Building Personal Qualities
There are some excited discussions occurring around school this year. The excitement surrounds the development of an award for students of the school. Award inclusions target the development of personal qualities within our students. Students would participate in a range of experiences throughout their school years in order to qualify for the award. Some aspects of the award would be mandatory and some electives. Mandatory award components being considered include participation in expeditions, volunteering, goal setting for academic achievement, learning new skills, environmental projects, undertaking a physical challenge, and participating in outdoor education activities. Elective award components may include personal fitness challenges, personal interest projects, overseas travel, development of leadership skills, investigation of self-concept, development of an innovation, and articulation (development of public speaking skills). Students would have competencies signed off as they complete Award components. The school is hopeful that members of the community will also be involved in supporting the delivery of some Award components. A session will be held during the school development day on Monday 28th April where the award components will be further developed. Parents and community members are welcome to come along and contribute to this session. Keep an eye on the newsletter (or contact the office during the final week of term) to identify the time during the day when the session will commence.

Delegation to Meet with Local Member re Gonski
Members of the School Council and P&C met on Monday evening to discuss matters they wish to raise with local Federal MP Kevin Hogan regarding the government’s implementation of the Gonski recommendations. The group, which included the Presidents of both the School Council and the P&C, developed a budget identifying how the school may spend annually, the additional funding brought to our students by the government’s implementation of the Gonski recommendations. If fully funded, the school will receive approximately $280,000 pa in additional funding. The group plan to meet with Mr Hogan on a Wednesday afternoon in coming weeks. The meeting learnt that many members of the school community have already made submissions to the Senate inquiry into the Gonski school funding arrangements through the igiveagonski website.

Year 7 2014 Welcome BBQ
This coming Monday 31st March a Year 7 2014 Welcome BBQ will be held in the Senior COLA. In recent years this has proven to be a highly valued and relaxed way for parents to interact with teachers of Year 7. The function runs from 4:30 - 5:30pm. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend. Students are also welcome to attend.
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**LIGHTS OUT FOR THE REEF**

This year the Earth Hour focus is on the Great Barrier Reef. It is a sad fact that if we do not act immediately, by 2030, the damage caused to the reef by climate change will be irreversible. **SO** switch off your lights on Saturday 29th March for EARTH HOUR from 8:30 - 9:30pm to show your support for our beautiful Barrier Reef.

**Powerful Kids**

On Thursday 20th March while Evans Head and surrounding towns were idling under the lack of power one group was powering ahead. Five students from the EcoWarriors Student Environment group, Kelly Wilson, Bradley Rook, Lia Grogan, Erica Bayliss and Tanika Tarrant along with their teacher Mr Jay Mulherin, Ross McFarlane our Native Nursery supervisor, and myself were digging holes and planting Tuckeroos, Banksias and Pandanas trees near the lookout, north of the Evans Head Surf Club.

While the rain did prevent our Primary School students from taking part in the tree planting experience, it was great for the new trees. All of the trees planted on the day were from seeds collected locally and propagated by Ross McFarlane, the Nursery supervisor with assistance from students.

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**Canteen Roster - Week B**

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**Canteen News**

**SPECIALS**

31st Mar - 4th April
Beetroot, Walnut and Fetta Salad
$4.00
Ploughmans Lunch
$5.50
The Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre is offering
Rising Sun Support Group
The Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre is now operating a support group for those affected by suicide.
Supported by Provisional Psychologist, meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month commencing at 5.30pm.
Bookings are not necessary.
For additional information please contact the centre on 6682 4334.

Free Provisional Psychologist
Every Tuesday operating from out the back of the Chill Cafe
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**P&C News**
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