**Kindergarten Orientation 2014**

Kindergarten Orientation has been scheduled for 2 half days – Monday 3rd & Monday 10th November, (9am-1.20pm). If you know of anyone considering enrolling their child in Kindergarten in 2015 or any other year, please let the school know or encourage them to contact us as soon as possible, thank you.

**Black Spot Swimming Program (Yrs 5/6)**

**COMMENCES TOMORROW!**

When: Each Thursday 16th Oct - Nov 6th  
Where: Ballina Pool  
Times: 10.00 - 12.00 (instruction times)  
Cost: NIL  
Transport: BUS!

Our Years 5 & 6 students have been invited to participate in The Black Spot Swimming Program, (run by Ballina High School utilising the skills of Francis Quinn).

Your child will need: swimmers, towel, sunscreen, plastic bag, school hat & drink bottle. Please clearly label all items with your child name.

**Rivers Public Speaking Finals**

Best of luck to Rohan B who will be representing the school at the Rivers Public Speaking finals in Lismore next Wednesday 22nd October. Good luck!

**Term 4 School Captains**

Congratulations to Jesse B, Maureen G & Jade T who are our nominated school captains this term.

We know they will do their best in being good role models and leading our students well!

**SXCSS Chess / Draughts Competition**

On Wednesday 5th November a team of 8 Empire Vale PS students will compete in the ‘Southern Cross Community of Small Schools’ Chess Competition (SXCSS) at Rous P.S. The children have been playing each other in preparation and are ready to compete!

Empire Vale will be fielding a 4 person chess team as well as a 4 person draughts team.

Permission notes will be sent home next week once teams have been finalised.
Ballina High School Transition Program

Those Yr 6 students attending Ballina High School will be attending a transition program over the coming weeks, commencing today as part of “A Taste of High School” Transition Program. Students will have the chance to attend a number of workshops including cooking, marine studies & drama at Ballina H.S as well as attending various other events throughout the coming weeks.

Swimming Scheme

The whole school will be participating in the Department of Education & Training Special Swimming Scheme between Monday 17th Oct through to 28th November (weeks 7 & 8). This 10 day program is an intensive learn-to-swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

Please return permission & payment by no later than next Tuesday 21st October, thank you.

Review - Interrelate Yrs 5 & 6

Yrs 5 & 6 students completed their Interrelate program last Monday. “Moving into the Teen Years” explored a range of adolescent issues and offered a comprehensive sexuality and relationship education program designed specifically for this important time in life. Thank you to those parents who were able to transport students to this very worthwhile program.

SOCOCCER SHIRTS MISSING!

Could parents please check at home as we have a number of EVPS soccer shirts MISSING from last term. If found, please return ASAP, thanks!

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

Special Swimming Scheme permission & payment (all students)
Due - Tues 21st Oct

Senior School Excursion final payment
Due - Friday 31st Oct

Ballina High School on Display - Yr 5

When: Friday 14th November
Where: Ballina High School
Times: 9.30am to 2.30pm
Transport: Private transport

Ballina High School have invited all Year 5 students to attend their B.H.S on Display day on Friday 14th November. The day will offer students a number of workshops including marine studies, cooking, drama, English, Maths & give students an idea what is offered when they get to high school.

Students will need to bring a packed morning tea & lunch or alternatively access the school canteen.

Transport will be the responsibility of the parent.

Permission notes & further information to be sent home closer to the date.

Senior School Excursion

FINAL PAYMENT DUE - Fri 31st Oct!

Our senior school excursion is approaching fast so please be aware that final payment is due on Friday 31st October (week 4 this term). Payments may be made in instalments, however this excursion MUST be paid in full by the above date, thank you.

Please note: Individual invoices showing chocolate sales & individual payments have been attached for each family.
EMPIRE VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Up & Coming Events

October

Thursday 16th, 23rd & 30th (Yrs 5/6)
BHS Swimming 'Blackspot' Program
Venue: Ballina Pool

Wednesday 22nd (qualifying student)
Rivers Public Speaking
Venue: Lismore

Monday 27th
Whole School Assembly
Venue: EVPS

November

Monday 3rd & 10th (9am - 1.20pm)
2015 Kindergarten Orientation
Venue: EVPS

Wednesday 5th
SXCSS Chess / Draughts
Venue: Rous PS

Thursday 6th (yrs 5/6)
B.H.S Swimming 'Blackspot' Program
Venue: Ballina Pool

Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th (B.H.S yr6 students)
B.H.S Transition - "A Taste of H.S"
Venue: B.H.S

Friday 14th
B.H.S on Display Day (yr5 students)
Venue: B.H.S

Monday 17th to Friday 28th (10 day program)
Special Swimming Scheme (all students)
Venue: Alstonville Pool

SCHOOL BANNER WON!

A huge thank you to the Crethar family who entered our school in a “win a banner” competition. We were one of the lucky winners! Check out our fabulous new school banner…… THANK YOU CRETHAR FAMILY!!!

School Uniforms for Sale!

EVPS - Summer
2 x size 6 school shirts
2 x size 12 school shirts
1 x size 8 school shirt
1 x size 12 sport shirt
1 x size 8 sport shirt
2 x size 8 pleated netball skirts
2 x 6 skorts
1 x size 8 culottes
5 x size 10 royal blue short tights

EVPS - Winter
3 x size 8 royal blue tracksuit pants
1 x size 10 royal blue jumper
1 x size 8 royal blue fleecy vest
1 x royal blue tracksuit pants
1 x size 12 royal blue jumper
Small & large packages can be put together, selling for:
Small size package $50, bigger size package $40

Interested buyers can contact Rachael Goodwin on 0416 267 504. All available after Friday 17th October.

Attachments

- Senior School Excursion invoices (Yrs 4, 5 & 6 students)