Telstra Thank You Morning Tea
Thanks to the work of retiring Community Liaison Officer Lyn Thomson and school grandparent (and Telstra employee) Sue Roach the school has benefitted through the receipt of eight Telstra Grants of $1200 each. These have enabled seven different programs to be provided to students of the school. These grants are possible because eight staff members of Telstra sponsored these grants. The sponsoring staff and two members of senior staff from Telstra participated in our tour of the school on Tuesday to view first hand the programs in action with our students. A wonderful example of the business community supporting the education of young people in our area. Thank you Lyn, Sue and each of the Telstra staff members.

School Priorities 2016
At P&C and School Council meetings in October and November opportunities have been provided for parents and community members to put forward comments on priorities for the school for 2016 (and perhaps beyond). The school is always open to suggestions for school improvement and development of areas of focus for our work together, but particularly so at this time of the year. Your thoughts are important to us. You can email the school, drop a note into the office marked to my attention, or book a time to meet and discuss your thoughts with me about school priorities. Our school is here to see the students of the Evans River community realise their potential, lead an enjoyable life and make their contribution to our nation.
Rob Walker – Principal

Year 10 Work Experience
Work Experience is a valuable component of Year 10 Work Education classes. It gives students opportunities to undertake work placement in areas of career interest. These placements can help shape a student’s career path, as well as helping define subject selections as they move into their senior studies. In some instances placements have led to fulltime employment. All students receive a work place report from their employer. These are valuable documents which can be used in job applications and course entry interviews.

Year 10 (2015) This year 34 students undertook work experience. Students were placed in the following areas; animal care (Taronga Zoo, Macadamia Castle and Pet Porpoise Pool), veterinarian, education (preschool and primary), agriculture, horticulture, metal fabrication, environmental engineering, creative media – film production, metal engineering, hairdressing, cabinet making, building, bee keeping, hospitality, tourism and retail.

Year 10 (2016) Students will soon begin undertaking an in-class assessment
Young Drivers aged 17-25 years. Why are they at risk?

Facts:
1. Road crashes are one of the leading causes of injury, disability and death among young people.
2. Young drivers are over-represented in road crashes compared to other age groups, especially young males.
3. Drivers in rural areas experience a higher rate of fatalities than those from urban areas.
4. Speeding is the major cause of road crashes in NSW and crashes which involve speeding are more likely to result in fatal crashes.
5. Other high-risk behaviours that significantly contribute to road crashes and injuries include:
   - Drink driving
   - Driver fatigue and distraction
   - Not using seat belts
   - Driver inexperience: Often young drivers don’t realise that it takes time and lots of practice to develop safe driving skills.
   - Developing brain: Parts of the brain responsible for self-control and for recognising and managing hazards do not fully mature until after the teenage years, so young drivers are more likely to experiment and take dangerous risks.
   - Overconfidence and risk taking: Young drivers can be overconfident about their driving ability and underestimate dangers on the road.
   - Having friends as passengers: Young drivers may be distracted by passengers or may feel pressured to take risks, such as speeding. Every extra peer passenger carried by a young driver increases the chance of crashing.
   - Alcohol and other drugs: Young people often do not understand that alcohol and other drugs affect a driver’s skills, mood and most importantly, behaviour. Safe driving requires clear judgement, concentration and ability to react to what’s happening on the road.
   - Busy lifestyles: Work, sport and study often mean busy lifestyles for young people, which may cause them to drive when tired – especially late at night. Driving tired significantly impairs driving, even if the driver doesn’t feel sleepy. For more information on risks for young drivers see; http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/don'ttrustyourtiredself.html

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Look for information about the RRISK Program and risk taking at our website www.rrisk.com.au

Quote of the Week
Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.
- Albert Einstein
Last week on the 11th November 2015 at 11am there was a service to commemorate Remembrance Day at the Woodburn-Evans Head RSL Club. Our school was fortunate enough to be asked to say a few words, reflecting on the special significance of this day, post war and paying our respects to the soldiers who have lost their lives in the wars. Harrison Drechsler and Seren Spann gave a moving speech, with Jacob Yourell, Lilli Gillespie, Zahli Moore and Finn Gillespie having the honour of laying the wreath. RSL patrons were also impressed by our younger primary students contributing with a fabulous collection of poppy drawings which are on display in the foyer.

**Around the School**

This week some of our primary students started a two week Intensive Swimming Program held at the Evans River Aquatic Centre to teach the basic principles of how to swim. We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of our country, surrounded by the beaches and rivers, and with outlining farm areas with dams. Therefore it is imperative, with summer on the way, that all of our children are taught to swim. Please get behind the school and encourage your children to attend these lessons. As Laurie Lawrence would say, “Kids Alive, Do the Five”. For further tips and helpful hints visit his website, Kidsalive.com.au

Summerland Credit Union is currently running a colouring competition for primary students in the Northern Rivers area. Please return student entries to the classroom teacher prior to Friday 20th November.

Last week we saw all of our secondary students rollover into the following year of their studies e.g. Year 7 to Year 8. All staff have worked tirelessly to make this transition as smooth as possible for our students. I was impressed when talking to the seniors’ at the range of subjects that were offered at our school. All students are settling in to their new timetables and subjects and are looking forward to what’s ahead.

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### Canteen Roster - Week A

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**Science Trivia!**

*This Week’s Question:* Which wind is a warm southerly coming from the Sahara Desert over the Mediterranean?

*Last Week’s Question:* What colour is the most prized variety of jade?

*Answer:* Green
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