Parent Representation

“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.

Attendance Requirements

A few things to help with home and school working together. By law children aged between 6 and 17 are required to attend school each day lessons are offered. Only the Principal can grant leave to be away from school on these days. Parents request this leave by writing a note (usually in advance, but sometimes – eg sickness – immediately after the absence). Appointments should not be arranged within school hours. Where an appointment is urgent and unavoidable, parents should apply for leave. It is not okay for a student to come to the office saying mum or dad is sitting in the car waiting to take them to an appointment without a note having first been provided some time earlier in the day or the day prior, and permission being given.

School starts at 9:00am for most students (some senior students have 8:30am starts). Arriving at 9:05am is late and is recorded as a partial absence. A note is required to explain the absence. Parents are asked to assist in seeing students arrive at school, preferably 15 minutes minimum, before school commences.

An email to the school email address, phone conversation with one of the school’s front office staff, or a written note are legitimate “notes”. The notes must: name the child, identify the date of the absence, provide an acceptable reason for the absence and be signed and dated by the parent/carer who has care of the child. If you’re not sure what is ‘acceptable’ reason for an absence, our website provides more information.
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Technology Use in Classes
Many parents are aware the Federal government previously had a program in place where students were issued laptops in Year 9. The laptops were used in classes through until the end of Year 12. Discussions are occurring at school at present surrounding the possible introduction of our own program. One concept being considered would see students being able to purchase a device for use from the commencement of Year 7. The relative merits of each student having their own device, the contribution of the device to the learning process, to the engagement of students, and the learning areas which would make use of the device, are some of the points being considered. A particular model of laptop is under consideration. We know now that if this concept were to proceed, and the preferred device was to be a laptop, we would offer two purchase options to family. A discounted upfront cost of $500 per laptop and a full price of $600 paid off at $150 per year over four years. The laptops would come with a full suite of software. A small pool of laptops would be maintained for those who need to borrow. This information is being shared now so parents can give some thought to the idea, and should the school decide to proceed, families could save or perhaps incorporate the laptop in Christmas arrangements. It is intended the cohort of Year 7 2015 would be the first year group to participate with Year 7 each year following. Students who will be in years 8-12 in 2015 would be able to purchase under the same arrangements but the focus of staff use in class will commence with Year 7 2015. More information to come.

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K-6 Primary Father’s Day
K-6 students are celebrating Father’s Day this Friday 29th August with a Breakfast from 7:30am-8:50am in the Primary Area. Following this, the P&C will be holding a Father’s Day Stall where students will be able to purchase gifts for Father’s Day up to the value of $5. The Father’s day Celebration has been moved forward one week as the following week our Year 4-6 students will be attending camp at Lake Ainsworth.

K-6 Staff

Evans River K-12 Art Competition
Evans River is again holding it’s annual art competition. The competition is open to all students from Kindergarten to Year 12. Entries close on Monday 8th September at 3:30pm. The categories are Painting, Sculpture/Ceramics, Drawing, Photography, Indigenous Art and Primary Divisions. All artwork will be on display in the Staff Common Room in F Block from 10th September until Friday 12th September. On Friday afternoon light refreshments will be served for the announcements of awards and prizes. Parents are invited to join their child to celebrate their achievement on this day.

Robyn Mather and Mark Robertson

Active After School Activities
Due to the Lake Ainsworth Excursion Active after School Activities will not be held on Tuesday 2nd September, Wednesday 3rd September and Thursday 4th September.

Please be advised the final week for Active After School Activities will be Tuesday 9th September, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th September. We are sorry for the interruption but because of the Lake Ainsworth Camp it is unavoidable. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the participants and their parents/carers for their involvement and support. Thank you!

Book Week
Last week was Children’s Book Week. In the library we celebrated by creating a display illustrating the book week theme, “Connect to Reading”. We also examined and shared opinions about the books in the short list for Children’s Book of the Year.

Instead of holding our usual competition, students who completed a poster for the display, earned a raffle ticket. Winners received a literature related prize.

Winners were:
Kindergarten Jasmine Schmitt
Year 1 Ivy Hamilton
Year 1/2 Sienna Miller
Year 2/3 Blaze Ward
Year 3/4 Eva Boutle
Year 4/5 Harry Cole
Year 5/6 Harley Hyde

Jenny McDonald
Teacher Librarian
**Canteen Special’s**

Fish and Wedges  
$5.00

Soup of the Week  
Chicken & Vegie Soup  
Sml $1.50  Lge $2.50

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**Science Trivia!**

**This Week’s Question:** True or False? All animals have a backbone.

**Last Week’s Question:** What is the name of the closest star to Earth? **Answer:** The Sun

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**K-6 AWARDS Term 3 Week 6**

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**Canteen Roster - Week B**

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**P&C News**

Our next meetings will be held on Monday 15th September. 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.
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 enquiries and to book a class contact Brendan Lee on 0402 642 967 or Email: brendan@raisingaces.com.au

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

Lismore Public School Fundraiser
When: Saturday 30th August 2014
Where: Lismore PS Hall, Pound St
Time & Cost: 6.30pm $10 each
BYO Drinks and food
This is an adult only event, 18yr +
Bring your friends and family (remember over 18yr old members) for a great night.
Bring your Gold coins for games, 100s club and raffle
Tickets are available at the door on the night.

Lismore CareerConnect
Register Now!
Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand’s Lismore CareerConnect event is a networking event for students and local firms to engage with each other about careers in accounting. It is also a great opportunity for year 11 and 12 students to gain an understanding of the industry and encourage them to consider studying a degree in business/accounting.

Where and When
Thursday, 4 September 2014
From 4:30pm – 7:30pm
Zest Bar, Southern Cross University, Lismore
Attendance: FREE – food and drinks will be provided
Parents are also welcome

123 Magic & Emotion Coaching Parent Course
@ Evans River School Rooms
Facilitated by Tressa Kennedy, MRNC, and Deb Franklin, Community Health
September 2nd, 9th, and 15th
from 9:00 - 11:30 am
Encouraging parents with school aged children to attend

The Evans Head Hammerheads Cricket Club
We are looking for enthusiastic junior players for the up and coming 2014/15 cricket season. If you are interested in playing or have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact: Paddy Wilde on 0468 827 697.

Evans Head was recently registered as a Milo In2Cricket Centre. In the upcoming season the Centre will be running a 10 week program after school for children aged between 5 and 10 years of age. More details to come in the upcoming weeks regarding venue, dates and times.

Help Please
The school canteen is in need of volunteers. Anyone who has any spare time, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Fay Granger, Canteen Supervisor.

Uniform Shop
Size 6-8
Waterproof Jackets
Now in stock
At the Uniform Shop:
Friday 8:30 - 9:00am