

KADINA HIGH CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

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Merry Christmas from Kadina High Campus

Thank you to everyone from our school community for their continued support in 2017. As I finish the school year, I will have completed eight years at the school. The school continues to go from strength to strength and I continually say I feel privileged to work in a school with such dedicated staff.

A number of staff will be retiring or moving on at the end of the 2017 school year. In particular, I want to pay my thanks to our Deputy Principal, Mr Robert Townsend who is retiring and relocating to Queensland.

Bob Townsend was born in Sydney and went to North Sydney Boys High, which at the time was quite a prestigious selective school.

After Bob left school he went on to study Science and became an entomologist with CSIRO, where being the wise man he is, he is accredited for the development of the first pour on cattle drench - which would have been pretty revolutionary to the industry at the time.

Bob then decided for a life style change which would see him go into teaching.

His teaching career kicked off at Shoalhaven high, where he taught Science. It turns out his Principal was my first head teacher. What many might not know is that Bob is passionate about rowing, and specifically coaching it, and he really put a lot into the SHS rowing program and helped to develop what I believe was a pretty impressive rowing squad.

From there Bob and his family moved out to Bourke where he was the Head Teacher Mentor and worked a lot with behavioural issues within the school and wider community. From there Bob and the family moved to Gulargambone, where he was principal for several years.

For the past three years Bob has walked the corridors of Kadina - and I think the staff, the students and his family will say "He's an incredibly gentle man who has a genuine passion for teaching and a brilliantly inquisitive mind. Anyone who has been taught by, or worked with him would know this."

It has been said by his children. "I've never met a man as kind and caring as him and we are the luckiest kids in the world to have him for a father."

I just thought that sums Bob up - Congratulations on your retirement and all the best as you relocate to Queensland.

To our school community have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to a new school year. We will continually update Facebook on up-coming dates for the 2018 school year.

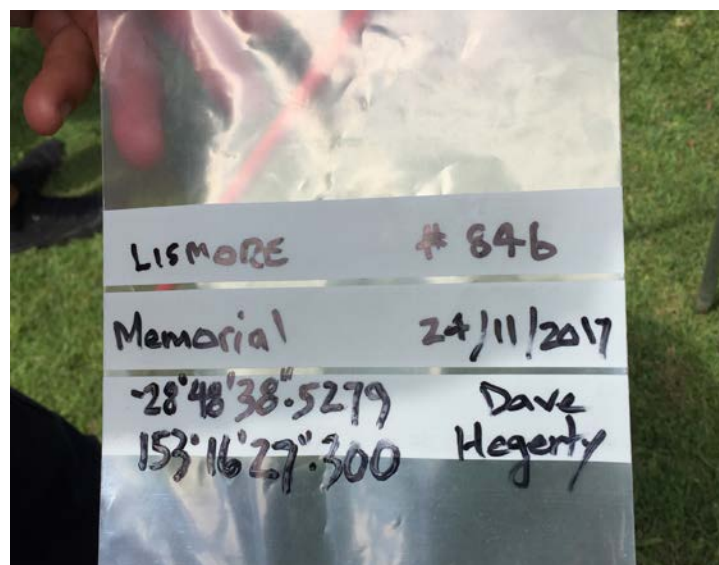


Centenary of World War 1

Our Captains recently attended a ceremony commemorating the centenary of World War 1. This is part of a project in which soil samples are being collected from towns which sent soldiers to fight in the war. The Minister for Veterans Affairs, David Elliot spoke at the ceremony about the symbolism of our soil, what it had meant to Aboriginal people, the foreign soils in which our war dead are buried and the land to which so many soldiers did not return.

The soil samples will be placed in the Hall of Service in the War Memorial in Hyde Park, Sydney. While the memorial has stood in Hyde Park for eighty years, it was never finished and this project is part of the final work to complete this significant building.

The exact location from which the soil sample was collected was carefully marked by a representative from the NSW Lands Department in Bathurst, Surveyor David Hegerty an ex-Kadina student who attended between 1985 and 1990. David spoke enthusiastically about his time at Kadina and the foundation it provided for the very rewarding career he has chosen.



CALENDAR

First day Term 1 2018
Year 7,11 &12
30 January

All Students Return
31 January

**P&C Meeting 3rd Monday of
each month**



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





Remember to check our
Facebook page for up to date
events and
annoucments



WRAP (Work Readiness Achievement Program)

During term 4 this year, our Year 11 WRAP students have been participating in a COMMUNITY IMMERSION PROGRAM where they were given the opportunity to immerse themselves in a variety of community groups and events.

