It was great to see our prospective new Kinder students for 2015 so keen to experience Empire Vale P.S on Monday! Our visitors were paired up with their buddies, shown around the school & got to experience classroom activities up until lunchtime.

We look forward to seeing our prospective new Kinders return next Monday with their parents for the second day of Kindergarten Orientation 2015!

Principal's Awards.... (Gold)

In preparation for organising the Gold awards prize, we would like any student who has received a Principal’s Award in 2014 (Gold A4) to bring it in to the school to be checked off. The school will then be able to compile a list of students eligible for this year’s reward. These will need to be in by next Tuesday 11th November.

This year we will be holding an overnight school camp for the Gold Award winners. All students in year 6 will also be invited to attend due to their high school activities falling during our Senior excursion.

Date: Friday 6pm 12th Dec - Sat 8am 13th Dec

More information will follow closer to the time.

100 Nights Reading Award Movie

The K-3 class will be having their “100 Nights Home Reading Movie” next Wednesday 12th November at school.

Healthy Harold visits Empire Vale

The whole school got a delightful surprise when Happy Healthy Harold, Jessica and their amazing mobile classroom came to our school to teach us about healthy food, drug awareness and the importance of making positive health choices.

It was great to see our students interacting with the specialised educational resources and enjoying the fun activities within the van.

Each child received a health promotion workbook, which they will complete during the remainder of the term, to help reinforce the important messages learnt in the van.
Empire Vale Winners - Alstonville Show!

Congratulations to all of our entrants who submitted photography & art works to the recent Alstonville Show. The results are as follows!

Photography
Lillian G - 2nd
Jade T, Tilea, Anthony- Highly Commendable

Junior Art
Bella M - 1st
Jasmine C - 2nd

Scarecrow Competition
"Miss Showgirl" Scarecrow - 3rd

Ballina Day View Club Donation!

A big thank you to the Ballina Day View Club who have kindly donated two great novels to the school’s library! Club members, Cathy Campbell & Jan McCrohon presented the books to the school late last week. It’s great to see our local community organisations supporting their local schools!

Prawn Festival

The school will not be participating in the Grand Prawn Festival Parade in Ballina this year as we have not received enough expressions of interest - maybe next year!

T-shirts (senior class)

Senior students have the opportunity to bring along a T-shirt from home to decorate in the Christmas theme over the coming weeks. If you would like your child to participate in this activity please send in a shirt by Tuesday 11th November, clearly marked with your child’s name, thank you.

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

Special Swimming Scheme permission & payment (all students)
OVERDUE

Senior School Excursion final payment
OVERDUE

B.H.S on Display Day (Yr 5 students)
Due - Fri 7th Nov

Silk Art framing payment (yr 6)
Due - Tues 18th Nov

Gold Awards.... Please send in awards received in 2014 to be checked off ASAP

Senior School Excursion Update

The senior school excursion is now only 4 weeks away! A final information note outlining list of items to bring & itinerary will be sent home with next week’s newsletter. If you have not already done so, please finalise payment as soon as possible, thank you.

Chess / Draughts Competition Today!

We look forward to hearing how our Chess & Draughts teams went today at the ‘Southern Cross Community of Small Schools’ Chess/Draughts Competition at Rous P.S!

MOBILE LIBRARY

Wednesday 12th Nov
Reminder - Silk Art Workshop

When: Tuesday 18th November
Times: Start, 11:30 – 3.00pm
Where: EVPS

Just a reminder that our Year 6 students will be participating in a silk painting workshop with local artist & author Kim Michelle Toft. The workshop will take place at the school after swimming (approximately 11:30).

Payment for framing is due Tuesday 18/11. Artworks will be presented to the students at Carols Night.

School Contributions

Thank you to those families who have already paid their contribution for 2014. The contribution remains at $30 per student.

The General School Contribution of $30 per child is paid directly to the school and covers items in use by your child such as text books, pens, pencils, exercise books, sport affiliation fees etc.

P&C News

The next P&C Meeting is next Tuesday Nov 11 at 7pm. All welcome!

Top Tips from DET

NSW public school terms and holidays
Here’s a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2015 - 2016.
Find out more:

Jargon explained
If your child's teacher mentions G&T in the COLA, she's actually talking about gifted and talented classes being held in the covered outdoor learning area.
More school jargon explained:

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS!

The Newcastle Permanent Building Society Ballina is holding its annual “Cinema Under the Stars” at Missingham Park Ballina, Friday the 7th of November.
This is a free fun family event and we would like to invite everyone to come along and enjoy the evening. The movie that will be screening is “Frozen”
There will also be entertainment and activities for the kids. Gates open from 5:30. For further information please follow the link
www.newcastlepermanent.com.au/cinema