

The Wave



Term 3 – Week 9

Principal's Message

Stage 3 Camp

How exciting for our Year 5 and 6 students to be able to go off to camp this week! We can't wait to read all about it in next week's newsletter.

I would like to thank Mrs Cameron for all of her organisation of the camp, and Mr Hardy, Mr Butt and Trevor for going and supporting our students.

Spectrum Sports Sciences Visit

We were so lucky to have the team from Spectrum Sports Sciences here on Thursday! Led by Dennis Pitt, the team came in to provide our kids with some great skill building activities, and all students (and staff!) had a lot of fun.

The team from Spectrum Sports generously donated their time to our school to support us after the difficult year. We cannot thank them enough!

BPS Family Breakfast – Wednesday 21st September, 2022

We are looking forward to connecting with as many families as possible next Wednesday morning for our family breakfast – we hope to see you there.

We love it when families can be involved in what we do at school, so please come along!

PBL Activities

This week, as we had teachers away at camp, we did not run PBL activities. Next week will be the last Friday for PBL activities this term, so remember to bring any equipment needed.

National Day of Mourning – Thursday 22nd September, 2022

As you are likely aware, there is a one-off Public Holiday next Thursday 22nd September.

This means that school will not be open on this day.

Last Day of Term 3

Our last day of Term 3 will be Friday 23rd September.

Term 4 begins for students and staff on Monday 10th October.

Kind Regards,
Stacie Luppi



Important Dates

Term 3 - 2022

Week 10

Tuesday 20th September

Jump Rope for Heart
&
Hot Dog Day

Wednesday 21st September

BPS Family Breakfast
8:00am-9:00am

Friday 23rd September PBL Activities

End of Term Assembly 10:30am School Hall

Thursday 22nd September

Public Holiday
National Day of Mourning
Queen Elizabeth II

Friday 23rd September Last Day of Term

Canteen

WEEKLY MEAL DEAL

Pizza

Fried Rice

Up & Go

Fruit Salad

Prize

\$6.00

End of Year - Monster Raffle

Ballina Public School Monster Raffle

Ticket booklets for our end of year Monster Raffle will be sent home with students. Once you have sold all your tickets, please return the money and booklet to the office. If you would like another lot of tickets to sell, please provide your child with a written note to give to the office stating you require another booklet.

Thank you,
Ballina Public School SRC



NSW Police Force

30 August 2022

Dear Parents,

Gel Blasters in New South Wales

New South Wales Police would like to highlight an emerging issue which many of you might not be aware of.

Gel Guns or Gel Blasters are lifelike 'toy' guns that closely resemble firearms. They fire gel balls and can be very difficult to differentiate from a real firearm. They are classified as air guns under NSW law and gel balls are classified as ammunition.

It is a crime to possess a Gel Gun in NSW unless you have a firearms licence, even if it was purchased online or legally in another State. It is also a crime to bring a Gel Gun to school. There is potential for injury if a person is struck by a gel pellet ammunition and understandably students and staff may become frightened and distressed if they believe a firearm has been brought into the school.

If a student is found to have a Gel Gun in a school, it will be confiscated, parents and the police will be called. The student may face disciplinary action through the school and could be arrested and charged with possession of a firearm. Parents may also be held liable as per Section 82 of the Firearms Act.

On 1 July 2021, New South Wales Police commenced an ongoing National Firearms Amnesty along with all other states and territories. This allows for any firearms or firearm related articles to be surrendered to a police station without fear of prosecution. If this issue relates to you please ensure you contact your local police station prior to attending and ensure the firearm is in a bag or wrapped in a blanket.

My sincere thanks for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Gavin Wood APM
Assistant Commissioner
Capability Performance and Youth Command

TRIPLE ZERO (000)

Emergency only

POLICE ASSISTANCE LINE (131 444)

For non emergencies

CRIME STOPPERS (1800 333 000)

Report crime anonymously



PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION

GEL BLASTERS

What is a Gel Blaster?

