Senior Program

Many are aware the school conducted a review during 2014 into the 3+3 model used to deliver our senior curriculum. The model was introduced in 2009 following consultations with parents, students and staff. At that time the projected pro’s and con’s of the model were also identified. During 2014 the review team

- reviewed the HSC results achieved under the 3+3 model when compared to the traditional model,
- made judgements about the pro’s and con’s and whether the projected became the real,
- surveyed parents, staff and students,
- made contact with other schools operating the model
- made contact with the NSW Board of Studies regarding the model and any change in number of schools using the model, and
- consideration was given to the use of the staffing benefit associated with the use of the model.

The review findings were presented at the school development day on Thursday 18 December 2014 and included the recommendation that the number of periods per two unit course be increased from 16 to 17 periods.

Use of school diaries and other activities to improve student personal organisation, experiences be provided enabling better preparation for senior schooling have also been suggested.

At an executive meeting early in 2015, it was determined that I would meet with staff teams and community representation to discuss the key deliverables of the model and listen to points people wished to bring forward. Subsequent to this I presented a determination at the Executive meeting on 14/7/15, the P&C meeting on 20/7/15 and the School Council meeting on 27/7/15 that the model will continue to be used to deliver the senior curriculum at the school. Some reasons for the determination included

- very significant benefits in the staffing of the school bringing about an unusually broad curriculum in the senior school given the cohort size,
- capacity to operate a broader range of electives in Years 9 and 10,
- capacity to operate smaller class sizes in core subjects 7-10,
- capacity to offer alternate learning programs specifically targeting groups of students with identified needs
- provision of time allowances to staff on a fortnightly basis to undertake specific duties
- provision of time to staff to undertake day long, or longer, projects to benefit the learning outcomes of the students

Eleven considerations have also been brought forward for further discussion by the school executive over the coming weeks.

Rob Walker, Principal
### Diary

**This Week - Week 4 Term 3 - Week B**

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**Next Week - Week 5 Term 3 - Week A**

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### Coming Event

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### Village Players Production 2015

Buy your tickets now for the Village Players next production ‘The Dixie Swim Club’, directed by Su Dorland.

At only $16 per person, table bookings can be made at the Evans Head Living Museum (behind the library) on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings between 9:00am and 1:00pm.

Show dates are 24, 25, 26, 31 July and August 1. Evening sessions start at 7:30pm and the Sunday matinee at 2:30pm.

Tickets will also be available at the door (30 minutes before show start) if you cannot pre-book.

The cast and crew are enthusiastically rehearsing for this delightful play about friendships that last forever.

Make sure you don't miss this Jones Hope Wooten comedy as it's sure to be a great night out.

For further information, ring Maureen On 6682 5841 or 0437 398 961.

### P&C News

**Stepping Stones Triple P Parenting Seminars Series**

Is this you?

Most of the times, you know you are doing a good job with parenting. But there are times when things get a little tricky. Like when your toddler won't eat her dinner. Or your six-year-old won't share his toys. If only someone could give you some ideas to make those times easier! If this sounds like you, then a Stepping Stones Triple P seminar may be right for you.

**What is a Stepping Stones Seminar?**

Stepping Stones Triple P seminars tackle the most common issues for parents of children with a disability. Seminars are for large groups of parents – possibly 20 or more. It’s an informal presentation, a little like a public forum. There are three seminars that each last 90 minutes and cover a different topic. We encourage parents to try to attend all three.

**When:**

- **Seminar 1** – **Positive Parenting for Children With a Disability**
  - Wednesday August 12th 10am-12pm
- **Seminar 2** – **Helping Your Child Reach Their Potential**
  - Wednesday August 19th 10am-12pm
- **Seminar 3** – **Changing Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour**
  - Wednesday August 26th 10am-12pm

**Where:**

- **Scout Hall**
  - Cnr of Mangrove and Cherry Street Evans Head, NSW

**Cost:**

FREE as part of a research project

**Who:**

Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability age 2-12 years

**How:**

RSVP by contacting the NSW Stepping Stones Triple P Project Team Call (02) 9114 4106 or email the.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au

For more information contact:

Stepping Stones Triple P Project Team NSW - (02) 9114 4106 or the.steppingstones@sydney.edu.au

Fiona Holocaust, Lead Triple P Facilitator, Tressa Kennedy, Family Support Worker (mo) 0414 474 232

### Premier’s Reading Challenge

**Author Profile**

Paul Jennings: was born on the 30th of April 1943 in Heston, Middlesex, United Kingdom. He graduated with a Bachelor of Education studies from Frankston Teacher’s College in 1978. He then went to Lincoln Institute and became a speech pathologist.

“Stage Fright” is a book written by Paul on the Premier Reading Challenge 5-6 booklist. The book contains scripts for the stage adaptations of four of his popular stories. There are many more books written by this author included on the booklist such as “Unreal”, “Uncovered” and “Quirky Tails”

By Jacob Yourell Year 6

### Get Paid While you Study to Become a Teacher in NSW Public Schools!

If you're considering teaching as a career, you could get paid while you study and be guaranteed a permanent teaching position when you graduate with one of the Department of Education's opportunities for future teachers.

