Bus Shelter Opening
The photo in the mast head of this week’s newsletter shows Kindergarten students holding their hands in the air showing off a ribbon tied to their wrist. The ribbon had been tied there by an SRC member during a ceremony on Monday officially opening the Bus Shelter. Earlier we had heard from Richmond Valley Mayor Ernie Bennett and School Captain Ezra Bose. The shelter was constructed at a cost of around $95,000 from a NSW government grant made available to the council. The shelter will protect students from sun and poor weather when boarding and dismounting buses. It will also serve as a structure which can be used to guide safe routines around the buses.

MH17
Members of our school community will notice the school flags are flying at half mast today (7/8). The Australian Government has announced that today will be a day of mourning for the innocent victims of Malaysian Airlines flight MH17. We join with others around Australia in mourning their loss and express our support for those who work to achieve peace in our world.

Rob Walker – Principal

Byron Writers’ Fest a Feast
Last week, a small group of senior students were provided with the opportunity to attend the Byron Bay Writers’ Festival. Students listened to a variety of writers, who discussed their latest works; how they wrote and the topics on which they wrote. Listening to their discussions was engaging and very informative.
Perhaps the biggest draw-card of the day was having the chance to listen to and talk to ex-Green Leader, Bob Brown. As an activist, politician and writer, Bob Brown spoke on a wide range of topics that resonated strongly with the large audience of students from the region.
Next year, the English Department will be offering even more “free tickets” to this event for students who have a love of English, literature and writing. This was a wonderful, thought-provoking experience for students and staff alike.

Byron Bay Writers’ Festival K-6
Last Wednesday 37 primary students went to the Ballina RSL Club for the Writers Festival. We saw acclaimed authors Andy Griffiths and Sally Rippin. They were really funny and they both have written more than 30 books each. Everybody came back inspired to write stories.

Simon Hyder and Shelby Willows

World Knowledge – Smart and Engaged
Being aware of what is happening in the world is a major benefit for students. Apart from encouraging them to be a member of the Global Village and developing views about what is going on in their community, nation and the
world, it means they can contribute to meaningful discussions at school, home and in the community.

How do I help my teenager develop a better understanding of the world in which they live and improve their chances for the HSC? Watching the ABC or SBS news, 7:30 Report, *Q and A* and other more academic current affairs programs can dramatically give your teen an insight into national and world events. *Talking* to them about the issues is also essential in developing their own views and ideals.

In the study of English, it is through the analysis of various text types that students can “better understand and negotiate the world in which they live and contribute to a democratic society ... becoming ethical and informed citizens.” Students “explore real and imagined worlds” to be able to “evaluate the impact... of different choices in representation.” The English Syllabus is directly linked to viewing and analysing various news and current affairs episodes. Students must be able to “analyse how the construction and interpretation of texts, including media texts, can be influenced by cultural perspectives.” Therefore, at times your child’s homework may involve viewing various news programs and completing set tasks related to these.

The English Desk

PSSA District Athletics

Last Friday 28 Students from Years 2-6 represented our school at the District Athletics Carnival which was held in Alstonville. Congratulations to everyone who competed on the day, it was a fantastic effort.

We wish the following students: McKinley Arnison, Paige Mitchell, Adalita Simpson-Wise, Jack Semple, Josh Stothard, Cooper Hinton, Darcy Banks and Noah Forrester the very best of luck as they represent our school at the Far North Coast Athletics Carnival which will be held on the 15th August at Byron Bay. Congratulations on achieving these outstanding results.

*Kylie Elliot - Supervising Teacher*

Physics Visit To St Vincent's Hospital, Lismore

Years 11 & 12 Physics students arrived at St Vincent's Hospital at 0730 last Wednesday to enable tours of the MRI, CAT scan, X-ray, Nuclear Med and Ultrasound sections of the hospital. The visit assisted students to develop their understanding of content in the Medical Physics option of the HSC Physics course. Students would like to particularly thank Mr Barry Lennon and Mr Rhys Wallace for their excellent instruction in ultrasound and MRI techniques respectively. Many thanks to all technicians who assisted in making the visit such a success and for their generosity in making time available from their busy schedules to benefit our students.

