School Attendance

Members of the school executive participated in a learning session regarding school attendance: legal requirements on Tuesday. The session was led by Ms Shelly Cawley, Home-School Liaison Officer. The following was of note:

- It is the duty of parent of a child of compulsory school age to cause the child (6 to 17 years) to be enrolled at a government school (or registered non-government school) and to attend the school at all times when the school is open for the child's instruction or participation in school activities.

- Parents and carers must provide an explanation for ALL absences including lateness (our school requires this within 3 days of the absence). After the designated period, explanations for absences cannot be accepted and the absence is recorded as an unjustified absence.

- There are very few acceptable reasons for absence within the Act. In our circumstances sickness is the main acceptable reason and there are occasions where medical certificates must be provided to satisfactorily explain an absence (ie have the absence recorded as a justified absence).

- Parents and carers must work in partnership with the school to support regular attendance, communicating issues impacting on their child's attendance or engagement.

- School sport is part of the school curriculum and carries the same status as any other class.

- Students should not leave the school grounds during school hours unless participating in a school excursion. Principals may grant exemptions under specified conditions and in these circumstances students must carry a Departmental leave pass on them.

- Police may be engaged by Departmental (including school) staff to assist in ensuring school attendance requirements are met.

Italian Exchange

In a little over two weeks we will be welcoming fourteen students from ITAS Pietro Scalcerle, Padova, Italy. The students will be staying with students of our school August 31-September 18. We had our final planning meeting involving the hosting students and their families on Wednesday night. While with us the students will participate in regular classes, travel the ferry from Iluka to Yamba and return, visit, Byron Bay, Seaworld, Currumbin Sanctuary, Surfers Paradise and Brisbane. They will camp overnight at Rummery Park and visit Minyon Falls. They will participate in several classes focusing on our school rules, surf safety, sun safety, Australia's Deadlies, Australia's unique wildlife, Australian slang, Straya Day, local geography, Aboriginal culture, Aboriginal art, and Aussie Food. They will be with us for the Year 12 Volunteer Auction and the Year 12 Final Assembly. It is an exciting time! In advance, thanks to the hosting families and organising teachers Mrs Entwistle and Mr Robertson.

Rob Walker – Principal
Diary
This Week - Week 6 Term 3 - Week B
Aug 17  P&C Meetings 9am and 4:30pm  Library
Aug 18  Year 3 - 6 Spelling Bee  Evans River
Aug 19  Wellbeing Day Years 7/8
Aug 21 & 24  Keep Smiling Dental Van Returns  Evans Head
Aug 21  HSC Legal Studies Seminar  SCU Lismore

Next Week - Week 7 Term 3 - Week A
Aug 24  K-2 Spelling Bee  Evans River
        School Council Meeting 6pm  Library
Aug 25  Wellbeing Day Years 9/10
Aug 28  “Picnic by the Sea” Preschool -Year 2  PSSA Athletics Carnival  Coffs Harbour

PSSA FNC Athletics Carnival
The following students have qualified for events in the FNC Carnival this Friday 14th August: Lily Pollack, Kyla Flaherty, McKinley Amison, Aiden Amison, Luke Stewart, Jack Semple, Caelan Cooper, Oscar Forrester, Darcy Banks, Jessica Roche and Tahlia Howard. Well done to all these students.

Isaac Fields - Teacher Years K-6

CHS Athletics
Two of our students excelled in the recent CHS Athletics Championships. Rhiley Butler First in 12 years High Jump and Michael Bussell first in 16 years Discuss. Congratulations boys and we hope you do well in Sydney in September.

Phil Cook - Sports Teacher Years 7-12

Evans Head Touch Football Association.
Evans Head Touch Football Association is looking to start a junior competition for students in Years 3 - 6. It will run from 5pm to 5:45pm on Thursday afternoons. We are also seeking students in Year 9 -12 that maybe interested in mentoring these junior teams.

If you are interested you can sign on at our Muster night on 10th and 17th September or you can contact Sue-Elle Vallance.

Sue-Elle Vallance

Road Safety - Your Child’s Safety Depends on You
When Walking:
Always hold your child’s hand. Children need your help to spot dangers such as vehicles coming out of driveways. They can also be easily distracted and wander into traffic.
Talk with your children about Stop, Look, Listen and Think every time they cross the road.
STOP! one step back from the kerb.
LOOK! for traffic to your right, left and right again.
LISTEN! for the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK! whether it is safe to cross.
Remember, drive safe - our child’s safety depends on you!
Staff- K-6

The 2015 NSW Premiers Spelling Bee
The 2015 NSW Premiers Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday 18th August in the Performance Hall during school hours. The Junior competition, Years 3 and 4 will be starting at 9:30am. The Senior competition, Years 5 and 6 will start at approximately 10:30am.
The finalists competing for a place in the next round of the competition at Maclean Public School are:

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Premier’s Reading Challenge
Author Profile
John Marsden was born in Victoria on the 27th September, 1950. He spent his childhood in Victoria, Devonport, Tasmania and Sydney. When he was 28 he began a teaching course and while he was working as a teacher he started writing children’s books.

Some of his books which have been included on the Premiers Reading Challenge booklist include “Staying Alive in Year 5” and “Millie”. There are also several books for older readers such as “Take My Word For It”, The Year My Life Broke” and “ Tomorrow When The War Began”.

Lilli Gillespie -Year 6

P&C News
Our next meetings will be held on Monday 17th August. 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.
Science Trivia!
This Week’s Question: Magnetite, hematite, limonite and siderite are ores of which metal?

Last Week’s Question: What is the longest bone in the human body?

Answer: The femur

Congratulations to the winners of the EcoWarriors colouring & poster competition. Overall winner in the K-2 colouring sections was Tucker Barany - Year 2/3B. Overall winner in the Year 3-6 poster competition was Trista Flaherty - Yr5/6F.

If anyone has fruit trees or vines with excess fruit that you cannot use, the School Canteen would love some for their Breakfast Club. Thank you also to IGA who donate bread etc. The students love fruit such as oranges, mandarins, passionfruit & bananas.

Congratulations Isaac Fields for winning the Australian Longboard Logger Title last weekend at Coffs Harbour.

Great news that the Mid Richmond Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (AECG) has been established. Congratulations to the new President Craig Gillespie and other office bearers. The AECG will hold their AGM in October, the date is yet to be advised. Everyone is welcome to their meetings, members of the committee identify as Aboriginal, Non-Aboriginal people may join as associate members.

K-6 AWARDS Term 3 Week

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The DENTAL VAN will be back at school for follow up visits on Friday 21st and Monday 24th August.

The Fairy Garden is proving very popular, don’t forget everyone is welcome to add any fairy friendly items to the space.

School banking is collected every Monday morning.

Rock and Water

Erica & Bethany Bayliss & Claire Brownhill will be holding their annual Pancake Breakfast for all students on Tuesday 25th August. The girls donate their time and their money to hold this every year. The students love it, thanks girls.

The P&C morning meeting is next Monday 17th August at 9AM.

Lyn Thomson CLO 66 826 666 lynette.thomson8@det.nsw.edu.au
Saturday, 10th October

In the Riverside Park and on the Richmond River at Woodburn

A full day of Activities and Entertainment for all the Family

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  Raft race  Biathlon  Children’s rides  Markets

Water-skiing demonstrations  Face painting  Barbecue

Live band in the evening  Fireworks

.... and much more!