Annual Presentation Assembly
The school’s Annual Presentation Assembly will take place on Monday 14th December from 11:30am. This is the major assembly for the year which recognises academic achievement. The assembly will also recognise sporting achievement, all round achievement and some special categories of award. In previous years this has proven to be a long assembly. Adjustments have been made to bring the duration to a more reasonable timeframe, so this year will be a trial of new arrangements. Throughout the year Performance Assemblies are held which recognise conduct, application and attitude to school – these are times when Gold, Silver and Bronze awards are presented. We hope you will be able to join us in recognising the hard work and achievements of our students on Monday 14/12 from 11.30am.

Kurt Forrester Named in State Development Squad
Following the 2015 NSW City v Country Series held at Cabramatta Bowling Club 21-22 November, the NSW State Junior Selectors have chosen the 2016 NSW Junior State Squads. Kurt Forrester (Year 11, 2016) has been named in the NSW Junior State Silver Squad. The NSW Junior State Top Tier Squad will consist of 27 athletes and will attend a specialised training camp in early January 2016 followed by regional training days across the year. Five members of the silver squad will also be invited to attend the January training camp. The silver squad members will have regular contact with NSW coaches and selectors, with regular training requirements and updates. These members will also be invited to all of the NSW U18 regional training days throughout 2016. The silver squad is an opportunity to strengthen and underpin the abilities of talented athletes and establish solid training habits. The silver squad works as a ‘feeder’ into the Top Tier Squad. Congratulations Kurt!

Success for Evans River Students Through Richmond Valley Council – Youth Employment Strategy (YES)
The YES program is an initiative of Richmond Valley’s Council to address youth unemployment in the local area by opening up a proportion of Council’s workforce opportunities to local school leavers interested in scholarships, apprenticeships and traineeships.

After an extensive application process three students from Evans River were successful in gaining full-time employment. They were Jack Baker – trainee Civil Construction, Alexander Clark – trainee Warehousing and Harrison White – Apprentice Mechanical.

Congratulations to these three students.

Mr Hayward-Careers Adviser
New Timetables Years 7-12
The commencement of the new timetables on Monday 9 November saw Year 7 students move to Year 8, Year 8 to 9 and so on. The transition has been made relatively smoothly and students are to be congratulated on making of the most of the learning opportunities in their new classes.

Dropping off and Picking up Students to/from School
Parents are reminded a ‘No Parking Zone’ has been established in Cypress Street for parents who wish to pull up in their car and drop off or pick up their children. Should you wish to accompany your child into the grounds you are most welcome to do so by coming into the southern car park, parking the car and walking in with your child. PLEASE DO NOT drop off children in the southern car park unless parking in a designated parking space. Unloading children near the ‘intersection’ in the car park or the canteen delivery bay is a safety risk. There have been numerous ‘near misses’. In particular you are asked NOT to use the canteen delivery bay as a pick up/drop off location – please use the Cypress St ‘No Parking Zone’ for quick pick up/drop offs.
Parents and students are reminded there are two access gates in Cypress street for pedestrian and push bike access to the school. PLEASE DO NOT use the car park gates for pedestrian access to the school. If you are on foot or bike please use the Cypress St entrances. All students are reminded that on entering the school they are to dismount their bikes and walk them to the bike racks.

Library
The Library is now gathering all borrowed resources for the end of year. There will be no more borrowing after Friday 27th November. We would like all borrowed books returned to the library during the next week. Parents’ and carers’ help with this would be greatly appreciated. We wish the school community a happy holiday.

Library Staff

Clothing Donations for K-6
The clothing pool has dwindled recently and is a little sad. The clothing pool is used when unforeseen circumstances see that students in need of a school shirt. If you have any uniforms shirts that are unwanted please consider donating to our K-6 clothing pool. These items can be left with staff at the School office.

Senior School Ties
Our shipment of school ties have now arrived and are for sale at the office. Ties are $15 each.

Supervising Your Learner Driver

Learner drivers under 25
Must have at least 120 hours of supervised on-road driving experience, including 20 hours at night time; One hour of structured driving tuition by a professional driving instructor will count as 3 hours in the Learner Driver Log Book to a maximum of 10 hours counting as 30 log book hours. Must hold an L licence for at least 12 months. For L and P1 drivers mobile phone use is prohibited, even hands-free or loudspeaker.
Learner drivers are now allowed to travel up to 90km/h instead of 80km/h.

