



Newsletter

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Graduation Dinner 2014

The masthead shows a photo of our graduating class of 2014 on the bridge over the Evans River. Their Graduation Dinner was held on Friday evening. It was a stunning affair the students presented themselves extremely well and with a beautifully decorated room and some fine words shared, a good time was had by those in attendance. Congratulations to the Class of 2014 we look forward to hearing of your achievements and seeing you back at school from time to time. Thank you to all who contributed to make the night a success for the students – in particular Ms Jules Donnelly and Mrs Rebecca Barker (room decorations), Helen Aarts (Graduation cake), Mrs Warwick (flowers and organisation on the day) and Year Adviser Ms Desiree Cotten.

A Sense of Focus and Priority

As we farewell the Class of 2014, we welcome the incoming Year 12. Students of the Class of 2015 participated in a workshop on Monday morning to discuss and plan activities they would lead during their senior year. Activities planned will contribute to the sense of community within our school, create lasting memories of the year and raise funds for their gift to the school and Graduation Dinner. On Tuesday the students participated in a series of workshops which included motivational and practical sessions. One of the guest speakers was indigenous sportsman AFL player Mal Lynch. Some of Mal's key messages included: surrounding yourself with good people, taking responsibility for your life and being personally accountable, making the most of opportunities – not sitting and waiting for things to happen but putting yourself out there. The group also heard from Jason Van Rysbergen (RAAF). Some of Jason's key messages were: what does success mean to you? How do you achieve success? What am I passionate about? What am I willing to do to achieve my goals. Jason shared with students a practical plan for achieving personal goals. Sessions were also presented by Mrs Price (work-life balance), Mrs Cooper (study skills) and Ms Morton (useful tools and focus in learning). I spoke to quite a number of students and sat in on some of the sessions. It was a very worthwhile day. Well done to all who made this day possible including overall anchor, Mrs Hart.

Rob Walker – Principal

Peer Support Training

Last Tuesday and Wednesday twenty three of our delightful Year 10 students gave of their time to undertake Peer Support Leadership Training. Program is designed to train Leaders to assist in the transition of new Year 7 Students



Diary

This Week - Week 7 Term 4 - Week B

Nov 17	P&C 9:00am and 4:30pm	Library
Nov 17-28	Year 2-4 Intensive Swimming	Evans Head
Nov 20	Junior Captains Speeches	

Next Week - Week 8 Term 4- Week A

Nov 24	RRISK Seminar	Lismore
Nov 24,25	Mobile Dental Van	Evans Head
Nov 24	School Council 6pm	Library
Nov 25	Year 10 Love Bites Program	
Nov 26	Year 7-12 Social	6:30pm-9pm
Nov 25,26,27	Active After School Activities	Evans Head

Coming Events

Dec 2	CHS Zone Volleyball	Evans Head
Dec 3	Year 7 2015 Orientation	Evans River
Dec 5	K-12 Merit Assembly 1pm	Evans River
Dec 8	K-6 "Big Day In"	Evans River
Dec 9	Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm	RSL
Dec 10	Aboriginal Awards Evening	Evans River
Dec 11	Clowning Performance	
Dec 12	K-12 Presentation Assembly 11:30am	Evans River
Dec 15	P&C 9:00am and 4:30pm	Library
Dec 15-17	SRC Leadership Camp	Mt Tambourine
Dec 17	Final Day Term 4 Students	
Dec 18,19	School Development Days	

helping them to settle in and cope with high school life. The Year 10 students gave a whole hearted commitment to the training, learning a great deal about themselves and their peers in the process. Lots of laughter resulted from many of the activities students and staff participated in as well as many fears overcome through personal challenges.

Thank you to the Surf Club once again for the use of such a beautiful venue and a huge thank you to Chris Hayward, Deb Morton and Penny Cooper for facilitating the training. Year 7 2015 Students will be in good hands.

