



Newsletter

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Year 12 Graduation Dinner

"Intimate, personal, unique to our students, a lovely occasion." These were the words used by one parent to describe the Year 12 Graduation Dinner held at the RSL on Tuesday evening. As a school we were so pleased the COVID guidelines permitted the evening to proceed. Through their senior years the group have had to manage the impacts of the 2019 drought, Dec '19-Jan '20 bushfires, the flooding of some homes on Feb '20, Covid-19 for much of 2020 and in July 2020 the loss of Logan, and still contend with the demands of life as a senior student. The group have demonstrated amazing resilience and are to be roundly congratulated for their determination to achieve their best in the face of these events. They are a credit to themselves, their families, their community and their school. I would like to acknowledge the dedication of their year adviser, Mrs Karen Warwick. Years of commitment culminated on Tuesday evening. I would like to thank the students, parents and staff that worked with Mrs Warwick to see the dinner become the wonderful event it was. Congratulations to the Class of 2020 we are very proud of the people you have grown to become.

Appointment of Head Teacher Mathematics

The school is delighted to announce that following a merit selection process through which the position was advertised globally through the web, Mr Jack McMaster has been appointed Head Teacher Mathematics at our school. Mr McMaster has a very impressive resume which was clearly articulated to the panel during interview and strongly endorsed by referees. He comes to us from the Mathematics faculty of Wadalba Community School, a school similar in classification to ours (there are only 5 in NSW of 2220 schools) though of different size. Wadalba is on the Central Coast near Wyong. Mr McMaster will re-settle his family to our area over Christmas and commence duties from the commencement of the 2021 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Adrian Delman who worked with former Head Teacher Baden Colliss to see sound leadership of Mathematics in our school since the official retirement of Mr Colliss.

A Special Planting

Members of the Class of 2020 took the time on Monday to plant a Christmas Bush for Logan Bradford. The bush was planted in a memorial garden which has been established at the school to remember students and staff of the school who we have lost. Logan played an important part of the lives of each member of the group and it was a special moment to see the group take the time to do this. Thank you to Mrs Warwick, Mrs Manning, Mr Moreman, Mr Watt and Mr McFarlane for their work in bringing this about.

Fearless Leader Peer Support Training

It's difficult to understate the strength of community and family at our school. The students are well accustomed to being part of activities that support students of their cohort and other years. During last week, Year 10 students

IMPORTANT NOTE

Please be reminded that students are **NOT** to arrive at school before **8:30am** as there is **NO SUPERVISION prior to this time.**



Diary

Week 7 Term 4 - Week B

23-24, 26-27 Nov - Swim Intensive (Yr2-6) (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri)

24 Nov Yr9/10 Julian Rocks Excursion

25 Nov "Three" Meerkat Productions K-6

26 Nov Kindergarten 2021 Transition 4

Week 8 Term 4 - Week A

30 Nov - 3 Dec - Swim Intensive (Yr2-6) (Mon-Thurs)

30 Nov - 2 Dec Yr7 Peer Support Camp

participated in training as peer support leaders. This will place them well to support students commencing Year 7 for 2021. It is impressive to see the qualities of the students come to the fore during these activities. Its impact on the 'feel' of our school and the happiness of students is something special.

Rob Walker – Principal



What'll Happen to the Wattle?

Our school has been identified to become part of the "What'll Happen to the Wattle?" program organised by One Giant Leap Foundation. As participants, students will work collaboratively with other schools and agencies around Australia to contribute to a unique investigation: to find out if six months in space will have an effect on the germination of wattle seeds or the growth of the plants in the long term. Exciting times are ahead!



We will receive wattle seeds that have flown to space, plus seeds that have

not. The seeds are from the same seed lot. Students will germinate and grow their seeds and they will record data about the germination and seed growth.

The 12 month to 2 year project will result in the creation of a nationwide map identifying the location of Australia's "space wattle" trees.

Our school was one of only 150 schools Australia-wide that were selected to participate in this exciting program.

