



Newsletter

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Baseball representatives

Brodie Olive loves baseball. He can't get enough of it. "I started playing cricket. Mum and dad used to play softball. So I went and joined baseball. My brother Cooper also joined, a year later" Brodie said. Brodie was selected in the CHS North Coast baseball team after trials at Lismore in February. During March the team travelled to Newcastle and competed in the CHS State Championships. Brodie sees himself as both a pitcher and a batter. He also spends time on third base, shortstop or second base. The team played six games over four days. At the end they were placed fifth of seven teams in the tournament. Cooper also plays rep baseball. He was selected in the Far North Coast club representative side. In April he played at Runcorn in Brisbane in the Queensland State Championships. Cooper played eight games in four days. At the end of the tournament the team was placed fourth. Cooper is also an all-rounder. He bats, pitches, fields and is a baseman. "I really like the fitness side. I don't play for the competition but for the fun." Cooper likes to see himself improve. "I like to watch the bigger people play and learn from them." Brodie is in Year 11 and Cooper in Year 7 at our school. Both Cooper and Brodie have had offers of playing in other countries – yet to be taken up. Their older brother Dylan has played in the US twice. Congratulations to both Brodie and Cooper on these achievements!

Our students

It was a delight to see the engagement of our students in the cross country: happy, supportive of each other and giving their best. Run under beautiful conditions along the beach, there was a positive atmosphere on the day. On Wednesday sixty of our students were involved in the NSW Rugby Union Secondary Schools Rugby 7s tournament. Once again the nature of our students was at the fore: many having a go at rugby sevens for the first time, supportive and a positive approach to the day. Well done!

Winter Uniform

All families are asked to ensure winter uniform requirements have been acquired. Boys have the choice of three 'jumpers': all of which have the school's logo on the left breast – the chinook (or hoodie), the track suit top, or the sloppy joe. Girls also have the choice of a plain navy, button down, knit cardigan. Correct wearing of uniform is checked daily. Any families experiencing genuine financial need are encouraged to contact Mrs D'Anna or myself.

Rob Walker – Principal



Diary

Week 3 Term 2 - Week B

May 9	School Council Mtg CHS NC Region Touch	6:00-7:30pm
May 10-12	NAPLAN, Yrs 3, 5, 7 & 9	
May 13	NR Career Expo Yr 10-12 Homeless Sleepover	Goonellabah ER K-12

Week 4 Term 2 - Week A

May 16	Year 7 Immunisation School Photos CHS Open Boys/Girls Hockey P&C Meetings Kindergarten 2017 Parent Meeting	Goonellabah 9am & 4:30pm 6pm-7pm
May 20	CHS Zone Cross Country PSSA District Cross Country AIME Program (Yr 9-12)	SCU

Coming Events

May 24	7-12 Athletics
May 25	Yr 5/6 Boys & Girls Netball Gala Day

Yr 10 Agriculture Excursion - Aranyani Bison Farm

The Year 10 Agriculture students were recently treated to a field trip to the Aranyani Bison farm as part of their Beef unit. The property owner, Damen Wells, gave the students a tour of the facilities and explained the differences between cattle and bison and the different handling requirements.



Some interesting facts are: bison can jump approximately 2m from a standing start, bison can run at speeds of

60km/h and keep this up for 10km, a group of bison can be called a herd, a gang or an obstinacy.

The students are to be congratulated on the way they conducted themselves throughout the day. Thanks to Aunty Simone and Geoff for their help on the day.

Mrs McGeary



KINDERGARTEN GROW CRYSTALS..

Kindergarten students have been 'working through' the alphabet this year, learning about the various branches of Science. As part of their work in Geology this week, Kindergarten have started to grow crystals to assist in their understanding of rock forming processes.

This month the annual GEMFEST occurs once again in our region. Parents are encouraged to place this event high on their calendar and to take their families to the Lismore Showground on the 14th or 15th May for this wonderful event.

