Congratulations to our three School Captains for Term 1, 2015. We know Riley, Jasmine & Tom will do their best in being good role models and leading our students well this term.

Parent/Teacher Information Session

As per the beginning of each year, many of our students not only advance to a new grade but also to a new teacher. It is important that teachers and parents have the opportunity to discuss particular teaching styles, expectations and student’s needs.

Information Sessions are most important for parents who are unsure of the expectation for their child in the new class setting.

As a result the school will be holding a parent/teacher information session for both the K-3 & 4-6 classes:

Tuesday 10th Feb
K-3 : 9-10am (M.Spencer)
4-6 : 10-11am (B.Avery)
Reading tips/Library : 1:50-2:50pm (K. Rantissi)

Please return the attached expression of interest, indicating your preference by no later than Tuesday 10th Feb, thank you.

Please Note - These are a group meeting not an individual meeting. Individual meetings can be scheduled through the front office as the need arises.

New Kinders!

Our new kindergarten students are settling in beautifully & are enjoying being part of the school community! Their bright smiles and enthusiasm are enough to make everyone smile!
EMPIRE VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Principal: Ms. Bonita Avery
Ph: 6683 4298

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

Blue Bus Forms (Yrs 3 only)
OVERDUE

District P.S.S.A Swimming Carnival permission (qualifying students only)
Due - Tuesday 10th Feb

District Cricket Trials (selected students only)
Due - Monday 9th Feb

EOI Parent/Teacher Information Sessions
Due - Tuesday 10th Feb

EOI Mobile Library Card
Due - Tuesday 17th Feb

Review - Swimming Carnival

The 2015 Small Schools Swimming Carnival for yrs 2-6 at Ballina Pool on Tuesday was a HUGE success!

It was great to see many parents stay to cheer our competitors on.

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to compete in the Ballina District PSSA Swimming Carnival at Ballina Pool on Friday 13th Feb.

Billy W
Grace M
Sally C
Tilly H
Owen G
Jasmine C
Riley G
Liam O'C

Erin G
Rohan B
Molly W
Bella M
Ethan B
Millie S
Kirsty G-J
Tom M

Age Champions

Jnr Boys - Owen Green
Jnr Girls - Sally Crethar
11yrs Boys - Ethan Barnwell
11yrs Girls - Jasmine Crethar
Sen Boys - Riley Green
Sen Girls - Kirsty Graham-Jones

Ballina District PSSA Swimming Carnival

Date/Times: Friday 13th Feb, Start: 9.00am
Finish time unknown, approx. 1pm onwards.

Venue: Ballina Pool

Transport: Students will require private transport on the day which will need to be organised by each individual family.

Pool entry: The cost will be $3.50 per student or parent/spectators to be paid directly to the pool on the day. A levy of $5.00 is to be returned to school along with permission note.

Wet weather arrangements: In the event of postponement, (only if the weather is extremely bad), it will be broadcast on 2LM between 7.30 & 8.30am)

Permission notes & $5.00 levy to be returned to the school by no later than Tuesday 10th Feb, thank you.
Receive your Newsletter by Email!

We will continue to send our newsletters out via email. This would mean that you would receive both a paper version and an email version (internet dependent!) which would enable you to reprint permission notes etc. when needed, as well as receiving a colour version of the newsletter (handy when your child’s photo is in the newsletter 😊).

If you would like to be included on our Newsletter Distribution List, please inform the school of your current email address ASAP, thank you.

Mosquitoes / Sunscreen

Due to the rain we have had, mozzies are out in full force. Please apply insect repellent at home before your child comes to school if they are affected by this. It is Department of Education & Communities Policy that schools do not apply insect repellent to students.

Particularly in this hot weather, we would also recommend that parents apply sunscreen to their children as well, prior coming to school.

Guitar Lessons Info for 2015

Thank you to those parents who have expressed an interest in guitar lessons for their child this term. All enquiries to be directed to Michael Ward on 0266 828 283.

Lessons are to re-commence next Tuesday 10th February.

Up & Coming Events

February

Tuesday 10th (selected students)
District Cricket Trials
Venue: TBC

Tuesday 10th
P&C Meeting, 7pm
Venue: EVPS

Wednesday 11th
Parent / Teacher Class Information Sessions
Venue: EVPS

Friday 13th (qualifying students)
District PSSA Swimming Carnival
Venue: Ballina Pool

March

Wednesday 4th 11:30
(Please note the change of day from 2014)
Assembly
Venue: EVPS

Healthy Lunch Boxes

Please ensure student lunch boxes contain healthy lunch and snacks. No chocolate, lollies or soft drinks are permitted at school. Your assistance would be appreciated.
Mobile Library Borrowing

The mobile library visits the school every second Wednesday & all students are given the opportunity to borrow if they wish.

