Tahj and the State Governor

A number of our students entered the Interrelate NSW No Bullying Art Competition. Almost 600 entries were received from over 170 schools. Tahj Hodder’s work was selected to receive a Highly Commended Award. Tahj, who is in Year 4, travelled to Sydney with his mum and dad, Stella and Roy to receive his award from NSW Governor General His Excellency The Honorable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd). It was a grand occasion and I was delighted to be able to be there with Stella and Roy to see Tahj receive his award. Well done Tahj on this wonderful achievement.

P&C Elections

On Monday of last week the P&C AGM was held. Allyson Cuskelly, our outgoing President was lauded for her work while in the role. Thanks Allyson for a fine job in a very important role. The subsequent elections saw most positions maintain their current occupants: Senior Vice-President Lyn Thomson; Junior Vice-President Donna Moore; Secretary Sue-Ellen Vallance; Treasurer Lisa Stewart; Assistant Treasurer Molly Forsyth; Canteen Committee Convenor Yvonne Sharpe; Canteen Committee members Donna Moore, Molly Forsyth, Charmaine Stevens, Jo Fardy, two school captains (TBA), Jan Hobbins; Uniform Convenors Kristen Gillespie & Gayle Turner; Uniform Committee members: Donna Moore, Alicia Manning, Jenny Weekes; Lockers Convenor: Lyn Thomson; Fund Raising (Morning Meeting) Convenor Jan Hobbins; Fund Raising (Morning Meeting) members: Jo Fardy, Molly Forsyth, Gayle Turner, Alicia Manning, Kristen Gillespie, Pippa McGregor, Naomi Amison, Jenny Weekes, Kylie Roach, Debbie Webster (membership is open to all parent/carers). I hope to be able to advise of the new President in next week’s newsletter.

Absence Notifications via SMS – Parents Please Update #s

As previously advised the school is moving to use SMS messaging as a way of advising parents of student absence. There are some important checks required by parents to ensure the system works effectively. Most importantly we need parents to ensure we have the correct mobile numbers saved in the system and that these numbers are saved in the correct order. Parents are also asked to ensure that emergency contact names (used when parents are unable to be reached) are as they currently wish them to be. If you are not confident the school has this information listed as you would prefer, please call the school office to discuss. Emailing updated information may be a preferred option for some.
I would like to thank everyone for helping in canteen this term. The mango donations were fantastic and well utilized. We have had a solid start to another productive year here in canteen.

Anyone interested in spending some time in canteen please come and see me. Have a great Easter break and enjoy your school holidays.

See you in Term 2

Fay Granger,
Canteen Supervisor.

Diary
This Week - Week 10 Term 1 - Week B
Apr 02 Performance Assembly K-12 Last Day of Term 1 12 noon
Apr 03 Good Friday Public Holiday

Next Week - Week 1 Term 2 - Week A
Apr 20 School Development Day Staff Only
Apr 21 First Day of School Term 2 Students K-12
Apr 23 Evans River Cross Country Years K-12 Evans Head
CHS Regional Netball
Apr 24 ANZAC Day Ceremony Evans Head
CHS Regional Open Hockey

Coming Event
Apr 28 CHS Regional Lawn Bowls Coffs Harbour
Apr 29 MR Cross Country
Apr 30 CHS Regional Open Touch
Apr 30-May 1 UNE Open Days Year 12 Armidale
May 04 Year 7 2016 Information Evening
May 07 School Photos Evans River

Italian Exchange 2015-16
Reminder: We will be hosting 15 Italian students from the evening of Monday 31 August 2015 to Friday 18 September 2015. At this stage we are seeking Year 9 2015 students who are willing to participate in the exchange. It is possible to participate as hosts only and not participate in the return trip to Italy. Consequently we are looking for Year 9 2015 families who are willing to host our Italian guests when they arrive later this year. Further information is available from Mrs Entwistle, Mr Robertson or myself.

Rob Walker – Principal

K-6 Procedure for Students Waiting for Parents, Caregivers or Older Siblings Pickup
We are having increasing instances of students waiting to be collected after school and the procedures are as follows:
All students waiting for collection by parents/caregivers after school are expected to wait in bus lines (lining up outside of the computer room to have their name marked off).
Students are to wait in this area under the supervision of the teacher until collected by parent/caregiver.
The individual collecting students can either park in carpark and walk in to collect the students OR park in pick up bay on Cypress Street (southern end, near hall) where you can been seen from the primary area and students can walk out to your car.
No students are to wait at the front gate or the grass area near the carpark as they can not be adequately supervised by staff.
Students not collected from bus lines by 3.20 will be escorted to wait at the Deputy Principal’s office, where parent/caregiver will need to come in to collect the student.
Kristin Piccoli - Assistant Deputy Principal

Science Department SOS
The Science Department is in need of any old saucepans with or without lids (any size). We would also like any chopping boards, strainers or sieves and ice cream containers (any size). These items may not sound very scientific but are extremely useful in a variety of areas in our science department. Our science staff appreciate your donations and these can be left at the office.

