



# Newsletter

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### A chance to make a difference

Last Thursday the Premier and Minister for Education announced the Resource Allocation Model (RAM) funding for schools. It tells us about our funding for 2015. The NSW Government has committed to the Gonski reforms and these funds have been allocated in line with the Gonski philosophies. The formula for funding schools is based on the identified needs of each student in a school. Our school has received funding based on our geographic location, the socio-economic status of our families, the needs of Aboriginal students and the needs of students with disabilities. Now that we are aware of our funding for next year we can make more specific plans to improve the outcomes of our students during 2015. The school is keen to capture suggestions from staff, parents and students. If you have thoughts on new programs you would like to see implemented, or existing programs you would like to see expanded, now is the time to speak up. Please email your suggestions to the school email address, put them in writing and forward them to me through the office or make an appointment to see me or Lyn Thomson our Community Liaison Officer. If you're emailing put 'A Chance to Make a Difference' in the subject field or, if writing, use this as a title. I look forward to hearing your thoughts.

### Class of 2014 Early Uni entries

If they are not the most prolific achievers of early university entry then they are close to it. There have been 31 offers of university places for students of the Class of 2014. These offers are spread between three universities: Southern Cross University, Griffith University and the University of New England. The offers:

Rosie Barwick, Bachelor of Human Services / Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice (Griffith); Lauren Jackson, Bachelor of Journalism (Griffith); Katie Lovett, Bachelor of Business (Griffith); Tia Wylie, Bachelor of Public Relations and Communication (Griffith); Ben Tarrant, Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science (SCU, Lismore); Bianca Phillips, Bachelor of Laws (SCU, Lismore); Daniel Duncan, Bachelor of Science (SCU, Lismore); Ezra Bose, Bachelor of Business in Convention and Event Management (SCU, Coffs); Fallon O'Rourke, Bachelor of Business in Tourism and Hospitality Management (SCU, Lismore); Hamish McKendrick, Bachelor of Arts (SCU, Gold Coast); Jackson Hambly, Bachelor of Forest Science and Management (SCU, Lismore); Jane McFarlane, Bachelor of Social Welfare (SCU, Distance Education); Jeffery Presbury, Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Civil Engineering (SCU, Lismore); John Turner, Bachelor of Business in Convention



## Diary

### This Week - Week 9 Term 4 - Week B

Dec 2	CHS Zone Volleyball	Evans Head
Dec 2	AIME Program	SCU
Dec 2,3,4	Active After School Activities	Evans Head
Dec 3	Year 7 2015 Orientation	Evans River
Dec 5	K-12 Merit Assembly 1pm	Evans River

### Next Week - Week 10 Term 4- Week A

Dec 8	K-6 "Big Day In"	Evans River
Dec 8,9,10	Mobile Dental Service	
Dec 9	Year 7 2014 Peer Support Waterslides	Ballina
Dec 9	Year 6 Graduation Dinner 6pm	RSL
Nov 9,10,11	Active After School Activities	Evans Head
Dec 10	Aboriginal Awards Evening	Evans River
Dec 11	Clowning Performance	
Dec 12	K-12 Presentation Assembly 11:30 am	Evans River

### Coming Events

Dec 15	Platinum Award Excursion P&C 9:00 am and 4:30 pm	Library
Dec 15-17	SRC Leadership Camp	Mt Tambourine
Dec 15	P&C Library 9:00 am 4:30 pm	Library
Dec 17	Final Day Term 4 Students	

## Active After School Activities Term 4

Tues - Activities	Weds - Lawn Bowls	Thurs - Tennis
2-12-14	3-12-14	4-12-14
9-12-14	10-12-14	11-12-14

