Principal’s Message

School Holidays
I had the opportunity to be involved in the Grommets (Junior) Busking Competition for the Byron Bluesfest over the first weekend of the school holidays. The two day event was held at the Byron Youth Centre.

Two groups from Kadina High School entered the competition, Mayberry and Rise From the Ashes. Special guest judge, Claire Taylor, winners of the 2013 Busking competition was impressed with both groups and commented accordingly on their talent. The Mayberry’s went on to perform at the Byron Bluesfest on Easter Monday as part of the Young Sounds of Byron showcase.

Thank you to Mr Sassi and Ms Johnstone and the Kadina Entertainment students who provided the sound and lighting production for the competition. The students involved were given a day pass to the Bluesfest.

April 25th was ANZAC day. I attended the Lismore ANZAC march where approximately 10% of our school population marched, several with medals from family members who had served in the armed forces for this country. Thank you to students and the staff who represented our school on that day.

Staffing
Mr Williams is relieving as Deputy Principal during term two with Mr Farrell on long service leave. Ms Shepherd is relieving as Head Teacher TAS. With Mr Wade moving to Tamworth, Mr Carter is relieving as Head Teacher Mathematics.

I can announce Mr Luke Wallace from Lismore High School has been appointed as Head Teacher HSIE. Mr Wallace comes with a wealth of experience. Mr Doust will continue to relieve as the Head Teacher until week six, when Mr Wallace takes up the position. Ms Byrnes commences as school counsellor in week two. Ms Royal will continue to work at the school in her position as Learning and Support Teacher.

Week One
Kadina staff held a staff development day on the first day of term two where we focused on several current issues including the new teaching award and Work Health and Safety issues.

Last Thursday night was Kadina’s parent teacher evening. Can I thank staff and parents who attended the night. The flow of families into the hall was consistent all night and parents were able to gain information on their child’s performances during the 2014 school year.

On Thursday and Friday of week one, Ms Champion took a number of Year 12 students to New England University. The students got an opportunity to look at campus life and spent time in a number of faculties including Nursing where they learnt how to put a plaster cast on their arms, much to the shock of one parent who’s child sent them a text photograph thinking she had actually broken an arm. The students also caught up with Taylor McBeath, last year’s school captain who is studying on campus in Armidale.

Week Two
This week Year 12 Hospitality and Construction students are involved in work placement.

Ian Davies
Principal
As you may have noticed we have a new sign near the first car park. This is the parting gift to Kadina High School from 2013’s Year 12. The Year 12 Construction class, along with their teacher Mr Luke Wigmore, built the wall. Students Jeremy Cannon, Daniel Sproule and Lewis Johnson came back in their own time to finish the project. Readings Engineering used their laser cutter to cut the stainless letters and lizard.

Thank you to all 2013 Year 12 for their generosity and for making Kadina look great!

The NSW Premier's Debating Challenge kicked off on May 7th with the first round being held at Kadina High School. Kadina versed Richmond River High School in this round. Kadina Team B were successful and Team A are confident of a comeback in the second round.

Round 2 will take place at Richmond River High School at the end of May.

Renee Boulton, Teacher
7E have created a page to be run in the May 13 edition of the Northern Star, Newspapers in Education Program. Students chose a range of stories highlighting current events at Kadina. Be sure to check it out! 

Renee Boulton, Teacher