School Security
As most families would know by now, the school was vandalised last Saturday night. Although there was no loss of property, there was considerable damage to buildings. Thanks to staff, cleaners and our electrician John Southon, everything was operational by Monday morning.
This is a reminder to us all to be vigilant if we are ever passing or near the school out of school hours.

State Hockey Representation
Congratulations to Lucas Brown from Year 8 who recently travelled to Perth to represent the state in Hockey. The NSW team spent a week in Sydney training before travelling to Perth.

A Helping Hand
On Friday one of our students was injured from a skateboarding fall. In true Evans Head community style, a parent and a group of High School students looked after him, went to his home to notify his mother and ensured that he made it home safely. Incidents such as this make us very proud of our school community and we extend our gratitude to all concerned.

NAPLAN
This week students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 participated in the NAPLAN assessments. The results from these Literacy and Numeracy assessments will be sent to parents later this year. They will also be considered at school, along with our own assessment data to further plan for individual and year group learning programs.

GRIP Leadership
Last Friday Ms Sharpe and our Junior School Captains attended the GRIP Leadership Conference in Tweed Heads. There were over 500 student leaders at the conference and they were led through a series of activities designed to support them in their roles back at school. Our Captains, Tully Brednow, Noah Boutle, Holly Richardson and Riley Perkins represented our school with enthusiasm and commitment.

Whooping Cough
Whooping cough is spread easily by coughing, and babies are at risk of severe illness if infected. Older children and adults can often get whooping cough too and they can pass the infection on to babies.
Anyone with symptoms of whooping cough should see their doctor early for diagnosis and treatment. It’s especially important to see a doctor early if your baby is unwell.
Your GP can provide more information about whooping cough and vaccination.
Diary
This Week - Week 4 Term 2- Week A

May 19  Cyberbullying Year 9-10  Library
        P & C Meeting  4:30pm  Library
        Kinder 2015 Parent Information Night  Performance Hall
May 20  Years 7-12 Athletics Carnival  Evans Head
May 22-24  Biennale Excursion Vis Arts Students  Sydney
May 23  PSSA Cross Country  Bangalow
        Walk Safely to School  Day

Next Week - Week 5 Term 2- Week B
May 26  School Council Meeting  6:00pm  Library
May 28-29  Yr 9 PASS Canoeing Adventure  Evans River

Coming Events
Jun 02  Learner Driver Parent Information Night

PSSA Rugby Union
On Wednesday the 7th of May Victor Roberts (Year 5) and Josh Stothard (Year 6) made their way to Lennox Head to try out for the PSSA Ballina District Opens Rugby Union team. There were about 19 other people competing for a spot on the team, playing for roughly 40-50 minutes. Both boys had a fair few good runs with the ball and Josh scored a final minute try. Both Josh and Victor made it into the team and now get to try out for the PSSA Far North Coast team. Good luck to you both!

Ziggy McCartin-Cole

Mid-Richmond Cross Country
After the washout of the Mid-Richmond Cross Country on Friday 2nd May it was held on Monday 5th May where, Evans River Year 2-6 students were rewarded with an outstanding result. Of the 55 students who attended, 36 students won a place on to the next event! These students have competed at the Ballina District PSSA Cross Country Championships at Lennox Head on Thursday 8th May. Despite the wet conditions again, four of our primary students have made it on to the next level. Congratulations and well done to Caelan Cooper, Eva Boutle, Oscar Forrester and Paige Mitchell. These students will represent the school at the Bangalow Show Grounds on the Friday 22nd May 2014. Good luck and run hard!
All students represented the school well and many thanks to all the parents, carers and friends who transported students on the day.

Mrs Annette McKay

Netball Gala Day
On Tuesday 6th of May, nine of our top netball players from years five and six made their way to Woodburn Public School to challenge both Woodburn and Coraki in the Netball Gala Day. They competed against each school twice and won both games against Woodburn 3-1 and 4-1. Unfortunately Coraki was too strong and beat us in both games. Our next challenge will be at the Lismore Gala Day on 12th June against Iluka, Yamba and other schools within our region as part of the PSSA knockout. Zahli Moore, Tahlia Howard, Holly Richardson, Ella Gillespie, Sharni Mitchell, Jessica Roche, Tully Brednow, Ziggy McCartin-Cole and Lilli Gillespie will be off to play again soon. Everyone had fun and tried their best, it was a great day!
We would also like to thank our wonderful parents who drove us and the soccer boys to and from Woodburn. THANKS!

