



# Newsletter

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### A medical degree with first class honours

The school was delighted to hear the news during the week that Paul Gilhooly (Class of 2003) will graduate in medicine with first class honours. Paul has been studying at the University of Notre Dame, a university with campuses in Freemantle, Sydney and Broome. Paul's studies have mainly been in Sydney. He has also had a lengthy placement of nine months in Wagga Wagga this year. Paul will be based at St George hospital to complete his internship. Paul asked that I pass on his greetings and particularly to let Mr Collis know of his results as Mr Collis organised a letter detailing Paul's schooling in a rural area. Paul has already commenced studying a Masters degree. Congratulations Paul (Dr Gilhooly) on this outstanding achievement.

### Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Year 6 students, their parents and staff celebrated the graduation of Year 6 on Tuesday evening. There were some fine dresses amongst the girls and some handsome boys in attendance. It was an occasion to reflect on the students' primary years of school and to see them contemplate the years of high school ahead. Thanks to Mrs Elliott for her work in organising the evening and Mrs Elliott and Mrs Fields who have been the Year 6 teachers this year.

### Aboriginal Awards Night

Students, parents, staff and special guests came together to celebrate the 2014 achievements of our Aboriginal students at a wonderful occasion on Wednesday evening this week. There were performances of dance, singing, didge playing, a student band played, and budding DJ Bailey Barlow showed us his style at the desk. Well done to the Evans River Dancers; Harley Hyde; the Primary Girls Dancers; Alec Barker and Mikayla Cribb; Josh Wilson, Darryl Robinson, Alec Barker, Lilli Gillespie (the Deadly Blackouts); and Jacinta Hyde (hip hop). Those assembled heard from Coen Wakeham-Hastie (School Captain 2013) about life after school. Coen, who is training in the services as a combat paramedic, shared words of inspiration and direction with the students. Many awards were issued, words were shared by Cath Gillespie (Evans Head Preschool) regarding the successful Cousins program operating between the preschool and school and Pat Orme of AIME, an indigenous mentoring program operating through Australian universities (Pat is based at SCU). Special thanks to Robin Mather, Simone Barker, Craig Gillespie and Glen Cook for their support of the students who led the evening.

Rob Walker – Principal



## Diary

### This Week - Week 10 Term 4 - Week B

Dec 15	Platinum Award Excursion P&C 9:00 am and 4:30 pm	Wet' n' Wild Library
Dec 15-17	SRC Leadership Camp	Mt Tambourine
Dec 15	P&C Library 9:00 am and 4:30 pm	Library
Dec 17	Final Day Term 4 Students	
Dec 18,19	School Development Days	

### Next Week - Week 1 Term 1 - Week A

Jan 26	Australia Day Holiday	Public Holiday
Jan 27	School Development Day	Staff Only
Jan 28	Years 1-7 and Years 11-12 return	
Jan 28,29,30	Kinder Best Start Assessments	By Appointment
Jan 29	Years 8-10 return	

### Coming Events

Feb 02	Kinder Best Start Assessments	By Appointment
Feb 03	Kindergarten Start	9:00am
Feb 04	Year 7-12 Swimming Carnival	Evans Head

## Luke Jones - Lawn Bowls



Luke is a personable young man who exudes an easy going and happy demeanour. He always competes to the best of his ability, every time he steps onto the bowling green. He is a natural talent and thrives when placed under pressure.

Luke won gold medals in both the Singles and Pairs at the Warilla Lawn Bowls carnival in June, and as a result was named 'Player of the Tournament' for 2014. This impressive result placed him as one of the top two bowlers in the NSWCHS competition.

Luke has represented in the North Coast CHS Lawn Bowls team for six years and represented NSWCHS this year.

Luke has always encouraged and guided players on his team and is happy to impart knowledge to boost their confidence and skill level. He is a unique personality when competing against other players, always enjoying a laugh when playing.

Well done Luke on a highly successful year. North Coast School Sport is pleased to grant you a 'Blue' for Lawn Bowls.

