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HSC Results
Students of the senior years of 2014 have achieved very pleasing results at the HSC examinations. Seventeen Band 5 results were achieved, three of them by Georgia Hart (Biology, English Advanced and Mathematics 2U), two by Jackson Hambly (Community and Family Studies; Design and Technology), two by Kai Tosomeen (Design & Technology; Mathematics 2U), two by Emily Vallance (Biology; Mathematics General) and one by each of the following: Larissa Cumner (Community and Family Studies), Anna Duncan (Mathematics 2U), Liam Kelly (Business Studies), Rianna Patch (Mathematics General), Natasha Reid (Ancient History), Brooke Simmons (Mathematics 2U), Ben Tarrant (Community and Family Studies), Scott Writer (Design & Technology).

All of these students received a mark of 80 or better for their achievement in the HSC. As previously advised, 31 early offers of entry to university have been received by members of the Class of 2014. A number of students of the year have also now gained employment and quite a number have completed, or near completed TAFE qualifications. Congratulations to our senior students, the teachers and SLSOs who worked with them and their parents to bring about these fine outcomes.

Teaching Scholarship
Clint Merton (Class of 2011) has been working as a learning support officer at our school throughout the year and has contributed to the improved outcomes of many students, particularly in K-6 years. Clint aspires to be a teacher. We were delighted to hear this week that Clint has been offered a Department of Education scholarship valued at $30,000 over four years to complete a Bachelor of Education (Primary). Clint already possesses many qualities of a fine teacher. We look forward to seeing him acquire his teaching qualification over the coming years.

Staff Changes
As previously advised, approval has been given for the formation of an additional support class at our school. The class will work with students of Years 7-12 who are diagnosed with special education needs. As this is the third support class at the school, the teaching position will be at Head Teacher level. This position is being advertised and will be filled via a merit selection process early in the new year. In the interim, via an expression of interest process, Mrs Connie D’Anna has been selected to fill the role of Head Teacher Special Education. Mrs D’Anna will maintain her current class duties and, as a consequence, a further expression of interest process has resulted in the class
Christmas Trivia!

This Week’s Question: One foggy Christmas Eve, Santa needed help guiding his sleigh through the stormy night. Who did he ask for help?

**Diary**

This Week - Week 1 Term 1 - Week A

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**Teacher Role**

The teacher role being filled by Ms Rebecca Tibbey. Ms Celene Black will also fulfill duties working with the class and providing release time to Mrs D’Anna. Mrs Price will continue to relieve as HT PDHPE if the Department does not fill this role. Ms Lauri Barron will join us as PDHPE teacher. These arrangements are subject to the Department filling the vacant permanent positions. They are likely to be in place for term one.

**RAM Funding Consultations**

As previously advised, the State Government is honouring its six year commitment to the Gonski funding model. This, together with the Federal government’s four year commitment has resulted in additional resourcing for our school. In the newsletter a few weeks ago I encouraged you to come forward with your thoughts about the ways in which the school should consider the additional resourcing. Staff and members of the P&C made contributions on Monday. These suggestions will be used to shape the programs which will operate from early in the year. There is scope for additional suggestions to be received during term one.

**Holiday break and 2015 start**

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to see the wonderful learning outcomes achieved by students during 2014. Best wishes for a safe and happy festive season and break from normal routine. Years 1-7, 11 and 12 resume on Wednesday 28 January 2015. All students Year 1-12 are in attendance on Thursday 29 January. Kindergarten students will participate in assessments during the first week or so of term and prior to their first full day of school.

Rob Walker – Principal

**School Diaries for Purchase**

In 2015 it will be a requirement for all students to purchase a diary for use in all classes. The school has ordered diaries and these are mandatory for all students from Year 5 to Year 12.

Students will be recording all homework tasks and assessments on their diaries. The diaries are to be purchased from the office at a cost of $5.00 each. Excursions, assessment, daily requirements, student movements, lesson changes and PDHPE activities can be recorded so students can be prepared every day. Students will be required to get a parent or guardian to sign the diaries weekly and a teacher will check and sign at the end of each week during start.

