members and various activities for the year including: Public Speaking workshop, International Women’s Day, Relay for Life, Financial planning workshop sponsored by Newcastle Permanent, assist at the Ballina Business awards and attend the Business before breakfast meeting each month. Thank you to our sponsors Ballina Chamber of Commerce, Tursa, Crowley Village and Newcastle Permanent. The students who have been chosen to participate in next year’s chamber will be Alex Budden, Ben Taylor, Evan McGarrity, Jodie Stockwell, Blake Tyler as president and Jack Norris. There will be availability for another female student to join in as the year progresses. If you are interested in joining in on the fun and hard work please see either Mr McDonald or Mrs Hernage.

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STAFF AWARDS

Two of Ballina High School’s PDHPE teachers, Mr Ross Buchanan and Mrs Denice Gallaway, have been awarded LIFE MEMBERSHIP of the NSWCHS North Coast Schools Sports Association. Ross and Denice have been Ballina High School’s Sports Organisers for over 20 years, encouraging student participation at all school levels. They have both coached school teams to state finals, Ross in Athletics, Baseball and Netball, and Denice in Swimming, Hockey and Squash (State Champions). They have coached and managed teams for Far North Coast Zone and North Coast Region, particularly in Athletics and Swimming, and have organised numerous Carnivals over many years at School, FNC and North Coast levels. Ross convened a NSWCHS State Carnival in Football (Soccer) and Denice in Tennis.

Congratulations on your well deserved recognition from the NSWCHS North Coast Association and from everyone at Ballina High School.

Ballina High School

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

On Monday Volunteers were presented with a certificate of appreciation and a small gift to thank them for their dedication, assistance and valuable help during 2011. Following the presentation a morning tea was held.

“Sharing our Time” was our theme when we presented 25 of our 57 2011 Volunteers, who generously shared their “time” with our school this year.

Principal Mr Steer said “We appreciate that the gift of “Time” is the same for everyone. There are those who by their unselfish ways, giving spirit and generous nature, share with us their time, this makes the difference in the dimension and dynamics of our school and outcomes are achieved which would not be possible otherwise.” We shared a “thank you” cake & morning tea with all Volunteers who were available to be with us.

We have had many days of valuable Volunteer Canteen assistance from many people this year. These folk have made a wonderful contribution of time to our school.

View Club Volunteers have worked at the school weekly for this year on our VIEW program in which they have mentored, assisted and inspired many students. We appreciate their diligence and kind caring ways with our students. This year Ms Susan McKenzie expanded this program to include Thursday and Friday mornings as well and although we did not have enough volunteers to help every day, those who came did a wonderful job. Mr Gary Thomson President of the P&C has been an asset for our school in many ways helping with various projects. Ms Kate Curtin has also been fantastic with her dedication in the role of Treasurer, ably helped by Secretary Ms Stacy Frost and also Ms Joan Gibson.

We have been fortunate to have Mr Grahame Marlowe, who has been operating the school radio each lunch time this year. While remembering to thank all our Community volunteers we know that there are many members of staff and parents who also “volunteer” time to ensure that our school is as vibrant as it can be! We are indeed fortunate that so many have shared their time, talents and expertise and given to us in so many valuable ways.

We hope our appreciation is as evident as our Volunteer’s generosity is!

Kim Hernage CLO

HEALTH, WELL BEING AND ENVIRONMENT

Learning about strategies that will enhance their all round health, including health perspectives physically, socially and emotionally. Developing a resilient and accepting approach to life that will see them strive to adopt healthy exercise and eating routines and seek assistance when they require it.

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AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE RECIPIENTS

ACADEMIC AND SERVICE AWARDS

Year 12
- Jason Sines
- Carina Burke
- Andrea Wenzel-Nicholson
- Ashton Tselepy
- Araluen Smith

Year 11
- Erin Astill-Torchia
- Hannah Hourigan
- Mark Perrin

Year 10
- Shaun Fowler
- Nada Van Kempen

Year 9
- Maggie McGinley

Year 8
- Victoria Astill-Torchia

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

- Chloe Lang
- Adam Northey
- Andrea Wenzel-Nicholson
- Jaiquier Sines
- Niara Lapic-Donovan

SPORTING AWARDS

- Sophie Thomson
- Shane McBurney
- Giacomo Pippo
- Sarah Short
- Phillip Francis

- Marissa Carr
- Brian Kelly
- Champion Houses Lighthouse & Shelly Mitchell Knight, Kelle McCarthy
- Kye Spence, Sarah Short

2012 CAPTAINS

- Samantha Jeffery
- Georgia Huggett
- Ethan Halverson-Dunwoodie
- James Heath

AWARD CEREMONIES
Ballina High School started off the year with enthusiasm, creating an impressive parade for the annual swimming carnival on the theme “True Blue”. Angels House won the parade in their Convicts gear, Lighthouse had an Aussie BBQ, Richmond played Cricket and Shelly had Kangaroos on the Beach. Angels also won the War Cry. The Carnivals were won by -

SWIMMING – Lighthouse
CROSS COUNTRY - Shelly
ATHLETICS - Richmond

OVERALL CHAMPION HOUSE for 2011 - LIGHTHOUSE & SHELLY

Lighthouse Captains- Mitchell Knight, Cameron Marchant, Kelle McCarthy & Radania Mortimer
Shelly Captains – Sarah Short, Kye Spence, Sacha Wilson, Ryan Boardman.