Connie D'Anna- STLA

Year 10 Work Experience

Work Experience is a valuable component of Year 10 Work Education classes. It gives students opportunities to undertake work placement in areas of career interest. These placements can help shape a student's career path, as well as helping define subject selections as the move into their senior studies. In some instances placements have led to fulltime employment. All students receive a work place report from their employer. These are valuable documents which can be used in job applications and course entry interviews.

Year 10 – (2014) This year 26 students undertook work experience. Students were placed in the following areas; animal care (Taronga Zoo, Australia Zoo and Pet Porpoise Pool), veterinarian, education (preschool and primary),

Active After School Activities Term 4

Tues - Activities	Weds - Lawn Bowls	Thurs - Tennis
No Active 18-11-14	No Active 19-11-14	No Active 20-11-14
25-11-14	26-11-14	27-11-14
2-12-14	3-12-14	4-12-14
9-12-14	10-12-14	11-12-14

P&C News

Our next meetings will be held on Monday 17th November 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 come along and bring your ideas and suggestions.

agriculture, horticulture, automotive, plumbing, metal fabrication, real estate, metal engineering, event management, cabinet making, building, hospitality, tourism and retail.

Year 10 – (2015) Students will soon begin undertaking an in-class assessment preparing them for work experience. Once successfully completed, students will be able to commence placements. Parents and carers will receive a Guide to Workplace Learning early next year.

Mr Hayward - Careers Adviser

Year 7-12 Social

On Wednesday the 26th November (Week 8) the SRC will be holding a rainbow themed social. Tickets can be purchased at the library for \$5 each. All money raised at the social will go to the SRC. The social will be held from 6:30 to 9:00pm. Each year has been allocated a colour; Year 12 **Red**, Year 11 **Yellow or Gold**, Year 10 **Blue**, Year 9 **Purple**, Year 8 **Green**. Thank you in anticipation for your support

The SRC

Year 9 Leadership Camp

A few weeks ago, four staff members took twenty six Year 9 students on a leadership camp to Thunderbird Park at Mt Tamborine. The group faced numerous challenges where, as a team, they had to creatively work through activities that pushed them out of their comfort zones.

It was pleasing to see these young leaders rise to the challenges of the Survivor Mud Course, the Tree Top Challenge, Archery, Battle Star and other activities, with such determination.

The supervising teachers, Ms Skerritt, Mr Hyder and Mr McFarlane, were in awe of the students' enthusiasm, cohesion and behaviour; with Thunderbird Park staff commenting that these Year 9 students were one of the best groups they have had through the camp. Special thanks to everyone who assisted and supported this



Science Trivia!

This Week's Question: What is the chemical symbol for gold?

Last Week's Question: Bats are mammals. True or false?

Answer: True. Bats are mammals of the order Chiroptera Bats are the only mammals naturally capable of true and sustained flight.



Around the school

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Our 2015 Kinder students had their last transition day this week. They took part in their first assembly with the all the K-6 students, where they each received a certificate and a bag full of memories and reminders of their five weeks transition.



Thanks to our new incubator we have some new residents in the school. Dave Moreman said it's working so well that we are going to have lots of little chicks over the next few days.

Congratulations to all the students who have been saving their money and bringing it in to bank. Students' money is collected each Tuesday morning and their banking books returned to them the following Monday ready to bring again on Tuesday morning. New students can join the banking anytime, just go into Summerland Credit Union and open a school banking account and they will send the details to the school.

On Tuesday Year 11 & 12 students took part in a Study Skills day. It was designed to help senior students prepare for the year ahead. They heard from two visiting motivation speakers, *Flight Lieutenant Jason Van Rysbergen* and *Mal Lynch* from AIME. I sat in on these sessions as they explained in simple terms what success can look like. Three teachers also took part, Mrs Price looked at "Getting the balance right", Mrs Cooper "Study skills" and Ms Morton "Distractions." The students have been given a resource folder to help them and the study skills preparations will continue in their morning start time. Some important ideas relating to study skills from the day are: time management, setting goals, prioritising, scheduling your time, planning and commitment. A sentence that I remember from the past is *Prior Preparation Prevents Poor Performance*.



