



# Newsletter

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### Aidan swims at the Pacific Schools Games

Aidan Yourell (Year 11 2016) competed at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide recently. Aidan competed in the 16 to 19 year old Multi-class events representing NSW with hard competition from paralympians Rowan Cruthers and Tim Diskin. Eight countries competed in the swimming over a seven day carnival. A formal Opening Ceremony was held at the Adelaide Showgrounds with 4000 students in attendance. One day during the event involved lectures and time at the Adelaide Zoo. Aidan swam well all week, winning a bronze medal in the 100m Butterfly (taking over two seconds off his best time), narrowly missing a higher placing to Tim Diskin and a competitor from Macau in China. Aidan broke the Australian record in the 50m Backstroke taking 1.5 seconds off his previous best. Aidan's results: 200 IM – 7<sup>th</sup> (PB), 100 Back – 4<sup>th</sup> (PB), 100 Fly – 3<sup>rd</sup> (PB), 4 x 50 medley relay – 4<sup>th</sup>, 4 x 100 free relay – 4<sup>th</sup>, 200 back – 8<sup>th</sup> (PB), 50 fly – 5<sup>th</sup> (PB), 50 free – 9<sup>th</sup> (PB in heat and final), 4 x 100 medley relay – 5<sup>th</sup>, 50 back – 4<sup>th</sup> and Australian record for 16yo S10 classification, 200 free – 5<sup>th</sup> (PB), 100 free – 8<sup>th</sup> (PB) 4 x 50 free relay – 4<sup>th</sup>. An outstanding effort. Well done Aidan – we're very proud of your efforts!



### The talented Keeley Patch



Keeley Patch (Class of 2013) has had her work featured at recently at the Wollongbar TAFE End of Year Fashion Show. The fashion show was held at the Lismore City Hall on December 4. The costume is based on 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> century corsetry and this particular piece was designed around the theme 'Death'. It is made from recycled and second hand materials included plumber's plastic. It is being modelled by Jade Harvey, also a former Evans River student.

Amazingly the total cost for this piece of work was \$9.00. It was 333 hours in the making! An outstanding piece of work for a talented student. Keeley is two-thirds of the way through a Diploma of Costume for Performance. Well done Keeley!

### Position Vacant – Community Liaison Officer

As you may be aware our Community Liaison Officer Lyn Thomson is on leave pending retirement. The school is looking for a new person to take on this important role. A role statement and position criteria is available from the school office. Applicants should address each of the criteria in their application. Pay rates and further information is also available through the school office. Applications close Thursday 17 December 3.30pm. A cull of



## Diary

### This Week - Week 11 Term 4 - Week B

|           |                                 |         |
|-----------|---------------------------------|---------|
| Dec 14    | K-12 Presentation Assembly      | 11:30am |
| Dec 16    | Last Day of Term 4 for Students |         |
| Dec 17-18 | School Development Days         |         |

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

|             |                                     |  |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Jan 26      | Australia Day Public Holiday        |  |
| Jan 27      | School Development Day              |  |
| Jan 28      | Years 1-6, 7,11 and 12              |  |
| Jan 29      | All Students 1-12                   |  |
| Jan 28 & 29 | Kindergarten Best Start Assessments |  |

### Coming Event

|        |                                |          |
|--------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Feb 02 | K-6 Swimming Carnival          |          |
| Feb 04 | 7-12 Swimming Carnival         |          |
| Feb 10 | Mid Richmond Swimming Carnival | Woodburn |

applications is scheduled for later the same afternoon. Applicants are asked to indicate their availability for interviews on Friday 18 December in their cover letter. Successful applicants must meet Child Protection requirements of the NSW Department of Education. As the position is subject to available grant funding, it is generally filled on a temporary basis. Further enquiries should be directed to the Principal.

## Whooping Cough - Pertussis

The school is aware a student has been diagnosed with whooping cough (pertussis). This student is now recovering at home. A mandatory notification has been made to the Department of Health. Further information is available from the Department of Health website <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/factsheets/Pages/Pertussis.aspx> Copies of this information can also be obtained from the school office.

