District Athletics

Well done to all of our athletes who competed at the Small Schools PSSA Athletics Carnival this Friday!

Please be aware that this year the Small Schools have allocated a teacher to the position of Team Manager.

Mrs. Down Douglas from Fernleigh PS will be the Team Manager this year. There will also be a teacher representing CTI, Wardell and Broadwater. The Team Manager will be available to assist students and parents with their enquiries throughout the day. The other teachers will be assigned to District Athletics tasks.

Parents, please ensure our students are set up in a space together with the other Small School representatives and that you make yourself known to Mrs. Douglas on arrival (and inform her of your departure plans as well).

AFL - EVPS vs Rous P.S.

As part of the AFL Inter-School Football Program, Years 4, 5 & 6 students will be participating, in 3 friendly AFL matches against various local schools throughout the term.

When: Game 1 Friday August 8th
Where: Rous Public School
Times: Cars to leave for Rous at 12.15 for a 1pm start. Cars to return from Rous PS approx. 2.30pm to return to school.

Thank you to those parents who are able to assist with transport.

Seating arrangements are attached.

Game #2 will be with Cabbage Tree Island P.S. students on Friday 29th August at CTI.

Game #3 Unfortunately Wardell are not able to play the final game on the 19th. We will explore a date change but if that is not possible, Wardell will forfeit the match.

Premier’s Spelling Bee

When: Monday Sept 15th
Where: Wyrallah Road PS
Time: 9.30am start (more information to follow)
Transport: Private Cars

Good Luck to those students who will be representing the school at the Premier’s Spelling Bee to be held on Monday, September 15th at Wyrallah Road P.S.

Stage 2
- Ethan B
- Owen G
- Res: Rohan B (TBC)

Stage 3
- Jesse B
- Jade T (TBC)
- Lillian G (TBC)
- Maureen (TBC)

(Stage 3 representatives will be confirmed next week)

Program
9:30-11:00 Stage 2 (approx. timing TBC)
11:00-11:30 Recess
11:30-1:00 Stage 3

There will usually be a practice round initially to settle everyone’s nerves. Students may stay for their timeslot only or stay on to watch the other stages compete.

Transport will be the responsibility of the parent.

Students will need to bring along their recess, lunch & a drink bottle.

Parent Responses Due
AFL Inter - School competition permission (4/5/6 only) Due - OVERDUE
Yr 5&6 Boating Safety Excursion permission Due - Mon 4th Aug

Mobile Library
Wed 6th Aug
Good Luck to those students who will be representing the school at the PTTS Public Speaking competition to be held on Monday, Sept 1st at Lennox Head P.S. This is the inaugural event and the only interschool competition of its sort that involves the Stage 1 students. We are excited to be involved and hope that the day is a success and continues in future years. Two students from each stage will be selected with one reserve.

Our students in stage 1 and 2 have been selected and can begin preparing their speech in preparation for the competition. They will be given an opportunity to present their speech at school in week 7. In this competition the students are able to choose their own topic, please seek assistance/guidance from your child’s teacher as required. Stage 2 & 3 will have an impromptu component.

Due to the large number of talented speakers in stage 3 we have chosen to short-list the stage 3 students. Students will have 4 weeks to prepare their speech (topics and times are attached for selected students). Speeches will then be judged by a panel of at least 2 teachers and the representing students will be announced in the week 7 newsletter. They will present the same speech and the PTTS event.

When: Monday Sept 1st
Where: Lennox Head PS
Time: 9.30am start
Transport: Private Cars

Good Luck to those students who will be representing the school at the SXCSS Public Speaking to be held on Tuesday, Sept 16th at Tregeagle P.S.

This is also an inaugural event and is a stepping stone for the Rivers Public Speaking Final which is held in Lismore in term 4. We are excited to be involved and hope that the day is a success and continues in future years. Four students from each stage will be selected with one reserve.

Students will be competing against students in the SXCSS (CTI, Broadwater, Fernleigh, Newrybar, Rous, Tregeagle, Wardell & Wyraillah). An adjudicator/judge will then select two students from Stage 2 and two from stage 3 to represent the SXCSS at the Rivers Public Speaking competition to be held in Lismore early term 4.

Our students in stage 2 have been selected and can begin preparing their speech in preparation for the competition. They will be given an opportunity to present their speech at school in week 8 or 9. (Please note that students selected in the PTTS AND SXCSS will need to prepare speeches for both competitions).

Again, we have chosen to short-list the stage 3 students. Students will present for judging early in week 8 and selected students will be announced in the week 8 newsletter. They will present the same speech and the SXCSS event.

When: Tuesday Sept 16th
Where: Tregeagle PS
Time: 9.30am start
Transport: Private Cars

Please let us know if your child will be unable to compete at the PTTS event.

Please let us know if your child will be unable to compete at the Rivers final to be held October 22nd.

Stage 1: Billy W, Erin G, Grace M (Res)
Stage 2: Ethan B, Owen G, Sally C (Res)
Stage 3: Anthony, Jade T, Jasmine C, Jesse B, Kirsty G-J, Lillian G

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Please let us know if your child will be unable to compete at the Rivers final to be held October 22nd.
REVIEW - Debating Gala Day

Well done to Jesse B, Jade T, Lillian G & Kirsty G-J who competed in the Debating Gala Day last Thursday. The students worked well as a team, preparing well for each debate and making rebuttal notes for each speaker during the debate. We can away from the gala day with 1 defeat and 2 wins, a great effort for the day.

Our topics throughout the day were:-
“That Australian circuses should be banned from using animals.” (Aff)
“That parents should ban their children from social networking sites.” (Aff)
“That junk food ads should not be allowed until after 9pm.” (Neg)

Well done everyone involved & thank you to our parents who assisted by getting their children to school earlier than usual.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews will be held in weeks 3, 4 & 5; Monday 28th July through to Friday 15th August.

Timeslots for teacher availability are below. Times may be booked through the office. If you are unable to make your scheduled timeslot, please let the office know as soon as possible, thank you.

Ms Avery:
Tues: 1:30 - 3:00pm
Thurs: 2:00 - 3:30pm

Mr Spencer:
Wed: 11:30 - 1:00pm
Wed: 3:00 - 3:45pm
Thurs 11:30 - 12:00pm

Mrs Watts:
Please indicate on the note provided if you would like to schedule a meeting with Mrs Watts and we will sort out a time with you then.

Mrs Rantissi:
Mon: 1:30 – 3:00pm
Fri: 2:00 – 3:00pm

Up & Coming Events

August

Friday 1st (qualifying students)
Ballina District PSSA Athletics Carnival
Venue: Geoff Watt Oval, Alstonville

Thursday 7th
Boat Safety Excursion (yrs 5/6 only)
Venue: Shaws Bay

Friday 8th
Interschool AFL Competition - EVPS vs Rous P.S
Venue: Rous P.S

Monday 11th
Whole School Assembly

Thursday 28th August
Mid-Year Concert

Friday 29th August
Interschool AFL Competition - EVPS vs CTIPS
Venue: CTIPS

Wardell Red Cross Arts & Crafts fate
When: Sunday August 3rd 9am
The P&C are having a stall at the Red Cross Arts & Crafts fate this year. If anyone has any items to donate for sale, you can drop them in at the school by this Friday August 1st. We will also be selling cakes, slices etc. and are requesting parents send something in also by Friday. If you are unable to bake, come along and support your community. Thanks very much