Small Schools’ Spelling Bee

Congratulations to those students who will be representing the school at the Small Schools’ Spelling Bee to be held at June 12th held at Wardell Hall.

Stage 2
- Owen G
- Sally C
- Laura G
- Bella M
- Res: Lillian T

Stage 3
- Jade T
- Lillian G
- David B
- Maureen
- Jade F

When: Thursday 12th June
Where: Wardell Hall
Times: 9:30am - 11 (stage 2)
        11:30am - 1pm (stage 3)

Transport: Private car
Lunch: There will be NO CANTEEN, please bring a water bottle, recess & lunch.
Need: Full school uniform
Rules: Will follow Premier’s Spelling Bee protocols.

Announcer: word/sentence/word
Competitor: word/spelling/word

There’ll be a practice round initially to settle everyone’s nerves!
Lists: Emailed. They’re the 2013 Premier’s Spelling Bee list.

(Please note that if permission is not received or transport arranged by the due date the reserve will attend in your child’s place)

Thursday May 22nd - Welcome to our Biggest Morning Tea

11 - 12:30 Biggest Morning Tea

Parents & community members are invited to attend Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea hosted by Toni Caesar & Zoe Walsh with the assistance of the Empire Vale P&C. All proceeds to be donated to the NSW Cancer Council.

It’s time to put the kettle on!

Next Thursday the 22nd of May, Empire Vale Public School will be busy brewing up a very special morning tea to help raise money to help find a cure for cancer.

This year’s Morning Tea theme is ‘T is for…’ You could come dressed as a Tiger, T-Rex, Teletubbie, Titan’s Team Supporter or even a turtle! As long as the theme of your costume starts with the letter T, you’ll be in Theme!

Families are asked to bring a plate of morning tea to share, along with a gold coin to participate. All money raised will go to the Cancer Council.

After the morning tea we will enjoy some classic novelty games such a “Tug-a-war, Three-legged races, Teaspoon and egg races and Tunnel ball.

It is guaranteed to be a ‘Terrific Time’. Everyone is welcome!

You will need..
- A plate of something to share for the Biggest Morning Tea
- Gold coin donation
- ***** Students can participate in the Biggest Morning Tea for the cost of a gold coin donation (or can bring their own recess as usual).
May

Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd}
Biggest Morning Tea
Venue: EVPS

Friday 23\textsuperscript{rd}
FNC (Zone) X-Country
Venue: Bangalow

Monday 26\textsuperscript{th}
Whole School Assembly

Wednesday 28\textsuperscript{th} (each Wed of Term 2)
Little Athletics
Venue: EVPS

Friday 30\textsuperscript{th}
The 13-Storey Treehouse
Venue: Lismore

June

Date yet to be confirmed
EVPS Public Speaking Judging
Venue: EVPS

Tuesday 3\textsuperscript{rd}, Thursday 5\textsuperscript{th} (final)
'Debate the Change'
(Selected senior students)
Venue: BSC

Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th}, 11\textsuperscript{th}, 18\textsuperscript{th}, 25\textsuperscript{th}
Little Athletics
Venue: EVPS

Thursday 12\textsuperscript{th} (Alternative date 17\textsuperscript{th})
SXCSS Spelling Bee
Venue: Wardell Hall

Thursday 19\textsuperscript{th}
Small Schools’ PSSA Athletics Carnival
Venue: Ballina High School

Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd}
Multicultural Public Speaking
Venue: Alstonville PS

Small Schools Athletics Carnival

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The whole school will be involved in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Thursday 19\textsuperscript{th} June.

Further details including lunch arrangements, program of events & wet weather plans to be outlined in future newsletters once they are confirmed. Permission notes & payment to be returned to the school by no later than Wednesday 11\textsuperscript{th} June, thank you.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Wednesday 28\textsuperscript{th} May

Reminder... Limited Administration time requires YOUR help.

Administration time in the office is now limited, there are a few things that parents can do to assist us in the office.....

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:
  - Monies to be in an envelope with details listed on the front.
  - 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.
- Check with your child EACH Wednesday for their newsletter; to avoid having to seek reprints from the office. Where possible the newsletter will be uploaded to the web each week.

Bus arrangements are best in writing and placed in the notes box by your child at the beginning of the day. If the change was unexpected, please ensure it is phoned through early in the day and 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!

School Contributions

Thank you to those families who have already paid their contribution for 2014. The contribution remains as per last year 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.

Top Tips from DET

Protect against measles

New cases of measles have been reported and NSW Health is urging people born during or after 1966 to ensure they are fully immunised against the disease, especially if planning overseas travel.

Two doses of the free Measles Mumps Rubella (MMR) vaccine are given at least one month apart.

Symptoms of measles include fever, sore eyes and a cough followed a few days later by a rash. For more information go to: www.health.nsw.gov.au

ATTACHMENTS

- SXCSS Spelling Bee Permission (selected students only)
- SS Athletics Permission (ALL students)
- P&C Minutes - May

P&C News

Please remember to bring a plate to share for The Biggest Morning Tea this Thursday as well as a Gold Coin donation to support cancer.

Community News

“Council is inviting residents of South Ballina, Empire Vale, Patchs Beach and Keith Hall to come and talk about their locality and what is special, unique and valued about these areas. We will use this information and these discussions to prepare ‘rural settlement character statements’ for each locality. Council is running this program across rural areas of the shire during May to define what is important and special about the shire’s rural settlements and places. This in turn will help Council to prepare planning documents over time that will reflect the community’s values and vision for the places where they live.

Invitations have been sent to all landholders in each locality, but this invitation is extended to all residents.

Please come along to Empire Vale Public School at 6.30pm on Monday 26th May to talk collectively with Mike Svikis Planning about your thoughts. All residents are welcome to come along and join in the discussion.”
PERMISSION NOTE

Small Schools PSSA Athletics Carnival
(Thursday 19th June)

I give permission for my child/ren……………………………………………………………………………to compete in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival at Ballina High School on Thursday 19th June, (alternate date date 26th June TBC). I understand that transport is by car and is the responsibility of the family.

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

Please return permission by no later than Wednesday 11th June, thank you.

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PERMISSION NOTE

SXCSS Spelling Bee
(Thursday 12th June)

I give permission for my child/ren……………………………………………………………………………to compete in the SXCSS Spelling Bee at the Wardell Hall on Thursday 12th July, (alternate date date 17th June). I understand that transport is by car and is the responsibility of the family.

☐ I will be transporting my own child
☐ I have arranged for _________________ to transport my child

(Please note that if permission is not received or transport arranged by the due date the reserve will attend in your child’s place)

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

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