CANTEEN SPECIALS

Chicken Nachos
\$3.50

Garden Salad
\$4.00

Canteen Roster - Week B

Monday	17 Nov	Kerry
Tuesday	18 Nov	Help Wanted
Wednesday	19 Nov	Molly Forsyth
Thursday	20 Nov	Von Pickens
Friday	21 Nov	Charmayne Stevens

K-6 AWARDS Term 4 Week 5

Kinder	Shea Fuller	Alexia Perryman	Sophie Robinson	Bailey Strong
Yr 1	Bonnie Hadgelias	Miah-Bella Norman	Ella Pearson	Isla Williams
Yr 1/2	Abbie Yourell	Brock Graham	Amelia Cole	Blaiz Parasyn-Duffy
Yr 2/3	Tayla Dempsey	Halle Fardy	Charlie Mills	Byron Hutley
Yr 3/4	Brodie Abbott	Sunny Gillespie	Bella Robinson	McKinley Arnison
Yr 4/5	Rose Evans	Ethan Alchin	Taylah Fardy	Aaliyah Fawcett
Year 5/6	Jessica Roche	Baili Tredinnick	Ziggy McCartin-Cole	Sharni Mitchell
Dirrawong Awards		Darcy Banks, Alex Redman, Luke Elley		



Milo In2 Cricket, Evans Head Is Beginning Soon!!!

Sessions are every Friday afternoon from 4:30pm – 6:00pm at Stan Payne Oval, Evans Head. Total cost of the 10 week program is \$65.00. Every participant will receive a Milo Into Cricket Backpack which contains some great merchandise including a t-shirt, cricket bat, ball, drink bottle, and cap.

Evans Head Cricket Club will be running a BBQ after the session and will have sausage sandwiches etc for sale.

Participants can register online at In2CRICKET.com.au.

Block 1 Term 4 Week 6 -10

Friday 14th November

Friday 21st November

Friday 28th November

Friday 5th December

Friday 12 December



Block 2 Term 1 Week 1 - 4

Starting on Friday 30 January 2015

Friday 6th February

Friday 13th February

Friday 20th February



Do you have a spare bed?

Can you welcome an exchange student into your home as a volunteer host family with AFS?



Can you host Airi from Japan?

Age: 16
English: Fair
Interests: Tennis, Playing the piano, skiing and playing the flute

"I decided to study abroad in Australia because living in different cultures makes me broaden my horizon. I will be able to solve a lot of problems from various perspectives by myself."



Can you host Rafael from Brazil?

Age: 15
English: Good
Interests: Traveling, photography, trekking, swimming, walking

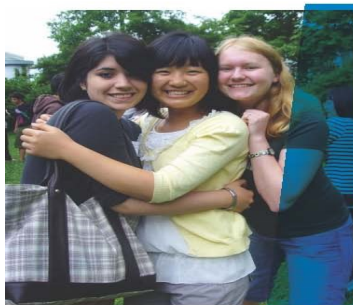
"I'm very curious, I enjoy making new friends and learning about different cultures. I really admire the potential and the life quality of the developed countries, and want to be a part of it."



Can you host Hanna from Germany?

Age: 17
English: Good
Interests: Music, dragon boating, swimming, Zumba and cooking

"I applied because I want to learn about different cultures, meet people from all around the world, make experiences that will stay with me forever, and of course get much better with my English."



Somewhere in another country a young person has the opportunity of a lifetime to come to Australia. Imagine that student becoming part of your family.

Each year hundreds of Australian families volunteer to open their home and hearts to an AFS participant. They are rewarded with precious long-lasting friendships.

On February 6 2015 AFS will be welcoming over 70 students and volunteers from across the globe to experience the Australian way of life and either attend a local high school or volunteer at a local community organisation.

Can your family host one of the above students? If so, we'd love to hear from you!

For more information on how you can become an AFS Volunteer Host Family please contact the AFS Hosting Team:

Phone: 1800 023 982 Email: aus.hosting@afs.org

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