Aboriginal Awards Night

Wednesday evening saw the Annual Aboriginal Awards Night held at the Performance Hall at school. Around 120 students, parents, family members, staff, community members and representatives of businesses and organisations attended. It was a wonderful evening of performance, recognition and celebration of the achievements of Aboriginal students at our school. Thank you to all who attended and particular thanks to Robin Mather and Simone Barker who worked with students and community members to organise the night. Thank you to Craig Gillespie and Glen Cook who, with members of the Aboriginal Education Committee have provided strong leadership in the development of Aboriginal education programs and Aboriginal student support at our school.

Trade Training Centre Nearing Completion

The construction of our $1M trade training facility is nearing completion. The fit out will enable the facility to be used as a training centre for those wishing to train as a commercial cook. The facility also includes a first floor outdoor bistro. Our students will continue to participate in learning programs in one of the best equipped schools with highly skilled and genuinely caring staff. We anticipate classes will commence in the new facility in term 1 2016.
Year 7 2016 Orientation

Happy, confident and excited would be my descriptors for a wonderful group of Year 6 students who have participated in the orientation day activities for Year 7 2016 at school this week. After training at the Fearless Camp, Year 10 have done a fine job hosting the students for their important day. Thanks to Year Adviser, Peter Beck and Peer Support Program leader Penny Cooper and Connie D’Anna.

Rob Walker – Principal

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 over confident 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/dontrightyourtiredself.html
This week I was out and about with my camera and found some Year 8 students getting into the swing of their new subjects. Harry was enjoying Rock & Water with Mr Weekes and Ms Cotten had her Indonesian class jazzing up their task box.

All parents and caregivers are invited to attend our Evans River K-12 Merit Assembly on 4th December at 12:00 pm. And our Annual Presentation Assembly, 14th December at 11:30 am, Please come along to celebrate our students’ achievements.

Our K-6 clothing pool urgently needs school shirts, we would love any donations of second hand primary shirts to have as spare stock. Any students moving onto Year 7 who do not need their shirts anymore, the school would be very grateful to take these.

In 2016 Year 11 STEP students who are participating in Living Skills are undertaking a “different approach” to their studies. They have created their own business “Start Thinking Environmental Products” (STEP).

Keep an eye out, they will be producing and selling hand made wooden kitchen utensils, cutting boards, veggie boxes and growing their own seasonal veggies. Watch this space for sale times and prices.

Our primary students finished their two week Intensive swimming last Friday, the students were very proud of their achievements in the pool and very happy to show me their progress. Many thanks to our primary staff and volunteers who go the extra mile in making sure our students are competent swimmers.

### K-6 AWARDS Term 4 Week 8

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