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 Sessions -

Tuesday, 17 May 2016 Time: 6:00pm Where: Lismore Workers Club – 231 Keen Street, Lismore

Thursday, 19 May 2016 Time: 6:00pm Where: Ballina RSL, Spinnakers Room – 240 River Street, Ballina

To RSVP please call 13 19 01 or email cptqld@dfr.com.au

Wellbeing Builder:

Changing Brain: Neuroplasticity

Wellbeing Element:

Positive Engagement

Character Strength: Humility

Wellbeing Fitness Challenges:

Years 7-9 – Bright and Light

Years 10-12 – Strengths Spotting

For many years researchers told us that our brains' intelligence was fixed and consequently both students and teachers believed that hard work was the only way to get the best out of this fixed quantity; leading to non-productive fixed mindsets. Research has now shown that our brain change and this is called Neuroplasticity. As students learned from Building Brain Pathways, their brains build new pathways for every new experience they have and existing ones are strengthened through practising to create habits.

Understanding and accepting this fact can act as a powerful growth mindset for students. This means that they can build their intelligence by lifting their efforts to learn new ways of thinking and applying what they have learned to new situations. To fuel this growth mindset teachers need to provide students with these new ways to create new brain pathways. The old hard work message still applies in order to turn these pathways into fast freeways through practice.

Some very effective new and innovative brain building strategies in the planner and on the website include:

- Investigating and using the 60+ Thinking Tools
- Working through the Positive Education section
- Doing the Resilience Builders
- Applying Mindfulness Activities
- Completing Wellbeing Reflection Activities

"I've never made a mistake, I've only learned from experience." Thomas Edison



SAE Byron Bay – Information Evening

Thursday May 12th from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Explore courses in Animation, Audio Engineering, Design, Film, Gaming, Web and Mobile Technology

Students will be able to come and explore our state-of-the-art facilities and equipment, view information sessions and creative demonstrations and chat about their study and career options with our campus staff and students.



Upcoming Events

Friday 6th May 2016 - Uniform store shall be selling left over stock from the Mothers Day stall for secondary/senior students. Prices range from \$2.00 - \$6.00

Wednesday 4th & 11th May 2016 - Yvonne Sharpe shall be running a workshop on the schools new Parent Portal. Sessions run from 3:00pm - 4:00pm in the primary B2 computer room.

Tuesday 10th May 2016 - Learner Driver Workshop shall run from 5:30pm - 7:30pm. This free session is a great opportunity for parents/carers to learn tips on teaching students to drive. All community members welcome.

Monday 16th May 2016 - P&C Meeting 9:00am and 4:30pm. All welcome

Monday 16th May 2016 - Kindergarten 2017 Information Night 6:00pm - 7:00pm. We look forward to meeting our new Kinder families.

22nd May 2016 - IGA Evans Head BBQ, the P&C shall be running a BBQ sausage sizzle fundraiser at our local IGA. Any helpers would be appreciated.

Ciao from Eva We have a keen Italian student who would like to study at Evans River for several months from July 2016. Any Evans River families who could possibly host Eva for a period of this time would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office or Kristen Gillespie for further details.

Our Mothers Day stall was a big hit, students had a great time choosing their gifts. Many thanks once again to my helpers, Gayle Turner, Jan Hobbins, Molly Forsyth and Rebecca Yourell. The school and P&C would also like to extend special thanks to Libby Forrester and her mum Bev for their beautifully packaged gifts that they also kindly donated to sell at our stall.

A very big thankyou to all of our fabulous families for supporting our Cookie Dough Fundraiser. Students raised an outstanding \$855.00 to go towards cooling our classrooms. Special thanks to Bayli Moss, Chase Merrick, Cameron Horseman, Jack Stevens and Bailey Trustum for their amazing effort in supporting our fundraiser. I would like to personally thank Gayle Turner, Jan Hobbins, Iris and Sophie or assisting on the delivery day.

Last Monday night the school held an Information session for our incoming 2017 Year 7 students. A large contingency of our SRC students and peer support fearless leaders were on hand to walk prospective students and their parents/carers around our school. Students did an outstanding job at representing our school and I was very proud as a staff member and parent of our school. Thanks to all staff for showcasing what a great school we have.

