



# Newsletter

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### Smoking Ceremony for the Yarning Circle

Many would be aware students have been involved in the construction of our Yarning Circle. Located on the western side of the library it has been shaped into a very special place in the school. Some 13 tonnes of sandstone, several specific plants, a platform and a bridge have all been incorporated in the construction. There are red and black stones with a yellow timber centre piece and totems representing the three founding brothers of the Bandjalung nation have been installed. The Yarning Circle marks the beginning of a cultural walk planned for construction over the next five years. On the walk will be stories of the local people and explanatory notes regarding the local flora and fauna, including bush tucker. It is intended students will be versed in the features described on the trail and be able to take guided tours to tell visitors to the area of the history of our first people. The journey to this cultural understanding will be rich, and powerful, for the students. Local elders are working with Aunty Simone and our Aboriginal Education Committee on the project. On Wednesday evening this week families and friends, indigenous & non-indigenous, joined with staff and students to participate in a smoking ceremony led by Aunty Simone, Glen Cook and Craig Gillespie. Our Aboriginal girls dance group performed superbly. The time we had there together was very special and left many feeling emotional, proud and connected. It marked a moment in the school's history.



### Dirrawong Awards Night

The smoking ceremony was followed by the Annual Dirrawong Awards Night. We shared a meal together, cooked by students, and heard of the excellent achievements of many students. There were student performances and speeches given - our relationships with the preschool and university life through AIME, and the support of local businesses all celebrated. Congratulations to all students who received awards. The leadership team of Robin Mather, Corrina Day, Aunty Simone, Craig Gillespie, Chris Gillespie, Glen Cook, Monique McLean and Kristen Gillespie had worked with students and fellow staff to create a great evening. Thank you to all who showed their support through their attendance.



## Diary

### Week 9 Term 4 - Week B

Dec 04	K-12 Merit Assembly NORPA Excursion	12:15pm
Dec 05	Year 7 Orientation Day	
Dec 06	Performance Evening Music and Tutor Students	6pm - 8pm
Dec 07	Zone Volleyball - Opens	
Dec 08	Senior Ag Excursion	Solum Farm

### Week 10 Term 4 - Week A

Dec 11	Presentation Assembly	11:30-1:15pm
Dec 12-13	End of Year Activities	
Dec 12	K-6 Platinum Activities	
Dec 13	7-12 Platinum Activities	
Dec 15	Last Day Term 4	

### Coming Events

Jan 29	School Development Day	Staff Only
Jan 30	Years 1-7, 11 & 12 Start	9:00am
Jan 31	All Students	9:00am

## Term 4 Merit Assembly

On Monday at 12.15pm our Term 4 Performance Assembly will be held. Parents and community members are welcome to attend to see students recognised for their efforts this term> the following Monday at 11.30am the Annual Presentation Assembly will be held. Both events will be held in the gymnasium.

**Rob Walker – Principal**

## Year 6 Graduates Reflection

It was so much fun on Monday Night when we had our Year 6 Graduation. I'm going to miss being in Primary School and Iona.

**Chenao**

Even though I have not been here for long I feel like I have been here forever!

**Phoebe**

Year 6 was awesome! It was a hugh opportunity for me and my mates

**Tahj**

Well this year has been the best year of my primary journey, I am going to miss Iona so much.

**Shenoah**

This year has been a great year and one to remember. We have had many memories along the way. It's been a great opportunity for everyone and we are all looking forward to high school.

**Kane**

What a journey, it has been fabulous! We made so many memories and we will keep making memories.

**Iona**

On Monday Night we had our Year 6 Graduation, it was so much fun. We had the best year ever but it is so sad it's nearly over.

**Lilli**

This year has created so many memories to keep forever.

**Eva**

The Future are our memories as time goes by

**Oska**

Monday night was so much fun. So many amazing memories this year, Going to miss Iona it won't be the same without her.

**Taylah**



## In Retrospect of White Ribbon Day

White Ribbon Day is a day where men and women stand up against domestic abuse and the violence inflicted on women by men. This abuse faced by women is horrific and needs to stop, but it is not only men who are abusers. Men can also be abused just like women are and not just by other men but by women themselves. Men are not inherently abusive and not all men should be told that they're the problem because both sexes are. In retrospect of White Ribbon Day, I ask only this, be aware of the abuse women face from men but also be aware of the abuse women inflict on men as well. Domestic abuse needs to be stopped for all humans, not just half of us.

**By Year 12 Student**



## What's for Christmas?

What you buy now for your family will have an impact six months down the track! Buying activity based presents will give your children motivation and the means to get up, get active or go outside. And this is the best time of year, because the sun is out longer and there's more time to play and have fun outdoors!

Would your child like:

- New footy boots
- A new netball
- Boxing gloves and focus pads
- A groovy running outfit
- Water pistols
- A kite
- New board shorts
- A Body board
- Something for the bike
- A magnifying glass
- A skipping rope
- A hammer and a saw



What got you up and out when you were a child?





## Evans River K-12 School Upcoming Events

**4th December 17** - K-12 Merits & First in Subject Assembly 12:15pm - 1:15pm  
**5th December 17** - Year 7 Orientation Day  
**6th December 17** - Music Performance Evening 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
**11th December 17** - K-12 Presentation Assembly 11:30am - 1:15pm



Best of luck to all candidates who have been nominated as the 2018 Evans River K-6 School Captains and Vice Captains.