Ali McGeary, Yr7-12 Science Teacher

Year 12 Formal

Despite COVID-19 and 1.5m spacing, our Year 12 cohort and families enjoyed a fantastic meal and cosy social event courtesy of the Evans River RSL Club on Tuesday evening. The weather held, the specialist cars were shining and the folks were resplendent in some outstanding formal dress. Even more wonderful photographs should be anticipated in the next edition of the newsletter. This shot shows some of the handiwork of one of our ER Mums, Trina Boland, who prepared a two layered cake, topped with the school logo. Many thanks to Narelle, Tony and Tony at the RSL Club and to Trina for her excellent graduation cake.

Karen Warwick, Year 12 Adviser



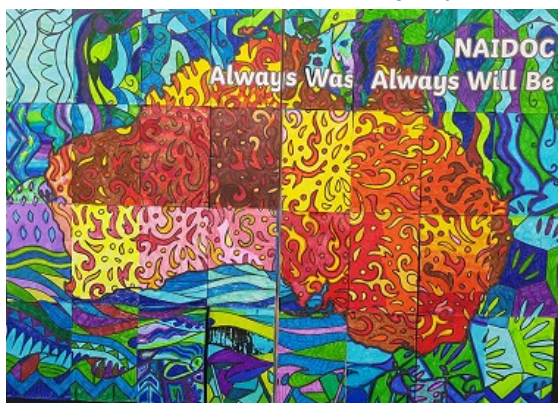
2020 NAIDOC Celebrations

This year's NAIDOC theme: Always Was, Always Will Be, recognises Australia's rich culture and histories, and celebrates the achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Always Was, Always Will Be is about seeing, hearing and learning 65,000 year old traditions and cultural practices. Evans River K-12 students had the opportunity to engage in a range of activities on Wednesday. The Primary students enjoyed activities in the morning and high school students were involved in group activities in the

afternoon. The activities included native food tasting, learning about the seasonal calendar with Auntie Simone, astrology, rock painting, traditional sporting games, traditional fishing practices and weaving bracelets. Students also worked on creating a flag for this year's theme, pictured below.



Mrs Field's Year 6 class also did a great job with their collaborative NAIDOC colouring project.



Thank you to all the staff and students for all your support to help recognise and celebrate the world's oldest living culture. As a school WE ARE closing the gap, and WE ARE showing that Aboriginal Culture is strong and respected.

Corrina Day, Yr 7-12 Teacher



P&C Christmas Raffle

Help! The P&C has decided to run an end of year fundraiser raffle.

We are asking parents, carers and community members to donate items to go into a hamper for the raffle.

This is a great time to donate any excess items you may have purchased during the COVID pandemic but found you did not need. Please

donate items you would be happy to receive eg. Do not donate out of date items, cans which are rusty or items with damaged packaging.

Items can be placed in the box outside the front office. Tickets will come home with children soon.

Thanks, P&C Fundraising Committee

Cake Stall Thanks

On Monday, Year 6 held a very successful cake stall to raise money for their Year 6 dinner. Thank you to all the students that supported the stall and all the Year 6's and their families who provided so many delicious treats to sell.

Well done Year 6!

Fiona Fields, Yr 6 Teacher



Careers in Health

As the demand for Health careers continues to grow it is important to keep abreast of various positions and opportunities.

The below link will take you to the My Health Career website. Click [here](#).

Mr Chris Hayward, Careers Adviser

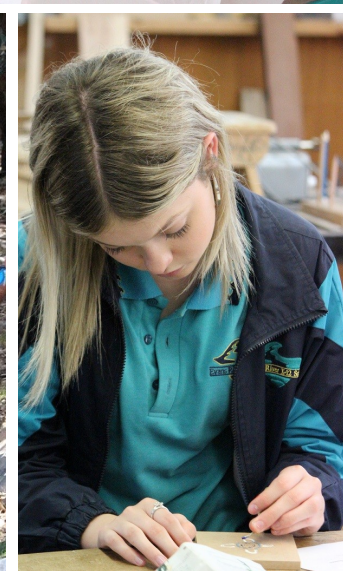
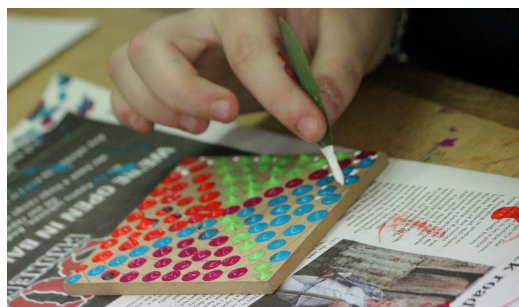
Careers Website: www.evansriverk12careers.com



