Evans River Community School is facilitating access to a mobile dental service in the interests of promoting improved dental health for our students. We also see benefits in terms of reduced school absences and greater convenience for families. We also understand that there are other high quality dental practices in your local area and recognize that families may wish to continue their relationship with these practices.

The “Grow Up Smiling Dental” mobile dental van (owned and operated by Simon & Kelly Gregg of Alstonville Family Dental) is scheduled to visit Evans River Community School on 24 and 25 Nov 14 to provide dental checkups and then again on 9 and 10 Dec 14 for treatment to students.

The “Child Dental Benefits Schedule” is a Commonwealth funded dental scheme which commenced 1 Jan 14 and provides dental treatment to eligible children aged between 2 and 17 years and replaces the previous “Teen Dental Vouchers”. Families eligible for Family Tax Benefit Part A (FTB-A) or certain other government payments will be able to take advantage of the Child Dental Benefits Schedule and will be able to access basic dental services such as dental check-ups, x-rays, fillings, root canal and extractions. Families eligible should have received a letter from Medicare identifying that their children are eligible. The benefit will be capped at $1000 per child over two calendar years and “Grow Up Smiling Dental” offer bulk billing of this service through Medicare for eligible children. If you are unsure of your child’s eligibility for bulk billed dental care please contact Medicare on the patient hotline 132011.

“Grow Up Smiling Dental” and “Alstonville Family Dental” are dedicated to supporting access to high quality, affordable dental health care for all children. If your child is not eligible for treatment under the Child Dental Benefits Scheme then dental care can still be provided at the reduced cost of the Child Dental Benefits scheme with payment options including eftpos or cash.

Bringing the dental clinic to school means more convenient and accessible dental treatment for all kids. Parents are encouraged to attend their child’s dental appointment or can provide written consent for their child’s appointment to be completed unaccompanied during school time with the caring “Grow Up Smiling Dental” team.

Your child will initially be seen for a checkup and if any further treatment is required you will be advised by the dentist verbally and in writing and you must give written consent in order for the treatment to be completed. Once the school’s treatment is complete, the mobile dental van will relocate to another school. It is intended that the “Grow Up Smiling Dental” mobile dental van will revisit Evans River Community School on a regular basis to help maintain the oral health of the students.

An information pack detailing the dental services provided by “Grow Up Smiling Dental” and consent forms are attached. If you would like your child seen for a dental checkup by the “Grow Up Smiling Dental” team then please complete the forms and return to the school office no later than Fri 7 Nov 14. These forms can also be found on the Grow Up Smiling Web site or at the School Administration Office.

Should your child require a dental appointment whilst the clinic is not at your school, then contact the helpful staff at Alstonville Family Dental, located Shop 37 Alstonville Plaza Shopping Centre on Ph: 66288556 or via www.alstonvillefamilydental.com.au to arrange an appointment.

For further helpful information visit www.growupsmlingdental.com.au