Vale Suzanne Munro

Last Thursday evening, recently retired staff member Suzanne Munro passed away at her home on the Gold Coast. Suzanne had been unwell for some months. Suzanne’s teaching career included appointments to Tregear Public School, Lithgow Public School and Evans River K-12. She was a passionate French language educator and chorister – and saw that many Evans River students enjoyed opportunities in our school choir. She was schooled at Byron Bay and Mullumbimby Infants, East Lismore Girls Primary (now Lismore PS) and Lismore High School. She studied at Lismore TAFE, East Sydney Tech, Macquarie University and Northern Rivers College of Advanced Education. Her working life spanned 50 years and apart from teaching included working in commercial television, ABC radio and TV News. For a period she worked for Choice magazine. Her countries of work included the UK and Dubai and she participated in a study tour of France which not only developed her work in French lessons for her students but led to Suzanne leading a group of 50 students who welcomed and sang to the French Olympic team at the Sydney 2000 Olympics. Suzanne is survived by her son Douglas and his wife Cassandra. Her funeral will be held at Parkview Funeral Home Goonellabah at 1:00pm on Saturday.

Kirrah a High Achiever

Congratulations are due to Kirrah Cooke (Year 11) who won the U18 NSW State Longboard titles at Boomerang Beach in mid-June. She then went on to represent NSW and compete in the Australian Surf Festival National Longboard Titles for U18 Girls. Competing on August 9 at Emerald Beach, near Coffs Harbour, Kirrah made it through to the semi-finals only to be edged out of a place in the final in the last minute of the semi-final. To achieve at this level Kirrah often trains three times a day starting as early as 6.00am. Well done on these outstanding achievements Kirrah, a fine effort! Kirrah features in the newsletter’s masthead.

A Taste of Uni Life

Kurt Forrester (Year 9) has won a place in the University of Newcastle’s Live It! Program which will see him take up residence at the uni in December. The program provides an experience for students considering places in the sciences, mathematics, engineering or health. This will be a great opportunity for Kurt to gain an understanding of life as a university student. Thanks to all who supported Kurt in the application process, including careers adviser Chris Hayward.
The Influence of Parent Participation

"The research overwhelmingly demonstrates that parent involvement in children's learning is positively related to achievement. Further, the research shows that the more intensively parents are involved in their children's learning, the more beneficial are the achievement effects. This holds true for all types of parent involvement in children's learning and for all types and ages of students." Cotton & Wikelund (1989).

Parents of our school are involved in their child's schooling in all manner of ways. Helping in the classroom, helping with homework, ensuring their child has a good night's sleep, are fed and in a good frame of mind to come to school, driving and helping with supervision on excursions, helping in the canteen and uniform shop. Parents attend and contribute during P&C meetings. Our School Council has four places for parents to participate in the governance of our school. This is an important role which often positively shapes our school and the opportunities provided to students. The term of office (two years) for the current school councillors comes to a close at the end of this term. The Council meets twice per term. Meetings generally run for one and a half to two hours. Please give consideration to being involved in your child's education in this way. Nomination forms have been emailed with the newsletter. Don't hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions.

Rob Walker – Principal

Southern Cross University

Southern Cross University is holding a 20 year anniversary celebration on Saturday 30th August from 11-5pm. The day provides an opportunity for community members to come on to campus, tour our facilities, enjoy music, art, a free BBQ and coffee. There are also HSC survival workshops for students and parents and a range of information sessions for people interested in university study.

There will be a wide range of activities on campus during the day including the sessions below, which may be of particular interest to your students.

**SCU Information Hub | 11am - 4pm | Y Block**

Coffee, live music and all the SCU information you could need!

**Study at SCU**

An introduction to study in the following disciplines:
- 11am - Education - Y2.12
- 11:15am - Environment, Science & Engineering - A Block
- 12pm - Visual Arts - V Block

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12pm - Business & Tourism - Y2.11
12:45pm - Music & Creative Arts - D Block
12:45pm - Arts, Humanities & Indigenous Studies - Y2.11
1:30pm - Health - P Block
1:30pm - Law - Y2.11

**Pathways to University | 1pm | Y2.12**

If you thought you were not eligible for entry to university, this is the session for you.

