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School Attendance – Justifying an Absence
Section 22 of the Education Act (1990) requires the parents of children of compulsory school age to enrol them at a government school (or registered non-government school or to register them with the Office of the Board of Studies for home schooling). The Act also requires parents to ensure the regular attendance of their children at school.

Section 23 Education Act (1990)
- It is an offence for parents to fail to meet these obligations
- The Department undertakes legal action on behalf of the Minister when parents do not fulfill these obligations.
- Regular attendance: refers to 100% attendance at school: ie for each day the school is open for instruction, except in the case of absences for reasons deemed by the Principal to be justified.
- Erratic attendance: refers to attendance that falls below 100% where absences have not been justified.
- Unjustified absence: refers to absences that remain without satisfactory explanation. Legal reasons for justifying absence include illness, attendance at a family member or close friend’s funeral, and unforeseen events (eg flooding).

Parents can assume that if the explanation for an absence is not one of the aforementioned, the absence has been recorded as unjustified, whether or not a note has been provided.

Late Arrival at School – Procedures On Arrival
Students who arrive late at school are absent for the period of missed school time. An explanation needs to be provided to explain this absence as described above. Justification of absence is as described above. ‘Sleeping in’ is not an acceptable justification of an absence. On arrival at school all students are to report to the school office. The office staff will record the arrival time and provide the student with a late note to join class. Failing to report to the front office may result in the student being recorded as absent for the whole school day.

“OnStage” Sydney 2015
Last week fifteen Drama students in Years 10-12 travelled to Sydney to attend OnStage, a showcase of exemplar 2014 HSC Drama performances and projects. The students also viewed past production screenings of HSC texts (Embers and Parramatta Girls), participated in a Brecht workshop at Belvoir Theatre and attended a guided tour of the Parramatta Girls Home with a former resident. A highlight of the trip was attending a production of Phantom of the Opera.

I would like to thank Mr Beck and the students for a wonderful trip. I hope you
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are all inspired by your experiences in Sydney and I wish the senior students good luck with their HSC performances this year.

Kerri Daly-Drama Teach

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The P&C is holding a BBQ, book stall, tea, coffee & treats fund raiser at school during the NSW State elections on 28th March. We would welcome any donations of books, magazines, CD’s or DVD’s for the stalls (they can be left at the school office).

Last chance to register for the Healthy Lunch Box event. Tuesday 24th February Time: 9:15am - 9:45am at Evans River K-12 School. Call or email me to register.

Lyn Thomson—CLO 6682 6666  lyette.thomson8@det.nsw.edu.au

Congratulations to all our primary students who attended the PSSA Swimming at Ballina last Friday. Many of these students qualified to go onto the Far North Coast Primary Zone Swimming Carnival.

An exciting new venture is beginning shortly at Evans River School. The school has approved a substantial sum of money to purchase new brass & woodwind instruments, trumpets, saxophones, flutes and clarinets. The school is also funding tutors from Hot House Music (Ballina) to work with the students one day a week during school hours. The focus will be on students in Years 4 -5 as this is felt to be an optimum time to commence their interaction with music. They will be working towards the formation of a school ensemble to showcase their skills. (Stay tuned for more information from Peter Beck Music teacher)

In addition to the above new program Peter Beck is looking for expressions of interest from students (Kinder to Yr12) wanting to learn guitar and keyboards. This will also take place during school hours and be taught by the tutors from Hot House Music. These lessons will be at a cost of $20 an individual or groups of two at a cost of $10 each.

If you would like to book or enquire contact Peter Beck at school 6682 6666 or email him at peter.beck@det.nsw.edu.au

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