and Event Management (SCU, Gold Coast); Jordan Armstrong, Bachelor of Arts (SCU, Lismore); Katie Lovett, Bachelor of Business (SCU, Lismore); Kellie-Ann Richardson, Preparing for Success Program: Bachelor of Business in Convention and Event Management (SCU, Gold Coast); Larissa Cumner, Bachelor of Legal and Justice Studies (SCU, Lismore); Lauren Jackson, Bachelor of Creative Arts (SCU, Lismore); Lily Flanagan, Bachelor of Arts (SCU, Lismore); Rhiannon Scott, Bachelor of Arts (SCU, Lismore); Rose Barwick, Bachelor of Business in Tourism and Hospitality Management (SCU, Gold Coast); Samantha Barker, Preparing for Success Program: Bachelor of Nursing (SCU, Lismore); Tia Wylie, Bachelor of Social Science (SCU, Lismore); Jordan Armstrong, Bachelor of Education - K-12 Teaching (UNE); Ezra Bose, Bachelor of Sustainability (UNE); Daniel Duncan, Bachelor of Engineering Technology (UNE); Liam Kelly, Bachelor of Biomedical Science (UNE); Bianca Phillips, Bachelor of International Studies (UNE); Rhiannon Scott, Bachelor of Education - Early Childhood and Primary (UNE); John Turner, Bachelor of Media and Communications (UNE). Congratulations to these students on these offers.

**Rob Walker – Principal**

## Changes to the Secondary Schools Tax File Number Program in 2015

The Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program will not continue beyond 31 December 2014. This means that School TFN forms will no longer be processed beyond this date.

### How students can apply for a TFN from 1 January 2015

The Australian Taxation Office in partnership with Australia Post is making it easier for individuals to apply for a TFN.

Students can now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

If you have a student thirteen years or older wishing to get a TFN through the school you have till Wednesday 17th December.

**Chris Hayward—Careers Adviser**



## Fitness Improves Academic Performance

Another study (in January 2014 Journal of Adolescent Health "The Effects of Changes in Physical Fitness on Academic Performance Among New York City Youth") has found that being fit improves school performance. For both boys and girls a substantial increase in fitness from the previous year resulted in a greater increase in academic ranking while a decrease in fitness was associated with a decrease in academic scores.

Physical activity doesn't all have to happen at the one time. It can be accumulated throughout the day; by walking or riding to and from school, being involved in activities at school, active play at home or taking part in organised sport after school and on weekends.

### How to help kids be more active

- Encourage kids and teens to try different sports or activities so they can find one or more that they really enjoy and want to continue with.

Start slowly and build up the amount of physical activity that your children do, particularly if they haven't previously been very active.

## Science Trivia!

**This Week's Question:** 1. Now that Pluto is no longer included, how many planets are there in the Solar System?

**Last Week's Question:** What is the brightest planet in the night sky?

**Answer: Venus**





Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their sold raffle tickets, great work. Our grocery hamper already has a few items in it. The P&C would really appreciate any donations of non perishable food, toiletries, etc. The hamper is located in the school main office.



## Around the school

I received a notice that a visiting optometrist, Bob Lindner B.App. Sc. Optom. will be visiting Evans Heads from 15th-18th December. He will be located at the Cricket Pitch Grassed Area. If you are interested they can be contacted on 1300 664 634.



Richmond Valley Council has a new Community Project Coordinator, Kate Olivieri. Kate recently visited the school and would like to let the community know a little about herself. "I would like to say a big hello to Evans River K-12 students, teachers and parents. I spent a lot of time at Evans Head growing up, and I lived at Broadwater." You can chat with Kate about community projects on 6660 0225 or [kate.olivieri@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kate.olivieri@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au). She would love for parents and students to check out the Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/RichmondValleyCouncil](http://www.facebook.com/RichmondValleyCouncil)

The Dental Van has been a great success, students have had their first visit and the whole process ran very smoothly. They will return for their second visit to do any follow up work that the students need on the 8/9/10th December. I know the Primary will be at their Big Day In on the Monday so we will schedule them for the other days. I must thank Alstonville Family Dental for being so flexible, fitting in extra students and working around school time tables. Thank you Simon and Kelly.

### Congratulations to our Primary Captains for 2015—

Lilli Gillespie and Jacob Yourell and our Vice-Captains Zahli Moore and Finn Gillespie.