Ziggy McCartin-Cole and Tully Brednow

University of New England Open Day Visit
In the first week of Term 2 Mr Hayward took a small group of Year 12 students to University of New England’s Open Day in Armidale. We took a coach and joined with several other schools from Lismore. On the way we stopped at the National Marine Science Centre in Coffs Harbour before having a tour of the Southern Cross University Campus. They provided a free lunch for us before we headed over the range to Armidale. When we arrived in Armidale we were taken to The New England Girls School where we were spending the night. We were given the opportunity to explore the school and the town which everyone enjoyed. Both dinner and breakfast were provided by the university in student college accommodation. Following breakfast on the Friday morning we were free to roam the university, touring the campus, talking to students (including Past Evans River students Fred Moss and Cassie Keogh) and lecturers about courses we were interested in and getting a general feel for university life. The whole trip was a great opportunity and well worth it. Thank you Mr Hayward.

Rosie Barwick

Science Trivia!
This Week’s Question: What does an epidemiologist study?

Last Week’s Question: What substance are nails made of?

Answer: Keratin
A lovely idea!! Mrs McKay and Year 2/3 grew these lovely flowers for Mother’s Day. It was perfectly timed and the children from her class took them home for their mothers. Thank you to Gayle Turner, Jan Hobbins, Rebecca Yourell, Jenny Weekes & Jo Fardy for helping out with the Mother’s Day Stall.

Around the School
Enrollments are now open for Evans River Kindergarten 2015
Please come along to our Kinder Information Night 6-7pm Monday 19th May 2014.
Welcome/ Guided Tour/ Visit Kinder Room and meet the teachers.
For more information contact Ms Sharpe or Lyn Thomson 6682 6666

A workshop for Learner Drivers
On Monday 2nd June a free 2 hour workshop will be held in the School Library, by NSW Roads and Maritime Services for parents and supervising drivers. Book at the school office.

The school’s merit system is designed to reward and encourage students. This chart below shows how many merits each grade needs to achieve awards. Merits are awarded for excellent and consistent conduct, work ethic and attitude.

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Merits are awarded for excellent class work, 20 nights home reading (K-2), participation in school events e.g. sports carnivals, regional representation for sport & academics, community participation, SRC, reading eggs achieve new level, Mathletics Gold, Choir, Clean up Australia, volunteering, CWA comp, Premier’s Reading Challenge and working bees. Other activities receive 1 point and when a student receives 5 points (from any combination of activities) they receive 1 merit. Activities that attract a point may be 5 weeks homework, 5 weeks good class behaviour, 5 weeks all equipment at school, good playground behaviour, personal best, Mathletics, environmental work. These are just some examples on how students are rewarded for their efforts.

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**VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR TAX HELP 2014**

**Free Training provided**
The Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre is looking for volunteer assistance in delivering the annual ATO Tax Help program.

Tax Help is a free, volunteer run, community service for people on low incomes. Volunteers will assist in preparing and lodging straightforward returns for eligible participants.

*We can’t run it without you!*

For more information google taxhelp volunteer

To register to volunteer phone the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre on 02 6682 4334

or email catherine.ohalloran@mrnc.com.au

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**COME AND DISCOVER ENGINEERING**

**TOPICS TO BE COVERED:**
- Why be an engineer
- What do engineers do
- How do you become an engineer
- Guest speakers include:
  - Engineering Professionals and University Students

**Date:** Thursday 26th, June, 2014  
**Time:** 6:30pm-8:00pm  
**Venue:** Ballina Surf Club, Light House Parade, East Ballina

This free Forum is for all students in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 who are interested in Engineering as a career choice

Light refreshments will be served

**REGISTER:**  
Registration essential by Friday 20th June, 2014  
Phone Engineering Australia on 02 4911 7310

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**beyondblue** is pleased to announce the release of a new guide for parents and families of young people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual (LGB), gender diverse or who are questioning their sexuality or gender identity. The multimedia guide, **Families like mine**, aims to support parents and families to help reduce discrimination and promote an inclusive environment for LGB, gender-diverse and questioning young people, which is protective of mental health and reduces the risk of suicide.

The guide can be found online at: [www.beyondblue.org.au/familieslikemine](http://www.beyondblue.org.au/familieslikemine) and can be printed or downloaded.