



Kadina News

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

NAIDOC celebrations at Lismore Education Office



Ayden (above) represented Kadina High School at the Lismore Education Office NAIDOC assembly where he spoke of the 30th anniversary of Uluru being handed back to the traditional owners, which balanced tourism with cultural needs. He also spoke of local significant sites such as the Tucki Tucki Bora Ring which were integral to ceremonies of Aboriginal people.

He furthermore spoke of Cubawee another significant place in the Lismore area. Cubawee was a self-managed Aboriginal settlement from the 1930's to 1960' which was also known as the Tuncester Reserve.

Well done Ayden.



KADINA CALENDAR

27 –28 July

White card Training

27-31 July

Year 11 Work Placement

29 July

Careers Expo

31 July

North Coast Athletics

3 August

Girls League Gala Day

3-14 August

Year 12 Trial Exams

6 August

NC Tennis Trial boys & girls

17 August

Year 8 into 9 Information Evening

22-29 August

Kadina/Lismore High combined Snow Trip

Term 4

10 November

Year 12 Formal

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Community NAIDOC Celebrations 2015



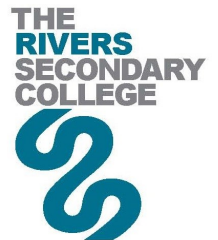
As part of the Lismore City NAIDOC celebrations one of Kadina's Year 10 students Lala received a certificate from Lismore Mayor Jenny Dowell. The Certificate was in recognition of Lala's leadership as a young Aboriginal women within our school community and acknowledging the support she gives to younger Aboriginal students within the school. Congratulations Lala!



Pictured below is Lala with Lismore Mayor Jenny Dowell after receiving her certificate and a group of Kadina and ex Kadina students at Lismore City NAIDOC celebrations.



Mr Wiblen and Mrs Laverty played in the NAIDOC Week Netball championship in Lismore; along with other teachers within The Rivers College. We had a fantastic time playing against some of our students at Kadina High Campus. Thanks to the NAIDOC celebrations committee, Juliana, Tamara and the team of helpers from the Bunjalarms Netball association for an excellent day! The team from The Rivers College cannot wait for next year!



Compulsory School Attendance



You will find attached to this newsletter a Department of Education Flyer 'Compulsory School Attendance' which contain important information for parents and caregivers. In particular you should be aware that students intending to be absent from school for one week or longer (excluding sickness supported by a Doctors Certificate) are required to apply for extended Leave *prior to commencement of absence*.

An 'Application for Extended Leave—Travel' is also attached. This approval must be granted by the Principal and a Certificate of Extended Leave - Travel issued.

If you have any concerns or questions please call the school office.



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You may need to seek the approval of the Local Court as soon as possible to discuss the issue and seek for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's Learning and Support team or having your child with appropriate support network. The Department will also provide support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absence?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children or young people are identified as having unacceptable absence.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conference
- You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the reasons your child may need to leave school and the school's response. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as a Learning Support Plan) to support your child's attendance at school.
- Application to the Children's Court - Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department will seek to ensure your child's attendance is improved.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

www.nsw.edu.au/parents
www.nsw.edu.au/parents/attendance

The school leaving age: www.nsw.edu.au/parents/attendance

Do you need an interpreter? www.nsw.edu.au/parents/attendance

Working in Partnership: www.nsw.edu.au/parents/attendance

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Society and Culture and Legal Studies HSC study days

During the first week of the school holidays Year 12 students in Society and Culture and Legal Studies attended the School Library for some intensive HSC revision and exam preparation. Society and Culture students spent one day working on their HSC major works, the *Personal Interest Project*, and the second day analysing the syllabus and past HSC exam papers.



Year 12 Legal Studies students spent a whole day analysing the syllabus, making palm cards for revision and examining past HSC papers including past HSC responses from high ranking students.

Hopefully the hard work will pay off for these dedicated students!

Well done Year 12 and good luck in the trials!