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On the **13<sup>th</sup> October** we went on a mapping expedition of Lismore CBD. We walked around town finding significant landmarks and completed a worksheet on what can be located in the CBD and what services are available. Our legs were very tired by the end of the day with all our walking.

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The following week on the **20th October** we attended the Lismore Show. We had a great day visiting the petting zoo, which had goats, llamas, lambs, ducks and chickens. We also visited Sideshow alley, and all the pavilions where we saw the displays for the quilts, cakes & breads, photography, woodwork and we even put our votes in for the people's choice at the Tursa Art Display. The interactive activities at the RSPCA Emu Education Van were fun and we learnt some interesting things about animals. We enjoyed watching some of Kadina High students perform at the Community Stage and then we enjoyed a sausage sandwich for lunch. Everyone had a fun day.



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On the **27<sup>th</sup> October** we visited Sugarshine Farm Sanctuary at Wyrallah, where abandoned and rescued farm animals are loved and cared for. We were able to feed and nurture a variety of the animals including pigs, goats, calves and foxes.

You can find out all about this group of dedicated people through their facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/sugarshinesanctuary/> or on their webpage

<http://sugarshinefarm.com.au/>



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The **10th November** we went for a visit to Lismore Police Station where we were given a rundown of the important role they play in society. We had a brief tour of the station, including the cars. Senior Constable Struan Presgrave, who is the Youth Liaison Officer, and Senior Constable Brooke Papasidero, the Police School Liaison Officer, explained the different roles that are carried out by all the various people in the police station.



After our visit to the Police Station, we went into Lismore Courthouse where we sat in the District Court then we went into the Local Court where the Judge talked to the students about the court system.

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On the **17<sup>th</sup> of November**, we visited Lismore SES where we learnt all about the roles and responsibilities of an SES volunteer. We had fun practicing with some of the professional equipment used to rescue people.



Later in the day, we visited Summerland House Farm at Alstonville to have some lunch and find out about the work opportunities that are available there.

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The **24th of November** some students visited the Lismore Soup Kitchen where they were given the opportunity of some invaluable front of house experiences by making and serving coffee.

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On the morning of the **1<sup>st</sup> December** we visited Multitask in Lismore. The students were shown what services and jobs training that they have to offer. Their on-site production included soap making and plant sleeve making. It was also explained to our students how the organisation assists with training in industrial cleaning and horticulture work with The Green Army.

In the afternoon, we visited the Caroon (Jarjum) facility where we met some of the elderly residents. We played board games and shared stories with some ladies and gentlemen.

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Finally, on our last day out on the **8th December** we went to The Farm at Byron Bay where we did some weeding for Byron Liberation Larder. They grow their own vegetables and herbs to supply their soup kitchen at Byron Bay.

Travis, from The Farm, took us on a tour of the facilities and talked about organic, sustainable and renewable farming practices. The Farm has a range of farm animals including pigs, cows and chooks. On the property, there is also many farming lots maintained by local farmers and we walked through the produce fields looking at all the crops. A couple of eager students picked and ate some homegrown chillies but they regretted it afterwards.

At the completion of the day, and after a bit of hard work, the students certainly appreciated a quick trip to Byron Bay pools.



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Each week as a follow up students have written recounts about their experiences, researched further the roles of volunteers in society and graphed out on maps the areas we have visited.

Mitch So & Gail Wergs



# Presentation Assembly Years 7-11 2017

Today we celebrated the wonderful cultural, sporting and academic achievements of our talented students at Kadina High Campus. We were able to reflect and highlight many successes and memorable moments throughout 2017. There have been many instances of positive change, growth and development across the school, and after today, I was left feeling enthusiastic about our continued success in the future. This was also an opportunity to thank the staff, parents and our local community for their continued support of our student's endeavours. Thanks also go to our special guests Mrs Maureen Hamilton, Mrs Karen Kennedy and Mr Nigel Brito who assisted in handing out the awards today, and all our sponsors who made this day possible.

Mrs Larrescy highlighted the sporting talent and triumphs in our school in 2017. In particular, the Team of the year was awarded to the Open Girls Hockey team, the Junior Boys Sports Person was Ethan Hooker, and both Tahli Drew and Olivia Gellatly shared the girl's honour.

