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Dirrawong Awards Night

You could feel it as soon as you walked into the room. A community committed to raising their children well. There was a big attendance and the night was rich with connection and good feeling amongst those in attendance. Many students were recognised for their achievements during 2016 – academic, sporting and cultural. Students performed, news of the indigenous programs of the school was shared; there was encouragement to participate in the AECG (meetings are in the second last or last week of term – usually on the Thursday) and an exciting new project was unveiled – the construction of a cultural walk through the bush land behind the school – commencing from the yarnning circle behind the library. This will be a project years in the making and there are calls for local indigenous people to become involved in sharing stories and local indigenous knowledge which may be incorporated in the project. The night was a wonderful occasion. Thank you to all who have supported the students in making 2016 such a year of achievement – those to be thanked from the staff include Robin Mather, Simone Barker, Corrina Day, Monique McLean, Craig Gillespie, Glen Cook, and Kristen Gillespie. Also special thanks to mum, Kylie Roach for her assistance in preparing for the night.

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 night in the first weeks of 2017.



World Teachers Day Awards

The Australian College of Educators held a function in recognition of World Teachers Day at the Coffs Harbour Education Campus on November 17. Three members of our staff were recognised for their work. Congratulations are due to Mrs Yvonne Sharpe (Deputy Principal), Mrs Jenny Hart (Deputy Principal) and Ms Tracy Durheim (Instructional Leader). The Australian College of Educators is a national



Diary

Week 9 Term 4 - Week B

Dec 6	Year 7 2017 Orientation Day Year 10 "Fearless" Leaders Training	9am - 3:30pm
Dec 7	Year 6 Activities Day 7-12 Social 'Retro theme'	9am-3pm 6:30-9pm
Dec 8	Junior Captains Speeches CAPA Performance Night	9:30am Time TBC
Dec 9	K-12 Merit Assembly & First in Subject Awards 2016	

Week 10 Term 4 - Week A

Dec 12	K-12 Presentation Assembly	11:30-1:15pm
Dec 13	K-6 Platinum Award Excursion Year 6 Graduation Dinner	
Dec 14	7-12 Platinum & SRC Excursion	Proposed
Dec 15 /16	7-10 End of Year Activities	
Dec 15	K-6 "Big Day In"	
Dec 16	Last Day Term 4	For Students

Coming Events

Dec 19/20	School Development Days	Staff Only
Jan 27	School Development Day	Staff Only
Jan 30-Feb 2	Kinder Best Start Assessment	
Feb 03	Kindergarten 2017 Start	9:00am
Feb 07	7-12 Swimming Carnival	Evans Head

organisation made up of teachers of public and private schools, TAFE and private college teachers and university lecturers. To receive an award from peers such as these is a wonderful achievement. Congratulations!

Host an Italian student?

We're still looking for assistance with this matter... 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 from mid-June to mid-September 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 widely travelled girl and easy to get on with. She is patient with younger children having been a scout leader here in Padua. Sophia B is a delightful girl who is academically very strong. "She is clever, polite, easy to get on with, well-travelled and has a beautiful personality". Mahder takes a very positive outlook on life; she is also well travelled. "She is happy, outgoing and loves life. Mahder is of Ethiopian origin having been adopted by an Italian family at age 7. She has been well raised and possesses a warm and generous nature." 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.

Rob Walker – Principal

Intensive Swimming

Over the past two weeks students from Years 2-6 have been involved in swimming lessons at the pool every day. With extra staff trained in Auswim this year we have been able to provide this extended program to support all levels of swimming. The students are to be congratulated for their commitment. The improvement in their swimming over the two weeks has been outstanding. A huge thank you to Mr Fields for his organisation of this program, and to the staff who made this possible. We look forward to seeing some great efforts at the swimming carnival next year! (Photo in Masthead)

Yvonne Sharpe

Wellbeing Builder:

Optimistic Thinking

Effectively Wellbeing Element:

Strengths & Emotions

Character Strength: Spirituality

Wellbeing Fitness Challenges:

Years 7-9 – Give to Live

Years 10-12 – Emotion Spotting

As Barbara Fredrickson's research has informed us, it is the frequency of positive emotions, not their intensity, which builds our wellbeing. Looking at life optimistically and searching for what is good in things and right about what we are doing sees positive emotions bubbling away in us. We are striving, thriving and flourishing.

When we educate our children about the amazing benefits of adopting an optimistic outlook in their lives and introduce them to the little positive actions they can do often, they shine. Happy people enjoy better health and are more likely to achieve what they set out to do.

