



# Newsletter

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## Outstanding HSC Results

There are many very impressive HSC results which have been achieved this year. Band 5 results were achieved by Jack Barwick (Drama, Maths General, Music), Phoebe Byrnes (Business Studies), Alex Clark (Construction), Natanyah Forbes (Music), Georgia Hart (Chemistry, Modern History and a Band 6 result in PDHPE), Hannah McKendrick (Music), Chloe Miller (Senior Science), Rianna Patch (Drama), Brooke Simmons (Legal Studies, PDHPE), Kai Tosomeen (English Advanced), Connor Uebergang (Music), Emily Vallance (English Advanced, Legal Studies, Hospitality), Georgie Watson (Hospitality), Peter Weekes (Music), Kelly Wilson (Drama, English Advanced and an E3 Band for English Extension 1, Modern History). We have been advised Georgia Hart has achieved an ATAR of 93.2, an outstanding result. Subsequently, Georgia has been accepted into a Bachelor of Exercise Physiology and Rehabilitation program at the University of Wollongong. Congratulations to all seniors on their results this year.

## Annual Presentation Assembly

Our Annual Presentation Assembly was held on Monday and saw students recognised for excellence in academic, sporting and all round performance. High level awards for attendance, attitude, conduct and effort were also presented. Congratulations to all students who have worked hard to improve their knowledge and skills this year. Thanks to the very large number of parents and community members in attendance. Thanks to the staff involved in organising the event and in particular Karen Warwick and Kim Bell.

## Farewells

It is with mixed feelings that we farewell a number of staff who are moving on to new opportunities: Kristin Piccoli, Karen Moreman, Lyn Thomson, Simone Bisgrove, Marshall Chang, Andrew Grant-Frost and Matt Simpson will not be with us in 2016. Thank you to each of them for their hard work and dedication to our students – each in their own way making our school a better place for all. Their work is appreciated. We wish them well in their new places of work.



## Diary

### This Week - Week 1 Term 1 - 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

### Next Week - Week 2 Term 1 - Week B

Feb 02	K-6 Swimming Carnival
Feb 04	7-12 Swimming Carnival

### Coming Event

Feb 10	Mid Richmond Swimming Carnival	Woodburn
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## Festive and Holiday Season

Thank you to all who have made contributions to our school during 2015. It has been a year rich with student achievements and improvement. Best wishes for a safe and happy festive season. We look forward to working with you again in 2016.

**Rob Walker – Principal**

## Upgrade of Sports Awards

This week Evans River K-12 School celebrated our students' achievements at the Annual Presentation Assembly. During this celebration, a number of awards were presented for excellence in sporting achievements. In error, two young men were awarded a Sporting Blue for swimming which we now advise have been upgraded to a Bar to a Sporting Blue. Our apologies to both Aiden Yourell and Jacob Yourell. Congratulations on this significant achievement.

**Karen Warwick – Annual Presentation Assembly Coordinator**



## Uniform Store

Any parents who are looking to purchase uniforms will be able to do it in Week 1 2016. The uniform store will be open on Wednesday 27th January. EFTPOS will be available at the office.

**Kristen Gillespie– CLO**

## Marine Excursion

Eleven students attended the final Marine Studies excursion for the year, held on Tuesday 15 December. Travelling first to Woolgoolga, students viewed the Sikh Temple and artwork on the Woolgoolga Headland before undertaking transect and quadrat surveys of the marine platform. A visit to the National Marine Centre allowed the group to work with computer



programs and to identify particular benthic species. Some relaxation with a marine pinata at Arrawarra followed and further investigation of rich marine life at Arrawarra completed another very successful day.

## Crystals for Christmas!

Year 2/3M have had a wonderful time in Science this term, with the latest session allowing the growing of some crystals for Christmas! Students used pipe cleaners to build the crystal framework. They dissolved 3 heaped tablespoons of borax into hot water to create the growing solution and used their own creative flair by adding different food colourings. Although some crystals formed within a few hours, students allowed several days to elapse before uncovering these wonderful crystal formations.

