Ballina High School was first established in 1929 as an Intermediate High School. In 1956 the school became a High School. Ballina High School has a long tradition of excellence in academic, cultural and sporting endeavours. Students have gained district, Regional, State and National status in all areas of school life.

HEALTH EDUCATION SESSION

As part of a North Coast GP Training and Southern Cross University pilot project, 15 doctors and medical students from around the region delivered a health education session to groups of Year 11 students. The sessions involved informal education on accessing health services and a Medicare card, and provided information on ways to overcome barriers adolescents might face in accessing GPs and health services. Students who were interested in a career in medicine also had the opportunity to quiz doctors and medical students about entry pathways to a medical career, and on their experiences of studying and practising medicine. Through question and answer sessions students were able to discuss some health issues faced by young people in the local area and get advice on sources of help. The doctors greatly enjoyed the experience and hope to be invited back in the future!

Bill Crane Career Adviser

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Congratulations to the undefeated Open Girls Beach Volleyball team. The girls did not drop a set and are now the Far North Coast Champions! Congratulations girls! The team consisted of Georgia Hunter, Casey Milne, Sophie Thompson, Bridgette Thompson, Sarah Hebel-Clarke and Sarah Bradley.

Kelly Smith

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Ballina Bypass Community Fun Day will be held on Sunday 27 November 2011 between 9am and 2pm on the Teven Road bridges, West Ballina. The event is an exciting milestone to mark the upcoming opening of the Ballina bypass with up to 10,000 people expected. Entry is free!

We have four local schools participating with stalls on the day and would love your local school community to be involved in this exciting day! Bring your family and friends for free kids activities and entertainment!

**Activities include:** Jumping castles, face painting, Old MacDonald’s animal farm, live entertainment, Santa Claus, project displays, food and market stalls, project bus tours, plus many more.

Park n Ride free shuttle buses will travel to the event every 15 minutes from 8.30am. Pickup bus stops are:
- K-Mart (Fox Street)
- Tamar Street, Ballina RSL (River Street)
- Ballina RSL Club (River St)
- Westtower Tavern (Pacific Hwy, West Ballina)

Parking is also available onsite. To enter the parking area us the northbound entry ramp at Teven Roundabout. Disabled parking is available onsite. Auzzie Families Homestay Care — Seek hosts, European Student Cultural Exchange. Are you? Located close to bus transport; Open minded, caring, warm & hospitable host; Able to give generous interaction and inclusiveness; A good cook; Able to provide Internet access. Auzzie Families offer friendly efficient service and best North Coast rates 24/7 Agency support. Submit application online www.auzziefamilies.com or call 02 9301 0600

**YEAR 10 PORTFOLIO INTERVIEWS**

Thank you to all involved and a huge vote of thanks to the following local businesses who were represented recently for a day at the Year 10 Portfolio interviews conducted here at Ballina High. Connect, On Q, Tursa and NAB Bank were all represented and we wish to thank them all for providing their generous support to our school. Congratulations also to the Year 10 students who excelled when they presented their quality work portfolios and had interviews with a panel which consisted of a student, a local business person or community person, a teacher and a Year 9 student. Thank you to the following individuals who also volunteered for the day to help us with the valuable program. Mr Nash, Mr Stotter, Ms Duffield, Ms Rees, Mr McGarry, Ms Keenan, Mr Costello, Ms Hernage, Mr Magnus, Ms O’Grady and Mr Sines. Sue Page, Head Teacher English said “This is a wonderfully positive experience for all involved. The students at Ballina High School demonstrated high level organisational skills, the ability to reflect on their learning and the ability to clearly articulate their future plans. Our future is in safe hands.”

Phil Steer, Principal commented “The students seemed to really appreciate this opportunity and the experience in the interview process”.

Kim Hernage  CLO
**LEAGUE SAFE**

As part of the leadership program run each week by Rob Roberts and Darby Barker, Kel Menchin from ARL and his trainee Emily, visited our school to train the leadership group to be ground officials at rugby league matches. Rob said “It was a worthwhile course which teaches very worthwhile skills and it is an experience which will benefit the students, the school and the community for years to come.

Kim Hernage  CLO

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**CRICKET NEWS**

**JUNIOR BOYS CRICKET RESULTS**
The Boys junior cricket team reached the 3rd round of the Region knockout competition. The boys, who were well led by Mitchell Vidler (captain) and Stuart Frost (vice captain), played really well as a team.

Scores
Round 1: Ballina 163 (Sam Norris 34, Guacomo Pippo 33) defeated Southern Cross (Stuart Frost 4/12)
Round 2: Ballina 8/150 (Mitch Vidler 49, Sam Norris 30) defeated Byron 10/123 (Hayden Turnbull 4/28),
Round 3: Kingscliff 4/190 (Sam Norris 2/36) defeated Ballina 10/139 (Isaac Goldsworthy 40)

**FAR NORTH COAST SELECTION**
Congratulations to Ben Frost who was selected in the Far North Coast Senior Team.

Bill Crane

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**TRADE STUDENTS RETURN**
Successfully completing the Trade School recently were three of the first student intake. Joshua Pauling is now a qualified electrician working for Ballina Shire Council. Tom Tarrant is a qualified builder with BBL Building at Byron Bay and Stevie Giltrap is a Beauty Therapist working for New You in Ballina. The students talked about their journey at a Whole School Staff meeting and were followed by appreciative applause.

Andrew Playford

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**REMEMBRANCE DAY**

Team Photograph: L-R Jack Harper, Izaac Goldsworthy, Logan Iverson, Brandon Rosolen, Corey Watson, Stuart Frost, Sam Norris, Mitchell Vidler, Jacob O’Connor, Hayden Turnbull, Jayke Innes, Absent players: Guacomo Pippo, Andrew Key
**RELAY FOR LIFE - JUNIOR CHAMBER**

Pictured here are some of the members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Relay team from left Jack Norris, Nada Van Kempen and Jodie Stockwell. These students did an amazing job at the Relay for Life participating in the event and raising funds for this very worthwhile cause.

Kim Hernage CLO

**SCIENCE ON THE MOVE**

An afternoon of sensational science stuff was recently held in the hall much to the delight of Year 9 students who attended. Thank you Griffith University and Mr Brown who organised the event. We learnt first hand about cold reactions and the explosive nature of rocket fuels. This was a very positive and worthwhile experience, demonstrating that science can be fun.

Andrew Playford

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**BALLINA HIGH SCHOOL 2012 SNOW EXCURSION FUNDRAISER**

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Treat yourself this Christmas to some delicious homemade Christmas cookies. The current Year 9 students will be taking orders by Thursday the 1 December 2011. If you can’t find a student call the school on 66862133 and place your orders.

- Ginger Bread Men (6 for $5.00)
- Christmas Trees ($1.50 each)
- Shortbread Fruit Mince Stars (6 for $5.00)