Macadamia Castle Excursion REVIEW

What a great day was had by all last Thursday at Macadamia Castle! It was also a lot of fun to share this experience with our neighbours - Wardell P.S. Students had the opportunity to handle some very interesting animals, learnt lots of new wildlife facts & even enjoyed some mini golf!

A HUGE thank you to our P&C who provided the sausage sizzle & drinks on the day!

For more photos - see attached Macadamia Castle photo page!

Kindergarten Orientation 2015

We welcomed our new Kindergartens for next year, on Day 1 of our Kindergarten Orientation 2015 this week.

Welcome Finlay, Sebastian & Dylan to Empire Vale P.S! Our new recruits were buddied up with our Year 5 students & given a tour of the school, followed by lots of fun activities in the classroom. We look forward to seeing them return, along with their parents next Monday.

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)
Home Reading Popcorn/Movie Day

A popcorn/movie day will be held on Wednesday 18th November for those students in the junior class who have reached 100 nights reading!

Special Swimming Scheme

There are a number of permission notes & payments OUTSTANDING for swimming - please send these in as a matter of urgency, thank you!

The Special Swimming Scheme will be held between Mon 9th & Fri 20th Nov at Alstonville Pool.

THANK YOU P&C for subsidising this event, bringing the total cost of this activity down to $40 per student (instead of $80 per student)!

Mt Tamborine REVIEW

We had some very tired, but very excited senior students return to school on Monday after their jam packed excursion to Mt Tamborine! Kayaking, archery, orienteering, bush skills, high ropes, skirmish, inflatable course & indoor trampolining were some of the exciting activities that students encountered during their trip away.

The Rivers Public Speaking Grand Final

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

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 in the past, & we are very excited to offer this amazing art opportunity once again for our students.
North Coast Debating - REVIEW

Well done to Jasmine and Kirsty who participated in the debating selection day for the state debating team at Coffs Harbour on Monday. The girls worked really hard, debating in a number of team & individual debates throughout the day. What a great experience & well done to both students for being selected to represent our school at this event!

Responsible Pet Ownership - REVIEW

The Responsible Pet Ownership Program was held last Friday. The Junior Class were treated to a special lesson about responsible pet ownership from one of the coolest dogs in town – “Stealer” A big thank you to Vicki from the Responsible Pet Ownership Team for organising the visit. The students learnt valuable skills regarding how to read animal behaviour and body language & to help them avoid approaching a frightened or angry dog.

Youth Frontiers
Students become Teachers! REVIEW

Former Empire Vale P.S student, Jason Marchant returned to the school yesterday to facilitate an environmental workshop for the senior class. The workshop was designed to 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.

Sandology Returns to EVPS

Sandology Competition!

The whole school was treated to the exceptional talents of professional sand sculptor Steve Machell again yesterday! Students once again had the opportunity to practice their new found sand sculpting skills & have now got a few more techniques up their sleeve.

The senior class prepared their top secret sand designs before building their creations, which were judged on technique & originality!
HEALTH ALERT - WHOOPING COUGH!

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055.

**Up & Coming Events**

**November**

**Monday 2nd**
Kindergarten Orientation 9-1pm  
Venue: EVPS  
&  
Silk Painting Workshop with Kim Toft (Yr 6)  
Venue: EVPS

**Tuesday 3rd**
Whole School Assembly  
Venue: EVPS

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

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

**Tuesday 10th at 7pm**
P&C Meeting

**Attachments**

- Mt Tamborine Photo page  
  (senior school excursion)
- Maca Castle Photo Page  
  (junior school excursion)
- Sandology Photo Page