Miss Smythe

Kadina School Captains

Pictured right are our 2015 School Captains wearing their uniform with pride, a great example which many students here at Kadina follow. At Kadina we are committed to ensuring high standards of dress by all students. We believe that "adherence to the standards of dress as determined by the school community" (Ministerial statement Dec. 1995) makes a positive contribution to student welfare, good discipline and effective learning. It fosters pride in the school and has a favourable impact on the perception of our school in the community.



Dolphin Awards



On Sunday July 19th I was lucky enough to be an adjudicator for a number of acts vying for a spot to perform at this year's NCEIA Dolphin Awards to be held in Ballina in September. The two other adjudicator's were musician Marcus Schintler – from Weddings Parties Anything, Billy Bragg, and The Wetsuits and Ruth Woodhams from 2 ZZZ FM. The NCEIA Dolphin Music Awards are an annual iconic 'local music' event, organised by the North Coast Entertainment Industry Association (NCEIA). The event has been running since 1991 and features the best of North Coast talent, and rewards the efforts of artists and industry workers in 21 awards categories, which are sponsored by supportive businesses of the North Coast. Media coverage, especially by the ABC and Northern Star, has grown each year and the awards have become a genuine opportunity for aspiring talent to develop a local and national profile. The NCEIA Dolphin Awards are open to all original recording artists, songwriters and composers and video producers, both amateur and professional, living in the (02)66 code area.

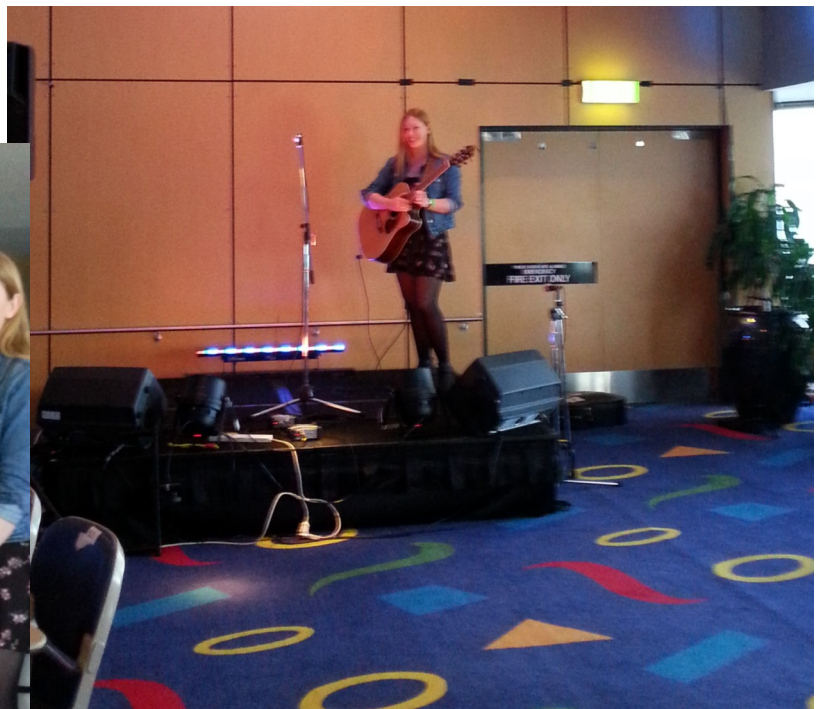
What was pleasing was the Kadina connection at the event on Sunday. I always take great pleasure when I see the Kadina involved Creative and Performing Arts events in the local area.

On Sunday not only did one of our Year 12 students, Lucinda Gray perform, but also ex-students performing as Sleepy Bear Syndrome and Teddy Lewis King (TLK). As a bonus a parent of two ex-Kadina students performed in one of the showcase bands Wendy and the Lost Boys.

Mr Ian Davies
Principal



L-R: Marcus Schintler, Nick and Sam, Mr Davies and Lucinda

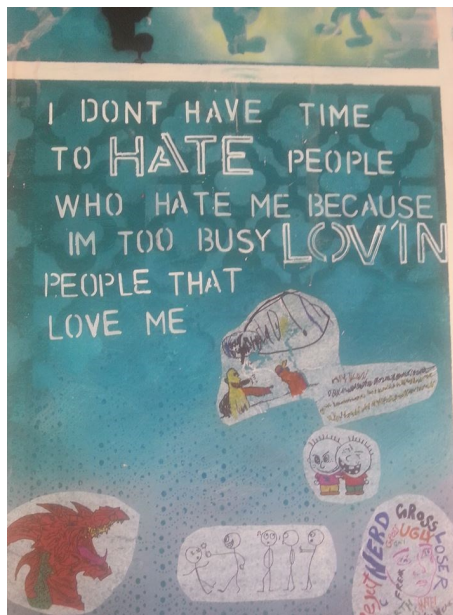


Pictured above: Lucinda Gray.

