Before too long students will receive their half yearly reports. This is a time to reflect on many fine achievements our students are recording. Students are encouraged to identify the things they are doing well. Parents are asked to discuss reports with their child highlighting the positives. It is also a time for looking at where improvements need to be made. This can be identifying areas of learning, application to study or improved personal organisation.

### Italian Exchange
Planning for the 2015-16 Italian exchange is progressing. The opportunity to participate has been extended to include Year 8 2015 as well as students of Year 9 this year. A letter has been sent home with Year 8 students explaining arrangements and how to register interest in participating. We will have 14 Italian students with us August 31 - September 18 2015. It is planned that our students will travel to Italy April 2 - 22 (approximate dates). The exchange provides a wonderful life opportunity for students to learn more of friends who grow up in another country. Previous participants have spoken effusively about their enjoyment and the rich learning from their involvement.

### Trade Skills Centre Update
Officials from the Department of Education and the Department of Public Works attended the school this week to progress planning for the $1M construction of our Commercial Cookery and outdoor bistro facility. Plans are 99% completed. We anticipate tenders being called next month, closing during July and being let during August. The completed works are due for handover to the school from the first day of school 2016. While the works are being completed a demountable Food Technology unit will operate at the school to ensure continuity of classes. A part of the tender requires that for the days the HSC examinations use the gymnasium, no work will be undertaken on site. This amounts to only those days where very large candidature courses are being sat: three days in total. While we anticipate the northern car park will remain operational for most of the period of construction there will be some days where heavy machinery, including cranes, will be used and the car park will be closed. Advanced warning is anticipated.

Rob Walker – Principal

### SCU Chemistry Day
Our senior cohort of eight HSC Chemistry students represented Evans River K-12 at the SCU Lismore Campus last Wednesday, along with 15 other regional schools, to participate in enrichment activities aimed to enhance studies of Chemistry. Practical sessions centered on student Titration skills, Sulfate analysis,
Diary

This Week - Week 7 Term 2 - Week A

- Jun 02: Science and Engineering Challenge Yr 10 at SCU
- Jun 03: Hair and Beauty Students to TAFE in Wollongbar
- Jun 05: PSSA Cross Country at Kempsey, CHS Regional Cross Country at Primary Girls Network

Next Week - Week 8 Term 2 - Week B

- Jun 08: Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- Jun 12: K-6 Athletics Carnival Field Events and Car Wash for Italian Exchange

Coming Event

- Jun 15: P&C Meetings 9:00am and 4:30pm at Library
- Jun 16-17: Mobile Dental Visits
- Jun 18: CHS Regional Open Softball at Lismore
- Jun 19: CHS Zone Athletics at Lismore, Primary Athletics Carnival- Track Events
- Jun 22: NAIDOC Assembly
- Jun 23: Minyumi Aboriginal Students Excursion
- Jun 24: NAIDOC Activities Day
- Jun 25: Performance Assembly & Preliminary Awards at 12:00pm
- Jun 26: Last Day of Term 2

PSSA Boys Soccer Knockout

On Monday 19th May, the Evans River Primary Boys soccer team played the first two rounds of the NSW PSSA Soccer Knockout at Woodburn Soccer Fields.

Our first game was against Woodburn Primary School. It was a very close game with the final score 0-0. We won because we had the most corner kicks throughout the match. We then played against Coraki Primary School. We won 3-0. And now go on to play round 3 of the knockout.

Congratulations to all of the boys involved. We would like to thank the parents who transported us there and for cheering us on. Also thanks to Mr Fields for coaching us.

Darcy Banks, Oscar Forrester and Toby Stothard

CHS Regional Surf Competition

On Friday 15th May the ‘Super Groms’ of Evans River K-12 School competed in the CHS Regional Surf competition at Lennox Head. The team members were Zac McMahon, Codey Bell, Utah Chilcott, Alec Barker and Kobi Reilly. The surf conditions were wild and woolly, testing the fitness and skill levels of all competitors. Alec, Codey and Utah shredded their way into the quarters, however their run ended there. Zac McMahon also competed in the regionals the following day progressing into the semi-finals and just missed out on a spot in the finals. Zac will now be heading to Port Macquarie to compete in the State Titles. Well done Zac.

Robin Mather - Teacher

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Author Profile

Bob Graham is an Australian author, born on the 20th October 1942, he grew up in Sydney with his mother, father, sister and grandmother.

His hobbies and interests are drawing and painting and this was the path he followed at University. After graduation he went to the UK to live and returned to Sydney in 1969. He started his career as an illustrator and designer before he started writing. Some of Bob Graham’s more popular books are Blanket, Buffy, Queenie, Granddad’s Magic and Brand New Baby. Bob Graham now lives back in the UK.

One of the books on the Premier Reading Challenge list is “Greetings from Sandy Beach”. This is the story of a family camping adventure to Sandy Beach. First there are tears, then the campsite is overrun with a biker gang. The story is great fun and the biker gang actually turns out to be very helpful.

Zahli Moore - Year 6 Student

Beef Meets Reef Festival

Last weekend our students and staff were involved in this wonderful community event. There were student dancing, our choir sang the National Anthem and a Justice Crew song. Thanks to Mrs Delman and her parent, student and staff supporters who created our float for the parade. The parade had students of all ages involved in different community floats including our own. A special thanks to the Banks family for providing their vehicle and boat for the march. It was a day of community celebration and involvement that was enjoyed by all.

Yvonne Sharpe - Deputy Principal K-7
Our primary gardens are having a little trouble with hungry wallabies who visit after dark and think our veggies are delicious. If anyone in the community has any good fencing or fence panels that they no longer need we would love to take them off your hands, we would put them around our veggie gardens to keep out the wallabies.

Our Year 6 students are very lucky as they get to do woodwork in the high school facilities and learn all about the basics of using tools safely and how to make interesting and useful items.

The Mid Richmond Education Fund was established some years ago to assist and support local young people. The fund gains its income through fundraising, grants and donations. The fund supports a diverse range of education and career pursuits, which may include trade apprenticeships, traineeships, university degrees and diploma courses. They can assist with trade tools, other practical course costs and text books etc. Twice a year the fund calls for applications for assistance from young people who reside in the Mid Richmond Area, the next round of assistance opens on 31/8/2015. Go to their website for further information www.midrichmondeducationfund.org

The fund is also looking for addition board members if you are interested in supporting the youth of the area, contact their secretary at samantha_elley@hotmail.com

DON’T FORGET to put this date in your diary - The DENTAL van will be back at school on the 16th & 17th June. A great opportunity to have your child’s teeth checked locally, payments can be made using Child Dental Benefits Schedule. More information on how to book closer to the date.

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**Science Trivia!**

**This Week’s Question:** Reed, Marsh, Sedge and Grasshopper are varieties of which bird?

**Last Week’s Question:** Orbiting 35,900km above the equator, what term is given to satellites that remain above the same point on the Earth’s surface in their orbit?

**Answer:** Geostationary
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All you need to do is take out any Home Loan with NAB and they will donate a percentage of that amount back to your School – it is simple.

For further information please email Merrilyn.M.Grant@nab.com.au or contact NAB on 02 66 226397.

The Northern NSW Local Health District would like to remind parents and carers that the Child Oral Health Service offers FREE dental care to ALL children under 18.

Oral health is essential for health and wellbeing. It is recommended that children have regular dental checkups starting at 1 year of age. Regular dental checkups can prevent minor problems becoming major ones and prevent unnecessary pain and distress. Dental visits can be fun for kids, treat these visits as normal, routine events so as not to develop fear.