Great Dane

We welcome to our school this term Benjamin Skovbo (pronounced ‘Scoble’). Benjamin is from Aarhus, Denmark’s second largest city. Benjamin is on exchange for 10 months to our school and is living with the McGeary family (Alison, Grant, Rowie, Logan & Tilly). Benjamin is attending Year 10 classes. He is a keen surfer and a regular soccer player. He is also a dog lover and enjoys hanging out with his friends. When asked about surfing in Denmark Benjamin said the surf is variable “the waves are better in the colder months – December-January. We live about two hours from the surf and often dad and I will stay with a friend near the beach and enjoy two days of surfing before heading home”. He has surfed in -2 degrees – in a 6mm wetsuit with hood, gloves and booties. The beaches are generally made up of small stones, not sand. The school system in Denmark is Kindergarten (pre-school equivalent), then ten years of school, then a choice of various types of senior schooling (in different facilities), then uni if you choose and qualify. Benjamin has completed his ten years of school and is now in Australia before returning to Denmark for his senior schooling. After completing his senior schooling Benjamin plans to go to uni to study as a lawyer (both his mum & dad are lawyers). Benjamin has a 14 year old sister, Lina. She is in Year 8 and attends an elite sport academy for her schooling as she is a ballet dancer (ballet/dance is considered a sport). Benjamin says he likes Australia already “Everyone is so friendly, the surf is amazing, the weather is beautiful. It has been great to learn about Australia and its culture as a country.” Benjamin speaks fluent English, some German and, of course, Danish. He has chosen PASS, Visual Art and Food Technology as his electives. He attended the Senior Subject Information Night 2015 on Tuesday evening of this week and is thinking he will take Sport Lifestyle & Recreation Studies, Mathematics and Chemistry. Benjamin said he chose to come to Australia because he has been to most English speaking countries but he had never been to Australia. “I wanted to learn more about Australian culture, in particular Aboriginal studies.”

Stronger Smarter

Over the last four months Mr Gillespie, Mr Cook and myself have been involved in Stronger Smarter training in a group of 23 teachers from schools in the Northern Rivers. The program ran over eight days during that time and was focussed on understanding Aboriginal culture and supporting Aboriginal students achieve their best at school. The first three days of the program were held at Ballina Public School, the second three days at Cabbage Tree Island Public School and the final two days the group elected to come to Evans River – this was Monday and Tuesday of this week. It was a pleasure to host the group at the school. The learning was intense and powerful. It was a very worthwhile course and has already influenced programs at our school, including
our school development day this term and NAIDOC celebrations last week. Thank you to all at school who supported the course being held at Evans River.

**Subject Information Evenings**

On Tuesday evening there were many students at school with their parents. Students were those enrolling in Year 9, Year 11 or Year 12 2015. They were learning more of the options for further study. Forms electing subjects for the next two years were issued and information booklets made available. A substantial display of the various areas of learning within these years was on display with advice from our expert staff on course requirements. Included in the presentation for students seeking to study in Year 11 and 12 next year was the sharing of wisdom from Brooke Simmons, Chloe Miller and Jack Baker on their experiences as senior students. Thank you to the students and staff who were involved in presenting, setting up and staffing displays, and to Brooke, Chloe and Jack. Students seeking to study in Year 9, 11 and 12 are required to submit subject survey forms by this Friday. Further information and forms available from Mrs Hart.

Rob Walker – Principal

**PSSA Mid-Richmond Athletics Carnival**

Last Friday, Students from Years 2-6 represented our school at the Mid-Richmond Athletics Carnival held on our school oval. Students all tried their best and displayed outstanding behaviour. Congratulations to all students who participated and to the 30 students who made it through to the District Carnival, to be held at Alstonville on Friday 1st August.

Well done to Tahlia Howard who was the Junior Girls Age Champion, and to Josh Stothard who was the Senior Boys Age Champion. Thank you to the wonderful parents and High School students who volunteered their time to help out on the day – You were awesome and we appreciated your help!

Final point score was: Evans River 386  Woodburn  354  Coraki  322  Well done!

Fiona Fields K-6 Sports Coordinator
Great news! On Monday night the P&C approved the funds to complete the last stage of our K-6 play equipment. It has been a great effort by everyone to raise the funds for this equipment and now it’s time to celebrate. Another change to the playground is the completion of the soccer field; the goals will be in place by the end of the week.

Tuesday evening was Subject Selection night for 2015 and was well attended despite the cold. Yr 11 students, Jack Barker, Chloe Miller & Brooke Simons spoke to the incoming Year 11 students about study routines and being prepared for the HSC. Don’t forget that student selections for Years 9, 11 & 12 are due in to Mrs Hart by Friday 25th July.

I have been working with Summerland Credit Union to establish school banking for our Primary students. Shortly a note will be sent home to gauge how many students would like to be part of school banking. Teaching children about money from a young age can help establish good money habits for life.

The P&C would like to congratulate Fay Granger on her great success in the running of the school canteen. Not only is the food delicious and healthy, but Fay has doubled the canteen’s profits. Thank you to all the families and staff who support the canteen by buying Fay’s delicious food and thank you to the volunteer helpers who have helped Fay make the canteen such a success. All canteen profits go towards projects to benefit the students, such as the playground equipment.

NAIDOC activities were a big hit in the Primary and it was lovely to have Evans Head Preschool join us for the day.

Canteen Special’s

CHOW MEIN

$4.00

SOUP OF THE WEEK

SPRING VEGETABLE

Sml $1.50  Lge $2.50

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Science Trivia!

This Week’s Question: What does the + or – indicate in a blood type?

Last Week’s Question: What is one distinguishing feature between a plant cell and an animal cell?

Answer: A plant cell has a cell wall and an animal cell has a cell membrane.
Casino Driving School
Teaching Safety and Education
Casino Driving School is celebrating its 10th Birthday. We are passing on the gifts to your students. We have already given 10 lucky students from Evans River a free driving lesson. For the next 10 weeks we are also offering a birthday special of $40 for one driving lesson. These lessons are normally $50 (this is a $10 saving)
To book a Lesson
Phone: 6662 6651 or 0418 282 750

LOCATION: Captain Cook Park, next to Ballina RSL, Ballina.
DATE: 10th of August 2014
BOOKING CLOSE: 8th of August 2014
CONTACT: Milan Duwenhogger-Lange
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For more info contact North Coast TAFE on 1300 628 233

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Did you know you could be eligible for free Tax Help if your income is around $50,000 or less?
If you are on a low income and want some free and confidential help filling out your tax return the Australian Taxation Office trained Tax Help volunteers may be able to assist.

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