Each Year Advisor proudly presented scholastic accolades to a wide variety of students across their year groups. These included Academic Excellence, P and C, Principals and Year Advisor's awards. It was lovely to see the effort and hard work of these students acknowledged and celebrated by the student body, staff, parents and community.

I was impressed by the efforts of our School Leaders who managed the running of this assembly professionally and confidently.

















## 2017 Sports Award Wrap Up

Gaining selection in a North Coast Area team is a huge achievement, considering the area covers the 40 NSW Public High Schools from Tweed Heads to Camden Haven. The following students represented the North Coast Area throughout 2017.

### **NC Athletics**

Ben H

Emely R

### **NC Hockey**

Jade G

Denni-Lee G

Max P

### **NC Rugby League**

Isaiash B (apologies to Isaiah for not acknowledging this achievement at the assembly)

### **NC Rugby Union and NC Cricket**

Cameron B

### **NC Swimming Representatives**

Ben G

Liam R            Liam was also the Zone 14yrs Age Champion

### **NC Tennis**

Jack F

We have had many teams represent our school not only as Kadina High but, as part of The Rivers Secondary College. All representatives have represented the College with pride and distinction. And we all look forward to 2018 being an even better year.

**Kadina High 2017 Football player of the year**            Izac  
Northern Rivers Representative

**Kadina High 2017 Cricket player of the year**            Cameron  
North Coast Representative

### **Open Girls Hockey team**

Zone and North Coast Champions, Final 16 CHS KO

Alana W  
Bridgett K  
Laetitia B  
Jade G  
Denni-Lee G  
Holly S  
Shannon R

### **Junior Girls and Boys Beach Volleyball teams**

Zone Champions and North Coast Runners up

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| Denni-Lee G | Max P    |
| Holly S     | Tim H    |
| Laquisa K   | Zeus R   |
| Kate S      | Caelin B |
| Jordan I    | Jordan M |
| Krystal B   | Keedyn W |

### **Junior Girls Sports Award**

Tahli D and Olivia G

Both girls have represented Kadina and the Rivers in 2017 in a variety of sports, and made Northern Rivers Zone teams. Tahli for Football and Cross Country and Olivia from Swimming and athletics. Tahli was also the 16yrs Cross Country Champion, while Olivia was the 16 yrs Swimming champion.

Well Done to both of the girls, their friendship and healthy competition is a credit to them both. Good luck in your future endeavors.

### **Junior Boys Sports Award**

Ethan H

Ethan's special athletic talent has once again seen him achieve great heights this year. After winning the Javelin, Discus and shotput at the school, Zone and Area Athletics Carnivals, Ethan went on to win all 3 events at the NSW Combined High Schools Athletic Championship. Competing as a 14year old, in the para athlete 12-15yrs age group Ethan then went on to win the Silver medal in shot put and threw over 30m in the discus to claim the Gold at the NSW ALL schools championship . Making him the NSW DISCUS State Champion. A remarkable effort and achievement, congratulations and good luck for next year.



# Peer Support 2017

Students in Year 9 completed their two day training to become Peer Support Leaders this term. The group has proven to be a highly motivated and mature group of students who are taking their role as Peer Support Leaders very seriously.

During the two days of Year 6 Orientation, the Peer Support Leaders successfully ran their first sessions and had lots of fun leading their groups and helping Year 6 become comfortable here at Kadina ready for their start in 2018.

On Tuesday 30th January the Peer Support Leaders will help start the new Year 7's for 2018 transition into High School. All Peer Support Leaders should have received a permission note for this as they will be required from 9am till 11am on this day. They will then be able to go home as there are no classes for Year 10 on this day.





## Dreamworld Excursion

Beyond the Broncos, Girls Academy participants were treated to a day out at Dreamworld on Friday, 24th November. The students who were invited to attend this free fun day were those who had achieved attendance of 90% or more, had positive behaviour around the school and would represent their school well in public. The girls were first introduced to the Dreamworld, Corroboree team, who demonstrated several traditional musical instruments and weapons. The Corroboree team were an interesting bunch, from all over Australia, which allowed students to learn about different culture across a variety of nations. Lilly the Dreamworld dog was overwhelmed with pats and cuddles from hundreds of girls and the alpacas featured in many a 'selfie'. After this demonstration, the girls enjoyed delicious damper, so fresh it was still warm and drizzled with golden syrup. The girls were then free to explore the Corroboree section of the park. Visiting the native wildlife enclosures, the Corroboree Virtual Reality theatre and cultural face painting.