*Karen Warwick - Senior Physics Teacher*

Creative Arts Camp

The 2014 North Coast Public Schools Creative Arts Camp was held last week at Lennox Head. There are four groups to be a part of; Singing/Vocal, Drama, Music and Visual arts. I was part of the vocal ensemble and spent the week singing. We also chose elective activities and I was part of the song-writing group, we wrote a song called “Drifting”, which we recorded and turned into a CD. Every afternoon, we would do one of the following activities: kayaking, archery, rock climbing or bike riding. The camp was excellent and after dinner every night we would clear away all the tables and chairs for the night concert, the night concert was where everyone and anyone would get the opportunity to perform. I had so much fun meeting new people and it was a great experience.

*Tully Brednow*

CHS Lawn Bowls

This week Kurt Forrester, Year 9 and Luke Jones, Year 12 are in Wagga Wagga competing in the CHS State championships. Good luck boys.

Birthday Greetings

The two pigs at the Ag plot had their first birthday last weekend. To celebrate, the students of the Year 9 Ag class created a vegetable cake for each of the pigs and sung Happy Birthday to the girls. They were so busy pigging out they didn’t even notice the singing!

*Alison McGeary*

Brisbane EKKA Excursion

Notes have been sent home with Agriculture and Food Technology students attending The Brisbane EKKA excursion. The bus will be leaving the Brisbane Exhibition Show at 4pm which will have them arriving back at around 7pm.

If you have a student attending this excursion please check the note sent home by the relevant teachers.

*Alison McGeary*
On Monday 4th August Richmond Valley Council’s Mayor, Mr Ernie Bennett officially opened our new Bus Shelter. Mr Bennett received assistance from the school’s two youngest bus travellers, Alexia Perryman and Ursell Barber from Kindergarten to cut the ribbon and officially open the bus shelter. All the kinder students received a piece of ribbon which was tied around their wrist by the SRC students as a memento of the event. Thankfully the rain held off for the opening.

The final figure for the construction of the shelter was $95 440; the council obtained these funds through a NSW State Government Transport grant.

I must commend the kindergarten students, the school’s SRC, both High School and Primary for their behaviour on the day. All the SRC students’ manners at the morning tea following the event were a pleasure to see.

We have had a strong interest in the Primary school banking offer. Next week I will be sending out a follow up letter to interested families as to how the program will work.

Don’t forget to work on your entry for the Evans River Art Exhibition. It will take place from 10th-12th September. Friday 12th will be the final day with parents and students invited for the awards evening from 4:30 - 5:30pm; awards will be announced at 5:15pm. So start painting, drawing and snapping photos to be in line for one of over 50 prizes on offer.

### Canteen Roster - Week A

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### Science Trivial!

This Week’s Question: The human heart is divided into chambers. How many chambers are in a human heart?

Last Week’s Question: The moon is about one quarter the size of Earth and the gravity on the moon is much less than that on Earth. How much less is the gravitational pull of the moon than that of Earth? **Answer:** About 80% less!

### Coming up in August

- **Tuesday 12th**
  - Primary Spelling Bee
  - Evans River Challenge

- **Thursday 14th**
  - Pets on Parade Picnic

### Uniform Store

- **Waterproof Jackets Sizes 6 - 8 now in stock $40.00**
- **Eftpos Available**

The School Uniform Store operates each Friday 8:30am to 9:30am

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K-6 AWARDS Term 3 Week 3

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Richmond Valley Swimming Club

The Richmond Valley Swimming Club will hold its Annual General Meeting on Monday the 25th of August, 6pm at the Evans Head Aquatic Centre. All club members are welcome and encouraged to come along. Nomination forms will be available from the pool and are due in by Monday the 12th of August. Nomination forms can be dropped back to the pool office. All positions are open for nomination.

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PETS ON PARADE PICNIC

Where: Evans River K-12 Primary Area
outside Kindergarten and Year 1 classrooms

When: Friday 15th August 11:00am – 1:30pm
Bring along your favourite stuffed pet toy, picnic blanket and a picnic snack
to enjoy with your child at lunch!
We hope to see you and your children there.
Activities, Games, Songs, Pet Parade, Surprise Visitor and Decorate your own pet biscuit.

P&C News

Our next meetings will be held on Monday 18th August. Our morning meeting takes place at 9:00am in the Administration Building and the second meeting is held in the Library at 4:30pm. Please come along and bring your ideas and suggestions.

It’s that time again!
TAX RETURNS WE CAN HELP!

Tax Help Program
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.

For appointment times and availability contact our office
Available from the 21st July to the 31st of October 2014
Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre
Shop 5/6 Oak Street EVANS HEAD
Phone (02) 6682 4334

Student Exchange to the USA?

Applications for January 2016 semester year-long programs are OPEN NOW!
Request an information pack NOW
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