BEST TEAM RESULTS –
Girls Beach Volleyball – Runner up in North Coast Carnival -Georgia Hunter, Bridgette & Sophie Thomson, Sarah Bradley, Sarah Hebel-Clarke.

OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES –
Giacomo Pippo Yr7 – selected in NSW All Schools Athletics Team. He won -
NSWCHS Medals - Gold-Javelin, Silver-Discus & Bronze-Shot in 13yrs boys.
NSWAllSchls Medals - Silver-Discus & Bronze–Shot in 13yrs boys division.
Shane McBurney Yr7 – Athletics. NSWCHS Silver Medal 12-15yrs AWD Discus.
Sophie Thomson Yr11 – selected in NSWCHS Girls Soccer Team. (Also selected in Young Matildas Team to compete in U’17 Women’s World Cup – Germany 2012.)
Brian Kelly Yr10 – In Greater Northern U’15 Rugby League team, competed in Hunter Ex-change.

NORTH COAST REPS –
AFL u’15yrs – Elwyn Dickson, John Parker
Cross Country – Jacob Anderson, Michael Cremin, Michael Dwane, Georgia Hunter, Kayla Lewis
Football (Soccer)- Phillip Francis(Capt), Sophie Thomson
Hockey – Georgia Hunter
Lawn Bowls – Ben Christensen-Gibson (Open boys Pairs & Singles)
Rugby League u’15yrs- Brian Kelly
Touch Open – Russell Dickson, Kye Spence
Touch u’15yrs – Brian Kelly

2011 SPORTS AWARDS – These highly coveted awards go to -
SPORTSMAN of YEAR 2011  – Phillip Francis
SPORTSWOMAN of YEAR 2011 - Sarah Short
JUNIOR SPORTSMAN of YEAR 2011  - Brian Kelly
JUNIOR SPORTSWOMAN of YEAR 2011 - Marissa Carr

Congratulations to all students who participated in school sport at any level
Keep on being active.
From your Lovable Sports Staff – Mrs Gallaway and Mr Buchanan.
Cricket coaching clinics
(8-12 years beginner/intermediate) Coaches from the popular Bradman Clinics will put you through an enjoyable program including the history and spirit of the game, drills, developing your batting, bowling and fielding techniques and implementing your skills on game day.
9am – 3pm daily
Lismore – Wooldlawn College
Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 January
South West Rocks – South West Rocks Oval
Thursday 19 and Friday 20 January
Murwillumbah – Rabjones Oval
Thursday 19 and Friday 20 January
Port Macquarie – Stuart Park
Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 January
Cost $100 two day program
Yamba – Yamba Oval
Wednesday 18 January
Cost $55 one day program

Surf clinic (Level 1)
(8 - 15 years) If you want to learn to surf or simply brush up on your existing skills, this is the perfect program for you. Learn about safe surfing, skill development; rips, currents and surfing etiquette.
Lennox Head – Meet at Sport & Recreation Centre
Thursday 12 and Friday 13 January, 9am – 4pm daily
Scotts Head - Meet at Forster Beach (Main Beach)
Thursday 12 and Friday 13 January, 9am – 4pm daily or
Thursday 19 and Friday 20 January 9am – 4pm daily
Cost $120

Surf clinic (Level 2)
(8 - 15 years) If you have previously completed the Level 1 Surfing program or are looking to improve on your surfing skills, then this is the perfect program for you. Learn about wave selection, turning and dismounting correctly, paddling and catching unbroken waves.
Lennox Head – Meet at Sport & Recreation Centre
Thursday 19 and Friday 20 January, 9am – 4pm daily
Cost $120

Stand up paddle boarding
(9 – 12 years) This amazing new sport is fun and low impact and great to do with friends. This program will help you to build the skills to confidently stand up and paddle surf and is available to all levels of fitness. Come and join us at the beautiful Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre and put your skills to the test.
Lake Ainsworth Centre, Lennox Head
9am – 4pm
Wednesday 11 January
Cost $65

Lake Ainsworth activity days
(7-13 years) A fun filled day of activities which may include canoeing, swimming, archery, rock climbing, bike riding and much more at the beautiful Lake Ainsworth Centre.
Lake Ainsworth Centre, Lennox Head
9am – 4pm daily
16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24 and 25 January
Cost $65 per day

Extreme fun – sailing
(7-13 years) An opportunity for teenagers to learn sailing fundamentals and become proficient in the skills required for rigging, racing, teamwork and safety. Participants will have plenty of opportunity to practise their new skills on the day.
Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre
Wednesday 18 January, 9am – 4pm
Cost $55

How to enrol
By phone: Call (02) 6618 0400 and have your credit card details ready (Visa, MasterCard).
By fax: Complete the enrolment form, include your credit card details and fax to (02) 6687 4175.
By mail: Complete the enrolment form and send to:
Sport and Recreation
NSW Government
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Lennox Head NSW 2478