Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a safe & restful holiday!

Relieving Principal

Ms Avery has had to take short term personal leave from school for the next few weeks. Mrs Rantissi will be stepping into the role of Relieving Principal in her absence.

Mrs Watts will also be employed to work with the senior class, allowing our school's daily routines and educational programs to run with minimal disruption.

Term 4 School Captains!

Congratulations to our School Captains for Term 4 2015! Congratulations to Y, Kirsty and Riley G who are this terms School Captains! This term will be a busy one for our school leaders who will help not only run assemblies but provide leadership at our Excursions, Year 6 Farewell and Carol Evening to name just a few! We are certain they'll do an amazing job!

School Stream App

Our school has become smart phone savvy!

The School Stream App is available for free download from the App Store. The app is designed to help keep families updated on important school information.

We believe that the School Stream App will keep families informed of up and coming events and offers the benefit of sending out 'multiple audience' alerts regarding issues such as bus breakdowns and unforeseen school closures. We are encouraging all families to install the School Stream App and ask for those who are unable to use the device to inform the school, so that they can be listed as needing to be contacted in traditional ways.

We are currently trialing the School Stream App and hope to have the system running smoothly before the students attend their excursions this term.

Information regarding the School Stream App has been attached to this newsletter.

Casual for a Cause

A big thank you to those students who brought along their gold coin donation for casual day on the last day of Term 3. All proceeds will be forwarded to WIRES Australia, who are committed to caring for Australian Wildlife. We hope that our money will help animals like 'Billy' the Joey, who was recently rescued by our caring groundsman Billy Goodwin.
Mt Tamborine Excursion Meeting

A parent meeting will be held at school on Thursday the 15th of October at 3.00pm for all parents of students attending the Senior Class Excursion to Mt. Tamborine.

This meeting is to allow parents to ask questions and share in a conversation with staff regarding this years action packed camp.

As Ms Avery will be unable to attend camp this year, the supervision will be provided by Mrs Rantissi and Mrs Roberts, who will both be in attendance at the meeting. We have attached an updated camp information pack with this newsletter.

Macadamia Castle Excursion

When: Thursday 22nd Oct
Where: Macadamia Castle
Travel: Bus
Cost: $20.00 per student

Departure: 9.15am leaving the school
Return: 2.45pm arriving back at school.

EVPS Students will be joined by the Wardell PS K-2 class & spending the day at Macadamia Castle on Thursday 22nd October. This is an opportunity for our schools to work together and share in the wonders of our local environment and the wildlife that we have in it. This fits into the work that we have been studying in our science and HSIE subjects.

Paradise FM interview

Congratulations to Kirsty, Jasmine and Riley G who did an outstanding job at describing all the wonderful educational opportunities happening at our school to the Paradise FM audience. Their skills in public speaking really helped to keep the conversation between the students and radio announcer David Felsch running confidently and with ease.

We asked our young radio stars how they felt about their first live to air radio interview:

“It was interesting how we had to specifically speak directly into the microphones and how it the radio studio was quite small!” Riley G.

“I really enjoyed doing the interview. I liked being able to work in the studio with David, learning how to run a radio program. There is so much more to do than I first thought.” Kirsty G-J.

“I liked how it felt like a normal conversation and you didn’t have to read off anything. The conversation flowed really well. You didn’t have to worry if looked nervous as nobody could see you!” Jasmine C.

Kindergarten Orientation 2015

Kindergarten Orientation has been scheduled for 2 half days - Monday 26th October & Monday 2nd November, (9am-1pm). If you know of anyone considering enrolling their child in Kindergarten in 2016 or any other year, please let the school know or encourage them to contact us as soon as possible, thank you. (call 66834 298)
**Fizzics Education Workshop - “Robotics”**

**BEWARE: This Friday our school will be overrun with Robots!**

With help from the Fizzics Education Team, our Primary aged students (years 3-6) will be participating in an amazing science and technology workshop. The students will have the opportunity to build, program and configure their robots to do a range of amazing technological tasks.

The senior class has been experimenting with ‘Robotics’ throughout 3rd Term and are really looking forward to finetuning their programming skills.

We will be also joined by our friends from the senior class at Cabbage Tree Island School, making this day very special.

**Orders Taken for Kirsty’s Silk Scarf**

Here is your chance to own a sweet piece of Empire Vale fashion! We are taking orders for Kirsty’s beautiful silk scarf titled ‘Birds Eye View’. We will take orders until the 20th of October and will place in a group order. The price is $47 per scarf, which includes postage and handling.

**‘SWEET AS’ What Now**

Our ‘Sweet As’ art exhibition has now come to an end with the Gallery hearing many positive comments regarding our student’s fantastic artworks.

Many of our ‘Sweet As’ Art Exhibition will soon be making their way to the North Coast National Show, where we have the opportunity to showcase our students artistic skills to a new audience.

Those students who were involved in the glass slumping workshop can now collect their beautiful art pieces. The school is asking for a contribution of $20.00 per student, which will help us meet a portion of the costs of the materials and the glass slumping workshop.