**Rob Walker – Principal**

## Alec Barker- Griffith University Future Leaders' Retreat

Congratulations to Alec Barker who has been accepted into Griffith Universities Future Leaders' Retreat. This event will be held during the summer school holidays in January at the Gold Coast Campus. During the three days Alec will attend a number of inspiring sessions – including featured speakers specialising in research, personal development coaching and professional leadership skills. He will also take part in sporting and social activities. Alec will also receive further development opportunities during 2016 including career mentoring, and exclusive opportunities to attend special events, courses and conferences.

Congratulations Alec.

**Chris Hayward-Careers Adviser**



## Biology Field Trip

The senior biology class conducted a field study of the Flatrock rock pools near Lennox head on the 8th of December. The student analysed the local ecosystem and discuss the impact of human alterations on the environment. They also measured the distribution and abundance of a variety of species.



This excursion is fundamental in developing a students investigation skills and to see science in action in the real world.

**Mrs Penny Cooper- Head Teacher Science**

## Queensland University Trip

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> December, sixteen Year 12 students from Evans River, along with Lismore and Kadina High Schools travelled to Queensland to visit five universities. On the first day we visited Bond University, and then travelled to Brisbane and visited Queensland University of Technology and University of Queensland. On the second day we went to Griffith University on the Gold Coast and Sothern Cross University Gold Coast Campus. It was a fun and helpful experience which gave us insight into possible opportunities available to us in our future education. We would like to thank Mr Hayward for organising this event.

**Billie Trustum and Katie Baker**

## Woodburn Carols by Candlelight

The traditional Woodburn Carols by Candlelight will take place in the Riverside Park on Saturday, 12th December. The barbecue, run by Woodburn SES will start at 6pm, with carol-singing led by 'Diamond Duo' Sylvia and Josh from 7pm. 'Candles' will be on sale, there will be performances by students from Woodburn Public School and St Joseph's Catholic School, Woodburn, and it is rumoured that a gentleman in a red suit will be paying a visit.

The evening is organised by the Woodburn Event Team and sponsored by Richmond Valley Council and the Woodburn Chamber of Commerce. Bring a rug or a chair to sit on and enjoy a lovely evening on the banks of the river! If the weather is inclement, the event will be transferred to the Woodburn Memorial Hall.

**COMMUNITY CAROLS**  
A SPECIAL VISIT FROM

PROUDLY PRESENTED BY

**16th DECEMBER 2015**  
**7pm - 8:30pm**

BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET

**EVANS HEAD CASINO**  
**SURE LIFESAVING CLUB**  
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AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE

IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER CAROLS WILL BE HELD IN THE PERFORMANCE HALL

EVANS RIVER K-12 COMMUNITY SCHOOL CYPRESS STREET EVANS HEAD

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT (02) 6682 4334

MID RICHMOND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE



Due to the commitment of the Evans River K-12 P&C and our volunteers in 2015 we have achieved a great deal. This has included helping run successful fundraisers at the school and in the community, meaning funds raised could be used to purchase valuable resources within the school. The P&C was a driving force behind the purchase of musical instruments for our Primary students and instigating the Hothouse Music tuition. In the wider community the P&C works closely with Richmond Valley Council in regards to the safety of our students, their persistence led to the installation of a traffic island on Woodburn Street. These are just a few of the P&C's achievements this year, many thanks to all our parents and carers, your presence is valued. We look forward to seeing new parents and carers in 2016.

## Around the school

Next week we say a sad farewell to our much loved Kindergarten teacher, Mrs Piccoli. Many parents and teachers comment how fondly she is regarded and how greatly she will be missed. I thought it was best summed up by the Kinder kids themselves.

We love painting and writing with Mrs Piccoli, she is funny and nice. We will miss her.



Jaiden



Hannah



Zan



Last Thursday Evans River hosted an orientation day for students starting Year 7 in 2016. From all reports students had an amazing day, making new friends, participating in activities with their peer support leaders and getting to know their way around the school. The treasure hunt was a big hit, as was the catapult making activity. Many thanks to our peer support leaders and staff who made sure the day was a huge success.



