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Host an Italian Student?

Our sister school in Italy has three students who would like to come and live with us for 3 months next year. This is separate to our regular exchange arrangement. The stay is scheduled for May, June and July 2017. Each is a 17 year old girl seeking to live with an Evans River family, attend school with us, learn more of Australian life and become better English (Australian!) speakers. Our Italian Exchange coordinator in Italy said of two of the girls: 'Sophia P is a lovely girl. She is bright, well-mannered and used to travelling, she has travelled with her school to Oxford- England, Dublin-Ireland and Brighton- England and has stayed both in a college and with families. She is easy to get on with and Sophia B is a delightful girl who is into sport, reading and music.' I am still waiting on profile information for the third student. Families who have hosted in the past have spoken highly of the experience – not only for their child, but for the whole family. If you are able to host an exchange period for some or, all of the visit, please email or phone the school office letting us know.

Merit Awards

The school has in place systems for ensuring students are recognised for good conduct, effort and attitude. Known as the merit award system, students are recognised for a range of positive behaviours including submission of quality work, asking good questions and/or participating well in class, having required equipment with them, helping others and wearing the correct clothing for the activities in which they are involved. The awards are cumulative in that students gain individual merits and they accumulate until certain thresholds are reached. These thresholds vary depending on the age of the child. As the number of merits a child receives grows they qualify for bronze, silver, gold and platinum awards (year 7 to 12 students may also qualify for a Diamond Award). Individual classes and faculty areas have award systems which contribute to the acquisition of merit awards. Parents and students can track the achievement of merits through the parent and student portals.

Year 7 2017 Technology

The technology initiative described in two recent newsletters was discussed and supported at last week's School Council meeting. It will be raised again at Monday's P&C meeting. The drafted information pack relating to this initiative will be discussed at the meeting and It is intended this will be distributed to parents in the days subsequent to the meeting. The initiative is set to strongly enhance learning opportunities for our students. The notebook computers have excellent features. They are valued at \$625 but will be made available to our Year 7 2017 families for \$300. Families will have the option of buying the devices outright or paying them off through an agreed payment plan. The devices will be issued to students at a Year 7 parent and student information



Diary

Week 7 Term 4 - Week B

Nov 21-Dec 7	Intensive Swimming	Years 2-6
Nov 22	CHS Cricket - Girls	Grafton

Week 8 Term 4 - Week A

Nov 21-Dec 7	Intensive Swimming	Years 2-6
Nov 22	CHS Cricket - Girls	Grafton
Nov 23	RRISK Seminar Seniors	SCU Lismore
Nov 24	CHS Softball - Girls	Lismore
Nov 29-30	Year 10 "Fearless" Leaders Training	

Coming Events

Nov 28	School Council Meeting	6pm
Nov 29	CHS Cricket - Boys	Grafton
Nov 30	Dirrawong Awards Night	
Dec 1-2	QLD UNI Excursion	Seniors
Dec 6	Year 7 2017 Orientation Day	9am - 3:30pm
	Year 10 "Fearless" Leaders Training	
Dec 7	Year 6 Activities Day	9am-3pm
	7-12 Social 'Retro theme'	6:30-9pm
Dec 8	Junior Captains Speeches	9:30am
	CAPA Performance Night	Time TBC
Dec 9	K-12 Merit Assembly & First in Subject Awards 2016	
Dec 12	K-12 Presentation Assembly	11:30-1:15pm

night in the first weeks of 2017.

Coming Events

On Friday 9 December the term 4 Performance Assembly will be held. This assembly will see the qualifying students receive merit awards for which they have qualified. Also at this assembly students in the N and Y classes of Years 7 to 10 will receive recognition if they have taken first place in their class in a subject. On Monday 12 December our Annual Presentation Assembly will be held. This assembly includes presentation of the major sporting and academic prizes for 2016. On Tuesday 13 December qualifying K-6 students will participate in the Platinum Award excursion and the following day, on Wednesday 14 December, qualifying Year 7 to 12 students will participate in their Platinum Award excursion. On Wednesday 30 November the Dirrawong Awards night will be held. This is a great night where members of the community come together to celebrate the achievement of the indigenous students. If you've a commitment or interest in supporting the outcomes for indigenous students, please feel welcome to come along. Year 6 have their big night on Tuesday 13 December – Graduation from primary school. Celebrated with their families, the night provides recognition of the achievements of our most senior primary students. The final day of school for 2016 is Friday 16 December.

Rob Walker - Principal

Maths Competition

Last Thursday two of our Primary students travelled with their families to Coffs Harbour to receive their High Distinction awards in the Newcastle Permanent State Maths Competition.

Cooper Hinton and Ethan Pepar were proud recipients of their awards and listened to some



Parent Portal Logon

The Link to the Evans River K-12 School Sentral Parent Portal Logon is as follows:

<http://web3.evansriver-c.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/login>

inspiring speakers on the day who spoke about opportunities for mathematicians and the many career paths available for those who work hard and continue to develop their skills in problem solving.

K-6 Teachers

Breeding Box for Microbats

Evans River K-12 students were the lucky winners in a competition run by the Casino Environment Centre. Geoff and Meg presented the prize; a breeding box for microbats and a breeding box for a pair of parrots.

Rachael Redman (Year 10 Agricultural Technology) was on hand to receive the prize on Monday, 7th November.

