A chance to make a difference

Last Thursday the Premier and Minister for Education announced the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) funding for schools. It tells us about our funding for 2015. The NSW Government has committed to the Gonski reforms and these funds have been allocated in line with the Gonski philosophies. The formula for funding schools is based on the identified needs of each student in a school. Our school has received funding based on our geographic location, the socio-economic status of our families, the needs of Aboriginal students and the needs of students with disabilities. Now that we are aware of our funding for next year we can make more specific plans to improve the outcomes of our students during 2015. The school is keen to capture suggestions from staff, parents and students. If you have thoughts on new programs you would like to see implemented, or existing programs you would like to see expanded, now is the time to speak up. Please email your suggestions to the school email address, put them in writing and forward them to me through the office or make an appointment to see me or Lyn Thomson our Community Liaison Officer. If you’re emailing put ‘A Chance to Make a Difference’ in the subject field or, if writing, use this as a title. I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Class of 2014 Early Uni entries

If they are not the most prolific achievers of early university entry then they are close to it. There have been 31 offers of university places for students of the Class of 2014. These offers are spread between three universities: Southern Cross University, Griffith University and the University of New England. The offers:

Rosie Barwick, Bachelor of Human Services / Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice (Griffith); Lauren Jackson, Bachelor of Journalism (Griffith); Katie Lovett, Bachelor of Business (Griffith); Tia Wylie, Bachelor of Public Relations and Communication (Griffith); Ben Tarrant, Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science (SCU, Lismore); Bianca Phillips, Bachelor of Laws (SCU, Lismore); Daniel Duncan, Bachelor of Science (SCU, Lismore); Ezra Bose, Bachelor of Business in Convention and Event Management (SCU, Coffs); Fallon O’Rourke, Bachelor of Business in Tourism and Hospitality Management (SCU, Lismore); Hamish McKendrick, Bachelor of Arts (SCU, Gold Coast); Jackson Hambly, Bachelor of Forest Science and Management (SCU, Lismore); Jane McFarlane, Bachelor of Social Welfare (SCU, Distance Education); Jeffery Presbury, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Civil Engineering (SCU, Lismore); John Turner, Bachelor of Business in Convention
Diary
This Week - Week 9 Term 4 - Week B
Dec 2 CHS Zone Volleyball Evans Head
Dec 2 AIME Program SCU
Dec 2,3,4 Active After School Activities Evans Head
Dec 3 Year 7 2015 Orientation Evans River
Dec 5 K-12 Merit Assembly 1pm Evans River

Next Week - Week 10 Term 4 - Week A
Dec 8 K-6 “Big Day In” Evans River
Dec 8,9,10 Mobile Dental Service
Dec 9 Year 7 2014 Peer Support Waterslides Ballina
Dec 9 Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm RSL
Nov 9,10,11 Active After School Activities Evans Head
Dec 10 Aboriginal Awards Evening Evans River
Dec 11 Clowning Performance
Dec 12 K-12 Presentation Assembly 11:30 am Evans River

Coming Events
Dec 15 Platinum Award Excursion P&C 9:00 am and 4:30 pm Library
Dec 15-17 SRC Leadership Camp Mt Tambourine
Dec 15 P&C Library 9:00 am 4:30 pm Library
Dec 17 Final Day Term 4 Students

Active After School Activities Term 4

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If you have a student thirteen years or older wishing to get a TFN through the school you have till Wednesday 17th December.

Chris Hayward—Careers Adviser

Fitness Improves Academic Performance

Another study (in January 2014 Journal of Adolescent Health “The Effects of Changes in Physical Fitness on Academic Performance Among New York City Youth”) has found that being fit improves school performance. For both boys and girls a substantial increase in fitness from the previous year resulted in a greater increase in academic ranking while a decrease in fitness was associated with a decrease in academic scores.

Physical activity doesn’t all have to happen at the one time. It can be accumulated throughout the day; by walking or riding to and from school, being involved in activities at school, active play at home or taking part in organised sport after school and on weekends.

How to help kids be more active
- Encourage kids and teens to try different sports or activities so they can find one or more that they really enjoy and want to continue with.

Start slowly and build up the amount of physical activity that your children do, particularly if they haven’t previously been very active.

Rob Walker – Principal

Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN. Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

Rob Walker – Principal

Science Trivia!

This Week’s Question: 1. Now that Pluto is no longer included, how many planets are there in the Solar System?

Last Week’s Question: What is the brightest planet in the night sky?
Answer: Venus
Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their sold raffle tickets, great work. Our grocery hamper already has a few items in it. The P&C would really appreciate any donations of non-perishable food, toiletries, etc. The hamper is located in the school main office.

I received a notice that a visiting optometrist, Bob Lindner B.App. Sc. Optom. will be visiting Evans Heads from 15th-18th December. He will be located at the Cricket Pitch Grassed Area. If you are interested they can be contacted on 1300 664 634.

Richmond Valley Council has a new Community Project Coordinator, Kate Olivieri. Kate recently visited the school and would like to let the community know a little about herself. “I would like to say a big hello to Evans River K-12 students, teachers and parents. I spent a lot of time at Evans Head growing up, and I lived at Broadwater.” You can chat with Kate about community projects on 6660 0225 or kate.olivieri@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au. She would love for parents and students to check out the Facebook page, www.facebook.com/RichmondValleyCouncil

The Dental Van has been a great success, students have had their first visit and the whole process ran very smoothly. They will return for their second visit to do any follow up work that the students need on the 8/9/10th December. I know the Primary will be at their Big Day In on the Monday so we will schedule them for the other days. I must thank Alstonville Family Dental for being so flexible, fitting in extra students and working around school time tables. Thank you Simon and Kelly.

Congratulations to our Primary Captains for 2015—Lilli Gillespie and Jacob Yourell and our Vice-Captains Zahli Moore and Finn Gillespie.

Lyn Thomson - CLO 66826666
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**Canteen Specials**

**Thai Green Curry Chicken**

$3.50

**Greek Salad**

$4.00

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**K-6 Awards Term 4 Week 7**

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**Dirrawong Awards**

Jacob Cooper, Phoebe Eyles, Cooper Hinton, Trista Flaherty
Uniform Store
Uniform Caps; Trucker and Flat Cap for students in Year 7-12. $10
The uniforms have arrived - Senior and Secondary shirts. All pre orders
are ready to be collected as long as they have been paid for.
The School Uniform Store operates each Friday 8:30am to 9:30am
*EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE FOR UNIFORMS*
Contact: Kristen, Gayle or P&C

P&C News
Our next meetings will be held on Monday 15th November. Our morning meeting
takes place at 9:00am in the Administration Building
and the second meeting is held in the Library at 4:30pm. This will be our final meeting for 2014,
followed by a social get-together.