Diaries help children be organised from lesson to lesson and from week to week.

Penny Cooper - Head Teacher Science

**Immunisation Schedule 2015**

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**Canteen Roster - Week A**

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<td>29 Jan</td>
<td>Von Pickens</td>
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<td>Charmayne Stevens</td>
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To all our Year 11 & 12 HSC students. The information I have received was that students put in a great effort during their exams, making use of the time to ensure their best efforts; looks like it paid off with many of our students receiving Band 5 in various subjects. This is a great achievement as this is the second highest level a student can receive.

The Dental Van visits were a great success, thank you to all the families who supported this program. We are working with the Alstonville Family Dentists to organise a date for their visits in 2015. I will advise the dates of their visits early next year so families can plan for it.

A bit of planning for next year:
If you have moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses please notify the office. It is difficult for newsletters and correspondence to reach you if your details are not up to date. If the emergency contacts for your child has changed we need to know.
If you would like to receive a newsletter by email, make sure you give your email details to the office.
If you just want to read the newsletter without being sent an email it's always available for reading on the school’s new updated website, you can also check on the website for dates of events, excursion and much more. www.evansriver.nsw.edu.au

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in our Christmas raffle. It raised $375.10 and will be used to purchase books for the primary home reading program.

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Merry Christmas Everyone
Have a safe and happy Christmas and New Year I will see you in 2015

BACK TO SCHOOL 2015
Years 1 -7 and Years 11 & 12 return Wednesday 28th January
Years 8 -10 return Thursday 29th January
Kindergarten starts Tuesday 3rd February.

THANKS
Thank you to all the staff who have worked with me over 2014. Special thanks to the wonderful office staff and their amazing leader Cheryl; they are so patient with my ever constant questions.
Thank you to all the P&C, especially the morning ladies who have supported me throughout the year, I look forward to working with you again in 2015. We may be small in number but we are big in achievements.
Thank you to my caring and amazing friends who work in Connie’s learning centre for always being there, not only for the students but for anyone who needs a bit of TLC.
Evans Head Junior Rugby League.
Sign on Dates-
All ages welcome

Sunday 1st of February – Illawong Hotel, Evans Head at 1:30pm (this is in conjunction with the Illawong Hotel family fun-day)

Saturday 14th of February - Stan Payne Oval, Evans Head Rugby League grounds, 1:00-3:00pm

For more information please contact
Jeremy Bryant 0422 585 226
Debra Cain 0435 860 746

NAB is Proud to offer Support to the Evans River K– 12 School P & C Association through our NAB Introducer Program.

With this program Nab can help your school raise funds to contribute to any services your school requires.

All you need to do is take out any Home Loan with NAB and they will donate a percentage of that amount back to your School – it is simple.

For further information please email Merrilyn.M.Grant@nab.com.au or contact NAB on 02 66 2263997.

PEGGY THE PINT SIZED PIRATE
SHE may be little but she’s not afraid of anything, if only the other pirates would give her a chance to go and fight sea monsters with them.

Little does Peggy the Pint Sized Pirate know, she has something much bigger than any of those other lazy, no-good pirates.

Peggy the Pint Sized Pirate is the latest children’s production by the Evans Head Village Players which will be performed at the Woodburn-Evans Head RSL Club Saturday, December 20 at 11am and Sunday, December 21 at 2pm.

Tickets are $5 at the door.
Children (and parents) are encouraged to dress up as pirates. Ahaaaa!

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Time: 4:30 - 5:30pm
Bring: Hat, Sports shoes, water bottle, Shin pads and MOUTHGUARD essential.

For more information contact: Sue Hunter
Phone 6686 3619 Mobile 0401 857 527
Email- eggs@bigpond.com

Uniform Store
Uniform Caps; Trucker and Flat Cap for students in Year 7-12. $10

The School Uniform Store will operate on Tuesday 27th January from 9am -1pm.
This is a School Development Day.
*EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE FOR UNIFORMS*
Contact: Kristen, Gayle or P&C