Year 7 2016 Information Evening

Somewhere between 55 and 60 families joined us on Monday evening to hear about our school and be hosted by students, largely SRC members, on a tour of the school facilities. Presentations were given at eleven stations in various parts of the school. The school has received considerable positive feedback on the evening. We look forward to these students commencing Year 7 next year under the guidance of Year Adviser, Mr Peter Beck.

Warning Letters

The school is required by law or statutory authority to issue formal letters from time to time. These letters are generally provided by the Department in a specified format and with the required wording. They are intended to be used in all relevant school setting across the state. In some instances the letters are very direct and not cognisant of the broader achievements of a student but are nevertheless required to be issued. Letters like this are issued for purposes such as non-submission or late submission of assessment tasks and plagiarism. It is the school’s intent to work with parents in the raising of each child, understanding each as an individual, and seeking to see each student achieve their personal best. We are also conscious the students participate in a society with agreed norms and standards which need to be met for achievements to be formally accepted and recognised.

Preliminary Reports

Senior students have completed the preliminary component of their courses. Reports are currently being completed. Parents are encouraged to discuss their child’s achievement in their courses including ensuring the student’s life arrangements are in the best place for high quality school outcomes.

Rob Walker – Principal

Early Action for Success – Guided Reading

On behalf of the students and teachers, I express heartfelt thanks to Alecia Manning, Maree & Gayle Turner, Jenny Weeks, Lana Smith, Rachel Barany and any other parents for the wonderful job you did covering all of the guided readers and preparing the reading boxes ready for the teachers to use in their classrooms.

Thank you so much, Kindergarten for helping carry all of the guided reading boxes to the reading room.
**Diary**

**This Week - Week 4 Term 2 - Week B**

- **May 11**  Immunisations Years 7, 11 & 12  
  Location: Library
- **May 12-14**  NAPLAN for Years 3,5,7,9
- **May 13**  Forensic Science Work Shop Yrs 4-6  
  Location: Evans River
- **May 14**  Forensic Science Work Shop Yrs 9-10  
  Location: Evans River
- **May 15**  CHS Zone Cross Country  
  Location: Lismore
  Northern Rivers Career Expo  
  Location: Goonellabah
  CHS Regional Surf Comp  
  Location: Ballina

**Next Week - Week 5 Term 2 - Week A**

- **May 18**  P&C Meetings 9:00am and 4:30pm  
  Location: Library
  Primary Boys Soccer  
  Location: Woodburn
  Kinder 2016 Information Evening
- **May 19**  Years 7-12 Athletics Carnival
  Kindergarten Dental Visit 9:00 - 11:00am
- **May 20**  Primary District Rugby Trials
  K-6 Social, Performance Hall  
  Time: 5:30-7pm
- **May 22**  Primary Zone Cross Country

**Coming Event**

- **May 29**  Pre School-Year 2 Mini sports Carnival
- **May 30**  Italian Exchange Garage Sale
- **Jun 02**  Science and Engineering Challenge Yr 10  
  Location: SCU
- **Jun 05**  PSSA Cross Country  
  Location: Kempsey
- **Jun 08**  Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- **Jun 12**  K-6 Athletics Carnival Field Events

**Absence Notifications via SMS.**

The SMS system the school implemented this term has been well received by parents and carers. The system is working well with parents and carers replying to our messages in a prompt manner. If your child is absent and you receive an SMS your return text is a sufficient explanation of the absence. There is no need to send a hand written note as well. The content of the text message is what will be recorded for your child.

**Office Staff**

**Cross Country**

A magnificent day on Thursday 23rd April enabled a hot afternoon of racing. Congratulations to the Shark house who finished 1st on 628 points, Stingrays 2nd on 584, Marlins 3rd 574 and Dolphins 4th with 464 points.

The top six finishes in each age group are encouraged to participate in the CHS zone carnival on the 15th May 2015.

**Phil Cook - PDHPE Teacher**

**Cross Country Age Champions 2015**

- **12 Years**  Grace Mediero  
  Harrison Whittaker
- **13 Years**  Chloe James  
  Kiah Waters
- **14 Years**  Narwunda Roberts  
  Zack McMahon
- **15 Years**  Rachael Redman  
  Michael Lock
- **16 Years**  Lailarni Walker  
  Zac Armstrong
- **17 Years**  Tanika Tarrant  
  Connor Uebergang
  Bethany Gordon

**Canteen Roster - Week B**

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**Immunisation Schedule 2015**

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**The new Guided Reading desks have arrived. These tables seat 4-6 students to read to the teacher at the same time. Sitting in the middle of this desk allows the teacher to observe and assist all students seated at the desk. These desks have been purchased for Kindergarten, Year 1 and both 2/3 classrooms.**

**HSC Chemistry**

Congratulations to all members of the HSC Chemistry cohort for the terrific start made in the first HSC assessment task. More student displays of the wonderful models illustrating polymer chemistry can be found in F3.
**Science Trivia!**

**This Week’s Question:** What is DNA an abbreviation for?

**Last Week’s Question:** Which part of a horse’s anatomy is the equivalent of a human ankle?

**Answer:** Fetlock

**Request from Science Faculty**

From time to time students build models as part of the science curriculum. At the moment we are in need of some common household “rubbish”. Toilet Rolls, Cardboard cylinders from paper towel, foil gladwrap etc. Science staff would also appreciate any tin cans (baked beans type) any size. These can be left at the office. We appreciate your help.

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Enrolments are now open for Evans River Kindergarten 2016
Come along to our Kindergarten Information Night
Meet the staff and find out what Kinder at Evans River School is all about.
WHEN: Monday 18th May 6-7pm
WHERE: Kindergarten room at Evans River K-12 School

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Peter Beck is the Year 7 Adviser for 2016 and he welcomed the large group of families who attended our Year 7 Information evening last Monday night. Congratulations to our SRC representatives who led the families on a walk through the school and thank you to all our teachers who opened their classrooms for the night.

Lyn Thomson  CLO 66826666 lynette.thomson8@det.nsw.edu.au

★ Thank you to Jo Fardy, Jenny Weekes, Rebecca Yourell, Jan Hobbins & Gayle Turner for all their help with the Mother’s Day stall on Wednesday. Special thanks to Bev Jones (one of our special grandmothers in the school) who made many of the gifts for the stall. Bev’s gifts and the lovely cards she made were very popular with the students.

Thank you also to Bunnings Ballina for their donation of 20 large bags of Blood & Bone which will be used in our Agriculture plot. Another thank you to Graeme Bell (parent) for picking the bags up from Bunnings and delivering them to the school.

Mr Walker has mentioned in previous newsletters that the school is looking into introducing electronic devices for students. No decision has been made as to which year or which classes will be using them. Possible suggestions have been from either year 4 or year 7. There is also the question of which device? Such as a laptop, an iPad or an android tablet. We would like parents feedback as to which years they think appropriate for children to commence using one of these devices and which electronic device they prefer.

We can discuss this further at our morning P&C meeting on Monday 18th May, or you can send your ideas by email to my above address. We are anticipating that some devices will be made available for day use where purchasing is a difficulty.

DON’T FORGET to put 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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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 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.