Kindergarten Orientation 2015

We are looking forward to meeting our new kinders for 2016 on Monday! 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)

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Our School Stream App has launched!

Our first ‘School Stream App’ Message has been successfully sent!

Congratulations to those people who received our trial ‘School Stream’ message. A complimentary iceblock is available for those students whose family know the top secret password the message contained.

At this stage the app is being used for urgent “push notifications”. These are a ONE WAY communication with parents, as there is no need to reply, there is no function to reply to an urgent notification. As time goes by, we are hoping to utilise other areas of this app for parent’s convenience.

Our main forms of communications are still our weekly newsletter & school website. School Stream is an additional to this, but does not replace our traditional forms of communication.

EVPS RELAY 7TH IN STATE!!!

Congratulations to Kirsty, Jasmine, Liam and Ethan who did an outstanding job at representing our school at The State Athletics Carnival with the PP5 Relay Team! We are so proud to announce that they made it all the way to the finals and came 7th in the state! OUTSTANDING EFFORT!

Macadamia Castle Excursion

When: THIS Thurs 22nd Oct 2015
Where: Macadamia Castle
Travel: Bus
Departure: 9.15am leaving the school
Return: 2.45pm arriving back at school.

Our K-3 class are getting very excited about their trip to Macadamia Castle THIS Thursday 22nd Oct, where they will be joined by the Wardell PS K-2 class. 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.

What to bring:

- Wear school uniform & hat
- Bring drink bottle, fruit for fruit break, & packed morning tea.
  (the P&C will be providing a sausage sizzle for lunch or alternatively pack your child lunch)
Mt Tamborine Excursion

Tomorrow, our senior students set off on a three day fun filled adventure at beautiful Mt. Tamborine. We are sure they will have an awesome time! Final information note & Parent Telephone Tree were sent home last week.

Robotics Workshop

The Senior Class had an amazing day creating, programming, testing and inventing ways to make their robot complete a wide range of interesting tasks. They were mentored by Lia Pardoe-Matthews, “Science Ninja” from Fizzics Education who did an outstanding job of extending our students Robotics skills and knowledge!

We asked some students what they enjoyed most about their Robotics Workshop:

“ I liked building our own robot & programming it to play Ten Pin Bowling” Jack

“I liked adding on extra arms & heads to my robot to get it to do more advanced actions” Lillian

“I liked doing the robotics challenges. I have learnt so many new skills” Owen

“I enjoyed designing my own robot, exploring how it works & designing it’s looks & features” Ryley

SXCSS Chess / Draughts Competition

On Wednesday 28th October a selection of Empire Vale PS students will compete in the ‘Southern Cross Community of Small Schools’ Chess & Draughts Competition (SXCSS) at Rous P.S. The day competition will run between 9.30 & 2pm. Congratulations to the following students who have progressed their way onto our teams.

Empire Vale will be fielding a 4 person chess team as well as a 4 person draughts team.

The EVPS teams are as follows:

Stage 3
Chess - 1 Ethan, 2 Riley, 3 Y, 4 Liam
Draughts - 1 Owen, 2 Millie, 3 Ryley, 4 Bella

Stage 2
Chess - 1 Rohan, 2 Taylor, 3 Toby, 4 Jack
Draughts - 1 Sally 2 Lillian, 3 Gypsy, 4 Grace

Parents must provide their own transport to the event which is being held at Rous PS starting at 9:30am and finishing at around 1.30-2.00pm. All students are to wear their school uniform and take a drink bottle, packed recess and lunch with them.

Information & permissions are attached & are to be returned to the school by no later than Monday 26th October, thank you.

North Coast Debating Team

Congratulations to Jasmine and Kirsty who have been invited to attend a selection day for debaters to represent the North Coast in the North Coast Primary Schools’ Debating Team. Kirsty and Jasmine were chosen to attend this event by our adjudicator John Sim, who believed that the girls showed exceptional debating talent during the Premier’s Debating Challenge. The selection day will be held at Coffs Harbour PS on Monday 26 October.

Permission notes are attached & to be returned ASAP, thank you.
The Rivers Public Speaking Grand Final.