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## CANTEEN SPECIALS

**Thai Green Curry  
Chicken**

**\$3.50**

**Greek Salad**

**\$4.00**

### Canteen Roster - Week B

Monday	01 Dec	Kerry
Tuesday	02 Dec	Help Wanted
Wednesday	03 Dec	Molly Forsyth
Thursday	04 Dec	Von Pickens
Friday	05 Dec	Charmayne Stevens

## K-6 AWARDS Term 4 Week 7

<b>Kinder</b>	Brilee Samuels	Bailey Strong	Latrell Gordon	Savannah Semple
<b>Yr 1</b>	Koopa Hancock Jarvis Semple	Bonnie Hadgelias	Miah-Bella Norman	Isla Williams Lia Turner
<b>Yr 1/2</b>	Kobi Mitchell	Sienna Samuels	Willy Harris	
<b>Yr 2/3</b>	Seb Barany	Charlotte Daly	Breanna Stothard	Riley Collins
<b>Yr 3/4</b>	Eric Redman	Eva Boutle	Courtney Norman	Byran Horseman
<b>Yr 4/5</b>	Jessica Bodley	Finn Gillespie	Ethan Alchin	Elysia Hudson
<b>Year 5/6</b>	Blair Eyles Tully Brednow	Kellie Mills Georgia Manning	Adalita Simpson-Wise	Ziggy McCartin-Cole
<b>Dirrawong Awards</b>		Jacob Cooper, Phoebe Eyles, Cooper Hinton, Trista Flaherty		







# HOLIDAY DONATIONS

## GIVE A GIFT TO ANOTHER FAMILY

in the Mid-Richmond Valley for the Holidays!

NOW TAKING THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED ITEMS FOR THE USE OF THE WHOLE FAMILY:  
ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW AND IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.....

- Books- Hardcover are great
- Backpacks
- Games- Family Games, Board Games, Card Games
- Swimming Gear: Swimmers, Towels, Goggles, Etc
- Sports equipment for families: balls, jump ropes, etc
- Arts and Crafts Materials (texters, craft paper, scissors, etc)
- "New" Specialty Food Items ONLY please (chocolates, chutneys, nuts, etc.)

**PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATION AT THE MID RICHMOND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (02) 6682 4334**

### Uniform Store

Uniform Caps; Trucker and Flat Cap for students in Year 7-12. \$10  
The uniforms have arrived - Senior and Secondary shirts. All pre orders  
are ready to be collected as long as they have been paid for.

The School Uniform Store operates each Friday 8:30am to 9:30am

**\*EFTPOS NOW AVAILABLE FOR UNIFORMS\***

Contact: Kristen, Gayle or P&C

### P&C News

Our next meetings will be held on Monday 15th 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. This will be our final meeting for 2014.  
followed by a social get-together.



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PRESENTS

# COMMUNITY CAROLS

**WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER 2014**  
**7:00pm - 8:30pm**

BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET

**EVANS HEAD / CASINO SURF LIFESAVING CLUB**

SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND SOFT DRINKS WILL BE  
AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

**SPECIAL SUPRISE FOR THE KIDS**

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER  
CAROLS WILL BE HELD AT THE PERFORMANCE HALL

**EVANS RIVER K-12 COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
**CYPRESS STREET EVANS HEAD**



Health Promotion presents....

## ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS:

what people working with adolescents need to know

### FREE PRESENTATION

Paul Dillon has been working in the area of drug education for 25 years and works with young people across the country. Paul is the keynote speaker at the 2014 RRISK seminars. In this free presentation for parents, health workers, teachers and anyone who works with young people, Paul will share information on:

- > Alcohol related violence
- > Changes in attitudes towards cannabis
- > Novel ways of smoking – sheesha and e-cigarettes
- > Methamphetamine
- > Changes in the way people are purchasing drugs

LISMORE:

Where: Southern Cross Uni, Whitebrook Theatre (Y block)

Date: Tuesday 25 November 2014

Time: 4.00pm—6.00pm

TWEED HEADS

Where: Tweed Civic Centre, Brett St.

Date: Thursday 4 December 2014

Time: 4.00pm—6.00pm

RSVPs not required



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