EMPIRE VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 28th

May 2014

Week 5

13-Storey Treehouse

The whole school will be travelling bus this Friday to see the NORPA performance, "The 13-Storey Treehouse" at Lismore City Hall. **If you have not already done so, please return permission & payment as a matter of urgency!**

Organization - We will be having recess and lunch in Lismore (before and after the show) and will be spending minimal time in the classrooms on Friday.

- Please do not send your child with their school bag - these will be bulky and unnecessary.
- Send your child’s lunch in a plastic bag with their name on it.
- Please avoid lunch boxes that need to be carried around by your child for the day - i.e. lunches in paper bags please.

**PARENT RESPONSES DUE**

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**Public Speaking**

Students have been practicing hard for round 1 of the EVPS Public Speaking program. 

Congratulations to the selected students for reaching the ‘finals’ (30% of students from each grade). Our visiting judge will select the ‘stage winners’ (30% of each stage)

Student selections will be finalised over the coming week & selected students will present their speeches to our visiting judge, Marty Wheatley from NSW Teachers Federation on Friday 6th June. A program will be developed so families can join the audience.

Students in stage 2 & 3 will also be assessed for their skills in Impromptu speaking before selecting our Multicultural Public Speaking representatives.

Yr 6 – Jade T, Anthony M, Lillian G
Yr 5 – Jasmine C, Riley G, Kirsty GJ
Yr 4 – Owen G
Yr 3 – Sally C, Gypsy S
Yr 2 – Erin G, Billy Walsh
Yr 1 – Jumalia F, Connor O
Kinder – TBC

**FNC Zone Cross Country-Review**

Well done to Kirsty G-J who competed in the Far North Coast Zone Cross Country Carnival last Friday at Bangalow. Kirsty placed 17th in her age division, a great effort as this was the first time she has competed at this level, well done!

**CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER - 4/5/6**

Keep those round 1 chocolates selling everyone as we are now in the process of ordering the SECOND & FINAL round of chocolates as part of the senior school excursion chocolate fundraiser! Please send round 1 chocolate monies in ASAP so that we may distribute the remainder of your boxes! Order forms for the final round are attached & are to be returned by no later than Tuesday 10th June, thank you.
Staff, students, parents & community members attended Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea last week hosted by Toni Caesar & Zoe Walsh with the assistance of the Empire Vale P&C & parents. This year’s theme was ‘T is for….’ And we had some fantastic costumes from Thor to a teenager. All proceeds were donated to the NSW Cancer Council.

Not only was it an amazing morning tea but we also managed to raise $134.00, to help The Cancer Council find a cure for cancer!

A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who baked & supplied tea & coffee throughout the morning & for the wonderful imagination of our parents with costumes! This all contributed in making the morning a wonderful success!

**KIDS HELPLINE**

Kids Helpline is Australia’s only free, national telephone service for children & young people between the ages of 5 & 18. It promotes a non-judgmental, confidential service where no problem is too small, too embarrassing or too “out of bounds” to talk about. The service is available 24 hours anywhere in Australia.

(Free call: 1800 55 1800)

**Top Tips from the DET**

Helping your child with homework
Video: Teachers talk about how parents can help kids take responsibility for their homework and avoid Thursday night meltdowns.

Find out more:

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**Up & Coming Events**

**May**

Friday 30th
The 13-Storey Treehouse
Venue: Lismore

Tuesday 3rd, Thursday 5th (final)
‘Debate the Change’ (Selected senior students)
Venue: BSC

Friday 6th
EVPS Public Speaking Judging
Venue: EVPS

Wednesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
Little Athletics
Venue: EVPS

Thursday 12th (Alternative date 17th)
SXCSS Spelling Bee
Venue: Wardell Hall

Thursday 19th
Small Schools’ PSSA Athletics Carnival
Venue: Ballina High School

Monday 22nd
Multicultural Public Speaking
Venue: Alstonville PS

**June**

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**Attachments**

- Cupcake order sheet (for Spelling Bee students)
- Biggest Morning Tea photo montage
- Chocolate Orders (Senior class only)
Whole School Assembly

A whole school assembly was held on Monday May 26th with many of our students being recognized for their achievements. As always we are proud of all our students as achievements come in many forms. It was lovely to see parents and grandparents at the assembly as well.

The K-3 class sang an English song performed in Indonesian and the senior class sang a Congolese song. The students also marked National Sorry day by placing indigenous inspired hands in the garden signifying welcoming of all cultures to our school. A special thanks to Shantelle Searle for giving out Citizenship Awards, on behalf of the P&C, for those students who participated in the ANZAC March in Ballina.

Does a teacher at your school go above and beyond in their classroom?

A Day Made Better recognises exceptional primary school teachers across the country. Last year, we received 5,700 nominations for over 1,000 inspirational teachers. This year, with your help, we're aiming to gather 10,000 nominations from every corner of Australia. Every nominated teacher will receive a certificate and gift to acknowledge their incredible contribution. And, if a teacher from your school is chosen as one of 10 winners, they'll receive $2,000 worth of supplies and an Apple iPad for their classroom.

Put your school on the map by encouraging parents, staff and students to nominate one of your exceptional teachers today.

Support an exceptional teacher today at adaymadebetter.com.au

Thanks to those families who have made nominations and added their comments. If you have the time, drop into the website and add a comment of your own 😊
Small Schools’ Spelling Bee Information & Cupcake Order Form

When: Thursday 12th June, Wardell Hall
Times: 9:30am - 11.00am (stage 2)
       11:30am - 1.00pm  (stage 3)
Transport: Private car
Lunch: There will be NO CANTEEN, please bring a water bottle, recess & lunch.
       However, pre-ordered cupcakes will be available on the day (see below)
Need: Full school uniform

Permission notes were sent home last week. (Please note that if permission is not received or transport arranged by the due date the reserve will attend in your child’s place)

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CUPCAKES ORDER FORM

As a fundraiser for Breast Cancer & Cystic Fibrosis, cupcakes will be for sale for $2.00 each at the Spelling Bee on Thursday June 12th. If you would like a delicious cupcake while supporting a good cause, please fill in the order form below & return it to your school by Tuesday 10th June.

Name: ____________________________________________

Number of Cupcakes: ________________________________

Amount enclosed __________________________________