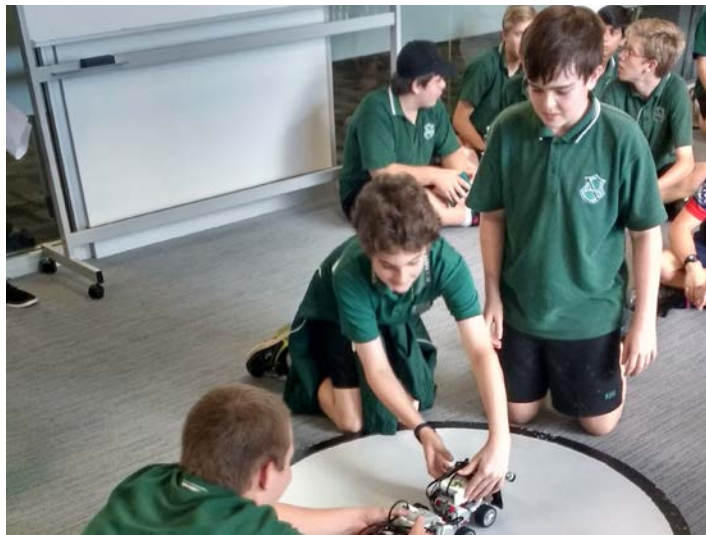
After lunch, the park was there to explore, most girls rushing to the big thrills rides and a few enjoying the slower pace of the vintage cars ride. On the day, we were joined by Darius Boyd, Kimberley Jenner, Tara Hinchcliffe, Amy Somerville and Gretel Tippet from the QLD Firebirds team, Jack Wilson 'The Deadly Ninja', the under 20's Broncos Team and our regular ambassadors, Bo De la Cruz, Jharal Yow Yeh and Scott Prince. The day was a great success and the girls should be congratulated on how well they represented the school, engaged in the activities and were pleasant to all staff present. Of course, the school staff who attended deserve a big thank you for making days like this happen for our students.





## SCU (Southern Cross University) Robotics

As part of Kadina High's commitment to incorporating STEM into the curriculum, on Friday 24th November, a group of students attended a SUMO Robotics day at Southern Cross University. They built and coded robots then competed in a SUMO challenge in which their robot had to force another robot out of the ring. We had varying levels of success but great levels of fun.



## Year 7 Endeavour STEM

This semester, the Year 7 Endeavour class has completed a unit called The Sound of Music. During this topic, they have studied the properties of sound and how the human ear works. They then surveyed the student body and analysed the results to determine the most popular genre of music. They were then given the task to design and construct musical instruments in groups. We had some outstanding constructions and the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves.





## Year 8 Endeavour STEM

This semester, the Year 8 Endeavour Class built drones. The students built the frame from scratch, soldered all the leads, fitted the motors and all other parts. Tom's group was the only one to get to the flying stage and this was a result of Tom spending a number of lunch times to finish the project.





# SUMMER SERIES



## BYRON BAY CAMPUS - EWINGSDALE RD.

SAE Byron Bay campus is opening its doors these holidays for the SAE Summer Series, a three day program for anyone who wants to work on inspiring creative projects in Audio, Design, Film, or Games. Don't miss out on your chance to discover what it means to be a creative professional in state-of-the-art facilities with industry experts by your side.

**\$120.00 per person** - early bird special expires 10th December

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*\*\*this event is open to anyone aged 15yrs or over*