**Teacher Education Scholarships**

Get paid while you study to become a teacher of a high-demand subject area. Up to 220 Teacher Education Scholarships are available for future teachers of mathematics, science (with physics), selected Technological and Applied Studies subjects or special education (K-12). Up to 80 Teacher Education Scholarships are available for Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders to train as primary or secondary teachers. Teacher Education Scholars receive: $5000 per year up to a maximum of five years a permanent teaching job in an agreed location on completion of studies $3000 on completion of studies.

If you're not sure if teaching is the right career for you, or you haven't decided what type of teacher you'd like to become, explore what it's like to be a teacher at: www.teach.nsw.edu.au/exploreteaching.


Applications close 18 September 2015.

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*Image of Village Players Production 2015*
I’m pleased to announce that the fairies can finally visit Evans Head. On Tuesday Julie Rolton and Brett Jones from Bunnings Ballina joined me in putting it all together. (Thank you Bunnings) I’ve been working on installing the fairy garden for some time and it’s lovely to now see the children using their imagination while playing in the garden. Part of the fun of the garden is turning unwanted or unused items into a fairy garden object. I encourage the children and families to add preloved items to the garden it’s surprising what the fairies like!! And Recycling is great.

Every Monday afternoon Ben Weekes and Mr Cook run a program called Rock & Water. This program is about personal development and learning how to deal with conflict situations. It’s a very successful program and one the boys really enjoy.

The P&C is running a Bunning BBQ at Ballina this coming Sunday 2nd August. If you are in the area drop in for a sausage sandwich.

Brenda Mason runs the hairdressing classes with our students every Wednesday. Last week they took advantage of the nice day and had an outdoor lesson.

Science Trivia!

This Week’s Question: What unit do barometers and weather maps usually display atmospheric pressure in?

Last Week’s Question: What acid accumulates in the muscles once the anaerobic threshold is passed when doing exercise?

Answer: Lactic Acid

Canteen Roster - Week B

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K-6 AWARDS Term 3 Week 2

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Dirrawong Awards

Justice Savage, Jace Savage, Byran Horseman, Phoebe Eyles
**Evans River Rugby “Killer Whales”**

Are you smarter than a 5th Grader?

**TRIVIA NIGHT**

Theme: “Back to the Old School Days”

Where: Illawong Hotel

When: Saturday 1st August

Time: 6pm Start

Teams: 6 people

Cost: $10 per head

Quiz Master: Jarred Cameron

Bring a plate of snacks for your table to share.

Come along for a night of fun and games with prizes galore for those who are not good at trivia.

Bookings can be made through Gary Roberts on 0418 467 953

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**Uniform Store**

Eftpos Available

The Uniform store is now fully stocked with Winter Jumpers in both Fleece and Chinooks styles including larger sizes for our older students.

The School Uniform Store operates each

Friday 8:30am to 9:30am

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**Costal Clarence/Richmond Valley**

Evans Head Gymnastics Squad

Gymnastics Classes started last week,

Trial classes are $15 per session.

Thursday 4:30-5:30 age 5-9 5:30-6:30 age 10-17.

There is some spots still available in the age 5-9 class for all enquiries call Mallika on 0403 208 729. We are also looking for qualified staff to help run these classes you can email ccgymnastics@live.com.au with expressions of interest. The club is also buying back old singlets @ $10 per singlet if you have any old ones you can drop them into the club in the next few weeks.

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**It’s Tax Time Again!**

The Tax Help Program provides a trained volunteer who will do your simple tax return for you FOR FREE. All returns will be done via MyGov and MyTax. Tax Help will be offered out of the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre from July 27th.

Please phone 02 6682 4334 to book your appointment.

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**Playgroup**

@ Evans Presbyterian Church

**When**: 10 - 11:30am on Wednesdays during The school terms

**Cost**: $2 each week per family

Our playgroup is about connecting together as parents, providing a safe and welcoming environment, listening to stories, singing songs, doing craft activities and playing games. Morning tea provided (ALLERGY FRIENDLY) and tea/coffee for parents. Any parent/carer and kids under 5 years are welcome!

For further information, please call 0400 143 557 or 6682 4976

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**GIRLS IN - Engineering, Science & IT**

Women are taking on the world - and taking up exciting careers in Engineering, Science and Information Technology.

Whether you are about to choose school subjects for your senior years or are looking for a career change, the GIRLS IN – Engineering, Science and Information Technology event provides a chance for you to investigate your options.

The evening will include guest speakers from industry as well as students talking about these areas - so you will hear first-hand what these careers are all about and have the chance to ask those curly questions.

Thursday, 20 August 2015

5.30 to 7pm followed by refreshments and networking

Balina Surf Club

66 Lighthouse Parade, East Balina

Attendance is FREE but please do RSVP to maree.sainis@nslscu.edu.au for catering purposes.

This event is open to men and women.

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**Feeling run down?**

Exhausted? Overwhelmed by emotion? | in need of a Winter reboot?

**Wednesday 5th August 2015**

10am - 11:30am

Scout Hall 22 Mangrove Street Evans Head

For more information, please contact the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre (02) 6682 4334

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**Come Relax with us!**

Breathing | Mindfulness Exercises | Information about Stress & Burnout

Facilitated by Tessa Family Worker from MRC and Dale Franklin Social Worker from Community Health

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