## Year 8 Science Task- Ecology



Year 8 students have been offsite in this last week to examine a local ecosystem. The visit enabled students to gather data on the biotic and abiotic features of a local ecosystem. This will form part of their assessment task on the topic of Ecology.

The students were given the opportunity to practice safe and ethical behaviour in a sensitive ecosystem.

Thanks to Ms Nagle and Ms Skinner for their assistance.

## Free Microsoft Office 2013!!

The New South Wales Department of Education & Communities has offered its students the ability to download some key software to support the NSW DEC BYOD policy. This software has been made available to all school students. This software includes Microsoft Office 2013, Adobe Creative Suite 6, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 8.1 upgrades and also Microsoft Office for Mac 2011

This is FREE software worth hundreds of dollars that you as a public school student can access. Students will need their @education.nsw.gov.au student

email address to register on their first visit

See Mr Delman or Mr Chipz for more details and an instruction sheet on how to get this fantastic offer.

## Active After School Activities

This week (ending 12th December) is the final week of Active after School Activities (forever). The Australian Sporting commission has ceased funding this program; they are however introducing a new program (Sporting Schools) which will start in Term 3 2015. It is part of the Australian Sports Commission (ASC) and will build on the legacy and success of the Active After School Communities (AASC) programme.

We would like to sincerely thank the students and their parents for their participation and support throughout the past six years.

Thank you again

Lisa, Mandy and Alison.

## CANTEEN NEWS

Wow!!! What a great year we have had in canteen.

We have worked hard and have been able to achieve great results for P&C. I have had a lot of fun and have had the privilege of working with amazing people who have not only enriched the school but have enriched my life as well. I cannot thank everyone enough for making canteen and Evans River K-12 School a wonderful place.

The people who have given up their time to be a part of canteen, are just incredible, thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

To the P&C Association, Lyn Thomson, Yvonne Sharpe and all office staff, your support has been invaluable. Thank You!

To Pacific Bulk Foods who kindly donated \$500 worth of stock, you are a huge part of canteen life.

To all suppliers who bring our wares and ingredients, it has been such a pleasure to deal with each and everyone of you.

Thank you to my four girls, Bethany, Claire, Erica and Mya, I could not have done it without you, I am so proud to have you in my life. You Rock!

May your Summer be full of fun, family and laughter.

Thank you to everyone who has been a part of our wonderful canteen.

See you next year

Fay Granger

Canteen Coordinator





Science teacher Mr Chang breeds Spiny Leaf Insects & he brought them in for his Year 8 students who are studying interesting adaptations to help them survive. I discovered the large Stick Insect on the right in my garden yesterday.



**Part 2 of Andrew's story:** The year 2000 was a time of change for Andrew, disillusioned with the corporate world and its greed, he left Sydney and moved to Lismore and began studying a Diploma of Education at Southern Cross University. Andrew explained that he felt the need to give back rather than take. He had seen a lot of inequality and he felt that becoming a teacher would give him an opportunity to give back to the younger generation. Leaving behind his competitive team sporting career he concentrated more on self-discipline, inner self confidence and what he could offer his future students.

Andrew has been part our HSIE department (Human Society in the Environment) for some years now; teaching the HSC students legal and business studies and Geography and History to Years 7-10. He said "I aim to make education fun and lessons easy to learn. I feel a compassion for my students and aim to encourage them to be confident within themselves and have dreams and then go out and chase them."

I asked Andrew what he didn't like. "I hate bureaucracy and noise, I like a quiet space."

"What do you like?" "My passions are food, especially fruit; I love music, the Blues, Pink Floyd and Bob Dylan. Sport has always been a big part of my life and I love to swim and run. Kick boxing is still a priority and recently I started surfing. But the most important passions in my life are my two daughters."

