PERMISSION NOTES ARE DUE

TOMORROW!!!

When: Wed 3rd December 2014
Where: Ballina
Travel: Private transport
Departure: 9.30am
Return: 2.45pm
Cost: $5 per student (no cost for our parent transporters)

Students from the K-3 will be going on an excursion on Wednesday 3rd Dec 2014 to Ballina. They will be visiting the Maritime Museum, Town Library and Ballina Police Station, followed by a history walk to Missingham Bridge where they will have a BBQ lunch. Afterwards there will be a short walk to Serpentine Beach where the students will participate in some beach games and a sand modelling competition.

Please Note: Parents are encouraged to stay with the group for the duration of the excursion. We are also looking for a parent or two from the group to set up & cook the BBQ lunch at Missingham Bridge - please let the school know ASAP if you are able to help.

Students need to bring: hat, water bottle, recess, wear school uniform with appropriate covered footwear.

Important Note for Transporters:

- License & registration of parent transporters are to be sighted by office staff prior to leaving.
- All students aged 7 & under MUST be seated in a booster seat.
- No child under 30kg should be seated in the front car seat if an airbag is present.
- Seating Arrangements to be sent home Monday 1st December.

Wet Weather Plan - in the event of wet weather, we will still hold the BBQ as there is cover, however will not visit the Serpentine but head straight back to school.

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 URGENTLY.

So far we have......

Erin G  Kirsty G-J
Sally C  Riley G
Gypsy S  Ryley M
Ethan B  Millie S
Owen G  Jesse B
Tilly H  Anthony M
Jasmine C  Jade T

GOLD AWARD WINNERS

Sleepover Night!

Congratulations to all of our gold award winners for this year! As this year’s reward, we are holding a sleepover night here at the school on Friday 12th December. (Further details to go home next week).

Due to the short time frame & with our seniors away next week, permission notes have been attached this week. Notes to be returned by no later than Tuesday 9th December, thankyou.

Relieving Principal – Ian Hardy

A big welcome to Mr Ian Hardy who is currently Relieving Principal at Empire Vale P.S while Ms Avery is on leave. Ian will be here until next Monday 1st December.
**Parent Responses Due**

Gold Awards: Please send in awards received in 2014 to be checked off.
- **OVERDUE**

**K-3 Excursion Permission & Payment**
Due - **TOMORROW**! Thur 27th Nov

Bubble Night Permission Note (Yrs 5&6)
Indication of numbers attending (K-4 only)
Due - **Tuesday 9th December**

Sleepover Night (Gold Award Winners)
Due - **Tuesday 9th December**

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**Excursion - Brisbane and Sunshine Coast**

The senior school excursion is only 1 week away!!!

Final information, list of items to bring, telephone tree & itinerary were sent home in week 6 & are also on the school’s WEBSITE!

**Final Reminders!!!**

- **Students to be at EVPS at 6.30am for a 6.45am departure, (Wed 3rd Dec).**
- The group is to return between 7.30 & 8.00pm, (Fri 5th Dec).
- **On Day 1 students need to take a packed recess & lunch, drink bottle, HAT, towel & swimmers in plastic bag & sunscreen in a small backpack (as we will try to squeeze in a swim at Southbank on the first day)**
- Please apply sunscreen at home before you arrive at school on the morning of the 3rd.
- Medications & indemnity forms MUST be sent into the school by the day PRIOR leaving - please DO NOT bring these in on the morning we leave!
- **DO NOT send mobile phones with students please. Emergency contact can (and should) be made through the supervising staff.**
- **We require some appropriately rated DVD’s for the bus trip! Please bring these in ASAP, thank you!**

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**Up & Coming Events**

**November**

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

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**December**

**Wednesday 3rd** (Junior Class)
Junior Excursion
Venue: Ballina

**Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th** (Senior Class)
Senior Excursion
Venue: Brisbane/Sunshine Coast

**Monday 8th**
Whole School Assembly
Venue: EVPS

**Tuesday 9th 7pm**
P&C Meeting
Venue: EVPS Senior Classroom

**Thursday 11th 6pm** (Alt Tues 16th)
Carols Evening
Venue: EVPS

**Friday 12th**
Gold Award Sleepover Night
Venue: EVPS

**Saturday 13th 5pm**
Yr 6 Farewell - Bubble Night
Venue: Ballina Pool

**Wednesday 17th**
Last Day of school for 2014
Venue: EVPS

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**January 2015**

**Wednesday 28th**
First Day of school for 2015
Grades 1-6

**Thursday 29th**
First Day of school for 2015
Kindergarten Students
The whole school have been enjoying the Special Swimming Scheme during this hot weather! The program will continue until the end of this week, Friday 28th November.