A firearm that is typically constructed of plastic and is operated either manually by a piston air pump or automatically by means of a battery-powered motor. These firearms discharge hydrated gel balls by means of a spring and air operated by a trigger mechanism. They cannot discharge the hydrated gel balls by means of an explosive. They often have an outward appearance of various handguns, shotguns and rifles in existence.

What happens if someone is caught with a gel blaster?

Because these are considered actual firearms in NSW, a person who supplies, acquires or possesses an unregistered firearm could be arrested and charged for possession of a firearm (under **Section 36(1) of the NSW Firearms Act 1996**) which holds a **maximum penalty of 5 years for a FIREARM or up to 14 years for a PISTOL or PROHIBITED FIREARM**. Possessing 3 or more where at least one is a prohibited firearm carries 20 years.

You could also be facing charges of Possessing a firearm whilst unlicensed (under **Section 7 and 7A of the NSW Firearms Act 1996**).

Section 82 of the NSW Firearms Act 1996 states that if a parent (or guardian) knowingly allows a person under the age of 18 years to contravene the Act, each parent/guardian is taken to have contravened the same provision.

What does the law say?

Section 4(1) of the Firearms Act 1996 NSW classes Gel Blasters as an air gun, which is considered a **FIREARM** and hand-gun type Gel Blasters as a **PISTOL**.

Gel Blasters often substantially duplicate military type self-loading rifles, machine guns and sub-machine guns which would classify them as **PROHIBITED FIREARMS (Item 7, Schedule 1 of the Firearms Act 1996 NSW)**.

Hydrated Gel Balls may also be considered **AMMUNITION** under the act.



What do I do if I already have a Gel Blaster?

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Recycling Incursion

Samala, from Ballina Shire Council, visited the MC Students today to talk about Recycling. The students learnt the colour of each bin and what goes in each one.

Here is some feedback from students:

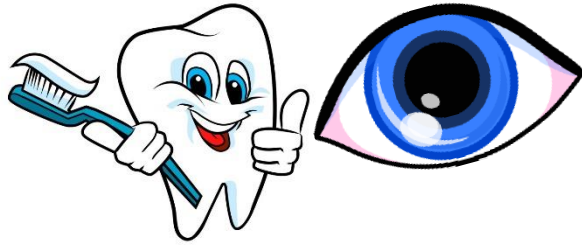
"It was good and I loved doing the banana peel dance" Ashley.

"I learnt that the green bin is called the Organics Bin and I loved watching everyone do the banana dance, it was funny!" Ben.

"It was good and I learnt a lot about recycling. I learnt that you can recycle plastics and cans." Oliver



Dental & Optical Visit – 31 October to 4 November, 2022



Our annual dental and eye screening check, for students, will commence on the 31st of October until the 4th of November.

Notes and consent forms will be coming home very soon. Please complete the forms and return to school as soon as possible.

If you would rather register online, you may do so using these links:

Dental Consent form Link

<https://nswdentalcare.com.au/parental-consent-form-schools/>

Optical consent form link

<https://www.mobileyes.com.au/parent-guardian-consent>

Mrs Whalan

Teacher



SAFE ON SOCIAL
TRAINING AND EDUCATION

FREE Webinar: Cyberbullying, Trolling & Online Hate

Have you ever reported cyberbullying and nothing happened?
We need to talk.

The Safe On Social team speaks to over 100,000 people a year. We deal with cyberbullying disclosures from kids as young as 6 and occupational violence from men in their 50's.

I personally dealt with cyberbullying for over 2 years from someone I trusted. Safe on Social was literally built from my lived experience enduring online hate and cyberbullying combined with my past career in cyber security, risk management and IT consulting.

So let's talk about cyberbullying, trolling and online hate.

Join me for an 30 minute open discussion about what actually happens when you get bullied in this space and what the average person can do about it. Learn why I now call being a victim of cyberbullying my superpower.

What: Cyberbullying Trolling & Online Hate Webinar (30mins)

When: 7.30pm Sydney time - Monday, 19 September 2022

Link to Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87620325058>

Lastly, I'll be sending out key information on the topics discussed so if you aren't already subscribed to our newsletter, please make sure you don't miss out and sign up [here](#).

Attended our previous Webinar and misplaced your eSafetyHQ discount code? No worries! Visit the eSafetyHQ website [here](#) and enter your special code below for 10% off one of our eSafetyHQ courses:

Parents - webinar10parent

Schools - webinar10school

I look forward to seeing you on Monday night.

Kirra

PBL Activities



Class K-1T

K-1T have been looking at places in our community. Some important places are the schools, the police station, fire station, hospital, church, airport, nursing homes and there are many others. K-1T designed and created community maps, with important places, for 'Beebots' to drive along. It was so much fun learning how to code.

We were lucky to have some year 6 students help us. We also created a picture of our school community to send to the residents at St Andrew's Nursing home.

Mrs Faulks
RFF Teacher



COLOUR FUN RUN

Youth Event

- Obstacle Course
- BBQ Lunch
- Information Stalls
- Kids Activities

NDIS Information Stalls

Wear White

FREE EVENT

Thursday 6th October 2022

SAUNDERS OVAL
Swift Street Ballina
Touch Fields



Scan QR Code to register

Registration 9am | Event Start 10am

All youth events are drug, SMOKE, VAPE and alcohol free.
Under 13's must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
SOLID MOB TIS TEAM CALL - 0408 091279

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For our Health
Improving health and wellbeing

NSW Health
Northern NSW Local Health District

YWCA

SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2022

THE KINSHIP FESTIVAL

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL FAMILIES

10AM - 4PM KNOX PARK MURWILLUMBAH

Connect, share and participate in the wisdom and practice of healthy families, strong values and vibrant community culture!



Free children's nature crafts and activities all day
Participate in creating a giant sand, earth and ochre sculpture
Join dance troupes from across the Bundjalung Nation and beyond in a celebration of kinship connections
Aboriginal Artisan Markets
Healing Hub - First Nations Healing Space and Workshops
OKA TRIBUTE - JK-47 - THE JACKS BAND
JOHNNY HUCKLE - KELSEY BARKER - ROBYN GREEN
Free community meal - bush tucker or vegetarian lunch for all!
To sponsor, volunteer or find out more contact:
kinship@mscentre.org.au 02 6672 3003 0431951162

Murwillumbah Community Centre **Koori Mail** **TWEED SHIRE COUNCIL** **YWCA**



SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

KIDS HOLIDAY MEAL PACKAGE
In the Boardwalk **ONLY \$7.50**
Choice of fish & chips or chicken tender & chips
Plus a soft drink & dixie ice-cream cup
Grub Lab Activity Packs available for additional \$3
Available lunch & dinner - Saturday 17 September to Sunday 9 October (QLD & NSW)
Only \$7.50 with the purchase of any adult meal
One (1) kid's meal per to one (1) adult meal

FREE KIDS NEON DISCO WITH SHORTY BROWN
Gift card prizes for best neon outfits
Friday 23 September
Craft Bar - Ground Floor
Disco 4.30pm - 6pm
Stay for our \$7.50 kids meal package - T&C's apply

SNOW WHITE & THE SEVEN COOL DUDES
Monday 26 September
Doors 10.30pm Show 11am - 11.50am
The Auditorium - Level One
Adults: \$16 / Kids: \$14
Stay for our \$7.50 kids meal package - T&C's apply

FREE WILDLIFE TWINS SHOW - WOMBAT SPECIAL
Tue 4 October
The Auditorium - Level One
Doors 10.30am Show 11am - 12pm
Stay for our \$7.50 kids meal package - T&C's apply

SUPERVISED KIDS COVE FREE PLAY CENTRE
On The Ground Floor
Open Thursday to Saturday 5.30pm to 8.30pm
Open Sunday 11.30am to 3pm

A parent/guardian must accompany children to all shows and activities.






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