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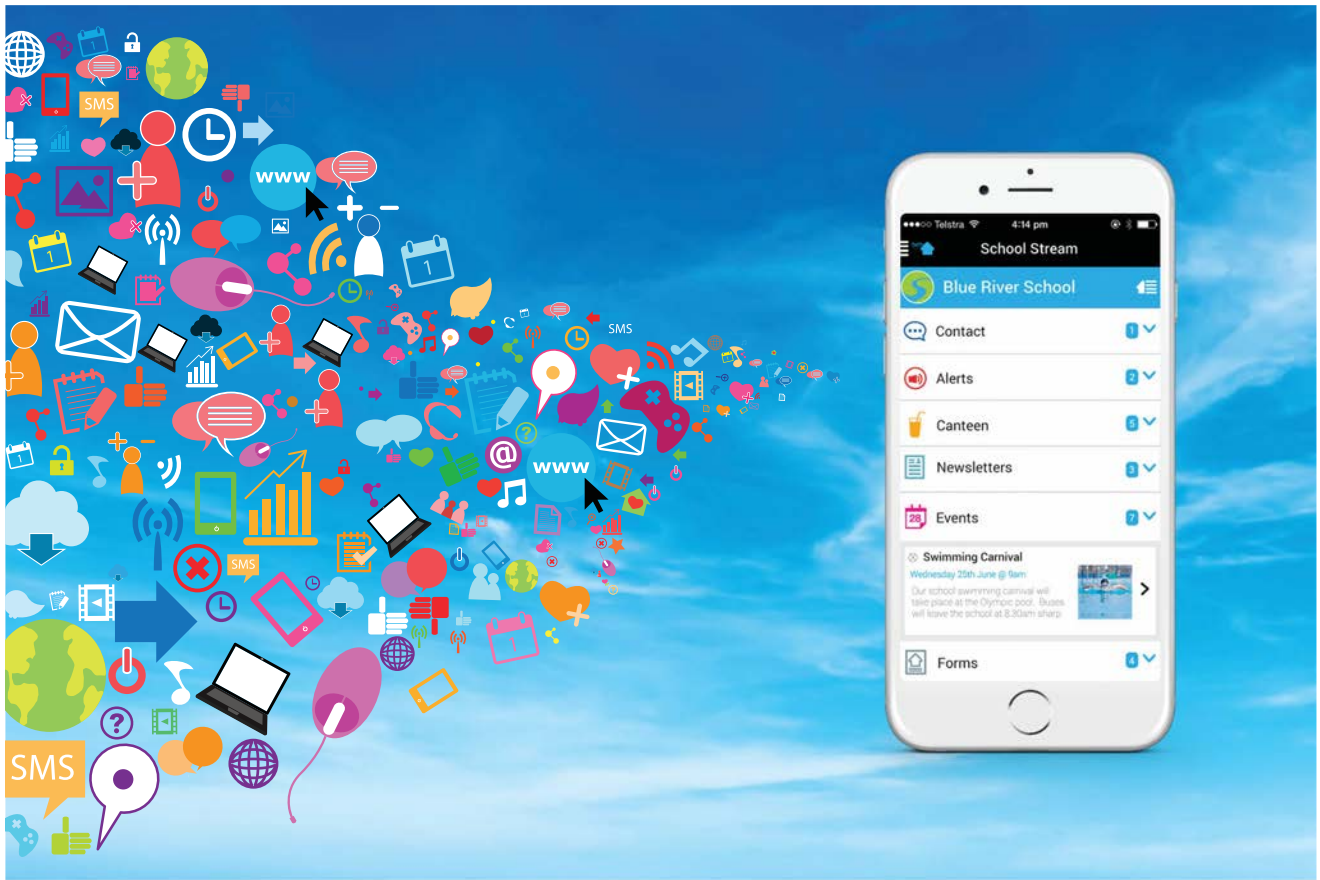
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# Summerlanders Netball Club Inc.

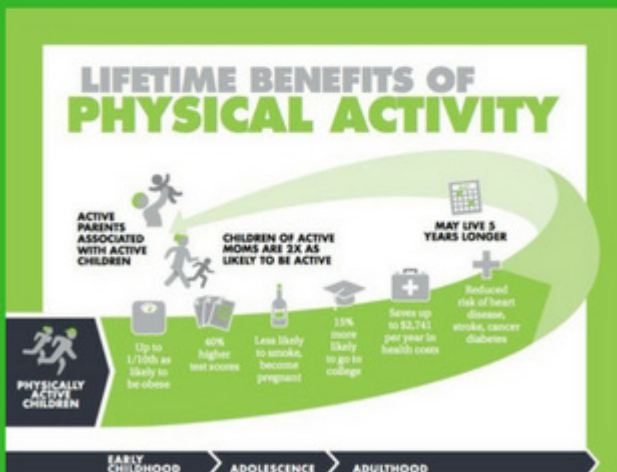
## Calling All Netball players for 2018

If you are a SENIOR netball player and are interested in playing in a division 2 or 3 team, send an expression of interest to the email below before the 27th January 2018. Be sure to include your name and contact details and our team will get back to you.

All other interested players please email your interest below



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