We look forward to celebrating our students achievements with parents and caregivers at the Evans River K-12 Annual Presentation Assembly on Monday 14th December at 11:30am.

Please remember to bring all raffle tickets back to the office by Friday 11th December, prizes will be drawn at the Assembly. Great prizes for a great cause.

Kristen Gillespie CLO (Rel.)



We are proud of all our students who completed their HSC this year. There are several students who have had early entry acceptance into university through their hard work and dedication. Chloe Miller is one such student who by making smart choices in her earlier studies with electives and undertaking Senior Science through Distance Education, has been selected by not only one but two universities to undertake a Bachelor of Nursing degree. Chloe has decided to take the Griffith University offer and we wish her all the best with her studies.

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## treegonometry decorating INSTRUCTIONS

Number of baubles =  $\frac{\sqrt{17}}{20} \times$  (tree height in cms)

The length of tinsel (cms) =  $\frac{13 \times \pi}{20} \times$  (tree height in cms)

The length of lights (cms) =  $\pi \times$  (tree height in cms)

The height of the star/fairy (cms) =  $\frac{\text{height of tree (in cms)}}{10}$

### Canteen Roster - Week B

|           |        |                    |
|-----------|--------|--------------------|
| Monday    | 14 Dec | <b>Help Needed</b> |
| Tuesday   | 15 Dec | <b>Help Needed</b> |
| Wednesday | 16 Dec | Molly Forsyth      |
| Thursday  | 17 Dec | SDD                |
| Friday    | 18 Dec | SDD                |

### K-6 AWARDS Term 4 Week 9

|            |                     |                   |                  |                     |
|------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Kinder     | Sebastian Harvey    | James Grills      | Ruben Wilson     | Savannah Semple     |
| Year 1     | Mia Halliday        | Makayla Bateman   | Bre McGregor     | Sarah Boyle         |
| Year 2/3B  | Skye Boyle          | Bonnie Hadgelias  | Ivy Hamilton     |                     |
| Year 2/3M  | Isla Williams       | Lily Pollack      | Ailie Macgregor  | Maddison Stothard   |
| Year 4C    | Damon Walker        | Ryan Wynne-Newman | McKinley Arnison | Nicola Manning      |
| Year 5/6 F | Mitchell Williamson | Jess Bodley       | Jeremy Clennett  | Angel Harvey-Conway |
| Year 5/6 E | Victor Roberts      | Rose Evans        | Cooper Hinton    | Zahli Moore         |





## HOLIDAY ADVENTURE

Hang out with us these holidays!

FLYING TRAPEZE  
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# The GIRL TO WOMAN Festival

**Saturday 9th January 2016**  
**Lennox Head Cultural & Community Centre**

**Respect & Celebrate**

**G2W 2016: Respect and Celebrate.** A festival that raises awareness in Respect to the issues and challenges girls and young women face today while Celebrating in full how amazing girls and young women truly are.

Open to the whole family and wider community.

For more program and booking details go to:  
[www.girltowoman.com.au](http://www.girltowoman.com.au)

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### Christmas Trivia!

- Question 1:** Name three of Santa's Reindeers that start with the letter "D"
- Question 2:** Which Christmas item was invented by Tom Smith in 1847
- Question 3:** In which American State would you find the city of Bethlehem
- Question 4:** Coca Cola made our modern Father Christmas for an advertising campaign? Prior to that what colour were his robes?



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you will need:

GOGGLES SWIM CAP FLIPPERS & WATER BOTTLE

EXAMPLE DAY: 8am - 8:30 Strength & Conditioning SILVER SQUAD  
8:30-9:30 Swim Skills SILVER + BRONZE SQUADS & SENIOR STROKE  
9:30-10am Specialist Talk SILVER + BRONZE SQUADS & SENIOR STROKE



**book today**

TUESDAY - SATURDAY 12th - 16th & 19th - 23rd swim camp 8am - 10am  
MONDAY 25th JANUARY mind training for performance workshop 10am - 11am

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### Quote of the Week

Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid.  
- Albert Einstein

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