K-6 AWARDS Term 4, Week 5

KW	Amelia Hartley	Sophia O'Connell	Aurora Lodge	Kai Cooper
1C	Madisyn Armfield	Axle Bourton	Reid Coughran	Violet Richards
1/2M	Peyton Gordon	Romeo Taig	Alyvia Hudson	Lloybron Lowah
2/3O	Jasmine Ryan	Jazmin McKinnon	Caden Plowman	Owen Weir
3/4E	Jaxon Koroheke	Hayden Fry	Isaac McLeod	Josie Litchfield
4/5F	Ava Collingburn	Maddie Griffiths	Joel Lammers	Matilda Strong
5/6B	Jett McKenna	Abigail Paschke	Shae Fuller	Izzy McKnoulty
6F	Caleb Samuels	Sienna Swanbury	Jarvis Semple	Bre McGregor

NAIDOC Day 2020 Photos





How to create good sun protection habits

Did you know?

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia.

Two out of three Aussie kids at school today will be diagnosed with skin cancer in their lifetime – some of them with deadly melanomas.

At least 95% of all skin cancers are caused by ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. Unprotected exposure your child's skin to UV significantly increases their risk of developing skin cancer later in life. High sun exposure in the first 10 years more than doubles melanoma risk.

The good news is almost all skin cancers are preventable. Creating good sun protection habits for life helps reduce exposure to UV and the risk of skin cancer and eye damage.

When do we need sun protection?

Most areas in NSW experience high levels of UV most of the year – even on cloudy or cooler days.

Check the SunSmart App daily for UV levels in your local area and the times of day that sun protection is required.

What to do when the UV level is 3 or above

It's simple! Slip, Slop, Slap... plus Seek and Slide.



Slip

on SunSmart clothing, such as longer-style shorts and skirts; T-shirts and dresses with sleeves, collars or covered necklines.



Slop

on SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen. Reapply every 2 hours, or more often if washed off or swimming.



Slap

on a broad-brimmed, bucket or legionnaire hat that protects the face, neck and ears.



Seek

out shady areas, but still use SunSmart hats, clothing and sunscreen.



Slide

on sunnies that meet the Australian Standard 1067 and have an eye protection factor rating of EPF 10.

Switch On - Pathway Course into an Electrical Career

EVENT DETAILS

This funded (no cost to students) Pathway Course is designed to help participants learn about different types of Electrical work and provide practical opportunities to develop knowledge and skills that will be further developed in any of the Electrical Industry Traineeships, Apprenticeships or other work opportunities with local employers. This course is delivered three (3) days per week over three (3) weeks (9 sessions in total).

ENTERTAINMENT AND INNOVATIVE ACTIVITIES

This training will provide a practical introduction to multiple aspects of Electrical work, with a high emphasis on safety, including:

- Basic circuitry
- Fixings and Cable Management systems
- General Wiring
- Electronics
- Telecommunications
- Control
- Sheetmetal Work

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

This course is offered at:
Wollongbar: Monday, Tuesday, Friday 9:30am – 3:00pm

Week 1: 30th, 1st, 4th December 2020
Week 2: 7th, 8th, 11th December 2020
Week 3: 14th, 15th, 16th December 2020 (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)

Each course is limited to the first 15 people to enrol.

JOIN US

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
or for more information

Phone: 131 601
Website: tafensw.edu.au
Email: wollongbar.electro@tafensw.edu.au



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Uniform Store

Friday 8:30-9:30am in the Performance Hall.

Parent Portal Login

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



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