Jessica Can Throw!

Jessica Roche participates in Little Athletics. At the recent regional tournament on the weekend of 20th - 21st February she excelled and has qualified for the State Championships at the Homebush Olympic Stadium in March. She achieved a new personal best in discus with a throw of 25.86m. The result gave her second place in the event. She was also placed 6th in shot-put and 8th in javelin. Congratulations Jessica!

School Priorities 2016

Each year the school executive document a plan identifying the priorities for the school year. The plan is discussed with P&C and SRC members before being submitted to the School Council for endorsement. The plan is a ‘living’ document and is adjusted throughout the year as priorities are achieved. Some of the priorities in this year’s plan include: participating in the Tell Them From Me Survey (Y4-7, 9 & 11 students during term 1, parents and teachers in term 3), trial the use of chromebooks to assess suitability for broader use in the school, professional learning for staff in a range of areas including assessment, Stronger Smarter, and Bundjalung Language, improving learning opportunities for high achieving students, supporting indigenous students to pack their ‘cultural suitcase’, further improving school attendance, ongoing development of the Waratah Award, implementation of a structured study skill and personal organisation program (use of school diary materials) and explicit teacher of school rules during START, routines checks that students are dressed in correct school uniform and bringing required equipment to school, ongoing documentation of school policies and procedures, supporting the work of the AECG, encouraging all parents to attend parent-teacher meetings, and opening the parent portal to Sentral (software providing key student information). A complete copy of the 2016 school plan will be posted to the website shortly.

Rob Walker – Principal

PSSA Mid Richmond Swimming Carnival

On Wednesday 10th February, 36 primary students went to Woodburn to compete at the Mid Richmond Swimming Carnival. Our swimmers all did extremely well with 30 students qualifying for the District Carnival. Evans River was the champion school for the day and the following students were age champions;

Iris Hobbins - Junior Girls Champion
Savannah Novak - 11 Years Girls Champion
Oska Hancock - 11 Years Boys Champion
We wish these students lots of luck at Murwillumbah!

Over the past couple of weeks we have noticed an increasing number of students who have been significantly sun burnt. While skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia, it is estimated that 95% of skin cancers can be prevented through reducing exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun. Working together for effective sun safety by reducing exposure to the sun and increasing the uptake of sun safe strategies, schools can make a significant contribution to community efforts to reduce skin cancer and related skin damage.

Schools support students and preschool children to understand why sun safety is important and to take action to protect themselves such as:

- wearing sun safe hats, clothing and sunglasses
- seeking shade during peak ultra violet radiation (UVR) times during the school day
- wearing SPF 30+ (or higher) broad-spectrum and water resistant sunscreen.

Sophie Stewart - Senior Girls Champion
Eric Redman - Senior Boys Champion

I’d also like to thank the parents for all their help on the day. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated!

PSSA District Swimming Carnival

Last Wednesday 17th February, 30 of our primary students went to Ballina to compete against the best swimmers in the District.

Our swimmers all did extremely well and we’re very proud of their efforts, especially when some of our younger swimmers having never raced in a 50m pool before! Their behaviour was exemplary and they were excellent representatives for Evans River School. Well done to all participants on the day!

I’d also like to thank the parents for all their help on the day. We have a wonderful group of parents at the moment, and their help with carrying and setting up shade shelters, transporting students, timekeeping, ensuring children didn’t miss their races and cheering our team on was very appreciated!

McKinley Arnison, Aidan Arnison, Abbie Yourell, Caelan Cooper, Iris Hobbins, Lily Pollack, Mitchell Williamson, Eric Redman, Darren Stewart and Jack Semple achieved top 4 places in their events to be able to participate in the Far North Coast Swimming Carnival to be held in Murwillumbah on Friday 26th February.

We wish these students lots of luck at Murwillumbah!

Isaac Fields- Sports Coordinator K-6

Sun Safety

Over the past couple of weeks we have noticed an increasing number of students who have been significantly sun burnt. All people in NSW, regardless of their culture or heritage, are at risk of overexposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun. By the age of 15 many children have developed irreversible skin damage from exposure to the sun. While skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia, it is estimated that 95% of skin cancers can be prevented through reducing exposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun. Working together for effective sun safety by reducing exposure to the sun and increasing the uptake of sun safe
Evans River was fortunate to purchase new musical instruments for our students last year. These instruments include saxophones, flutes, clarinets and trumpets. Our music department also has guitars, drum kits and keyboards for students to access. We have limited availability in music tuition one day per week for students wishing to try their hand at a new instrument or to fine tune their musical talent. The cost is $12 for a half hour session, anyone interested please pick up a flyer from the office.

