We would like to respectfully acknowledge the Elders past and present of the Wijabul Wiyabal people and other peoples of Bundjalung Nation. We acknowledge that they are the first peoples of this land on which our school stands.

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

School Discipline Wayne Bennett Style
A lesson from Wayne Bennett, Australian professional rugby league football coach, shared from Michael Polities, Principal, Jindalee State School, Queensland.

At a recent meeting Mr Polities attended, Wayne Bennett was the guest speaker. This is a summary from Mr Polities on what Mr. Bennett spoke about.

"Mr. Bennett said "People call me 'Coach', but I am not just a coach, I am a teacher. It is my job to teach the players about themselves, about life and about making the right choices." He said it is essential for any teacher to believe in the student, to believe that they can succeed and to teach them how to succeed. Celebrate with them the small gains that lead to the big successes whether it is on the football field or in their daily life.

Mr Bennett said he established standards for the players and then put boundaries around those standards. His boundaries are firstly to be on time and secondly to stay out of jail. Players need standards as a guideline. The boundaries have to be flexible. "I need to be able to adjust the boundaries depending on the individual players and the circumstances. If the boundaries are too rigid then we don't have room to negotiate the way out. Each player is different and needs the rules applied in different ways".

Mr Bennett observed that not too many players would consult the player code of conduct leaflet before they got into an altercation in a pub in the early hours of the morning but they would think about being late to training the next morning because they were injured or locked up at the police station. They would be letting the team down, and that had consequences they had to face. "Ultimately they have to accept responsibility for themselves and their actions." said Mr Bennett. "My commitment is to not give up on a player. I believe in them and work with them so that they can believe in themselves. When they know that they matter to me and to others, they begin to matter to themselves. There is something good in everyone. It is my job to find it and nurture it."

Currently Kadina High School is undergoing a review of our Discipline Policy and there is a lesson in what Mr Bennett said for us in schools. We need rules certainly and we need to not be bound so rigidly by the rules that we forget the reason we are here. As teachers our passion is making the world a better place, one student at a time. The model we use for developing students beliefs and values and their ability to take responsibility for themselves would do well to align with the model Mr Bennett uses as teacher and coach. Perhaps the NRL has relevance beyond the sports oval.

If you would like to have input into our Discipline Policy review we would appreciate it if you could start by completing the following online survey:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ZRM8RW3

Uniform
Our school community, in consultation with the P & C and SRC, has agreed that the correct school uniform must be worn by all students. The Minister, and the Department of Education and Communities fully support schools where the wearing of a school uniform is approved by the school community. It is an important factor in developing school pride and a step in ensuring educational success at this school. This is also a factor in guaranteeing Occupational Health and Safety for students while attending school.

The school recognises that sometimes parents find it financially difficult to provide complete school uniform. We encourage parents to apply to the school for funds under the Student Assistance Scheme if they require assistance. Requests will be treated in confidence.

Mr Davies
Principal

DIARY DATES
25 Aug - 29 Aug
Snow Trip
29 Aug
Twilight Concert
2 Sept
Yr 8 Sports Day
4 Sept
HSC Music Concert
8 Sept - 17 Sept
Yr 11 Yearly Exams
8 Sept - 12 Sept
Yr 10 Work Experience
16 Sept - 17 Sept
Curtain Call
17 Sept
Yr 11 Music Night
19 Sept
Yr 12 Graduation Assembly
**HSC Visual Arts & Drama Showcase**

Students’ major works for all HSC Creative & Performing Arts subjects are due for completion over the next few weeks. On Friday evening (22\(^{nd}\) August) there will be a showcase of Visual Arts works and Drama performances. The artworks will be exhibited in the staff common room from 6pm and the Drama performances will commence in A9 at 6.30pm. Please come along and support the Year 12 students. There will be something for everyone to enjoy.

Important dates: HSC Drama Practical Exam – Wednesday 27\(^{th}\) August; HSC Music Practical Exam – Friday 12\(^{th}\) September

**Twilight Concert**

On Friday 29\(^{th}\) August, a Twilight Concert will be held in A9 to help raise funds for Jess Johnson and Luci Gray to attend the Open Talent Workshop in Sydney during the holidays. The workshop is an initiative run by the Talent Development Project providing professional tuition by music industry professionals. Admission to the workshop is highly competitive and the girls were accepted to the project from their individual video submissions. It will be a costly exercise to attend the workshop including travel, registration and accommodation, so we would love your support.

Jess and Luci will be performing originals and covers individually and as a duo. The concert begins at 6pm and is $5 entry. See you there!

**Year 8 into 9 Information Evening**

Year 9 Music students entertained parents and students prior to the information session on Monday night. A big thank you to the students for giving up their time and rehearsing for the event: Laetitia Binetruy, Alanna Waters, Beatrice Hogan, Lily Maynes, Bridget Kennedy, Claudia Campton, Max Den Exter English and Jacob Finlay.

**Ms Johnstone, CAPA Teacher**
A few photos from the APRA songwriting workshop hosted by Southern Cross University. Jim Moginie (from Midnight Oil) shared some ideas from his well-worn and much loved exercise books that hold all his songwriting ideas from the beginning of his career.

Ms Johnstone, CAPA Teacher
CASINO DRIVING SCHOOL 10TH BIRTHDAY SPECIAL: $10 off one driving lesson till 29 August 2014. Auto or Manual available. Ph 66626651 or 0418 282 750

JUNIOR TOUCH: Friday afternoons from 4pm, Term 4 2014 and Term 1 2015. Cost $65 per person. Information nights 5th & 12th September. Contact Tim Laverty 0428 636 175

WOLLONGBAR PUBLIC SCHOOL FETE: Saturday 1st November 9 - 2pm. Prepaid ride passes from the School Office 7th October $25 ($30 on the day)

NIPPER REGISTRATION DAY: Ballina Lighthouse and Lismore Surf Life Saving Club are holding a nipper registration day on Sunday 14th Sept and Sunday 21 Sept 10am to 1pm at the Ballina Surf Club East Ballina. For more information email ballina.nippers@gmail.com. Existing members can renew their membership on-line. Go to www.ballinasurfclub.com.au and follow the instructions.


Commonwealth Respite & Carelink Centre Far North Coast

Our Centre is here to support family members, friends or neighbours (carers) who provide a significant amount of help to someone who is a frail older person, has a disability, or chronic, terminal or mental illness.

The Centre is funded until June 30th 2015.

What we provide:
- Information on carer support services on the Far North Coast
- Assistance with accessing support services that meet carer and care recipient ongoing needs.
- Provision of short-term planned and emergency respite to give carers a break from their caring role.

If you are a carer and you need some help whatever your age - call us on FREECALL™ 1800 052 222*

*Calls from mobile phones charged at applicable rates

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!

SICKNESS PROCEDURE

If a student becomes sick at school they should:
1. First inform their teacher or any teacher if in the playground.
2. If directed to, the student should then report to the main office with a note.
3. If the student is unable to immediately return to class it is policy that parents are contacted by the school and asked, 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.