**Karen Warwick - Science Teacher**



## Canteen News

Can it really be the end of yet another year WOW! I would like to thank each and every person who has made Canteen the outstanding success that it is. So many people contribute in so many ways. You are all so very wonderful.

Through providing nutritious home cooked options we have again achieved so much this year. The students that attend this great school are nothing less than amazing and always make my job so enjoyable, so thank you all. A healthy profit of over \$12 000 was achieved this year, which is also a great effort. Safe holidays everyone.

**Fay Granger– Canteen Coordinator**

### MS Office 2016 for Home Use

As part of the department's Enterprise Agreement with Microsoft, MS Office 2016 is now available under work -at-home rights for DoE staff and students. Under this agreement, a single copy for use on a single computer is provided to NSW public school students for free and to staff for under \$25.

More licences of Office 2016 will be made available for free to all students and staff during Term 1 next year under our MS Office 365 agreement.

### Canteen Roster - Week A

Monday	25 Jan	<b>Holidays</b>
Tuesday	26 Jan	<b>Public Holiday</b>
Wednesday	27 Jan	SDD
Thursday	28 Jan	Von Pickens
Friday	29 Jan	<b>Help Needed</b>



Last Tuesday night was a great opportunity for our Year 6 students to dress up, relax and enjoy the end of their Primary studies. Many thanks to Mrs Elliot and Mr Fields for organising the farewell; by all accounts the night was an outstanding success with the dance competition a highlight showcasing cutting edge moves.



Year 6 2015

Many thanks to our whole school community for supporting our annual P&C fundraiser this year. It was a great success, raising \$670.00 for our school programs. Special thanks to Evans Head IGA store for permitting the P&C to sell tickets on their premises. Thanks to school volunteers, Eva Boutle, Lilli Gillespie, Tahlia Howard and Ella Gillespie.

## Around the School



Our annual Presentation Assembly was a great success, with students taking great pride in receiving their awards. Many thanks to Chris Gulaptis MP for taking the time to be part of our special day, our whole school community for attending and a special thanks to all our wonderful sponsors for their ongoing support.



Last weekend Jessica Roche and Zack Harvey-Roche attended the Little Athletics Championships in Nambucca Heads, with outstanding results. Jessica coming 1st in the Discus, 2nd in Shotput and 4th in the Javin events. Zack just as impressive, coming 3rd in the 70 metre sprint, 3rd in 100 metre sprint and 3rd in long jump. These excellent results have seen both students advance to the Regional Championships to be held in Newcastle in Feb 2016. We wish both Jessica and Zack the best of luck at the event with Evan River supporting you all the way.

Evans River K-12 School staff would like to wish all our students, parents and caregivers a very Merry Christmas and Happy  
Gillespie CLO (Rel.)



## P&C News

Our next meetings will be held on Monday 15th February. Our morning meeting takes place at 9:00 am in the Administration Building and the second meeting is held in the Library at 4:30pm. We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and we will see you all in the New Year. Please consider joining one of our meetings and bring along your ideas.

## Christmas Trivia!

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





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### Slam Poetry Workshop (Ages 8-12) With Samantha Turnbull

**When:** Wednesday, 20 January 2016 10am-1pm

**Where:** Byron Community College, 107 Jonson St, Byron Bay.

**Cost:** \$25 members & \$30 non-members

**Bookings & Information:** nrwc.org.au or (02) 6685 5115

### Water Lab Wednesday

**What:** Fun water science experiments, investigations and games.

**Who:** For children 5 to 12 with a supervising adult.

**When:** Wednesday January 6th, 13th & 20th 2016.

**Time:** Opens 10am – Closes 3pm with last entry 2pm.

**Where:** Dorrroughby Environmental Education Centre, 2101 Dunoon Road, Dorrroughby.

**More info** [www.watersciencelab.com.au](http://www.watersciencelab.com.au)

### Uniform Store

**Uniform Caps; Trucker and Flat Cap for students in Year 7-12. \$10**

**The uniforms have arrived - Senior and Secondary shirts.**

**Shorts and Skorts are all in stock.**

**Reversible Primary Hats with House Colours are in stock also.**

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

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

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### Quote of the Week

I've learned... that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

Andy Rooney

