KADINA 2013 CROSS COUNTRY
Principal’s Message

School holidays.
Congratulations to the students who marched as part of the Lismore ANZAC day ceremonies during the school holidays. In total we had nearly 60 students across all school years participate in the march, as well as our school captains and vice captains being a part of the official procedures.
During the holidays Mr Ippolito, Mr Rose and students from Kadina High School supported the Lismore Council, Bundjalarm and PCYC sports day at Kadina Park. The event was a fantastic day at which three of our PaCE program boys were called upon to act as referees for the touch footy.

Lismore Principal
Can I welcome Nigel Britto to the Lismore Community of Schools. Nigel has been appointed Principal to Lismore High School and started this term. Nigel is an experienced Principal and respected educational leader. His previous position was a School Development Officer, Armidale. He has previously been Principal of Wadalba School on the Central Coast and Bourke High School out west. We welcome Nigel to our community of schools.

Building Our Capacity
In a recent meeting of all principals in the Lismore area, Secondary, Central and Primary, initial work was conducted to determine the draft strategic directions for Public Education 2013 to 2015.
Work will continue to develop a detailed strategic plan and action plan in Term 2.
Toni Hughes, retired School Education Director and at one time Principal Kadina High School, has agreed to lead the drafting and finalisation of this strategic plan.
The detailed plan will include Transition Arrangements, Alternative Curriculum, Gifted and Talented Programs, Employability Skills program as well as other areas identified through the 2012 Building Our Capacity consultation process.
As part of the consultation process it was identified that there was a desire by some staff for the LCoSS concept to be evaluated, in particular the shared curriculum arrangements. This evaluation process will occur early this term with Dave Harvey, Di Williamson, Steve Clayton from RRHS, Lindsey Kitching from LHS and Sue McLeod from KHS being involved. In coming weeks this will involve interviewing staff, students and parents across the 3 schools. A report should be finalised by the end of this term.

Gonski
During the holidays Barry O’Farrell became the first state premier to sign up to the Gonski national education reforms.
This agreement will deliver an additional $5 billion for NSW schools. The additional funding will be directed to the frontline of education in schools and means that over the coming years we should have more scope than ever before to address the individual needs of our students and to embed educational excellence.
If all goes to plan, the new funding arrangements will begin to operate from 2014, and will be fully implemented from 2019.
Over the coming years we should see resources across schools begin to increase, with those schools serving the most disadvantaged communities the greatest beneficiaries.

Staff Development Days
Term 2 all schools in NSW had an additional staff development day. Kadina High School met with staff from Lismore High school, Richmond River High School and Nimbin Central School, to participate in professional development on two mandatory core modules, “The Learner and The New Curriculum” and “Teaching in Preparation of the New Curriculum”. The new curriculum is being implemented in Mathematics, Science, English and History Years 7 and 9 in 2014.

Ian Davies
Principal

Diary Dates

May 6-17
Year 12 Workplacement

May 14-16
NAPLAN

May 17
Year 10 Careers Expo

May 20 - 28
Year 11 Exams

May 31
Athletics Carnival

3 June
HSC Music Day - SCU

4 June
LCOSS info evening LWC
YEAR 12 ARMIDALE UNIVERSITY EXCURSION

On Thursday and Friday the 2nd and 3rd of May a group of 40 year twelve students from Kadina, Richmond River, Evans River and Lismore High schools travelled to Armidale for the University of New England’s Open Day. Along the way we visited The National Marine Science centre in Coffs Harbour where we toured the centre and looked at the marine life that they are currently conducting experiments and behavioural studies on.

From there we visited the Southern Cross University Coffs Harbour Campus where we were given a tour of the campus and some lunch as we were all starving.

Upon leaving the university, we embarked upon a three hour bus trip up the range heading towards Armidale with a DVD to keep us entertained along the way.

We stayed at the New England Girls School in dormitories. Before dinner we had the opportunity to explore the school a little and discover how freezing Armidale can be.

Dinner was at the University Of New England in the college of Duval however, it took a bit longer than expected to arrive as the bus driver had to do several u-turns before working out where we were meant to go. After dinner, we went to the plaza for some late night shopping where it was almost completely deserted until 40 year 12 students invaded.

Friday morning we got up early to go back to the University of New England and explore the University during daytime. We were able to tour the many colleges which exist within the University for the Students to live in. We were also able to visit the campus and see the diverse range of courses which are available and talk to the staff about our subjects of interest. We were also able to talk to current students about living on campus, how they find the university to attend, the cultures of the different colleges and any other questions or queries we had.

We had the option to attend information sessions throughout the day based upon the individual courses available. The rest of our time was spent roaming the university campus and colleges, trying to stay warm, and discovering if it was a place where we would like to study or not.

Before we had the chance to have lunch, we embarked upon our journey home. We stopped at McDonalds Glenn Innes along the way bombarding them during peak hour.

Overall it was a great trip good experience with many memories being made, as well as future plans.

