McKinley Stars
There is no doubting McKinley Arnison (Year 6) is a special girl. Recently McKinley underwent reconstructive surgery to improve her walking due to cerebral palsy which affects her normal movement. However this doesn’t stop McKinley from leading a full life and chasing her passions. McKinley attends a swim club and trains four days a week. You will often find her at swimming carnivals on weekends breaking records. McKinley has swum at the Australian Age Championships in Brisbane as one of the youngest competitors. She recorded many PBs (personal bests) and achieved excellent results in the Para swimming point score system, which is used to identify Olympic standard swimmers.

For school swimming McKinley represented Evans River and the North Coast at the PSSA State Championships at the Sydney Olympic Complex in April and competed in the S8 multiclassification. She came first in all her races – 50m freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, breaststroke and 100m freestyle. Her 50m butterfly was a new State record. She was awarded the female multiclass athlete of the championships and awarded the Margaret Gregson Shield. McKinley is the NSW Primary School Para swimming champion for 2017. The Gregson Shield will be presented to McKinley at the school assembly on Monday.

McKinley has qualified to compete at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide later this year – an international event. It is for the best students of various sports, aged 10-19 years and includes another 15 invited countries including China, Fiji, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, Macau, and Cambodia. 4,500 students are expected to compete. It is like a mini-Olympics where athletes for the upcoming Commonwealth Games can be chosen.

An outstanding effort McKinley – good luck in the coming meets!

Student Reports
Students in Years K-10 will have brought home their reports in recent days. Parents are asked to sit with students and discuss the results and comments made by teachers. This is an opportunity to reflect and refresh goals for achievement at schools. It is an opportunity for monitoring school attendance and participation in extra-curricular activities. Congratulations to our students
School Council
I am delighted to advise that Melanie O’Brien has joined the School Council as a parent representative. She joins Sam Elley (parent representative and President), Tanya Blaikie and Naomi Armison (parent representatives), Adam Hart and Harrison Drechsler (student representatives), Cathie Woodbury and Isaac Fields (staff representatives) Ian Drinkwater and Michael Jones (community representatives). Japheth Cooper (P&C President) and I are ex-officio members. The School Council meets twice per term and sets the policies of the school, reviews the school finances, represent the school and connects with the community; and advises the principal on matters related to the school. Our school has greatly benefitted by the work of those who have served on our School Council.

Rob Walker - Principal

A Message for All Parents
P&C Executive feel it is essential we discuss with parents the School Funding Amendment Bill before the Australian Parliament at the present time. NSW currently has a signed agreement for the delivery of the Gonski school funding arrangements. There are many benefits to our children with the delivery of the ‘full’ Gonski. The Federal government is currently proposing to step away from the existing agreement and avoid paying the final two years according to the signed agreement. This will result in a significant reduction in the promised funding to our school. Some summary points:
The School Funding Amendment Bill current before the Senate (already passed through the government-controlled Lower House)
Will see only 40% of the funding of the original agreement honoured, bringing about a small increase of $50 per child per year for the next ten years.
Will cap Federal government funding of public schools to 20% of the school resource standard (SRS) and private schools to 80% of the standard.
Means that schooling for children will not be funded according to need.
Abandons the increased role for the Federal government in the funding of disadvantaged students, over 80% of whom attend public schools.
Will abolish the requirement of the Federal government to increase, by 4.7% annually, funding to a school until it reaches the school resource standard.
Will lock in different funding roles for the Federal and State governments instead of developing an integrated model as originally proposed by Gonski.

This message was sent out to parents/carers this week via email.
Japheth Cooper
P&C President

Out of Uniform – Secondary Students
From Monday 26th June, any student out of uniform will be required to go to The Learning Centre to change their clothes, either before Wehmalla or at any time sent by a teacher. They must leave their exchanged piece of clothing at the Learning Centre until the end of the day or until the piece of clothing borrowed is returned.
If any student has an issue with purchasing any items of clothing please see the Learning Centre for a student assistance form, any request will remain private.
Any concerns please contact Rob Walker or Connie D’Anna.

Know When Your Child Should be Excluded From School
Over the last few weeks a number of “Tummy Bugs” have been making themselves at home in our classrooms. Vomiting and diarrhoea can be symptoms of some very infectious diseases, the spread which can be reduced by excluding the infectious child from contact with others who are at risk of catching the infection.Most schools now have a 48-hour quarantine for vomiting and/or diarrhoea This means that if your child vomits at school, he or she will be sent home and may not go back for 48 hours until the virus has passed and is unlikely to bring the entire place into a mass of vomiting children. This is the recommended minimum periods of exclusion from school based on guidelines issued by the National Health and Medical Research Council.
SAVE THE DATE
P&C
Our next meetings will be held on Monday 17th July 2017 at 4:30pm.

We welcome Evans River parents/carers to come along and share your innovative ideas.

Canteen Roster - Week A

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Do you give a Gonski?
Evans River K-12 P&C sent an urgent email this week to our school community urging parents/carers to contact Senate members and express their concern regarding Gonski cuts. If the proposed amendment is passed this Friday through the Australian Parliament it shall mean a funding loss of $691,413 to Evans River K-12 School over the next 2 years.

We urge our school community to read over the information emailed this week, stand with us and be a voice for our students.

Have a great P&C fundraising idea? Please join me for a brainstorming session next Wednesday 28th June 17 from 9:00 am in the school Admin building.

Upcoming Events in Term 2

26th June 2017 - Evans River K-12 School Presentation Assembly from 12 noon in the school gymnasium

26th June 2017 - Year 7-12 Parent/Teacher Interviews, online bookings can be made via www.schoolinterviews.com.au. Evans River school code is k9x6k. Evans River K-12 School encourages parents to come along and talk to staff about their child/children’s school progress and achievements.

TERM 3
17th July 2017 - Staff Development Day
18th July 2017 - Term 3 resumes

State against State, mate against mate, team against team! Evans River K-12 School was awash with blue and maroon this Wednesday as students donned their favourite State of Origin team colours. It was a great day with lots of cheering and light hearted jeering from students and staff!

Thanks to Year 12 for selling outstanding team coloured cupcakes. Congratulations to Riley Long, Jessica Fountain, Connor Rooks who were deemed best dressed on the day!

Thanks Ms Cotten and Year 12 for a fun day.

A big thank you to the Evans River P&C. Year 6 students are very excited to have their new collaborative learning furniture in their classroom.

Students are already utilising the furniture with great success, learning at different work stations and running their Peer Support classes! Thank you!

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

The following resource and information is available at the schools careers website - [www.evansriver12careers.com](http://www.evansriver12careers.com)

Year 10 Subject Selection into Years 11/12 – HSC and ATAR (part 2)

Understanding the rules and regulations of gaining a Higher School Certificate (HSC) and/or Australian Tertiary Academic Rank (ATAR) can be quite confusing. There are a number of links on our webpage that gives information. Some of these were highlighted in last week’s Careers Corner. More specific information, primarily regarding subject selection for those students who intend to pursue university study after school, can be found from the drop down menu HSC/RoSA and selecting “UAC Info for Year 10”. On the right hand side of this page is another link “choosing HSC Courses” which may also be useful.

Chris Hayward
Careers Adviser

Advance Notice

Family Skate & Tennis Day
Woodburn
Sunday, 30th July
Organised by Woodburn Event Team
Watch this space for further details!