Below (L-R) Sleepy Bear Syndrome, Teddy Lewis King (TLK), Wendy and the Lost Boys.

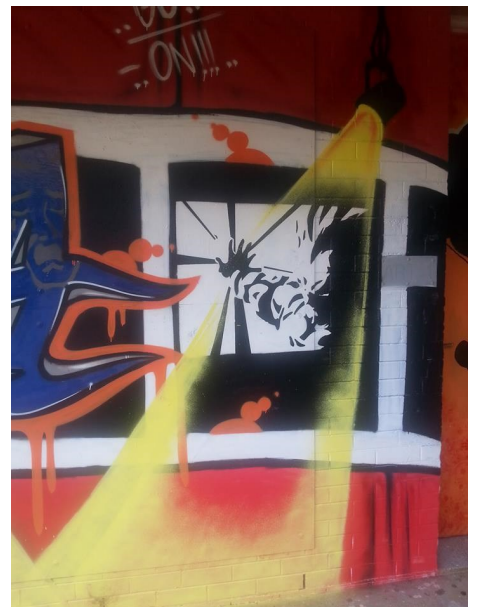


Kadina Talent on permanent display



During term two Back Street Alley Artists and Ms Underhill's Year 10 students have created some outstanding murals to brighten the façade of some of Kadina's buildings. A selection are featured here.

Thanks and well done to all involved!



Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015



Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for your primary school, secondary school or Early Learning Centre. Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.



It's simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when your staff and parents shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your school or at your local Woolworths.

You can then redeem your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for your school or Early Learning Centre.

You can find everything you'll need for the program below. And don't forget parents and friends can access your barometer via the Woolworths website so be sure to keep updating your points!

Sally Champion

Careers Adviser

Earn & Learn Coordinator



Careers at Kadina: Have you seen the Kadina High Careers Web page. Log onto www.kadinahighcareers.com

SUBSCRIBE ME!!.....

I would like to remind parents you can subscribe to the school newsletter email distribution list. It is easy and it is free. All you have to do is log into whichever email account that you would like to receive the email from and send an email to:

Kadina-h.admin@det.nsw.edu.au with "subscribe me" in the subject line.



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COMMUNITY NOTICES



GSAC: GSAC's hot winter special for family fun in the pool is here! It is always summer inside at GSAC – warm air and a tropical 30 degrees in the water. Waterslide and giant pool inflatable: race your mates on a dual racer from 12pm-3pm during the school holidays... for a super special just for the winter – 50% OFF! That means just \$8.45 for a family! For more information visit www.gsac.net.au

RAISING ACES TENNIS ACADEMY: has taken over management of Lismore Tennis Centre located on Ballina Road and we are offering tennis programs to cater for all ages! Some of what we can offer includes 10 week programs in FPMS Hotshots (3-5 years), Red Hotshots (5-7 years), Orange Hotshots (8-10 years), Green Hotshots (10-12 years) and Squad Classes (12 +). We also offer private lessons, cardio tennis, weekly competitions, pro shop and café! Coaching will start Monday 13th July! Give us a call today to book your FREE trial class or for more information visit our website www.raisingaces.com.au or call Brendan on 0402642967.

WIN ADFA open day experience 28-29 August: go to defence.jobs.gov.au/adfaopenday and in 50 words or less tell us why you should win the ultimate ADFA open day experience (for ages 16-22, entries close 20/7, 1 entry per person)

FUTSAL: We are Far North Coast Futsal and we are excited to announce that our summer season is set to kick off this October. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us. Office Support, FNC NSW Futsal support@bondmanagement.com.au (02) 6628 3845
This event is open to men and women.