I asked Andrew what his future dreams were? "Well over recent years I have found my natural mother and had a wonderful reunion with her in her home state of Tasmania. Consequently, I now also have two half-sisters and we all have a lot in common and get on brilliantly. Whenever holidays allow, I get down to Tasmania; I have now taken my daughters down to meet their family. Through my Tasmanian family I have also found a love of bush walking, I enjoy the sounds of the bush and want to explore more of Tasmania; I have found a real sense of connection not only with my family but also with Tasmania, and one day I plan to live there."

Andrew not only brings his teaching skills to his students but also his life experiences, which make him a very interesting and interested teacher.

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### Canteen Roster - Week B

Monday	15 Dec	Kerry
Tuesday	16 Dec	Help Wanted
Wednesday	17 Dec	Molly Forsyth
Thursday	18 Dec	SDD
Friday	19 Dec	SDD

### Science Trivia!

**This Week's Question:** The chemical element uranium was named after what planet?

**Last Week's Question:** The Galilean moons orbit what planet?

**Answer:** Jupiter



## 2015 Sports Captains and Merit Raffle Winners

### Dolphins

Captain Elysia Hudson	Captain Victor Roberts	Vice Captain Kellie Mills	Vice Captain Jacob Franks
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### Marlins

Captain Trista Flaherty	Captain Darcy Banks	Vice Captain Ally Forsyth	Vice Captain Luke Elley
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### Sharks

Captain Paige Mitchell	Captain Sacha Boutle	Vice Captain Jessica Bodley	Vice Captain Oscar Forrester
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### Stingrays

Captain Tahlia Howard	Captain Eric Redman	Vice Captain Georgia Manning	Vice Captain Ethan Alchin
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### Merit Raffle Winners:

Leah Turner, Mia-Jo Henderson, Holly Richardson, Jasmine Brednow, Rose Evans, Shenoah McKenna



## Just Dance & Cheer! Richmond Valley

\*\*\*2015 Registration/ Trade Day\*\*\*

Come along to the Woodburn Public School Hall on Wednesday 17th December from 4-7pm to discuss classes on offer for you/ your child for 2015 in Woodburn & Coraki.

Be the FIRST to receive a copy of our initial timetable for the new year!!!

- > Classes on offer start @ \$6 & include...
- > \*All ages JFH (Jazz/Funk/HipHop) in both Woodburn + Coraki
- > \*Mini, Recreational & Competitive All Star Cheer options for all ages
- > \*NEW!!!- Tumbling/Strength Classes for all ages in Woodburn
- > \*NEW TRIAL!!!- Adult Social Stunting + Strength in Woodburn
- > \*Our sassy 'Yummy Mummy's Fitness + Dance class
- > Please contact 0409822565 for more information.
- > See you there!

Tammy Tuck (Studio Director)



## PEGGY THE PINT SIZED PIRATE

SHE may be little but she's not afraid of anything, if only the other pirates would give her a chance to go and fight sea monsters with them.

Little does Peggy the Pint Sized Pirate know, she has something much bigger than any of those other lazy, no-good pirates.

Peggy the Pint Sized Pirate is the latest children's production by the Evans Head Village Players which will be performed at the Woodburn-Evans Head RSL Club Saturday, December 13 at 11am, Sunday, December 14 at 2pm, Saturday, December 20 at 11am and Sunday, December 21 at 2pm.

Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Children (and parents) are encouraged to dress up as pirates. Ahaaaar!



## 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**

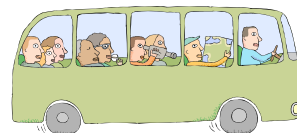
IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER  
CAROLS WILL BE HELD AT THE PERFORMANCE HALL  
**EVANS RIVER K-12 COMMUNITY SCHOOL**  
CYPRESS STREET EVANS HEAD

## COMMUNITY ACCESS BUS

The Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre offers return bus trips to Ballina on Tuesdays. Pick up in Evans Head starts at 10am and drop off back in Evans Head is around 3pm. Cost is \$10 Per Person for the return trip.

To Book a seat or for more information, please phone

Eileen at the  
Neighbourhood  
Centre on 66824334.



## 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\***

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