



# Newsletter

Issue 37  
19th November 2015

## INSIDE

Diary	2
Fearless Leadership Camp	2
RRISK Info Week 5	2
Quote of the Week	2
CLO News	3
Canteen Roster	3
Science Trivia	3
K-6 Awards	3

### Telstra Thank You Morning Tea

Thanks to the work of retiring Community Liaison Officer Lyn Thomson and school grandparent (and Telstra employee) Sue Roach the school has benefitted through the receipt of eight Telstra Grants of \$1200 each. These have enabled seven different programs to be provided to students of the school. These grants are possible because eight staff members of Telstra sponsored these grants. The sponsoring staff and two members of senior staff from Telstra participated in our tour of the school on Tuesday to view first hand the programs in action with our students. A wonderful example of the business community supporting the education of young people in our area. Thank you Lyn, Sue and each of the Telstra staff members.

### School Priorities 2016

At P&C and School Council meetings in October and November opportunities have been provided for parents and community members to put forward comments on priorities for the school for 2016 (and perhaps beyond). The school is always open to suggestions for school improvement and development of areas of focus for our work together, but particularly so at this time of the year. Your thoughts are important to us. You can email the school, drop a note into the office marked to my attention, or book a time to meet and discuss your thoughts with me about school priorities. Our school is here to see the students of the Evans River community realise their potential, lead an enjoyable life and make their contribution to our nation.

**Rob Walker – Principal**

### 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 they 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 (2015)** This year 34 students undertook work experience. Students were placed in the following areas; animal care (Taronga Zoo, Macadamia Castle and Pet Porpoise Pool), veterinarian, education (preschool and primary), agriculture, horticulture, metal fabrication, environmental engineering, creative media – film production, metal engineering, hairdressing, cabinet making, building, bee keeping, hospitality, tourism and retail.

**Year 10 (2016)** Students will soon begin undertaking an in-class assessment



## Diary

### This Week - Week 8 Term 4 - Week A

Nov 23-27	Year 2-4 Intensive Swimming	
Nov 24	CHS Regional Cricket Open Girls	Grafton
Nov 27	Aime Mentoring Program SCU	8:30-3:30pm

### Next Week - Week 9 Term 4 - Week B

Dec 02	Aboriginal Awards Night	5:30-9:30pm
Dec 03	Year 6 to Year 7 Orientation 2016	Evans River
Dec 03-04	Year 12 QLD University Visit	
Dec 04	K-12 Merit Assembly	12pm

### Coming Event

Dec 08	Year 6 Graduation Dinner	6pm-8pm
Dec 11	K-6 Big Day Out Carrabin	
Dec 14	K-12 Presentation Assembly	11:30am
Dec 16	Last Day of Term 4 for Students	
Dec 17-18	School Development Days	
Jan 27	School Development Day	

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**

## Fearless Leadership Camp

From the 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November, 48 adventurous students ventured up to Midginbil Hill for the Fearless leadership camp. The students underwent three rigorous days training to equip them with the skills to offer support to the Year 7 students of 2016. In addition to the training package delivered by the staff from Evans River K-12, there were plenty of opportunities for challenging activities, such as trail rides (on horseback), indoor rock climbing, raft building, initiative games, a low ropes challenge and the catapult challenge. There was a competitive trivia competition on Monday night, won by the five Year 11 students (cheated??) and a bonfire with marshmallows and sparklers on Tuesday night.

The staff who run the camp commented "this is the best group of students we have EVER had attend" and the staff from Evans River K-12 couldn't agree more. It was an absolute pleasure to spend three very busy days with these young adults, who demonstrated they really are FEARLESS! A big thank you to Geoff Manning, Pete Beck, Penny Cooper and Deb Morton for creating an unforgettable experience.