The alternative is to look at life pessimistically and search for what is wrong with things. And guess what, people who adopt this negative way of thinking find plenty of things they perceive to be not right, because that is all they are on the lookout for. It's a pity they miss out on the great things that are happening and could happen. As such, they seldom have those warm feelings of gratitude and appreciation.

The zest of optimistic thinkers is contagious and rubs off on those around them. Unfortunately, this is also true for negative thinkers.

"All learning has an emotional base."
Plato

When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile.

- Unknown

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Evans River P&C School Raffle is in full swing! Thanks to the kind generosity of our local Evans Head businesses we have fantastic prizes on offer.

The P&C would greatly appreciate Evans River families supporting our school raffle as all funds raised contribute to cooling our classrooms. Extra booklets available at the front office. Raffle booklets are due back to the office by the 9th December 2017. The raffle winners shall be drawn at the Presentation Assembly on the 12th December 2017.

Thanks for your support Evans River!

1st Prize : \$250.00 Beechies @ the Bowlo Children's Party

2nd Prize: \$100.00 Illawong Hotel/ Rod & Reel Hotel Gift Voucher

3rd & 4th Prize : \$25.00 Chill Café Gift Voucher



Last year our P&C committee enquired about additional swim programs during the two week Intensive Swim Program for Years 2 to 6. Mr Fields and staff took this advice on board, we now have five Austswim Qualified Staff Instructors who teach the learn to swim and water safety program that develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety, with the newly added additional survival and rescue techniques for students.

Thanks to Mr Fields for co-ordinating the event and all staff for their dedication.

Around the school

Kristen Gillespie CLO



Canteen Roster - Week B

Monday	05 Dec	Laurie Wood
Tuesday	06 Dec	Help Needed
Wednesday	07 Dec	Help Needed
Thursday	08 Dec	Von Pickens
Friday	09 Dec	Help Needed

Canteen Roster - Week A

Monday	12 Dec	Laurie Wood
Tuesday	13 Dec	Help Needed
Wednesday	14 Dec	Help Needed
Thursday	15 Dec	Von Pickens
Friday	16 Dec	Help Needed

K-6 AWARDS Term 4 Week 7

Kinder	Tahlia Ison	Cooper Vidler	Randy Harris	Thomas Daly
Year 1	Jaiden Cooper	Tyler Fletcher	Victor Saunders	Solomon Kapeen
Year 2/3V	Halle Mayes	Brilee Samuels	Sienna Swanbury	Leesy Forsyth
Year 2/3W	Alex Redman	Sabrina Saunders	Kyla Flaherty	Jace Savage
Year 4	Hasnain Rana	Latrelle Duncan	Baylee O'Brien	Liam Graham
Year 5	Charlie Mills	Byron Hutley	Ryan Wynne-Newman	Jayce Corby
Year 6	Lahni Pearson	Shimani Booker	Trista Flaherty	Justice Savage
Dirrawong Awards	Cooper Hinton, Hasnain Rana, Ryder Caine, Jasmine Schmitt			





The Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre Inc.
Proudly presents:

The Evans Head **COMMUNITY CAROLS**



Wednesday 14th December 2016

7pm - 8:30pm

**Casino - Evans Head
Surf Lifesaving Club**

*Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy an evening of Carols
Sausage Sizzle | Drinks | Glow Sticks
will be available for purchase*

IN THE EVENT OF BAD WEATHER CAROLS WILL BE HELD IN THE PERFORMANCE HALL @ EVANS RIVER K-12 SCHOOL

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT (02) 6682 4334

MID RICHMOND NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE



Looking for Daycare for 2017

My name is Natalie Piggott and I have been a family daycare educator with Ballina/Byron Family Daycare for nearly 9 years. I offer quality care with the benefit of more personalised small group learning. I am located just off Reardons Lane Swan Bay, 5 mins out of Woodburn.

If you live in Woodburn or Evans Head and work in Casino or Lismore I am on the way. Next year I will have vacancies available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Hours are flexible and currently able to take any age from babies to preschool age. For more information you can contact me personally on [0448441558](tel:0448441558) or the office on [66867799](tel:66867799).

P&C News

Our next meetings will be held on Monday 20th February 2017 along and share your ideas. PLEASE NOTE there is no longer a morning P&C meeting.



Principal: Rob Walker B.Ed., M.Ed.
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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. WWC185531E

CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

FREE



Thursday 8th December 5.30-7.30pm

Bring the family along for
a great night of fun.

- Santa's littler helper workshop
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments provided
- Pony rides, jump castle, facepainting,
Model plane display and much more...



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