We would like the opportunity to exhibit all of the framed artworks within our school, as we feel they would really brighten up our office and library!
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Up & Coming Events

October

Friday 9th (years 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Fizzics Education "Robotics"
Venue: EVPS

Saturday 10th
EVPS P&C Trivia Night
Venue: Wardell Hall

Thursday 15th (Qualifying Students)
NSW State PSSA Athletics
Venue: Homebush

Wednesday 21st– Friday 23rd (Senior Students)
Mt Tamborine Excursion
Venue: Mt Tamborine, QLD

Thursday 22nd (Junior Students)
Macadamia Excursion
Venue: Macadamia Castle

Friday 23rd (Junior Students)
Responsible Pet Ownership
Venue: EVPS

Monday 26th
Kindergarten Orientation 9-1pm
Venue: EVPS

November

Monday 2nd
Kindergarten Orientation 9-1pm
Venue: EVPS

&
Silk Painting Workshop with Kim Toft (Yr 6)
Venue: EVPS

Wednesday 4th
Rivers Public Speaking Final (TBC)
(qualifying students)
Venue: Lismore City Hall

Monday 9th – Friday 20th (ALL students)
Special Swimming Scheme
Venue: Alstonville Pool

Swimming Scheme

When: Mon 9th to Fri 20th Nov
Where: Alstonville Pool
Transport: Bus
Cost: $40.00 per student

The whole school will be participating in the Department of Education & Communities Special Swimming Scheme next term. This 10 day program is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival.

The cost of the transport has been kindly subsidised by the P&C, bringing the total cost of this activity down to $40 per student (instead of $80 per student)!

Permission notes are attached & are to be returned by no later than Tuesday 27th October, thank you.

Silk Art Workshop

Kim Toft will be conducting her annual silk art workshop with our Year 6 students on Monday 2nd November from 9.30am. Our students have completed outstanding artworks under the guidance of Kim and we are very excited to offer this amazing art opportunity once again for our students.

Abstract Art Workshop

Recently Mrs Rantissi gave a presentation about our Creative Arts Program at The Northern Rivers Community Gallery, to an audience of artists, with the aim of establishing more artist partnerships. As a result, we have had a number of creative community members interested in teaching our students new skills. Next Tuesday we will be welcoming local Keith Hall artist Martin Somerville who will be discussing his award winning artworks with The Senior Class and teaching them new skills in applying acyrilic paints to create exciting abstract images.
PARENT RESPONSES DUE
Snr Excursion final payment (yrs 4-6)
DUE - TODAY!
Jnr Excursion permission & payment (yrs K-3)
DUE - TODAY!
Swimming Scheme permission and payment.
DUE- Tues 27th Oct

P&C News

TRIVIA NIGHT & DINNER
THIS Saturday Night!

Brains On!
It’s time to get a team together for a night of Trivia!

Our P&C are hosting a Trivia evening this Saturday night, the 10th of October at the Wardell Hall. It would be wonderful if our families could all support this fundraising event. Please contact Zoe Walsh or Renai Pearson to register a team. Information regarding the Trivia Evening has been attached to the Newsletter.

This is one of the P&C’s major fundraisers for the year - SO PLEASE come along for a great night of fun & entertainment!

P&C Meeting Next Tuesday October 14th in the primary classroom beginning at 7pm. All welcome.

Attachments
- Special Swimming Scheme info/permission note (all students)
- School Stream App Info for parents
- P&C Trivia Night flyer
- Senior School Excursion info/itinerary (4-6)
Message to Parents/Caregivers

The Department of Education and Training Special Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The scheme is conducted over 10 days. Each daily lesson is 50 minutes.

For the higher level swimmers, the school runs an adjusted swimming program which includes more survival skills including the skill of swimming while clothed (as per the Royal Life Saving ‘Swim & Survive’ program). Students will be notified during the scheme if they require clothing that can go in the water!

Instruction will take place at Alstonville Pool under the instruction of qualified teachers. The scheme will continue daily for two weeks from Monday the 9th to Friday the 20th of November. The total cost for the 10 day scheme is $40.00 per child. If your child has a season pass at Alstonville Pool, the cost may be reduced.

Each day your child should bring a plastic bag, swimming costume, a towel, a blouse or shirt and a hat and warm clothing on a cool day. Please ensure that all items are clearly labeled with your child’s name. It is recommended that students use adequate sun protection, e.g. an SBF 15+ broad spectrum, water resistant sun screen reapplied regularly. A T-shirt or rash shirt is also recommended.

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Special Swimming Scheme 2015
Permission Note

I give my permission for my child/ren………………………………………………………………… to participate in the Special Swimming Scheme program to be held at Alstonville Pool from Monday 9th through to Friday 20th November, 2015. I understand that travel will be by bus & that the cost of the program is $40.00 per student.

My son/daughter has a season pass at Alstonville Pool Yes / No (please circle)

In the event of injury or illness, I also authorise the seeking of such medical assistance on my behalf that my child may require.

Special needs of my child of which you should be aware (e.g. allergies, sensory impairment etc):

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Signed ________________________________ Date ________________________________

Parent/Caregiver

(Permission & payment to be returned to the school by no later than Tuesday 27th October)

Please contact the school if you require financial assistance through Student Assistance Scheme funding.)