**Alison McGeary-Year 10 Year Adviser**



## Young Drivers aged 17-25 years. Why are they at risk?

### Facts:

1. Road crashes are one of the leading causes of injury, disability and death among young people.
2. Young drivers are over-represented in road crashes compared to other age groups especially young males.
3. Drivers in rural areas experience a higher rate of fatalities than those from urban areas.
4. Speeding is the major cause of road crashes in NSW and crashes which involve speeding are more likely to result in fatal crashes.
5. Other high-risk behaviours that significantly contribute to road crashes and injuries include:

Drink driving

Driver fatigue and distraction

Not using seat belts

**Driver inexperience:** Often young drivers don't realise that it takes time and lots of practice to develop safe driving skills.

**Developing brain:** Parts of the brain responsible for self-control and for recognising and managing hazards do not fully mature until after the teenage years, so young drivers are more likely to experiment and take dangerous risks.

**Overconfidence and risk taking:** Young drivers can be over confident about their driving ability and underestimate dangers on the road.

**Having friends as passengers:** Young drivers may be distracted by passengers or may feel pressured to take risks, such as speeding. Every extra peer passenger carried by a young driver increases the chance of crashing.

**Alcohol and other drugs:** Young people often do not understand that alcohol and other drugs affect a driver's skills, mood and most importantly behaviour. Safe driving requires clear judgement, concentration and ability to react to what's happening on the road.

**Busy lifestyles:** Work, sport and study often mean busy lifestyles for young people, which may cause them to drive when tired – especially late at night. Driving tired significantly impairs driving, even if the driver doesn't feel sleepy.

For more information on risks for young drivers see;

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/dontrustyourtiredself.html>

**Look for information about the RRISK Program and risk taking at our website**  
**[www.rrisk.com.au](http://www.rrisk.com.au)**

### *Quote of the Week*

Anyone who has never made a mistake  
has never tried anything new.

- Albert Einstein





Remembrance Day Ceremony



Senior School Rollover

Last week on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 11am there was a service to commemorate Remembrance Day at the Woodburn-Evans Head RSL Club. Our school was fortunate enough to be asked to say a few words, reflecting on the special significance of this day, post war and paying our respects to the soldiers who have lost their lives in the wars. Harrison Drechsler and Seren Spann gave a moving speech, with Jacob Yourell, Lilli Gillespie, Zahli Moore and Finn Gillespie having the honour of laying the wreath. RSL patrons were also impressed by our younger primary students contributing with a fabulous collection of poppy drawings which are on display in the foyer.

## Around the School

This week some of our primary students started a two week Intensive Swimming Program held at the Evans River Aquatic Centre to teach the basic principles of how to swim. We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of our country, surrounded by the beaches and rivers, and with outlining farm areas with dams. Therefore it is imperative, with summer on the way, that all of our children are taught to swim. Please get behind the school and encourage your children to attend these lessons. As Laurie Lawrence would say, "Kids Alive, Do the Five". For further tips and helpful hints visit his website, Kidsalive.com.au



Summerland Credit Union is currently running a colouring competition for primary students in the Northern Rivers area. Please return student entries to the classroom teacher prior to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November.



Last week we saw all of our secondary students rollover into the following year of their studies e.g. Year 7 to Year 8. All staff have worked tirelessly to make this transition as smooth as possible for our students. I was impressed when talking to the seniors' at the range of subjects that were offered at our school. All students are settling in to their new timetables and subjects and are looking forward to what's ahead.

Kristen Gillespie CLO (Rel) Ph: 6682 6666 Email: kristen.gillespie@det.nsw.edu.au

### Canteen Roster - Week A

Monday	23 Oct	<b>Help Needed</b>
Tuesday	24 Oct	<b>Help Needed</b>
Wednesday	25 Oct	Molly Forsyth
Thursday	26 Oct	Von Pickens
Friday	27 Oct	<b>Help Needed</b>

