& 6 students & last yrs Yr 6 students have bus travel & Seaworld entry paid for. As we have an opportunity to take advantage of a free bus, we have decided to take along Yr 1-4 students as well! (our 2013 K-3 class)

Yrs 1-4 have free bus travel, however, students will be required to pay for Seaworld entry. The cost of Seaworld entry is $69.99 but this cost has been drastically reduced (with the help of the school and P&C) to a cost of only $30 per student!

Information & permission notes are attached for all participating students. ALL consent notes, including medical note & indemnity forms for medications MUST be returned to the school by no later than Tuesday 11th March, thank you.

District Swimming Review

Well done to all of our swimmers who competed in the Ballina District PSSA Swimming Carnival last week! Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to compete in the Far North Casot Zone Swimming Carnival to be held in Ballina next Tuesday 4th March!

Sally & Jasmine C
Ethan & Jesse B
Kirsty G-J
Jade T

Best of luck to all of our competitors!

Attachments

- Excursion Permission (2013 students)
  - Consent form A
  - Medical Permission
  - Itinerary and telephone tree
- Talking and Listening rotation (senior class)
- P&C Minutes

Winning this Award!

Empire Vale School received the ultimate ‘Seal of approval’ by winning ‘The 2013 Best School Newspaper Award’ by The Northern Star. This prestigious prize earned the school an ultimate day out at Sea World, which includes theme park entries and bus transportation.

Visiting Sea World will allow us to learn about marine studies through interacting with Sea World’s state of the art learning facilities whilst having a whale of a time. Each class is currently learning about sea life and the importance of sustainable marine ecosystems, making this excursion a valuable part of our educational program.

We would like to say Thank You to our media savvy senior class and the following sponsors of The Newspapers in Education program who have helped make this fantastic learning experience possible.

Mrs Rantissi

Students Participating in this Excursion

At the end of last year, our primary students were the big winners in the Newspapers in Education Awards Night, winning free bus hire & entry to Seaworld. As a result yrs 5

I can't wait to meet you all at Sea World!
Dogs are being brought into classrooms across NSW to help teach primary school students important pet safety lessons as part of a new program specifically designed to minimize the risk of dog attacks.

The $21 million Responsible Pet Ownership Schools Education Program commenced in NSW primary schools in March 2011 and will run for three years.

Designed for students aged five to seven, the program uses techniques such as role play and interactive multimedia activities including computer games to help deliver very serious pet safety messages.

The innovative new program conveys important messages about animal welfare, training, pet ownership, and how to choose an appropriate pet.

Children will also learn what to do if they find themselves at threat of being attacked by a dog.

The school is required by the Department of Education and Training to inform all parents that information regarding suspension procedures may be obtained from the school office if required. This information is
designed to explain the processes of suspension & expulsion of students from school.

### Assembly

A full school assembly is held (usually) in weeks 5 and 10 of each term, however there are occasions where rescheduling is required - this term our assembies are in weeks 6 & 11. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

Children are encouraged to present class items and class work and teachers present awards earned during the term. Monday March 3rd has been set down as the next whole school assembly.

### Mosquitoes / Sunscreen

Due to the rain we have had, mossies are out in full force. Please apply insect repellent at home before your child comes to school if they are affected by this. It is Department of Education & Communities Policy that schools do not apply insect repellent to students.

Particularly in this hot weather, we would also recommend that parents apply sunscreen to their children as well, prior coming to school.

### Top Tips from DET

**All about apostrophes**

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.


**Multiplication times tables**


### Sorting fact from fiction

Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways our child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.


### P&C News

The next P&C meeting will be held Tuesday March 11th at 7pm. All welcome.

Please find attached the minutes from our February meeting.

### Shipping Container for Sale!

20ft shipping container
Excellent condition
$3000 (neg)
Removal at buyers expense
Located at Empire Vale
Call Rachael Goodwin on 0416 267 504

### Recycle for Sight

Do you have a pair of eyeglasses you no longer use? Lions Australia collects glasses and cleans and sorts them according to strength. Most of the glasses are then distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact. They accept eyeglasses and reading glasses with plastic or metal frames. Childrens glasses are especially needed. If you or one of your family members have a pair laying around you no longer use, send them into the school with or without a case, and we will send them on to the collecting centre.

Thanks for your help in helping others to see!