**WHAT'S ON............**

**Monday**  
06.05.2013  
Year 10 Work Experience – Mrs Larsson  
AIME Day at SCU – Mr Gallagher

**Tuesday**  
07.05.2013  
Year 10 Work Experience – Mrs Larsson  
Goori Parents Meeting at 10am with Morning Tea to follow.

**Wednesday**  
08.05.2013  
Year 10 Work Experience – Mrs Larsson  
Hearing checks  
Premiers Debating Challenge

**Thursday**  
09.05.2013  
Year 10 Work Experience – Mrs Larsson  
Hearing checks

**Friday**  
10.05.2013  
Year 10 Work Experience – Mrs Larsson  
U/14 & Opens Rugby League – Casino High School

**COMING EVENTS..........**

**Monday**  
13.05.2013  
Girls Rugby Union – Richmond River High – Mrs Pursche

**Tuesday**  
14.05.2013  
Naplan Tests Year 7 & 9 – Mrs Bell

**Wednesday**  
15.05.2013  
Naplan Tests Year 7 & 9 – Mrs Bell  
AECG Meeting  
Premiers Debating Challenge  
Year 10 Parent Information Night

**Thursday**  
16.05.2013  
Naplan Tests Years 7 & 9 – Mrs Bell

**Friday**  
17.05.2013  
Northern Rivers Careers Expo – Mrs Larsson

**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – Mr Wray**

Welcome back Students, Parents, Carers and Staff to Term two. This is a nine week term with a great deal happening.

Year 10 Work Experience will commence next week. Please remember this is an excellent opportunity for you to experience the world of work and that a good impression could lead to further opportunities. Those students not involved in work experience should be at school all week.

Year 7 & 9 – Naplan tests will be held from Tuesday 14.05.13 to Thursday 16.05.13. Mrs Bell has provided information within this Bulletin.
**NAPLAN 2013**

Students who are in Years 7 and 9 will participate in NAPLAN assessments during Week 3 of this term, 14\(^{th}\) to 16\(^{th}\) May with a catch-up day for students who are absent for any of the assessments to be held on 17\(^{th}\) May. Letters to parents were distributed to students during the second last week of Term 1; if students didn’t receive a letter they can collect one from the library.

On Tuesday, 14\(^{th}\) May there will be spelling, punctuation and grammar followed by writing.

On Wednesday, 15\(^{th}\) May there will be a reading assessment.

On Thursday, 16\(^{th}\) May there will be two numeracy assessments. The first assessment requires students to use a calculator so students need to prepare their calculators now for this assessment. They need to check that the one they have is in working order; if students do not have a calculator it is their responsibility to purchase or borrow one in readiness for the assessment.

Students are **NOT PERMITTED** to bring mobile phones and rulers into the assessment area.

The assessments form only a section of the day’s activities and there will be some timetabled, normal lessons as well each day. Students will receive details as to what they need to bring for each day’s timetable next week.

We expect students to attend and participate well in this area of school life.

*Christine Bell,*
*Learning and Support Teacher.*

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**Students Survey the Beach and Have a Field Day**

On Friday 5\(^{th}\) April students from Year 11 Biology, Year 11 Senior Science and Year 10 Marine and Aquaculture went to Flat Rock Beach, Ballina. Everyone had their field work booklets, pencils and bags packed and we were lucky to find a big break in the rain to collect all the data we needed.

With torrential rain pelting the bus on the way down from the Alstonville Plateau we saw blue skies as we got to the beach. Even though there was lots of wind whipping off the rough seas we all intrepidly carried our equipment out to the platform. Out came the quadrats, measuring tapes and the workbooks as we counted marine creatures and marvelled at the variety of life in the rock pools. We saw lots of shellfish – periwinkles, dog whelks, anemones and even nudibranchs (giant red sea slugs) as we scanned the rock pools. Ms Earley and Ms Hatzimanolis guided their students to collect data for their assessment task while Mr Wunsch’s class headed off to the sand to collect marine plastic.

All the students enjoyed their day as rain swept upon us and we scuttled into the bus. We had lunch at Ballina Fair and returned home in high spirits. The field work experience is vital for our courses to run and gives students a hands-on look at an ecosystem. We found a great diversity of life on the rock shore but also a careful reminder of the amount of marine plastic clogging up our beaches and being swallowed by turtles and seabirds.

Big thanks to Ms Earley and Ms Hatzimanolis for helping to run the excursion and to all the students who were perfectly behaved and awesome ambassadors for our school.

*Bernie Wunsch, Team Science.*
Get Practical information about:

- Laws for L and P licence holders.
- Supervising a learner driver.
- How to complete the Learner Driver Log Book.
- The benefits of supervised on-road driving experience.

Time and date: Tuesday 7th May 5.30pm-7.30pm
Venue: St Mary’s Catholic College, Casino, The Relihan Centre
Ph: (02) 6648 5435
Freecall: 1300 359 968

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