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Safety at our School

There are a range of activities and routines at our school which seek to ensure our children grow up in a safe environment. As you will see later in the newsletter we were pleased to welcome to our school site a number of the emergency services – sirens went off, fire engines and ambulances appeared, road safety was discussed... to name just a few. During the week the school also conducted a ‘lock down’ procedure. This was a practice should the real action be required at any time. A particular siren sounds and rooms of the school go into lock down – which means blinds are closed and doors locked so that entry from the exterior is only possible with a key. Aside from this activity a range of learning areas address personal safety or safety in use of equipment. Staff are involved in conducting risk assessments when variations to routines, such as excursions, are conducted. This process focusses on the safety of students. Our school is a uniform wearing school. Because all students wear the uniform staff are able to identify people on the site who are not students rapidly. The school also has a workplace health and safety committee which is regularly reviewing the safety of the site. At a school assembly two weeks ago I spoke to students about what they should do should they see something unsafe on site. Schools are one of the safest places in our society for these reasons.

Parent-Teacher Time

Recently parents of K-6 students have had the opportunity to discuss their child’s progress with the class teacher. On Monday afternoon, students of the older years will have their time. All parents are encouraged to take up the opportunity to discuss with teacher’s their child’s progress. When there is coherence in messages to a student from both home and school about the importance of schooling, it is easier for a young mind to move forward in their learning.

Rob Walker – Principal

Rock and Water Courses for Primary School Boys

A major task for the boys and their teachers is to learn to value and to control the enormous energy which is so typical for boys in the eldest groups of primary school. These boys have a very strong focus on physical action and achievement, so that is the starting-point of each lesson. The program teaches them to use their power in a more effective way and shows them how to deal with different kinds of conflicts. (Rock-and-Water attitude) Boys learn to stand stronger in many ways. In the playground and the classroom they learn to identify their limitations and possibilities, learn to communicate more effectively, learn to feel, set and defend their own boundaries and to respect others’ boundaries too.
Diary

This Week - Week 10 Term 2 - Week B

Jun 22 NAIDOC Assembly
Year 7-12 Parent/Teacher Night  4:30pm-6pm
Jun 23 Minyumai Aboriginal Students Excursion  Year 7-8
Jun 24 NAIDOC Activities Day  K-12
Jun 25 Performance Assembly & Preliminary Awards  12:00pm
Jun 26 Last Day of Term 2

Next Week - Week 1 Term 3- Week A

Jul 13 School Development Day  Staff Only
Jul 14 First day Term 3  Students K-12
Jul 16 Bond University Indigenous Students  Gold Coast

Coming Event

Jul 21 2016 Year 9,11,12 Subject Selection Evening
Year 9 & 10 Ag Excursion Tropical Fruit World
Year 12 Tertiary Expo Trinity
Lismore
Jul 24 Mid Richmond Athletics Carnival  Evans Head
Jul 27-31 Education Week
Jul 30 Senior Music Task Performance Night  6pm
Years 3-12 Maths Competition

Some basic self-defence skills are taught. The emphasis is on simple, harmless wrestling forms such as the tai-chi exercise of "pushing-hands". Physical contact exercises are linked with other forms of communication in order to improve communication abilities. This physical approach encourages discipline and perseverance in the boys and teaches boys how to deal with conflicts without losing self-control.

Our school has been operating Rock and Water for the past 5 years and have had many successes. Some students have used these strategies as they have moved into high school and continue to use these strategies.

Our groups consisted of 8-10 boys at a time.

Myself and Mr Ben Weekes have been operating this program. Usually an Infants K-2 and a Primary program as separate groups.

Our sessions this year have run each Wednesday afternoon after lunch, but during Term 2 the course has operated in conjunction with Peer Support.

Any enquiries please don't hesitate to contact Mr Glen Cook or Mr Ben Weekes about this program.

Mr Glen Cook- K-6 Teacher

Mini Sports Carnival 2015

On Friday 29th May, we held our annual Mini Sports Carnival for students who will be entering school next year, Kinder and Year 1. The aim of the day was to assist the transition of students who will be starting Kindergarten next year by allowing them to see the facilities, get to know the teachers and other students, and to feel comfortable in the school environment. Students got to participate in a range of throwing, catching and gross motor activities. Kindergarten said some of their favourite activities were the parachute, agility circuit and the playground. “I loved it,” said Natayla. Jaiden reported, “I like the (activity) that you had to climb over and balance” (the agility circuit).

Thank you to the parents and Year 5/6 helpers that assisted in running activities and leading groups

Kristin Piccolli- K-6 Teacher

Safety Day 2015

Today Senior Constable Ryan (Policewoman) came to Evans River School and told us about cyberbullying. Cyberbullying is when you’re bullying someone through the internet like Facebook or Instagram. Sometimes people use them to talk to family but it’s usually for talking to friends. To have these you have to be 13 years old and over but for KIK, you have to be 17 and over. The reason why we have age limits is because there are people who try to get details like your phone number, your school, your address and all other sorts of things.