All of you are worthy applicants for these auspicious positions.

## Around the school

Last week Evans River K-12 School Year 10 students participated in team challenges as part of their Peer Support Leader training. Students stepped up to each challenge, supporting their peers, undertaking role modelling exercises all whilst having a blast.

Thanks to Mrs Cooper, Ms Spencer and Mrs Warwick.



## Great news! Telstra Kids grant!

We are delighted to announce our success in applying for a total of four \$1200.00 grants from Telstra. Telstra kids helps kids thrive in their connected world.

Our Telstra Kids grant will be used as part of Evans River K-12 School's commitment to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) and project-based learning. In 2018 our Year 7 students shall engage in project-based learning and STEM modules as part of their curriculum studies, including incorporating coding and robotics.

Robot building and programming teaches a wide range of skills, including how to use and create with technology, problem solving, stimulates critical thinking, as well as encouraging team work and co-operation.

Evans River K-12 School is thrilled to be a recipient of the Telstra Kids grants and look forward to showcasing student progress and achievements in the area of STEM learning.

These funds are due to the incredible support from our local Team Telstra. Many thanks to our Telstra supporters, Michael Smith, Mark Koch, Stephen Smith and Glen Martin who generously nominated our school as candidates.

Finally, this is all possible to Sue Roche, our local Telstra Business Administrator who whole heartedly supports our school! Thanks Team Telstra!



## Canteen Roster - Week B

Monday	04 Dec	Laurie Wood
Tuesday	05 Dec	<b>Help Needed</b>
Wednesday	06 Dec	<b>Help Needed</b>
Thursday	07 Dec	Von Pickens
Friday	08 Dec	<b>Help Needed</b>

## K-6 Dirrawong Awards

**Alex Redman**  
**Ashton Ward**  
**Bailey Strong**  
**Rorianna Close**

## K-6 AWARDS Term 4 Week 7

<i>Kinder</i>	Caden Plowman	Quinnifer Barber	Raphaell Leroy	Jamie Halloran
<i>Year 1</i>	Teak Richards	Phoebe Fuller	Ryder Caine	Lily Schmitt
<i>Year 2/3M</i>	Cameron Sutherland	Ruben Wilson	Roland Sharp	Hannah Forrester
<i>Year 3E</i>	Leesy Forsyth	Sienna Swanbury	Lolah Lees	Ashley Smith
<i>Year 4/5C</i>	Blaiz Parasyn-Duffy	Ivy Hamilton	Baylee O'Brien	Latrelle Duncan
<i>Year 4/5F</i>	Leah Turner	Sabrina Saunders	Ella Corby	Kiarah Butler
<i>Year 6</i>	Eva Boutle	Sunny Gillespie	Ethan Pepar	Jack Whittaker

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 We Develop From  
 THE NEGATIVES







**1st December  
2017 to 31st  
January 2018!**

**Join our Summer Reading Club competition for the chance to win your choice of a voucher from: iTunes, Google Play Store, Booktopia or Steam!**

**3 categories: preschool, primary and secondary age**

**Check out our Facebook** ([facebook.com/rucrlibrary](https://facebook.com/rucrlibrary)) **and Instagram** (@rucrlibrary) **for weekly updates and more summer reading fun!**

You can register at Casino, Coraki, Evans Head, Kyogle, or our Mobile Library. Or, you can call us on 666 00 250, or email us at [rucrl@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rucrl@richmondvalley.nsw.gov.au) for more information today!



## Youth Book Club

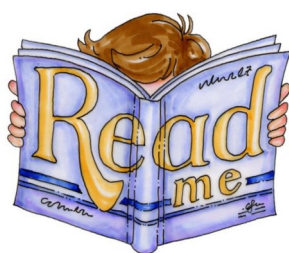
Arrive with a book you love. Leave with one to explore!

10 - 17 year olds welcome.

Last Thursday of the month

4pm - 5pm

Lismore City Library



Richmond Tweed Regional Library  
Connect. Discover. Escape.



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**Broadwater Public School Presents**

# MOVIE

under the  
**STARS**

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Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December  
School Oval  
\$20 per Family  
Tickets at Gate

**SING**

BBQ Dinner from 6:30pm  
Movie Starts at Dusk  
Popcorn - Cold Drinks - Sweets Stall  
Enquiries Ph: 6682 8226

**playgroup**  
@ evans presbyterian church

Wednesdays 10.00-11.30am (school terms).  
All parents / grandparents / carers and  
children 5 years and under are welcome.  
Gold coin donation appreciated.  
63 Woodburn St, Evans Head.  
For more information, call Nat: 0409 324 174

## PANCAKE DAY

*Monday the 4th December 2017*

On Monday morning before school four of our students would like to invite the students to come to the canteen for free pancakes.

Erica Bayliss, Mya Tosomeen, Willy Harris and Lia Grogan will be donating all ingredients and making the pancakes for everyone to enjoy on the day.



## SAVE THE DATE P&C

Our next meeting will be held on Monday  
4th December 2017 at 4:30pm.  
We welcome Evans River parents/carers to come along



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