Year 12 Graduation Dinner
This year’s Year 12 Graduation Dinner is a highlight event of the 2015 school year. The students presented themselves well, spoke well, and celebrated in style the completion of the school years. They were supported by family and friends – some of whom had travelled vast distances. Our Mayor Ernie Bennett and Mrs Bennett were special guests. P&C President Craig Tosomeen (with Dr Ann) was wearing two hats – parent of a graduating student and as a leader of our parent community. Congratulations to the Class of 2015. A fine group and one who I am sure will make a strong contribution to our nation. Well done to organising staff, in particular Year Adviser Mrs Sonya Price.

Community Gonski Forum
Last Wednesday evening a forum was convened by School Council Community Representative Ian Drinkwater and P&C President Craig Tosomeen. The forum provided those in attendance with a better understanding of the Gonski recommendations, impact the implementation is having to date, an understanding of the need for community engagement in the discussion of continuing implementation of the reforms, specific information about how the resourcing received to date is being used at Evans River K-12 and how full funding of the Gonski recommendations would be used. A highlight was the sharing of the positive change in student’s lives the resourcing was making possible. Further activities are planned. Further information is available from www.igiveagonksi.com.au

Privacy & School Photos
One of the great things brought about by technology is the ease with which we can take and include photos of our students achieving and enjoying school life. Permission for taking these photos is captured at the time of enrolment on the enrolment form. If family circumstances change and an adjustment in permission for photos is required, contact with the office should be made or, if discussion is warranted an appointment with a deputy principal or myself should be made.

Rob Walker – Principal

Southern Cross University – Seniors Day
Recently all of Year 10 had the opportunity of attending the Seniors Day at Southern Cross University. Those that chose to attend were able to select two information sessions on courses which are offered at SCU. Students were able to see the relevant facilities as well as hearing details about the degrees. Students also gained an insight into university life, including costs,
Talking to Young People about Alcohol and Drugs

It is best for education about alcohol and drugs to begin before young people are exposed to personal decisions about their use. Young people who have accurate information, coping and decision making skills and understand the issues, will be in a good position to make responsible decisions about alcohol and drugs. Parents provide a powerful role model when it comes to drinking and attitudes to alcohol and other drugs. Take time to talk. Sitting down with the young person in your care and mapping out a plan of action and what to say if they are offered drugs or alcohol can help equip them for the almost inevitable real event. Listen to what the young person in your family says about alcohol and drugs and follow up with a discussion. Take the opportunities when they come up during everyday activities, for example:

- When you pour a glass of alcohol
- When alcohol or other drugs are mentioned on TV or other media
- When using or giving out medicines
- When your young person has an assignment on alcohol, smoking, medicines or other drugs.

It is important to understand that in some situations young people may take risks. Sitting down afterwards and helping them identify where things started to go wrong enables them to consider what they could do differently the next time they are faced with a similar situation.

**Australian Alcohol Guideline for Children and Young People Under 18**

Not drinking alcohol is the safest option.

- For children under 15 years of age
  - Parents and carers are advised that children under 15 years of age are at the greatest risk of harm from drinking and that for this age group, not drinking is especially important.

- For Young people aged 15-18 years
  - The safest option is to delay the initiation of drinking for as long as possible.


Look for information about the RRISK Program and risk taking at our website [www.rrisk.com.au](http://www.rrisk.com.au)

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### Year 12 Graduation Dinner Photos

**P&C News**

Our next meetings will be held on Monday 16th November. 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 join one of our meetings and bring along your ideas.

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Last Wednesday night the School Council and the School P&C Association held an informative evening for parents, carers and teachers in regards to the positive impact the Gonski funding has had in our school and the importance of the Gonski message being pushed to our members of parliament. The purpose of Gonski is to give every student an equal educational opportunity, this funding helps elevate students to the National Minimum Standard for education and to help students reach their very best potential. It is vital this funding is continued and we support Gonski in every way. A very big thank you to Craig Tosomeen, Ian Drinkwater and Lyn Thomson for organising the event and our guest speakers, Rob Walker, Joan Lemare (Senior Vice President NSW Teachers Federation) and Sharon Temple (Casino Public School) for sharing the significant difference this funding has made so far.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Lyn Thomson for helping me transition into the role as relieving Community Liaison Officer. Lyn went above and beyond making me feel supported and well informed to start the role and I am grateful for the opportunity. Please feel free to come along to our next P&C Meeting on the 16th November at 9am or 4:30pm and say hello.

Relieving CLO
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Last week our Year 10 students had the opportunity to celebrate their achievements through the Authentic Assessment Program. This program allows students to reflect upon the processes of their own learning, through authentic assessment, while also providing students the opportunity to showcase their major works in a formal interview setting. This gives students valuable experience going into the next stage of their working life. A very big thank you to all our community members, Betty Archer, Craig Tosomeen, Greg Mace, Jan Hobbins, Jason Van Rysbergen, Alicia Manning, Neville & Barbara Hamilton who kindly gave up their day to provide feedback to students and help the program succeed.

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APPRENTICE HEAVY VEHICLE MECHANIC

Buslines Group is the largest private bus operator in regional NSW operating twelve depots throughout the state with a fleet of 340 buses and 28 taxis.

A position has arisen for an Apprentice Heavy Vehicle Mechanic to work in the modern maintenance facility located at Lismore which undertakes the maintenance of the eighty bus Ballina Buslines and Northern Rivers Buslines fleet.

The successful applicant will be highly motivated and display a keen interest in the mechanical field. Ideally the applicant will have completed the HSC and will be prepared to undertake the Heavy Vehicle Mechanic course at TAFE. Other applicants will be considered.

The role offers experience in all areas of heavy vehicle maintenance on a modern bus fleet with opportunity to gain experience across the Group.

Written applications should be directed to the Manager, Mr Dene Petty or if further information is required he may be contacted on 6626 1499 or email dpetty@nrbuslines.com.au

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