### Science Trivia!

**This Week's Question:** Which wind is a warm southerly coming from the Sahara Desert over the Mediterranean?

**Last Week's Question:** What colour is the most prized variety of jade?

**Answer: Green**



### K-6 AWARDS Term 4 Week 6

<b>Kinder</b>	Riley Arnison	Natasha Mollis	Sarphira Nelson	Leo Ellis
<b>Year 1</b>	Wyatt Willows-Gillam	Chase Merrick	Bre McGregor	Jarvas Semple
<b>Year 2/3B</b>	Sol Novak	Sienna Samuels		
<b>Year 2/3M</b>	Zack Harvey Roche	Riley Collins	Aiden Arnison	Nayt Walker
<b>Year 4C</b>	McKinley Arnison	Charlie Mills	Nicola Manning	Ryan Wynne-Newman
<b>Year 5/6 F</b>	Trista Flaherty	Ally Forsyth	Joseph Harcourt	Justice Savage
<b>Year 5/6 E</b>	Jayde Upston	Luke Elley	Maddison Gordon	Finn Gillespie



**Saturday 28 Nov**

# PIMM FAMILY FUND RAISER

RAFFLES | GAMES | ENTERTAINMENT

**SPIT ROAST MEALS** from 5pm \$22 per person  
(\$5 going to Pimm Family)

**18+ ADULTS ONLY X-RATED SPELLING BEE**  
from 8pm \$5 per person  
(all proceeds to Pimm family)



*Riki Pimm, a local Woodburn man, father of 3 and loving husband has incurable cancer. Riki used to work at the local sugar mill but is now palliative and hopes to be home this week. We are hoping to raise as much as we can to help this family through Christmas and beyond.*

*"From 5pm til late. There will be huge raffles, lucky door prizes, games, entertainment and a special adults only spelling bee competition with all proceeds donated to the family."*

**WOODBURN  
ROD N REEL  
HOTEL**

99-103 River Street Woodburn NSW 2472. Phone: 02 6682 2406

## AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE CAREERS INFORMATION SESSION

Australia's Navy, Army and Air Force can give you experiences money can't buy – a career that not only improves you personally, but means doing something worthwhile for your country.

There really is something for almost everyone – from fully paid university degrees and graduate entry schemes, rewarding trade and technical careers, exciting combat roles, through to support and administration positions.

With more than 250 jobs on offer, with a multitude of entry avenues, there has never been a better time to find out more.

To learn more, attend an Australian Defence Force Careers Information Session.

**When:** Monday, 23 November 2015

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Where:** Lismore Workers Club, 231 Keen Street, Lismore

To RSVP please call 13 19 01 or email [cptgoldcoast@dfr.com.au](mailto:cptgoldcoast@dfr.com.au)



**DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING**



**Principal:** Rob Walker B.Ed., M.Ed.  
**Email:** [evansriver-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:evansriver-c.school@det.nsw.edu.au)  
**Website:** [www.evansriver.nsw.edu.au](http://www.evansriver.nsw.edu.au)

**Go4Fun** **FREE!**

**Free Healthy Lifestyle Program**  
for kids 6.5 to 13 years

- ✓ Helps kids reach a healthy weight
- ✓ Fun games & exercise for kids
- ✓ Build self-esteem & motivation

**CALL: 02 6620 7502**  **Health**  
Northern NSW  
Local Health District

**Register NOW for Term 1**  
Ballina



## The Ballina Osteopath

Osteopath available in Evans Head  
Fridays and Saturdays.

Gentle and effective treatments with 10  
years experience. Working out of Evans  
Head Physio at  
31 Woodburn St.

For bookings please call  
Jonathan King  
on 6687 5179



*Pam Bellingham*  
*School of Dance*

## ANNUAL CONCERT

featuring

**"Cinderella"**

**WOODBURN MEMORIAL HALL**

**Friday, 27th November at 12 noon**  
**Saturday, 28th November at 7.30 p.m.**

<b>Admission:</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$7</b>	<b>Pensioners</b>	<b>\$5</b>
	<b>Children</b>	<b>\$3</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>\$15</b>

**Proceeds to Woodburn Memorial Hall**

**Cypress Street, Evans Head NSW 2473**  
**Phone:** 02-6682 6666  
**Fax:** 02-6682 6777