**Study at SCU While in Year 11 or Year 12 | 1:15pm | Y2.11**

A presentation about the SCU Head-Start pathway opportunity.

**Demystifying Uni for Parents and Students | 2pm | Y2.12**

Find out how to unravel and simplify your university journey.

**HSC Survival Workshop for Students and Parents | P165 | 12:30pm and 2:30pm**

Understand what is involved in learning and memory, and learn practical strategies for managing stress. Two sessions on offer.

**Returning to Study | 1:30pm | Y2.12**

A presentation for those interested in study again.

**Spelling Bee**

Congratulations to all the students who competed in the 2014 Premiers Spelling Bee on Tuesday 19th August. The four finalists will progress to the next round of competition at Maclean Public School on Wednesday 10th September. Well done finalists.

Junior Finalists were Pearly Peachy and Cooper Hinton with Angel Harvey-Conway reserve.
Senior Finalists are Jakob Willows and Tully Brednow with Ziggy McCartin-Cole reserve.

**Science Week**

This week is national science week and to celebrate the science staff have set up a display of Year 7 Plant and Animal cells in the office foyer. This was an assessment task for the year 7 students and the work presented was outstanding. Well done!

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**Science Trivia!**

This Week's Question: What is the name of the closest star to Earth?

Last Week's Question: (When people say "I love you to the moon and back", how far is that?)

Answer: 768, 806 km
One thing that helps to make a good speller is reading; the more you read not only the better your knowledge of words becomes but also your spelling. Repeatedly reading a word helps to lock it into your memory.

I would like to encourage families to pay their child’s subject contribution fees. I remember how hard it can be to make a budget stretch to cover a family’s expenses and the school is happy to have families pay in instalments over the year; every dollar helps. The fees go towards the cost of materials for their core and elective subjects, especially TAS subjects.

At last week’s Evans River Challenge Year 6 students from Evans River, Woodburn, Coraki & Broadwater formed teams to participate in various challenges. This challenge is run as part of the transition program to help prepare them for high school in 2015. The Science department drop the egg without breaking it is always popular and yes a couple did not break!

Congratulations to the first and second place getters in the Upper Primary Spelling Bee Cooper Hinton, Tully Brednow, Jakob Willows and Pearly Peachy. As for the best spelling teacher ?????????

Canteen Special’s
ROAST CHICKEN
$5.50

SOUP OF THE WEEK
SPRING Vegie SOUP
Sml $1.50  Lge $2.50

Kinder
Hudson Manning
Halle Mayes
Mia Halliday
Kylan Chapman

Yr 1
Bonnie Hadgelias
Jacob Cooper
Leah Turner
Kyla Flaherty

Yr 1/2
Tucker Barany
Kirra Clark
Tawny Azar Thomson
Indi Elliott

Yr 2/3
Damon Walker
Zack Harvey-Roche
Holly Williamson

Yr 3/4
Oscar Forrester
Savannah Novak

Yr 4/5
Holly Perkins
Elysia Hudson
Trista Flaherty

Year 5/6
Jacob Willows
Kellie Mills
Blair Eyles
Baili Trednnick

Dirrawong Awards
Sarah Li
Miah Bella
Eric Redman
Kirra Clark

Canteen Roster - Week A

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Around the school

We really encourage parents to listen to their children read, especially in the early years Kinder to Year 4. Just 10 minutes every night can make a huge difference.

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Richmond Valley Swimming Club

Nippers Sign On
24th August 2014 & 14th September 2014
9am to 11am
At the Surf Club

HOT SHOTS Tennis Coaching

Tennis Coaching is now available at Evans Head Tennis Club in Term 3 and 4, 2014.
The first class is free! Catering for all ages.

For all enquires and to book a class contact Brendon Lee on 0402 642 967 or Email: brendan@raisingaces.com.au