LATE FOR SCHOOL

Please support your children by encouraging them to arrive on time.

All late arrivals need to be supported by a note with your child's name and roll class signed by a parent/guardian explaining the reasons for the lateness. Txt messages are sent daily to advise non-attendance of your child please ensure your contacts are up to date.

For your convenience

Kadina has EFTPOS for the payment of excursions or fees, no need for cash!



Women are taking on the world - and taking up exciting careers in Engineering, Science and Information Technology.

Whether you are about to choose school subjects for your senior years or are looking for a career change, the GIRLS IN – Engineering, Science and Information Technology event provides a chance for you to investigate your options.

The evening will include guest speakers from industry as well as students talking about these areas - so you will hear first-hand what these careers are all about and have the chance to ask those curly questions.

Thursday, 20 August 2015
5.30 to 7pm followed by refreshments and networking
Ballina Surf Club
65 Lighthouse Parade, East Ballina

Attendance is FREE but please do RSVP to maree.savins@scu.edu.au for catering purposes.

This event is open to men and women.



Compulsory School Attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to [complete their schooling](#).

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/goto/school/a-z/attendance.php>

The school leaving age:

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leaving-school/index.php>

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 5129

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APPLICATION FOR EXTENDED LEAVE – TRAVEL



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NOTE: **PART A** is to be completed by the student's parent and returned to their child's school principal.

Separate applications are to be completed for each school if siblings do not attend the same school.

PART A: STUDENT DETAILS

Please complete table below with details of all students associated with the period of travel:

FAMILY NAME	GIVEN NAME	DOB	AGE	GRADE	SRN

Student address: _____

Postcode: _____

School name: _____

Dates of extended leave applied for: From ____ / ____ / ____ to ____ / ____ / ____

Number of school days: _____

Reason for travel _____

Relevant travel documentation such as an e ticket or itinerary (in the case of non flight bound travel within Australia only) must be attached to this application.

DETAILS OF PRIOR EXEMPTIONS/EXTENDED LEAVE – TRAVEL (if applicable)

Date of prior exemption/extended leave: From: ____ / ____ / ____ to: ____ / ____ / ____

Number of school days: _____

Copy of Certificate of Exemption/Extended Leave-Travel attached (Please tick ☒): Yes ☐ No ☐

PARENT DETAILS (Applicant)

Family name: _____ Given name: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone number: _____ Relationship to student: _____

As the parent and applicant, I hereby apply for a *Certificate of Extended Leave-Travel* and understand my child will be granted a period of extended leave upon acceptance by the principal of the reason provided.

I understand that if the application is accepted:

- I am responsible for his/her supervision during the period of extended leave
- The provided period of extended leave is limited to the period indicated
- The provided period of extended leave is subject to the conditions listed on the *Certificate of Extended Leave-Travel*
- The period of extended leave will count towards my child's absences from school

I declare the information provided in this application is to the best of my knowledge and belief; accurate and complete. I recognise that should statements in this application later prove to be false or misleading any decision made as a result of this application may be reversed. I further recognise that a failure to comply with any condition set out in the *Application for Extended Leave- Travel* may result in the provided period of extended leave being cancelled.

Signature of parent/s: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

PRIVACY STATEMENT

The Department of Education and Communities is subject to the Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998. The information that you provide will be used to process your child's *Application for Extended Leave-Travel* during the period indicated.

It will only be used or disclosed for the following purposes.

- General student administration relating to the education and welfare of the student
- Communication with students and parents
- To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students, staff and visitors to the school
- State and National reporting purposes
- For any other purpose required by law.

The information will be stored securely. You may access or correct any personal information by contacting the school. If you have a concern or complaint about the way your personal information has been collected, used, or disclosed, you should contact the school.

PART B : TO BE COMPLETED BY THE PRINCIPAL

I accept this *Application for Extended Leave- Travel* (Please tick one box ☒):

Yes ☐ No ☐

Please provide more detail here (if required):

Principal's name (please print): _____ Telephone number: _____

Signature of principal: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Note: Please complete the *Certificate of Extended Leave - Travel* if requested leave is to be provided.