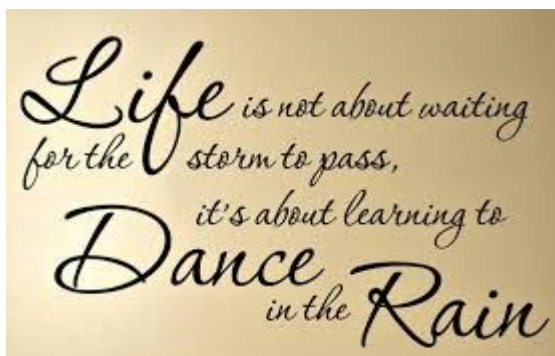


Thanks to the Casino Environment Centre for the generous prize.

**Alison McGeary—
Science Teacher 7-12**

Library

The end of the year collection of library resources is almost upon us. There will be no more borrowing after Friday 2nd December. It would be most appreciated if all families could start returning library books as soon as possible to avoid a rush at the end of term.



WELCOME TO WEEK 1 - This week Evans River Year 7-12 students rolled over into their new academic year. This was a smooth transition with our new Year 11 students looking fantastic in their senior uniform. Parents/carers shall also notice changes to the school calendar, most notably is the School Assembly now taking place on a Monday.

MMMondays. Monday with school finishing at 3pm and Fridays being a 6 period day.



WEHMALLA - Students shall notice a name change for their start class, from this week Evans River shall be using the Bandjalang word Wehmalla, meaning talking/language.

This word is a perfect fit as it is a time that students connect with their peers and teacher.



It's that time of the year already! **The P&C Christmas raffle.** K-12 students shall come home with a note and raffle booklet. Thanks to our local businesses we have fantastic prizes to give away. Please support our raffle as all proceeds go towards cooling our classrooms for students. Booklets are due back to the office by the 9th December 16, draw shall take place at the Presentation Assembly.

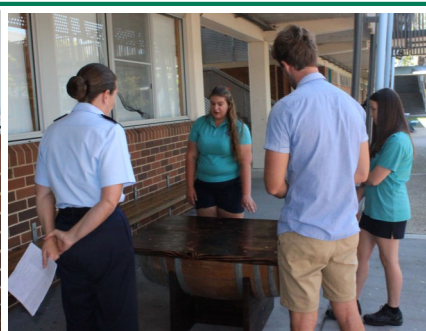
The next P&C meeting is Monday 21st November at 4:30 pm in the library. We welcome all our school community to come along.

Around the school

Kristen Gillespie CLO

Last week Year 10 students participated in their Authentic Assessment Interviews as part of their school program. This involved students presenting a collaboration of all of the work they have done throughout the year in a portfolio to a panel consisting of community members, Year 9 students and staff.

Year 10 students excelled, with community members extremely impressed with the calibre of work and confidence our students displayed. Congratulations Year 10 and many thanks to all community panel members for supporting this important stepping stone for students.



Angel Harvey-Conway is an absolute Spelling Bee superstar!

Angel recently competed against 130,000 students to advance to the State Final of the Premiers Spelling Bee, consisting of a final 43 students.

Evans River is extremely proud of Angel's outstanding effort. Well done!



A reminder to submit all entries for the BCU \$1000.00 scholarship prior to the 18th November 16 at www.bcu.com.au/studentplus-

Canteen Roster - Week B

Monday	21 Nov	Laurie Wood
Tuesday	22 Nov	Help Needed
Wednesday	23 Nov	Help Needed
Thursday	24 Nov	Von Pickens
Friday	25 Nov	Help Needed

Canteen Roster - Week A

Monday	28 Nov	Laurie Wood
Tuesday	29 Nov	Help Needed
Wednesday	30 Nov	Help Needed
Thursday	01 Dec	Von Pickens
Friday	02 Dec	Help Needed

K-6 AWARDS Term 4 Week 5

Kinder	Ryder Caine	Lily Schmitt	Matilda Strong	Steven Williams
Year 1	Alexandra Manning	Hannah Forrester	Bodhi Wornes	Jay Hadgelias
Year 2/3V	Chase Merrick	Sarah Boyle	Milly Rose Tregidgo	Mia Jo Henderson
Year 2/3W	Recharna Deas	Bailey Strong	Leah Turner	William Weekes
Year 4	Hasnain Rana	Darren Stewart	Baylee O'Brein	Maddison Stothard
Year 5	Shenoah McKenna	Ethan Pepar	Oska Hancock	Savannah Novak
Year 6	Mitchell Williamson	Lahni Pearson	Jordan Graham	Cody O'Brien
Class Award	Kindergarten			



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Pam Bellingham School of Dance Annual Concert

featuring

"The Wizard of Oz"

Woodburn Memorial Hall

Saturday, 26th November - 7:00 p.m.

Monday, 28th November - 1:00 p.m.

Admission - Adults \$7 Concession \$5

Child \$3 Family \$15

Proceeds to Woodburn Memorial Hall

The DANCE HOUSE

will be opening in 2017
with Jenny Southon
a teacher of over 30 years experience,

Classes will be held at the new,
purpose built studio
at 3 Wallum Drive, Evans Head.

Come to a place where children can learn
Classical Ballet, Jazz, and Song and Dance
techniques in a fun and positive environment.

Classes for Pre School age and upward
(depending on numbers)
and a possibility for a ladies gentle
exercise/stretch/strength class to music,
if there is enough interest.

Please call Jenny on 0427140958
with questions or to book a place!
Working With Children Check no. WW013553E

P&C News

Our next meetings will be held on Monday 21st
November at 4:30pm in the library. Please come
along and share your ideas. PLEASE NOTE there
is no longer a morning P&C meeting.



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