Terrific Trivia!

The Quiz Master

The Winning Team

The Players

The Official Scorers

Congratulations to our P&C for hosting an outstanding Trivia evening last Saturday night, at the Wardell Hall. The participants were so impressed with the winning combination of a delicious dinner, friendly atmosphere, abundance of prizes and the hilarious quiz master!

Our whole school community would like to thank the P&C for all the time, energy and team work you have put into creating such an incredible community event.

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)

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.

Please note that this phone app will not replace our weekly printed newsletter.

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

This week we will be sending out a trial message, those who respond to this message will be in the running to win a special ‘early bird’ prize!

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

Good luck to Kirsty, Jasmine, Liam and Ethan who will be representing our school at The State Athletics Carnival on Thursday 15th October, with the PP5 Relay Team! We are so proud to be represented at such a high level of competition! GO EMPIRE VALE!!!
Mt Tamborine Excursion Meeting

A parent meeting will be held at school on Thursday the 15th of October at 3.00pm (tomorrow) 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.

See FINAL senior school excursion reminder notice attached.

Macadamia Castle Excursion

When: Thursday 22nd October 2015
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.

Visiting Artist Martin Somerville

Yesterday, the Senior Class were treated to a visit from local abstract artist Martin Somerville, who showed them a selection of his artworks and taught us some great new skills in applying acrylic paint to create amazing abstract effects. The students loved learning new techniques and all created outstanding artworks. It is wonderful to have members of the community taking the time to mentor our students.

SXCSS Chess / Draughts Competition

On Wednesday 4th November Empire Vale PS students will compete in the 'Southern Cross Community of Small Schools’ Chess & Draughts Competition (SXCSS) at Rous P.S. The children have been playing each other in preparation and are ready to compete!

Empire Vale will be fielding a 4 person chess team as well as 4 person draughts team for stages 2 & 3.

Permission notes will be sent home next week once teams have been finalised.

Robotic Workshop Postponed.

Sadly the Years 3-6 Fizzics Education Robotics workshop has needed to be postponed until Tuesday the 20th of October due to illness of the presenter.

Responsible Pet Ownership

The Junior Class will be treated to a special lesson about responsible pet ownership from one of the coolest dogs in town! The students will learn valuable skills regarding how to read animal behaviour and body language, to help them avoid approaching a frightened or angry dog. Responsible Pet Ownership Program will be run on Friday the 23rd of October.
**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 to be returned by no later than Tuesday 27th October, thank you.

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**Up & Coming Events**

### October

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

**Friday 20th** (years 3, 4, 5 & 6)  
Fizzics Education "Robotics"  
Venue: EVPS

**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

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**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  
&  
SXCSS Chess & Draughts Comp (selected students)  
Venue: Rous P.S

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

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**Sweet As - Just Gets Sweeter!**

We are very proud to announce that our Sweet As’ art exhibition was the 2nd highest attended art exhibition in the history of The Northern Rivers Community Gallery! We had 1,947 people visit the gallery to admire our students artworks. An Amazing Effort!

**Order Taken for Kirsty’s 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.
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.

P&C News

Trivia night a huge success!
A huge THANK YOU to everyone who was involved with the trivia night on Saturday night! We received a flood of complements over the beautiful meal prepared on the night – thank you to community members, mums, nannas etc who prepared this incredible meal & to all of the P&C members who put in so much time & effort in co-ordinating this event!

The P&C made over $2000 for the school – WOW!

A big thank you to Mick O’Connor who ran the event & kept us all entertained & to the numerous EVPS students who helped set up, sold tickets on the night & packed up. An outstanding effort by ALL!

P&C Meeting
The next P&C Meeting will be held Tuesday November 10th in the Primary classroom beginning at 7pm. All welcome.

PARENT RESPONSES DUE
Swimming Scheme permission and payment.
DUE - Tues 27th Oct

COMMUNITY ART WORKSHOP
This Thursday afternoon, 15th of October at 3.30pm there will be a community art workshop held at Cabbage Tree Island School. The workshop will be run under the guidance of the very talented Teresa Ferguson, who will share her skills in creating Indigenous style paintings.

The art workshop is aimed at developing art skills for adults and teenagers and has an introductory cost of only $5. Please bring your own canvas, paints and brushes. This will be a great way to make new friends whilst learning some creative skills.

KINDERGARTEN SWIMMING ABILITY

My child…………………………………………………….. (name):

........has had swimming lessons YES / NO (please circle)
........is a non swimmer YES / NO
........can swim 5-10m YES / NO
........can swim 10m> YES / NO

Please return by no later than Tuesday 27th October, thank you.