Graduation Dinner 2014
The masthead shows a photo of our graduating class of 2014 on the bridge over the Evans River. Their Graduation Dinner was held on Friday evening. It was a stunning affair the students presented themselves extremely well and with a beautifully decorated room and some fine words shared, a good time was had by those in attendance. Congratulations to the Class of 2014 we look forward to hearing of your achievements and seeing you back at school from time to time. Thank you to all who contributed to make the night a success for the students – in particular Ms Jules Donnelly and Mrs Rebecca Barker (room decorations), Helen Aarts (Graduation cake), Mrs Warwick (flowers and organisation on the day) and Year Adviser Ms Desiree Cotten.

A Sense of Focus and Priority
As we farewel the Class of 2014, we welcome the incoming Year 12. Students of the Class of 2015 participated in a workshop on Monday morning to discuss and plan activities they would lead during their senior year. Activities planned will contribute to the sense of community within our school, create lasting memories of the year and raise funds for their gift to the school and Graduation Dinner. On Tuesday the students participated in a series of workshops which included motivational and practical sessions. One of the guest speakers was indigenous sportsman AFL player Mal Lynch. Some of Mal’s key messages included: surrounding yourself with good people, taking responsibility for your life and being personally accountable, making the most of opportunities – not sitting and waiting for things to happen but putting yourself out there. The group also heard from Jason Van Rysbergen (RAAF). Some of Jason’s key messages were: what does success mean to you? How do you achieve success? What am I passionate about? What am I willing to do to achieve my goals. Jason shared with students a practical plan for achieving personal goals. Sessions were also presented by Mrs Price (work-life balance), Mrs Cooper (study skills) and Ms Morton (useful tools and focus in learning). I spoke to quite a number of students and sat in on some of the sessions. It was a very worthwhile day. Well done to all who made this day possible including overall anchor, Mrs Hart.

Rob Walker – Principal

Peer Support Training
Last Tuesday and Wednesday twenty three of our delightful Year 10 students gave of their time to undertake Peer Support Leadership Training. Program is designed to train Leaders to assist in the transition of new Year 7 Students
helping them to settle in and cope with high school life. The Year 10 students gave a whole hearted commitment to the training, learning a great deal about themselves and their peers in the process. Lots of laughter resulted from many of the activities students and staff participated in as well as many fears overcome through personal challenges. Thank you to the Surf Club once again for the use of such a beautiful venue and a huge thank you to Chris Hayward, Deb Morton and Penny Cooper for facilitating the training. Year 7 2015 Students will be in good hands.

Connie D’Anna - STLA

Year 10 Work Experience

Work Experience is a valuable component of Year 10 Work Education classes. It gives students opportunities to undertake work placement in areas of career interest. These placements can help shape a student’s career path, as well as helping define subject selections as the move into their senior studies. In some instances placements have led to fulltime employment. All students receive a workplace report from their employer. These are valuable documents which can be used in job applications and course entry interviews.

Year 10 – (2014) This year 26 students undertook work experience. Students were placed in the following areas; animal care (Taronga Zoo, Australia Zoo and Pet Porpoise Pool), veterinarian, education (preschool and primary), agriculture, horticulture, automotive, plumbing, metal fabrication, real estate, metal engineering, event management, cabinet making, building, hospitality, tourism and retail.

Year 10 – (2015) Students will soon begin undertaking an in-class assessment preparing them for work experience. Once successfully completed, students will be able to commence placements. Parents and carers will receive a Guide to Workplace Learning early next year.

Mr Hayward - Careers Adviser

Year 7-12 Social

On Wednesday the 26th November (Week 8) the SRC will be holding a rainbow themed social. Tickets can be purchased at the library for $5 each. All money raised at the social will go to the SRC. The social will be held from 6:30 to 9:00pm. Each year has been allocated a colour; Year 12 Red, Year 11 Yellow or Gold, Year 10 Blue, Year 9 Purple, Year 8 Green. Thank you in anticipation for your support.

The SRC

Year 9 Leadership Camp

A few weeks ago, four staff members took twenty six Year 9 students on a leadership camp to Thunderbird Park at Mt Tamborine. The group faced numerous challenges where, as a team, they had to creatively work through activities that pushed them out of their comfort zones. It was pleasing to see these young leaders rise to the challenges of the Survivor Mud Course, the Tree Top Challenge, Archery, Battle Star and other activities, with such determination. The supervising teachers, Ms Skerritt, Mr Hyder and Mr McFarlane, were in awe of the students’ enthusiasm, cohesion and behaviour; with Thunderbird Park staff commenting that these Year 9 students were one of the best groups they have had through the camp. Special thanks to everyone who assisted and supported this

True. Bats are mammals of the order Chiroptera. Bats are the only mammals naturally capable of true and sustained flight.
**Canteen Specials**

- **Chicken Nachos**  $3.50
- **Garden Salad**  $4.00

**K-6 Awards Term 4 Week 5**

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Our 2015 Kinder students had their last transition day this week. They took part in their first assembly with the all the K-6 students, where they each received a certificate and a bag full of memories and reminders of their five weeks transition.

Thanks to our new incubator we have some new residents in the school. Dave Moreman said it’s working so well that we are going to have lots of little chicks over the next few days.

Congratulations to all the students who have been saving their money and bringing it in to bank. Students’ money is collected each Tuesday morning and their banking books returned to them the following Monday ready to bring again on Tuesday morning. New students can join the banking anytime, just go into Summerland Credit Union and open a school banking account and they will send the details to the school.

On Tuesday Year 11 & 12 students took part in a Study Skills day. It was designed to help senior students prepare for the year ahead. They heard from two visiting motivation speakers, *Flight Lieutenant Jason Van Rysbergen* and *Mal Lynch from AIME*. I sat in on these sessions as they explained in simple terms what success can look like. Three teachers also took part, Mrs Price looked at “Getting the balance right”, Mrs Cooper “Study skills” and Ms Morton “Distractions.” The students have been given a resource folder to help them and the study skills preparations will continue in their morning start time. Some important ideas relating to study skills from the day are: time management, setting goals, prioritising, scheduling your time, planning and commitment. A sentence that I remember from the past is *Prior Preparation Prevents Poor Performance.*
Milo In2 Cricket, Evans Head Is Beginning Soon!!!
Sessions are every Friday afternoon from 4:30pm – 6:00pm at Stan Payne Oval, Evans Head. Total cost of the 10 week program is $65.00. Every participant will receive a Milo Into Cricket Backpack which contains some great merchandise including a t-shirt, cricket bat, ball, drink bottle, and cap.
Evans Head Cricket Club will be running a BBQ after the session and will have sausage sandwiches etc for sale.

Participants can register online at In2CRICKET.com.au.

Block 1 Term 4 Week 6 -10
Friday 14th November
Friday 21st November
Friday 28th November
Friday 5th December
Friday 12 December

Block 2 Term 1 Week 1 - 4
Starting on Friday 30 January 2015
Friday 6th February
Friday 13th February
Friday 20th February

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