Our school values and greatly appreciates our volunteers, we are always in need of parent/carer helpers to assist Infant students with reading, help supervise our students in the veggie garden, assist Fay in the canteen or volunteer half hour in the uniform shop. Just a courtesy reminder to all of our volunteers to please complete their free Working with Children online check, this is a simple process through Service Australia. If all our helpers can make sure they have given their WWC number and filled out our volunteer form at the office.

Our Year 9/10 students are fortunate to have the opportunity to partake in Marine Studies as an elective as well as the option to continue this subject into their Senior studies. I observed students maintaining tanks and feeding our Trevally, Point 2...so named as this is how long it takes for it to eat the prawns it’s fed. Thanks Mr Stock.

Last Friday was the induction of our 2016 School Representative Council students at our K - 12 Assembly. The students looked very smart, with many proud parents in the audience. I am sure they will all do an outstanding job in this valued role in our school community. A big congratulations from all school staff, P&C and the Evans River community.

I am delighted to have access to the Evans River K-12 Community School Facebook page. I shall keep this page up to date with upcoming events, assembly times, school information and lots of great pictures of our students. Any parent/carer with any suggestions please send a private FB message or via my school email. This is the correct Facebook page address: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=191476966462&fref=ts

On Monday our senior students were fortunate enough to attend a Uni Roadshow in the performance hall. Universities had the opportunity to showcase themselves, with staff on hand to chat to students about potential Uni placements. It was a great opportunity for our senior students. A big thank you to Mr Hayward for his organisation.

Canteen Roster - Week B

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K-6 AWARDS Term 1 Week 4

- **Kinder**
  - Randy Harris
  - Judah Heath
  - Cooper Vidler
  - Matilda Strong

- **Year 1**
  - Jaiden Cooper
  - Rueben Wilson
  - Ashton Ward
  - Alexandra Manning

- **Year 2**
  - Hudson Manning
  - Jasmine Schmitt
  - Tyriece English
  - Sophie Robinson

- **Year 3**
  - Ailie Macgregor
  - Leah Turner
  - Abbie Yourell
  - Ursell Barber

- **Year 4**
  - Lily Pollack
  - Halle Fardy
  - Caylem Harvey
  - Blaze Parasyn-Duffy

- **Year 5**
  - Damon Walker
  - Brodie Harvey
  - Oskar Hancock
  - Tyrone Collinson

- **Year 6**
  - Trista Flaherty
  - Courtney Norman
  - Mitchell Williamson
  - Luke Elley

**P&C News**

Our next meetings will be held on Monday 21st March. Our morning meeting takes place at 9:00am in the Administration Building and the second meeting is held in the Library at 4:30pm.
Woodburn Wolves FC Junior
Training will commence on
Date: Wednesday 9 March 2016.
Time: 4pm to 5pm for
Under 6 to Under 11
Time: 5pm to 6pm for
competitive teams
Grade 12 to Grade 16.

Richmond Valley Swim Club
Richmond Valley Swim Club will be holding a Jnr Dolphin
Swim Carnival in April.
The carnival is for children aged between 4 and 8
years of age as of the 2nd of April.
It will be a fun day with games and novelty
races. This carnival is open to all children locally,
they do not have to be a member of swim club.
We would love to see lots of local kids attend the day
for some fun in the water.

For more information please phone
Rebecca Yourell on 0452 212 432.
or rvsceh@hotmail.com
Entries close on Wednesday the 30th of March
The entry fee is $10 per swimmer, which will entitle
the child to swim in all three events.

MS Office 2016 for Home Use
As part of the department’s Enterprise Agreement with
Microsoft, MS Office 2016 is now available under work
-at-home rights for DoE staff and students. Under this
agreement, a single copy for use on a single computer
is provided to NSW public school students for free and
to staff for under $25.
More licences of Office 2016 will be made available
for free to all students and staff during Term 1 next
year under our MS Office 365 agreement.

Year 9 Science Trivia!
What do we call the black
circular opening in the
centre of the iris of the
eye through which light
passes to the retina?

Please Note—The cut off time for information to be
included in the newsletter is 11:00am Wednesdays
Newsletter will be printed on Wednesday
afternoons.