Science Department

2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge
The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. Over the next few months we will showcase books and authors on the list for this year. This week we feature Allan Ahlberg.

Allan Ahlberg
Born: Croydon, 1938
Previous jobs: Postman, gravedigger and plumber’s mate – as well as a teacher

Allan Ahlberg was a teacher for ten years before he wrote his first book, The Brick Street Boys. For that, and many subsequent prize-winning picture books such as The Baby’s Catalogue, Peepol and The Jolly Postman, Allan wrote the stories which his wife, Janet, illustrated. This perfect collaboration sadly came to an end when Janet died in 1994, but Allan has continued to write collections and picture books as well as novels and poetry, most of which is inspired by his years as a teacher.

Canteen News
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P&C News
Our next meetings will be held on Monday 18th May 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.
The EcoWarrior Primary students would like to thank Mrs McGeary and Ross McFarlane for showing them around the Ag Farm. Our Kinder and sometimes Year 1 classes get to visit the farm to see the baby animals but our EcoWarriors explained that they had never been down to the farm and they were interested in the Environmental activities that take place there. Thank you also to our senior students Erica Bayliss, Mya Tosomeen & Bonnie Wilson who also enlightened the students on the workings of the farm.

**Fundraiser BBQ**
**Evans River K-12 School P&C**

Books, books and more books that’s what we now have for our big book stall on Saturday. Whether you are looking for children’s books or adult novels, magazines or non-fiction we have them all starting at 20c . We also have CD’s DVD’s, some VHS as well as quite a few jigsaw puzzles. There will also be plants for sale.

While you are waiting to vote why not try our delicious bacon and egg burger $3.00 or sausage sandwich $2.00 or even a bacon, egg & sausage burger $4.00. We will also have cold drinks, tea and coffee with cakes, slices and biscuits or better still fresh baked scones with jam and cream.

See you there on Saturday from 7:30am

All funds raised by the P&C will go to fund projects for the benefit of students from Kinder to Year 12

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**Canteen Roster - Week B**

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**Science Trivia!**

**This Week’s Question:** Which chemical element, number 11 in the Periodic table, has the symbol Na?

**Last Week’s Question:** To which animal does the word lupine refer? **WOLF**

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**K-6 AWARDS Term 1 Week 8**

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Lyn Thomson CLO
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lynette.thomson8@det.nsw.edu.au

This years Learner Driver Course will be held at the school on Tuesday 5th May at 5:30pm. The venue is the school library. This free 2 hour workshop is provided by NSW Roads and Maritime Services. At the workshop you will be able to learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver.

I attended last year’s workshop and it is amazing how many things change, it’s a great workshop for parents or grandparents who are teaching a learner driver.

Ph: 6650 1969 Freecall 1300 359 968 or the School Office: 6682 6666

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HOLIDAY PROGRAM

In the lead up to:

CRANKFEST YOUTH FESTIVAL
SATURDAY 18TH APRIL 2015

* Crankfest Sponsors: Aim to Please Laser Skirmish @ Evans River Community School 8th April 11am - 2pm
  EVANS HEAD Vs KYOGLE Vs CASINO
  FREE FOR Ages 12-20 BEACH AND BBQ after...........

* Tree Wrapping: Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th meet at the Evans Head Skate park @ 11am

* Volunteers needed to BUMP in for Crankfest Friday 17th April to get as much done the day before.

Phone MRNC Youth Service for information or a lift. (02) 6682 4334 or Michele: 0417 178 967

WWW.CRANKFEST.COM.AU

Half Tide Board Riders, The Bowlo & Stormboy Productions invite you to a surf movie bonanza.

Featuring Tim Bonython “Immersion”, George Greenoughs “Innermost Limits of pure fun” (footage of Snapper Point EH) & “Kongs Island” on a 6 meter outdoor cinema.

Raffles with great prizes to be won. $10 donation per person or $20 per family.

Saturday 11th April 6.30pm 2015 at the Evans Head Bowlo on the Western Green, bring a picnic blanket to sit on. All ages welcome!

(Screened inside if raining.)

MRNC Youth Service is in Oaks Arcade
Open until 5:30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays
Painting Poles in Coraki after school on Wednesdays 4 - 6pm (this term)
For anyone who needs to see a youth worker after school
or is interested helping organise after school activities or volunteering.
Just Drop in or call 6682 4334 office hours to make a time to meet. Welcome Luke Hayward back to the MRNC Youth Team

Uniform Store
Eftpos Available
Secondary shirts and sports shirts (sizes 14/16/18) are now in stock
Girls Skorts Size 8-16 with logo $23
Boys Ruggers No Logo only $13
The School Uniform Store operates each Friday 8:30am to 9:30am

Location: Faulks Reserve, Riverside Dr, West Ballina
Date: 15th of April 2015
Booking close: 13th of April 2015

Contact: Milan Duwenhogger-Lange
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