Courtney Norman- Year 5

PSSA Girls Netball

Last Friday, 12th June 2015, Primary girls netball team competed in the PSSA Netball Gala Day in Lismore. The Girls were defeated by Illuka and Woodburn but were able to win against Lismore South. They put in 100% and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. Congratulations girls, you are fantastic team.

(Photos Page 3)

Kylie Elliott - K-6 Teacher

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Author Profile

Barack Obama: Barack Obama was born on 4th August 1961. He grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii. His hobbies and interests are reading, watching TV, visiting friends, eating out and playing games. He has read every Harry Potter Book, he can speak Spanish and his name means one who is blessed in Swahili.

He is the President of the United States of America. Prior to this he was a college professor. Before he became president he was a published book author, his masterpiece is 'Dreams from my Father' this is the story of a young man on a quest for identity and belonging.

Mr Obama has one book on the Premiers reading challenge list called. ‘Of thee I sing - a letter to my daughters’.

Finn Gillespie- Year 6

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Discover Engineering

Topics
- Areas to be addressed include: Why be an Engineer? What do Engineers Do? How do you Become an Engineer? What is it Like to Study Engineering?
- Guest speakers include: Engineering professionals, university representatives and university students

Date
- Thursday 25th June 2015
- 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Palace Surf Club, Lighthouse Parade, East Ballina

Register
- Registration essential by: Monday 22nd June 2015
- Register on: 02 4911 7310 or www.engineersaustralia.org.au/newcastle-division

Kylie Elliott - K-6 Teacher
Science Trivia!
This Week’s Question: What type of tree is often found in churchyards?

Last Week’s Question: A leveret is the young of which animal?

Answer: Hare

The school has received an amazing gift of over $3000 from the community. The funds were raised through the Evans Head Rugby League Club better known as the Bombers. Sherekah Gordon, Lloyd Lowah and Brenda Gordon (Parents and Grandparent of Latrell Gordon, Year 1) were the movers and shakers in raising these funds. The family initially raised the funds to purchase football jerseys with Autism logos on them to raise awareness of Autism; with the aim of auctioning the shirts off after the game to raise funds for Autism. Last Saturday after a BIG win 52 to 6 against Mullumbimby the shirts were laundered and then auctioned off at the Evans Head RSL. The auction raised over $3000 and the funds were donated to our school to purchase equipment to help students with disabilities such as Autism.

Thank you very much everyone

Another boost to the school’s finances this week was from the P&C. As a school that does not have an abundance of money our faculties are often short of equipment and wondering how to fund it. Over the past months the P&C has asked the faculties in the school to submit to them their wish list for items that they would like to have funded. Many wish lists were submitted and while the P&C would have liked to fund all the requests their funds were limited, after discussions and considerations they chose eight to fund. Marine Studies snorkelling equipment, Science equip, Green Team equip, Drama equip, Gym Mats, Playground cleaning equip, two Honour Boards (Captains and Duxes), K-12 Sports shirts. Thank you to the P&C for all your hard work

Safety Day was a big success here are a few highlights from the day.

Canteen Roster - Week B

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

Brad Mayes, Brenda Gordon, Cheryl McCarthy (back row)
Lloybron, Latrell, Sherekah Gordon, & Lloyd Lowah (front row)
Sandcastles Early Education Centre
UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT
4 School Lane, Evans Head

Before and After School Care and Vacation Care
Offering Before and After School care five days a week from 6.30am to 6.30pm
Educators are able to walk children to the bus stop in the morning and collect in the afternoon.
Now securing bookings for vacation care in the upcoming school holidays!
Comprehensive school aged program with fun holiday activities.
Early Childhood Teachers and qualified experienced educators.
Vacancies in Nursery, Toddler and Preschool Room.
Please contact Rachel on
Ph: 66825244
sandcastlesEH@bigpond.com

Rileys Hill Car Boot Market Day
When: Sunday 28th June
Time: 8:30am – 1:00pm
Where: Rileys Hill Hall
$10 a stall (Funds raised for the community)
To register for a stall please contact:
Corrine on 0402932227 or
rinfisher@hotmail.com

Sandcastles

Prenatal Information
2 Sessions

When: 22nd & 29th June 2015
Where: The Scout Hall
22 Mangrove Street Evans Head

Morning Tea provided

Topics discussed: Stages of labour, Readiness and signs of labour, Positions for labour, Services available in the area, Nutrition & managing emotions.

Bonus Treats: Wk 1 - Coconut face mask & Wk 2 - Belly Cast

Please register your details with Tessa: (02) 6682 4334 or 0434 674 232
Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre

Please Note—The cut off time for information to be included in the newsletter is 2:00pm Tuesday
Newsletter will be printed on Wednesday afternoons.