If your child does not already hold a Richmond-Tweed regional library card, & you would like to apply for one, please complete & return the below expression of interest & we will send the registration form home for completion. **Please return expression of interest to the school by no later than Tuesday 17th Feb, thank you.**

**Mobile Library procedures:**

Students will be able to borrow and return from the mobile library and can also use the same card to borrow and return from other local Richmond-Tweed Libraries. (Alstonville, Ballina etc.)

Parents and community can also utilise the mobile library to return books they've borrowed from town to borrow or reserve books. The mobile library is parked outside the school each second Wednesday from 9:30-10:30, including holidays.

**4-6 Class:** Senior students are responsible their own library card & take their books home until the next visit. Books may alternatively be returned to other branch libraries including Ballina, Alstonville, Lismore, Lennox etc.

**K-3 Class:** Student library cards are held by the class teacher for safe keeping & are distributed to students on Mobile Library Day. (Please note that you may access your child's card at any time). Infants students are encouraged to leave their books with the class teacher for the duration of the loan, where they will be accessed during free reading time.

**Please Note:** By signing your permission for your child to receive a card you are showing that you understand that all returns, outstanding loans &/or fees are the responsibility of the parent.
School Uniform Reminder

We are very proud of our school uniform and congratulate the many students who consistently wear the correct school uniform and who look so smart.

Parents are asked to help develop school pride and unity by purchasing the school uniform. Please ensure your children attend school and school functions in full school uniform at all times.

Boys Summer:
Navy blue shorts
Blue polo shirt printed with school emblem on pocket.
Covered footwear i.e. joggers, school shoes
Blue school hat available through the P&C

Girls Summer:
Blue & white checked culottes or blue shorts.
Blue polo shirt printed with school emblem on pocket.
Covered footwear i.e. joggers, school shoes
Blue school hat available through the P&C

Girls & Boys Winter:
Blue school jacket or blue jumper

Girls & Boys Sport:
Black skirt, shorts or bike pants.
Blue polo shirts with large emblem on front.
Covered footwear i.e. joggers

Community News

Ballina Soccer Club
Home of the Seaborgies
www.ballinasoccer.com.au

2015 JUNIOR SIGN ON INFORMATION DAYS
Sat Feb 14 11am-2pm (Saunders Oval Clubhouse)
Sat Feb 21 11am-2pm (Saunders Oval Clubhouse)
Muster: Thurs March 5 5pm - 6.30pm (Saunders Oval)
Thurs March 12 5pm - 6.30pm (Saunders Oval)
You can also register and pay online at www.myfootballclub.com.au

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way
...to make a healthy breakfast.

We recommend eating two serves of fruit and five serves of vegetable every day.

Why? Because fruit and veg are packed full of nutrients and vitamins that give you energy, keep you healthy and help prevent diseases like cancer.

Try to get your family eating fruit and veg with breakfast – it will help all of you have more energy throughout the day.

You might like:
• wholegrain toast with avocado and tomato
• sliced banana on Weetbix
• frozen berries blended with reduced-fat milk and yoghurt for a smoothie
• eggs served with cooked vegies – tomato, mushrooms and spinach.

Remember: try to eat fruit + veg at every meal!

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit
Expression of Interest - Parent/Teacher Information Session

Parent/Caregiver Name........................................

I am able to attend Parent/Teacher Information Sessions on:

Wed 11\textsuperscript{th} Feb between 9-10am (Mr Spencer - K-3 only) YES / NO (please circle)
Wed 11\textsuperscript{th} Feb between 10-11am (Ms Avery - 4-6 only) YES / NO
Wed 11\textsuperscript{th} Feb between 1:50-2:50pm (Mrs Rantissi - Reading tips & Library) YES / NO

I/we would like to meet with Mr Spencer / Mrs Rantissi / Ms Avery please circle), for a one-on-one meeting at an alternative date.

Please return expressions of interest to the school by no later than next Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} Feb, 2015. Thank you

Richmond Tweed Regional Library Card - Expression of Interest

Student Name..............................................................

I would like .......... Richmond-Tweed Regional library card registration forms for my child/ren.

I understand that all borrowings, outstanding loans & overdue fees are the responsibility of the parent.

Signed.................................................................

Parent/Caregiver

Please return expressions of interest to the school by no later than Tuesday 17\textsuperscript{th} Feb, 2015. Thank you

District Cricket Trials Permission

( Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} February )

I give permission for my child/ren........................................to participate in the District Cricket Trials on Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} February 2015. I understand that transport will be the responsibility of the parent.

Parents Please Note!! We are still waiting to hear which venue these trials will be held at & times. This information will be sent home as soon as details are confirmed!

Please return permission notes by no later than Monday 9\textsuperscript{th} Feb, thank you.