Kristen Gillespie

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Around the school



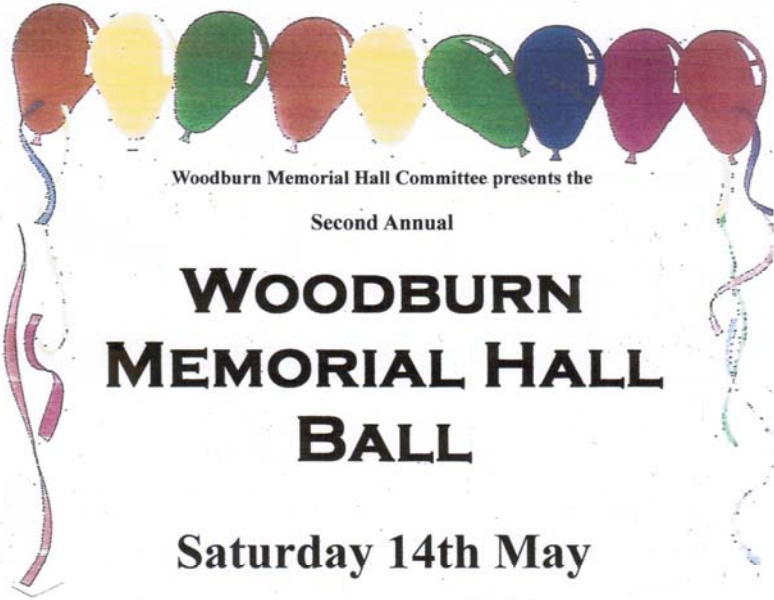
Kindergarten grow crystals

Canteen Roster - Week B

Monday	9 May	Help Needed
Tuesday	10 May	Rebecca McGregor
Wednesday	11 May	Bev
Thursday	12 May	Von Pickens
Friday	13 May	Help Needed

K-6 AWARDS Term 2 Week 1

Kinder	Lily Halliday	Steven Williams	Lily Schmitt	Cooper Vidler
Year 1	Natasha Mollis	Sarphira Nelson	Natayla Brunsdon	Byron Hudson
Year 2/3V	Milly-Rose Tregidgo	Jasmine Schmitt	Sarah Boyle	Brilee Samuels
Year 2/3W	Alex Redman	Will Clarke	Lilly Martin	Jace Savage
Year 4	Blaiz Parasy-Duffy	Daniel Stewart	Holly Williamson	Kiarah Butler
Year 5	Ryan Wynne-Newman	Nicola Manning	Mackenzie Moss	Jack Whittaker
Year 6	Trista Flaherty	Ally Forsyth	Shelby Willows	Lahn Pearson
Class Assembly Award	Year 6			



Woodburn Memorial Hall Committee presents the

Second Annual

WOODBURN MEMORIAL HALL BALL

Saturday 14th May

7.30 p.m. to 12 midnight

Op Shop Formal Attire
(not compulsory)

Live Band - 'Pistol Whip' starts 8.30

Light supper included BYOG

Prizes for Best Dressed Male & Female, Adults & Children

**Tickets - Single \$10 Family - \$20 (children
under 18 free with family)**

Available from Woodburn Visitor Information Centre

Bookings essential for catering purposes

Enquiries: Glenn Crawford - 6682 2032 (Tues. to Sat.)

Playgroup



@ Evans Presbyterian Church

When: 10 - 11:30am on Wednesdays during The school terms

Cost: \$2 each week per family

Our playgroup is about connecting together as parents, providing a safe and welcoming environment, listening to stories, singing songs, doing craft activities and playing games. Morning tea provided (ALLERGY FRIENDLY) and tea/coffee for parents. Any parents/carers and kids under 5 years are welcome!

For further information, please call 0400 143 557 or 6682 4976



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**Teaching someone to drive
can be a **happy** experience.**

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a **FREE** two hour workshop.

The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE:	VENUE:	BOOK NOW ON:
Tuesday 10 th May 2016 5:30pm - 7:30pm	Evans River Community School Cypress St, Evans Head	www.etcltd.com.au/rms 1300 359 968

Helping learner drivers become safe drivers



**Colour your World with a fun
Filled family outing**

Lismore's 26th Annual

Gemfest

2 Full Days: Saturday 14th May, 9am - 5pm

Sunday 15th May, 9am - 3pm

Venue: Lismore Showground

Entry: \$5 per adult, \$1 per child (under 5 yrs free)

Featuring:

Gold Sapphires, Jewellery, Opals, Fossils,
Gemstones, Meteorites, Crystals, Raffles,
Kids Activities, Food Stalls & Lucky Gate Prizes



P&C News

Our next meetings will be held on Monday 16th May. Our morning meeting takes place at 9:00am in the Administration Building and the second meeting is held in the Library at 4:30pm.

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