Tamara Coles and Maddy Gray, Year 12
Art Competition

Calendar for Cultural Diversity 2014

Theme: Transitions
The theme for the 2014 Calendar for Cultural Diversity is Transitions which may be explored in many ways through all curriculum areas. 2014 is the lunar year of the Horse.

Artwork should be A3 or A2 size.

The following information should be attached to each artwork:
- Student’s name
- Year
- Title of artwork
- School
- Name of teacher contact
- Student’s comments relating the work to the theme (approx. 25 – 50 words).

Schools may submit only four entries.

All art work will be returned at the completion of the selection process.
Dear Parents and Caregivers

Our school is always interested in improving the way we cater for our students’ education. Sometimes this can be done by changing our organisation, offering new courses or developing further what we are already doing. The Department of Education and Communities conducts program evaluations of schools to help schools improve programs for the benefit of all students.

A program evaluation of our school in the area of The Lismore Community of Secondary Schools has been scheduled from Friday 17th May to Monday 20th May 2013. A team will be visiting us at that time, and parents will be asked to meet with the team to talk about the school in a relaxed atmosphere. Your ideas for improvement will be most welcome.

A group of parents will be randomly selected to talk with the evaluation team here at the school, or to have a telephone discussion with a team member. If you are not selected but would like the opportunity to speak with the evaluation team, please contact me here at the school.

A random sample of students will also be involved in discussions with the evaluation team. Parents have the right to exclude their children from the evaluation process. If you do not wish your child to participate in discussions with a member of the review team, please contact me.

The outcome of the program review will be a review report which we will be able to use for further planning. We look forward to your support and contributions.

Ian Davies, Principal

Mathletics at Kadina

Kadina is currently trialling Mathletics with a few mathematics classes to see if this resource is suitable for our students. For those amongst us who are unfamiliar with Mathletics, it is a web based maths resource which allows students to engage with the maths curriculum at home and in the classroom in a stimulating and alternate way to traditional methods. In fact it is now available as an app for smartphones and tablets making it a highly accessible and modern Maths resource.

Whilst few would argue that the more alternatives we have for presenting maths to our students the better, it is often never this simple. Wanting to provide these experiences for our students is often hindered by cost. Mathletics costs the average at home user $100 per student to subscribe for one year access. As a school we are offered a reduced cost of $30 per student per year. This still far exceeds the Maths faculty budget and would need additional funds to be sourced for our students to take advantage of this opportunity. All is not lost however; as a further savings can be gained in the form of a government schools grant if we were able to subscribe the whole school cohort to this resource.

Whilst I have had positive feedback so far from the few students I have spoken with, there is a need for a substantial show of interest not only from students but also parents for this possible opportunity to proceed. Considering the savings to be gained compared with the personal subscription fee of $100, we need to know if parents would be supportive of paying a small fee of $10 per student per year to implement this resource at Kadina. This is a fantastic resource that can be used in class and at home for no more than the cost of a coffee and cake once a year. Please have a look at the website: www.mathletics.com.au and if you were interested, email me letting me know you would be happy to support Mathletics at Kadina. Emailing me to show your interest is essential for Mathletics to proceed at Kadina.

Mrs Lee Boyd, Teacher

Email address: lee.boyd2@det.nsw.edu.au
A Brilliant Effort!

Congratulations to Vienna Barker and Taylor McBeath who spoke with incredible sophistication at the Sydney Morning Herald Plain Speaking Award Regional Finals held at Lismore High School on Thursday 9th May. They battled it out with students representing other schools across the region.

Vienna made an impassioned plea for NSW to get rid of the provocation defence in murder trials, while Taylor made his audience aware of totalitarian regimes around the world, reminding young people that they need to defend their freedom. Both students did a brilliant job of the impromptu topic which asked about Australia’s international responsibilities.

Vienna narrowly beat Taylor into first place and so she will represent her proud school and region at the State Finals. She is following in the footsteps of other brilliant Kadina High speakers who made State Final level such as Kimberly Thompson, Rebecca Sproule and Charlotte Pearce.

How wonderful to see such articulate young people taking up the challenge!

Mrs Julie Bryant
Debating and Public Speaking Coach

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SIGNIFICANT DATES

26 May – National Sorry Day
National Sorry Day offers the community the opportunity to acknowledge the impact of the policies spanning more than 150 years of forcible removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families. The first National Sorry Day was held on 26 May 1998 following the 1997 Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) report Bringing Them Home which recommended that a national day of observance be declared.

27 May – 3 June – National Reconciliation Week
National Reconciliation Week was initiated in 1997 to provide a special focus for nationwide activities. The week is a time to reflect on achievements so far and the things which must still be done to achieve reconciliation.

National Reconciliation Week offers people across Australia the opportunity to focus on reconciliation, to hear about the cultures and histories of Australia’s Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and to explore new and better ways of meeting challenges in our communities. The week is timed to coincide with two significant days in Australia’s history, which provide strong symbols of our hopes and aims for reconciliation: 27 May and 3 June.