Our very talented public speakers Rohan and Ethan will be representing our Southern Cross network of schools at The Rivers Public Speaking Competition Grand Final on Wednesday the 4th of November. We are very proud to have two students representing our region in this prestigious event.

Permission notes are attached & are to be returned by Tuesday 27 October, thank you.

Kim Toft 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.

Silk Art Framing: Actual framing costs for Y6 silk art works are yet to be confirmed, however will be around the $100-$120 mark. Thank you to those parents who have already started to pay their child’s framing cost off. Final payments are to be received by no later than Tuesday 17th November, thank you.

Responsible Pet Ownership

The Responsible Pet Ownership Program will be held this Friday 23rd October. 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.

Swimming Scheme

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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 NEXT Tuesday 27th October, thank you.

Youth Frontiers

Students become Teachers!

On Sunday ex-student Amanda Monti conducted an outstanding community workshop, aimed at teaching our older community members how to get the most out of their iPads and computers. Amanda was able to facilitate this course under the guidance of The Youth Frontiers Program. Participants had a wonderful time learning how to access the internet, email, download apps, take and edit photos and video as well as how to take selfies! Great work Amanda!

On Tuesday the 27th of October, Jason Marchant will also be returning to school to facilitate an environmental workshop for the Senior Class. The workshop will help educate our students of the importance of waste management and develop an awareness of the impact litter has on our local environment.

It is so wonderful to have our ex-students returning to mentor and teach our current students.
PARENT RESPONSES DUE
SXCSS Chess/Draughts Comp Permission
DUE - on Mon 26th Oct
Swimming Scheme permission and payment.
DUE- Tues 27th Oct

It's All About Me
Personal Interest Display - B.H.S

The Creative Arts Department of Ballina High School are running a special exhibition showcasing a wide variety of items that interest people. Students, parents and the community are encouraged to display their art, music, photography, collections, inventions etc. The 'It's all about me” event is being held on Thursday the 12th of November between 3pm and 6pm. Our school is planning on supporting this unique event by exhibiting some of our 'Sweet As' artworks. Please contact Ballina High School for more information if you have something you would like to showcase. We have attached a flyer about this event with this newsletter.

P&C News

P&C Meeting

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

Attachments
- SXCSS Chess/Draughts Comp Info & Permission Note (selected students)
- North Coast Primary Schools Debating permission & school canteen menu (selected students)
- Rivers Public Speaking Final Permission (selected students)
- Exhibition-Personal Interest Display - flyer

Up & Coming Events

October

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

North Coast Primary Schools Debating
(qualifying students)
Venue: Coffs Harbour P.S

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
(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

Tuesday 10th at 7pm
P&C Meeting
Ballina High School / Southern Cross School  
MERGE MEETING - Tonight

There will be a community meeting at Ballina High School TONIGHT, Tues 20th Oct, regarding the merge of Ballina High School & Southern Cross K-12 School between 6-8.30pm.

PERMISSION NOTE

SXCSS Chess/Draughts Competition  
(Wed 28th October 2015)

I give permission for my child/ren……………………………………………………………………………to compete in the SXCSS Chess/Draughts Competition at Rous Public School on Wednesday 28th October 2015. I understand that transport is the responsibility of the parent.

☐ 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 a reserve will participate in your child's place)

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

Please return permission by no later than Monday 26th October 2015, thank you.
PERMISSION NOTE

Rivers Public Speaking Final
(Wednesday 4th November 2015)

I give permission for my child/ren……………………………………………………………………………to compete in the Rivers Public Speaking Final at Lismore City Hall on Wednesday 4th November 2015. I understand that transport is the responsibility of the parent.

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

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

Please return permission by no later than Tuesday 27th October 2015, thank you.

PERMISSION NOTE

North Coast Primary Schools Debating Day
(Monday 26th October 2015)

Start : 9.30am
Finish : 2.30pm

( Please report to the front office in the morning for instructions to the school hall.)

I give permission for my child/ren……………………………………………………………………………to compete in the North Coast Primary Schools Debating Day at Coffs Harbour Public School on Monday 26th October 2015. I understand that transport is the responsibility of the parent.

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

Please return permission by TOMRROW IF POSSIBLE PLEASE, prior heading off to senior excursion!