Tips for Parents
• Safe driving takes time and practice – it is more than just operating a vehicle.
• Plan for a variety of driving experiences (e.g. different road conditions, weather conditions) and vary the time of day.
• Shorter drives can be useful early on.
• Reduce the risk of distraction (e.g. turn off mobile phones)
• Keep instructions short and clear.
• Be positive and acknowledge when your teenager does well rather than criticise.
• At the end of a drive reinforce achievements and discuss areas to work on.
• Real on-road driving experience is more beneficial than ‘advanced’ or ‘defensive’ off-road driver training.
• You and your young driver should read the Road Users Handbook (NSW road rules) and understand the licence conditions.
• For helpful information, attend a free ‘Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers Workshop’ in your local area. Contact the Roads and Maritime Services (replacing the RTA) on 13 22 13, visit www.rms.nsw.gov.au or visit your local Council’s website.


Canteen Roster - Week B

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Our school was fortunate to have Michael Marom (Telstra General Manager), Sue Roche (Telstra Business Administrator) and the team visit us last week so we could thank them for their ongoing support through their Telstra Funds Kids Grant Program. The eight grants our school received have allowed Primary and Secondary teachers to purchase equipment and implement programs that will be of great educational value to our students. Thanks to Sue and the Telstra Team.

Please take the time and visit the Fairy Garden in our primary playground, it’s even more fabulous! A very big thanks to Matilda Wornes (Year 2) and her Mum, Mel for making a beautiful Dreamcatcher that hangs perfectly above the garden. It’s a great asset to the garden and the students love watching it blow in the wind.

Wow, our primary kids (and staff) can move it! I was lucky enough to take snaps of our students at the Crazy Hair Day Disco last Friday, they were having a blast. The Disco raised $420.00 for Cystic Fibrosis. A great event for a great cause.

Primary students will come home with a raffle booklet for the P&C end of year raffle this week, thanks to Village Roadshow and our local businesses we have great prizes on offer. Secondary students can also help out and collect booklets from the office, we would love your support. Funds and booklets due back to office by 11 Dec.

Kristen Gillespie, Relieving CLO, 66826666.
Uniform Store

Uniform Caps; Trucker and Flat Cap for students in Year 7-12. $10
The uniforms have arrived - Senior and Secondary shirts. Shorts and Skorts are all in stock.
Reversible Primary Hats with House Colours are in stock also.
The School Uniform Store operates each Friday 8:30am to 9:30am

*EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE FOR UNIFORMS*
Contact: Gayle or P&C

MS Office 2016 for Home Use
As part of the department’s Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft, MS Office 2016 is now available under work-at-home rights for DoE staff and students. Under this agreement, a single copy for use on a single computer is provided to NSW public school students for free and to staff for under $25.
More licences of Office 2016 will be made available for free to all students and staff during Term 1 next year under our MS Office 365 agreement.

Science Trivia!
This Week’s Question: Which subatomic particles are found in the nucleus of an atom?

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

Answer: Sirocco

P&C News
Our next meetings will be held on Monday 15th February. Our morning meeting takes place at 9:00am in the Administration Building and the second meeting is held in the Library at 4:30pm. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and we will see you all in the New Year. Please consider joining one of our meetings and bring along your ideas.

Pam Bellingham School of Dance

Annual Concert
featuring "Cinderella"

Woodburn Memorial Hall

Friday, 27th November at 12 noon
Saturday, 28th November at 7.30 p.m.

Admission: Adults $7
Children $3
Pensioners $5
Family $15

Proceeds to Woodburn Memorial Hall

Christmas Craft Afternoon
Mrs Sylvia Cooling from the Casino Library will be presenting a Christmas craft session for school students. All materials will be supplied by the library.

When: Wednesday 2 December
Time: 3:45pm - 4:45 pm
Where: Evans Head Library

If interested in attending call into the Library or phone 6660 0374
Registration prior to 2 December is essential

The Ballina Osteopath
Osteopath available in Evans Head Fridays and Saturdays.
Gentle and effective treatments with 10 years experience. Working out of Evans Head Physio at 31 Woodburn St.

For bookings please call Jonathan King on 6687 5179

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