27 May – 1967 Referendum
In 1967 over 90% of Australians voted in a Referendum to remove clauses from the Australian Constitution which discriminated against Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians. The Referendum also gave the Commonwealth Government the power to make laws on behalf of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
Goonellabah Council Cross-Culture Photography Project

On Friday, 3rd of May six students were involved in the Goonellabah Council Cross Cultural Photography Project held at Kadina High School in the Library. The project’s aim was to bring people together from different generations in Goonellabah and learn about how their life experiences are different.

For this project students were paired with an older member of the Goonellabah community and they spent time sharing stories about their lives. After each person's story was shared, each person wrote a brief story from what they heard and took a portrait photograph of their partner. These stories and photographs will be exhibited around the community.

This was such a valuable project for all involved. I would like to thank:

- Each of the students who volunteered to be a part of this project – Alana Knox, Grace Voltz, Serena Griffani, Lucy Wilkinson, Emily Volker and Karla Butcher
- All the community members who volunteered their time to be a part of this project - Dagnija Brachmanis, Len Ward, Mary Maloney, Michael Roddy, Paul Turner and Richard Forbes.
- Nell Anderson, Sue McLeod and Aurora O'Sullivan who helped set out the library and gave up their time to ensure everything ran smoothly
- Virginia Waters from the council for organising the whole project and making it happen

Kye Underhill, Teacher
LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceausi@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

SICKNESS PROCEDURE

If a student becomes sick at school they should:
1. First inform their teacher or any teacher if in the playground.
2. The student should then report to the main office with a note and
3. If necessary parents may be contacted. It is policy that parents are contacted, and asked, where possible, to pick up their child.

Updated information

Do we have your current contact numbers?
Please ensure we have your current details so we can contact you in cases your child becomes ill or injured.

Uniform Pool

If you have outgrown school uniform tops and jumpers, the school can take them off your hands to place in the school uniform pool. Just drop them off at the school canteen. Your support is appreciated!
NCA Football

Football Academy Training
Term 2
Goonellabah
Weston Park
Commencing 29th April 2013
First Touch (5-7yrs)
Academy (8-11yrs)
Academy (12-16yrs)

Register online at
www.ncafootball.com

FACT OR FICTION
Is there fact in your favourite science fiction film?
Is it possible to fight the dark side with a light sabre?
Could you make yourself disappear with an invisibility cloak?
Can bacteria be teleported from one place to another?

Thursday 30 May
7:00 pm
Lismore High School - Bailey St, Lismore

Bookings essential: Email factorfiction@ansto.gov.au
with your contact details and number of tickets required.
Cost - Gold coin donation at the door

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Saturday 18th May 2013
8am-2pm
free Stalls, food, coffee, yummy bits and bargains

Please register your interest with Virginia Waters on 1300 87 87 87 or email: Virginia.Waters@lismore.nsw.gov.au for more information

We hope the event will add to the environmental sustainability within our community.

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TRIVIA NIGHT
ALL PROCEEDS TO SOUTH LISMORE RELAY FOR LIFE

WHERE: SOUTH LISMORE BOWLING CLUB

COST: $50 per table (max 8 people per table)
Tickets available at South Lismore Bowling club - CASH ONLY

WHEN: Saturday 25th May 2013
6.30 for 7pm start
BYO Nibbles (no hot food can be brought into the club)
FANCY DRESS - PRIZE FOR BEST TABLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: JESSIE 0400 381 037

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Single Parenting

It's not funny!

Single Parent Forum
Guest Speaker: Mandy Nolan
Tuesday 7th May 11am - 2pm

This forum is part of a program to assist families affected by Parenting Payment changes. Parents will be given an opportunity to learn about employment, training and family support services, make connections with other families, have a say, a sandwich and a laugh.

YWCA NSW Auditorium 101A Rous Rd Goonellabah
Lunch provided

To register RSVP: buoyicer@ywcannw.com.au
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ACCOUNTANCY/FINANCIAL PLANNING TRAINEESHIPS

WCA, chartered accountants, a local accountancy firm established in 1922, are pleased to offer traineeships to locally based, motivated and career orientated Year 12 school leavers.

Traineeships combine university study with practical experience in the workforce through full-time paid employment. Trainees are provided with study leave and in-house training to assist them in successfully completing their degree.

Applications for traineeships may be directed to the Office Manager, swatts@woagroup.com.au up until 31 August 2013 with successful applicants beginning their traineeships in February 2014.

Applications throughout the year are still welcome and will be considered.

Any questions on Traineeships can be directed either to your careers adviser or Tony Bazzana at WCA chartered accountants on 6621 2581.
Kadina High School is proud to be partnered with AIME at SCU Lismore. AIME is committed to seeing Indigenous students finish school at the same rate as other Australians. Indigenous Students in Yr 9-12 are strongly encouraged to participate. Cindy Castella (AIME Program Manager) will be presenting to Indigenous students on the Thursday MAY 2 & the AIME Program days for Kadina are:

FRIDAY 10TH MAY
FRIDAY 26TH JULY
FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST
FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER