Parent/Teacher Information Session

Thank you to those parents able to attend last week’s classroom information sessions as well as the session on helping your child with reading. It is important that teachers and parents have the opportunity to discuss particular teaching styles, expectations and student’s needs.

Win a $5000 Classroom Makeover!!

We would LOVE to win a $5000 Classroom Makeover

Imagine what our school could do with a $5,000 classroom makeover from Staples. The Northern Star Newspaper is running a school promotion where the school with the most newspaper tokens wins, so let’s help our children and our school by collecting as many tokens as we can.

A token will be published daily in the Northern Star Newspaper from Saturday 14 February to Monday 16 March 2015.

Remember, the school with the most number of tokens per student wins, so start collecting!

Ballina District PSSA Cricket Trials

On Tuesday four of EVPS boys travelled to Lennox Head to try and make it into the Boys District Cricket Team. They were Tom M, Liam O’C, Riley G & Ethan B. Throughout the afternoon a large number of boys from different schools in the district were put to the test with their cricket skills. Activities included bowling and batting in the nets, while a game situation was also organised where the boys could show off their fielding skills. At the end of the afternoon the organising teachers announced the district team. Ethan, Riley and Liam all made the team. Congratulations to those 3 boys who will now try out for the Zone team. We are very proud of all the boys who tried their hardest on the day and were wonderful representatives for our school and community.

Another cricket representative in our school is Millie S. She has been selected into the Girls District Cricket Team for 2015. Millie has regularly played cricket on the weekends and has shown a great flare for the game. She is always out in the playground mixing it with the boys in the playtime cricket match. A big congratulations to Millie who will be travelling away to Mullumbimby to try out for the PSSA Girls Zone Cricket Team.

Mr Spencer
A full school assembly is held (usually) in weeks 5 and 10 of each term, however there are occasions where rescheduling is required – this term our assemblies are in weeks 6 & 10. Parents and friends are invited to attend. Children are given the opportunity to present class items &/or work and teachers present awards earned during the term.

Assemblies are scheduled for Wednesdays in 2015 but due to a clash with the North Coast Swimming (which we anticipate will affect a number of our students including our school captains), our first assembly of the year has been RESCHEDULED to Monday March 2nd.

Best of luck to the following students who have qualified to compete in the Ballina District PSSA Swimming Carnival at Ballina on Friday. We know you will do your best.

Billy W
Grace M
Tilly H
Ethan B
Riley G
Tom M

Erin G
Rohan B
Bella M
Jasmine C
Kirsty G-J

Sally C
Molly W
Owen G
Millie S
Liam O'C

As we all know, snakes are very active around this time of year. Just a reminder to all students to steer clear of snake prone areas, & as a precaution, refrain from walking through gardens or lifting up objects where snakes may be hiding.

Art can be a very messy subject! It would be wonderful if families could donate some old shirts and/or art smocks to assist our students’ uniforms from getting stained when they are exploring the use of paint, glue, glitter and ink. Please drop off any paint shirts to Mrs Rantissi’s room. Thank You.

We are hoping to trial sending 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. If you would like to be included in the trial, please send in you Name and preferred email address ASAP. We anticipate being able to begin our email trial as early as next week. Thank you
Top Tips from DET

All about apostrophes
Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here’s an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now.

Find out more:

Multiplication times tables
Does your child need encouragement? Explain to them that learning times tables = instant, painless recall in exams. Here’s School A to Z’s help sheet:

Sorting fact from fiction
Help your child develop their “dodgy website” antennae when doing homework. Here are ways our child can tell a good website – or any document – from a bad one.

Find out more:

P&C News

Please find attached the P&C minutes from last night’s meeting. Thanks to those who were able to attend, we look forward to welcoming more interested parents in future meetings/events.

Attachments
- PLAN – Kindergarten Assessments
- Senior Homework requirements
- Junior Homework requirements
- Yr 6 Silk Art Information letter
- Zone Cricket (qualifying students)
- P&C AGM & Feb Mtg Minutes