The seniors have been honing in on their water survival skills including performing mock rescues & swimming with clothing etc.

Whole School Assembly - Mon 8th Dec
(Showcasing our Guitarists!)

The final whole school assembly for the year will be held on Monday 8th December. Those students learning guitar will be showcasing their talents & are excited to show us what they have been learning this term!

Library Books to be returned!

As the end of the year is fast approaching, all students are reminded to bring in their library books so we can finalise our library stocktake. Thank you!

Year 6 Farewell Bubble Night!

When: Saturday 13th December 2014
Where: Ballina Pool
Times: 5:00 - 7:30pm
Cost: $13.00 per student
(Spectators only-$2.50)
(Children swimming only-$3.00)

(To be paid to the pool on the night – payment not required by the school).

Year 5 are invited to attend the Bubble Night to farewell the year 6 students. Students will be supervised by Empire Vale staff and by the Ballina pool staff.

Other students from the school are also welcome to attend but will need to be supervised by their parent or guardian for the duration of the evening. These students will not require a permission note, however, will need to indicate at the bottom of the permission slip of their attendance, so that the pool has an idea of numbers.

Permission notes required by no later than Tuesday 9th December, thank you.

Wet weather - please check with the pool directly if you are unsure of the weather conditions on the night.

Top Tips from DET

Choosing a book for your child
What makes a good book for young kids? Usually anything that they want to read. Resist the desire to choose only books that you read as a child. Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story.

Find out more:

Does cartoon violence make kids more aggressive?
Lots of parents question the violence in many of today's cartoons and video games, but many of us grew up watching cartoons where violence was also a key ingredient. What does the research indicate about exposure of our kids to violence?

Find out more:
**P&C News**

**Christmas Raffle!** We would appreciate it if each family could please sell a book of Christmas raffle tickets. Tickets & money to be returned to the school by Thursday 11th December, (drawn that evening at Carols Night!). *Thank you for your support!*

The next P&C Meeting is Tuesday 9th December at 7pm. All welcome!

**Community News**

**Riverside Carols**  
Ballina and District  
Presented by the combined Churches of Ballina and Lennox Head

**Beauty by the Beach!**

Only 4 weeks till Christmas!

Freshen up before the big day Waxing, tinting, shellac nails, facials. Look your best in no time at all.
Book now for your appointment.

Can’t find the perfect gift?  
Take some stress away from searching and allow them to choose for themselves.

Gift vouchers available.
**Beauty by the Beach**  
Patch’s Beach  
Emma xx

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**Attachments**

- P&C Xmas raffle tickets
- Sleepover Night Permission (gold award winners)
- Yr 6 Farewell Bubble Night (Permission required - Yrs 5&6 (Indication of numbers attending-K-4
- Engaging Adolescents Flyer

**Kidz Helpline**

1800 55 1800

Kids Helpline is a service of BoysTown.
PERMISSION NOTE

SLEEPOVER NIGHT FOR GOLD AWARD WINNERS!
(Friday 12th December 2014)

I give permission for my child/ren.................................................................to attend the Sleepover Night for gold award winners on Friday 12th December 2014 at Empire Vale P.S.

Signed ....................................
  Parent/Guardian

* Please return permission by Tuesday 9th December, thankyou *

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PERMISSION NOTE

Yr 6 Farewell Bubble Night - Ballina Pool
(Saturday 13th December 2014)

Permission required for Yr 5 & 6 only

I give permission for my child/ren................................................................. to attend the Yr 6 Farewell Bubble Night at Ballina Pool on Saturday 13th December 2014. I understand that transport is the responsibility of the parent & the cost per child is $13.00 each, which will be paid to the pool on the night.

Total number of adults/children attending Bubble Night ................................. (please indicate numbers)

Signed ....................................
  Parent/Guardian

If your child is NOT in Yr 5 or 6, but will also be attending on the night under the supervision of their parents, please indicate their attendance below, thankyou

Total number of adults/children attending Bubble Night ................................. (please indicate numbers)

Signed ....................................
  Parent/Guardian

* Please return permission by Tuesday 9th December, thankyou *