Public Speaking

Empire Vale P.S is once again running our public speaking program this year. The program is designed to encourage students to develop their communication skills, and express themselves with confidence. Students from all classes are involved in the program. Please assist your child/ren with their preparation for the speech. Speeches are to be 1-4 minutes in duration depending on age group, see attached information. All students will be presenting their speeches to their classes in weeks 4 & 5 of Term 2. The winners of each stage will present their speeches at a special assembly or public speaking event at the school, TBA.

Information sheet with further details will come out next week.

- **Round 1:** All students will be presenting their speeches to their classes in weeks 4, 5 & 6 of term 2.
- **Round 2:** The students chosen from each grade will present their speeches to a visiting judge in week 6 (date yet to be confirmed).
- **Round 3:** The winners of each stage will present their speeches at a special assembly or public speaking event at the school, TBA. Trophies will be presented to the winners of each stage at our week 10 assembly.
- **Round 4:** Two students from Stage 2 & 3 will represent the school at the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition to be held at Alstonville PS in week 8 (TBC). These students will also be chosen for their ability to speak on an Impromptu topic.

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

- **E.O.I Yr 7 High School 2015**
  - URGENT!!

- **Ballina Small Schools Cross Country permission notes & payment (ALL students)**
  - OVERDUE

- **Student Enrolment Forms update (ALL students)**
  - Due - Wed 2nd April

- **“Meet the Cast” workshop permission & payment (yrs 4,5,6)**
  - Due - Tuesday 1st April

- **Indigenous Performance permission note & payment (yrs 4,5,6)**
  - Due - Tuesday 1st April

- **Raffle Tickets (for NSW State Swimming)**
  - Due - Tuesday 8th April

- **ICAS International Comps (optional yrs 2-6)**
  - Due - Tues 8th Apr (NOTE date change!!)

Kinder Publication in Northern Star!

Today (Wednesday 26th March) the Northern Star produced a *My First Years liftoout supplement* with every Kindergarten class in the Northern Rivers region featured! Make sure you look through to find our Empire Vale stars 😊

Review - Ballina District PSSA Winter Sport Trials

Well done to the following students who represented the school at the Ballina District PSSA Winter Sport Trials last Friday:

**Jesse & Anthony (boys soccer), Jasmine & Kirsty (girls netball).** All students did their very best and we are pleased to say Kirsty & Jesse have made the NC team and will be representing our school at the next game April 1st to try out for the NC Team!

Little Athletics Workshops

The Little Athletics Programs for Schools workshops will be run again this year. Workshops will be run on a weekly basis throughout Term 2. Students thoroughly enjoy this program & are once again excited to participate in this activity, which will give them new skills and expertise in many areas of athletics such as high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, relay & hurdles.
EMPIRE VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Small School Cross Country Carnival

Cross Country IS GOING AHEAD!! Please pack your child a spare change of clothes, towel & plastic bag in case they get wet!

URGENT…. We have more than 50% of our notes still outstanding…. with limited administration assistance (see above) this creates a situation where teaching staff and/or admin staff are spending time reissuing notes and reminders… please assist by being prompt. Thank you 😊

When: Friday 28th March
Where: Teven Tintenbar Public School
Cost: $5.00 per student
Transport: Bus
Alternate date: (Friday 4th April)

Students will need to:
• Wear sports uniform & hat
• Wear appropriate footwear (no spikes or football boots permitted)
• Bring a packed morning tea, lunch & drink bottle, if not ordering from canteen.
• Apply sunscreen before coming to school

Please Note: Late lunch orders cannot be accepted. Please ensure that you send recess & lunch with your child on the day if you did not order lunch by the due date. DO NOT send money for lunch as the students may not have an opportunity to purchase their lunch.

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School Administration

Administration staff are only present at the school for 3 days each week. To allow our teachers to spend their time preparing classroom learning activities instead of attending to office tasks there are a few things that parents can do to assist.....

How you can help us!

• Permission notes & payments to be returned on time please (to avoid the need for reminders and ‘chasing up’).
• Correct money to be sent in.
  o Monies to be in an envelope with details listed on the front.
  o Please avoid large amounts of coinage where possible.
• Canteen orders to be on a lunch bag with the correct change please.
• Details of student absences are required to be in writing. Please avoid phoning through your child’s absences as this requires additional steps for us. Just a reminder that it is a legal requirement of the Department of Education & Communities that ALL absences, (whole OR part absences.... including late arrivals & early pickups), be explained via a written note. Your assistance in this matter would be much appreciated.
• Check with your child EACH Wednesday for their newsletter, to avoid having to seek reprints from the office.
• Bus arrangements are best in writing & placed in the notes box by your child at the beginning of the day. If the change was unexpected, please it is phoned through early in the day & the message left clearly on the answering machine.

These are all very small things, but when taken into consideration from all families, it really does make a big difference to Kimmy & Cheryl’s workload. Thank you all for your understanding!
WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please find attached your child’s full enrolment form. We require parents to check each one carefully & update where required AS A MATTER OF URGENCY!

It is CRITICAL that parents pay special attention to the parent employment section of your child's enrolment form as the schools funding is based on the information you provide in this section. Under the new school funding model introduced by State Government, part of the schools’ budget is allocated based on the occupation & education details of parents. More money is allocated to schools where parents are unemployed or employed in jobs that require fewer qualifications. For example, if you have become unemployed since enrolling your child, we need to know! Having this information may make a significant difference to Empire Vale P.S's finances, so please return updated forms BY NO LATER THAN NEXT WEDNESDAY 2nd APRIL. Thank you for your assistance.
STOP THE PRESS!

Our school is currently collecting tokens which are printed in The Northern Star Newspaper daily, with the motivation of winning 10 iPods for our school. It would be greatly appreciated if you could help us collect as many newspaper coupons as possible. Please drop them to Mrs Rantissi or the school office.

Raffle Tickets – State Swimming

To assist our state swimming qualifiers get to Sydney, the school is selling North Coast School Sport Association raffle tickets at $2.00 each.

1st prize : $1500 worth of sport equipment
2nd prize : $750 worth of sport equipment
3rd prize : $500 worth of sport equipment
4th prize : $250 worth of sport equipment

Tickets to be drawn on 1st December 2014.

We are hoping to sell as many tickets as possible so dig deep everyone! It is very exciting to have 5 students representing the school at such a high level!!!!

Please order tickets using the attached request for tickets slip & return payment by no later than Tuesday 8th April. Thank you for your support!

Noah Movie Premiere

Mrs Rantissi is working alongside The Lennox Lions Club to host the movie premiere of ‘Noah’ (starring Russell Crowe, Anthony Hopkins and Emma Watson). This special movie event is on Thursday the 27th of March, with refreshments served from 6pm and the movie starting at 6.30pm. Tickets are $20, with all money raised supporting community projects in the Ballina Shire. Please see Mrs Rantissi to purchase tickets or for further information. It is sure to be a great night!

Need more players

Ballina Rugby Union still taking registration in all ages especially players born in 2000 2002 2006 2007 2008 Contact Allan Noble 0488219455
Train Wednesday afternoons
Games played Friday evenings
Top Tips from DET

School zone safety
A reminder to parents about the operation of school speed zones. School zones exist for the safety of children and families. Forty-kilometres-an-hour school speed zones operate across New South Wales at all school sites on gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil-free days.

Easter Raffle tickets attached to be returned by Thursday 10th April, to be drawn Friday 11th April.

Raffle Tickets to Support our State Swimming Representatives

Name .......................................................... Contact No ..........................................................

I would like to purchase ................................tickets @ $2.00 each

Total enclosed ............................................

Raffle Tickets requests are to be returned to the school with payment by no later than Tuesday 8th April, thank you.

Check out more Seaworld photos on the school's website!

www.empirevale-p.schools.nsw.edu.au