**STATE SWIMMERS - 6**\textsuperscript{TH} in State

Congratulations to our PP5 Relay Team: Kirsty G-J, Jasmine C, Riley G and Sally C, who competed in the State Swimming Championships in Homebush last Friday! The team made it through to the finals & swam their hardest, coming in an amazing 6\textsuperscript{th} in the state! What an awesome achievement by our relay swimmers! We are so proud of your efforts in reaching such a high level of competition! Well done!

**URGENT!!!! ALL FAMILIES! (INFORMATION UPDATES REQUIRED)**

**Student Enrolment Information OUTSTANDING!**

Thank you to those families who have returned their child’s updated enrolment information. There are still a number of OUTSTANDING forms that are URGENTLY REQUIRED!!

FORMS WERE DUE TODAY. If you have not returned your child’s updated student enrolment form, please return BY NO LATER THAN THIS THURSDAY. Thank you for your assistance.

It is CRITICAL that parents pay special attention to the parent employment section of your child's enrolment form as the schools funding is based on the information you provide in this section.

**Review – School Assembly**

Congratulations to all students who were presented with awards at our recent Whole School Assembly. It is great to see so many students receiving recognition for their hard work and social skills throughout this term. It was also wonderful to see so many parents, carers and community members joining us to celebrate our school success stories at assembly.

The primary class conducted a wonderful interactive activity, teaching the audience members how to sketch a quick portrait. Everyone had the opportunity to draw a few quick artistic impressions using various drawing techniques & were judged on their amazing efforts!

**MOBILE LIBRARY**

Wednesday 15\textsuperscript{th} April
(Second week of holidays)
Casual Day - last day of school

Students may wear casual clothing on the last day of school, Thursday 2nd April, for a gold coin donation. All proceeds will be donated to charity. Appropriate clothing must be worn, i.e. no shoe-string strapped tops or thongs.

Little Athletics (K-6)

The Little Athletics Programs for Schools will be run again this year. Workshops will be run on a weekly basis throughout Term 2. Students thoroughly enjoy this program & are once again excited to participate in this activity, which will give them new skills and expertise in many areas of athletics such as high jump, long jump, shot put, discus, relay & hurdles.

Special School ANZAC Day Ceremony

The school will be holding its annual special ANZAC Day Ceremony on Thursday 23rd April, (first week back at school). Our senior students will be running the service along with officials & members from the Ballina RSL Sub-Branch, the Ballina Ex-Army Association & the Korea, South East Asia Vietnam Veteran's Association. Student’s & staff take pride in this special service each year as it is a way of reinforcing the significance of ANZAC Day to the whole student body.

Call out for flowers! Each year the students lay a flower at the base of the flag pole to commemorate ANZAC. We would like to make a call-out to families who may be able to send in some flowers on the day, so that all students are able to lay a flower at the base of the flag pole during the ceremony, thank you!

Review - Small Schools Cross Country

Students put in a great effort at the Small Schools Cross Country Carnival last Friday at Teven Tintenbah P.S. It was great to see so many parents there on the day to cheer our runners on!

Congratulations to the following students who have qualified to compete in the Ballina District PSSA Cross Country Championships at Lennox Head on Friday 8th May.

12/13yrs girls: Y Ho, Kirsty G-J
12/13yrs boys: Riley G, Ryley M, Tom M
11yrs girls: Tilly H, Millie S, Jasmine C
11yrs boys: Ethan B
10yrs boys: Rohan B, Owen G, Shifan K
8/9yrs girls: Molly W, Erin G, Gypsy S & Sally C
8/9yrs boys: Billy W, Dylan B, Kyle P

Permission notes & $5 levy are to be returned to the school by no later than Tuesday 5th May, thank you.

Congratulations also to our many younger students who ran their best and received ribbons. Some notable performances were:

Riley O (2nd), Roman F (6th), Taj B (1st) & Sophie B (2nd)
Debating Workshop - selected students

When:       Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April
Where:      Alstonville P.S
Times:      9:15am register for a 9:30 start. Concludes at 2:45pm
Cost:       NIL ($25.00 per student will be covered by the school)
Transport:  Private car

A training day is being held for selected senior debaters. The debating training day will be held on Wednesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April at Alstonville P.S. Students will need to bring along a packed morning tea & lunch as well as some pens and paper, or better yet, a debating notebook in which they could keep all their tips and debating work for the year ahead. Parents must be able to organise transport for those students involved.

The following students will be attending the workshop: Ethan B, Owen & Riley G, Kirsty G-J, Jasmine C & Ryley M. There are still a few vacancies for any interested students in Yr 4, 5 & 6 students wishing to attend.

Places will be filled by a 'first in, first served' basis. Please ensure your notes are in promptly. Note that the invitation has been extended to include year 4 students.

Library Books Return

Please ensure that all library books are returned to the school by TOMORROW, thank you.

ANZAC March - Sat 25\textsuperscript{th} in Ballina

ANZAC Day March, Ballina - Parents & students are invited to attend the Anzac Day March through Ballina on Saturday 25\textsuperscript{th} April.

In the past, parents have kindly offered to march with those students wishing to attend - all parents are welcome to march with students if they wish. Please let the school know if you are able to march with our school group. Students are required to wear sports uniform & school hat. (Don’t forget the sunscreen!)

The group is to assemble in River Street in front of Woolworth’s to the Courthouse at approx. 9.45am. The march will commence at 10.15am & end at the RSL Memorial Grant St.

Zero Tolerance - School Security

Please be advised that the school grounds will be out of bounds for the duration of the school holidays and at all times that school is not in session. We ask that all community members be vigilant in the holidays to help us keep the school property secure. We have been advised the police are:

Conducting a zero tolerance operation targeting schools to reduce the frequency and intensity of malicious damage, arson, break and enter & trespass offences that impact upon schools. Police will document names and offences and utilise the move-on legislation to send a clear message that the current level of malicious damage, trespass, arson and break and enter offences in schools is not acceptable and the risk of detection and apprehension by Police is at maximum.

Please help protect our school, should you see anyone on school property during the school holidays, please call the 24hr School Security Unit hotline on 1300 880 021 or the local police. We thank you for your co-operation.

Reminder - Public Speaking

Just a reminder that Empire Vale P.S. is once again running our public speaking program this year. The program is designed to encourage students to develop their communication skills, and express themselves with confidence. Students from all classes are involved in the program. Please assist your child/ren with their preparation for the speech. Speeches are to be 1-4 minutes in duration depending on age group. All students will be presenting their speeches to their classes in weeks 3, 4 & 5 of Term 2. The winners of each stage will present their speeches at a special assembly or public speaking event at the school, TBA.
**EMPIRE VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

Principal: Ms Bonita Avery

**Pick up/drop off Procedures**

Just a reminder to parents to please inform the duty teacher prior to collecting your child/ren in the afternoon.

Staff are officially on duty from 8:30am (or when 1st bus arrives) to 3:20pm. As supervision of students occurs between these hours, there is NO SUPERVISION of students outside these hours. **Please ensure that students are NOT dropped off prior 8:30am & are picked up BEFORE 3:20pm.** Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated, thank you.

### Daylight Savings ends this weekend!!! Sunday 5/4/15

### Top Tips from DET

**April school holidays**
Have you got April school holidays organised yet? It’s not too late to book for a Sport and Recreation Kids’ Camp. Watch the video to see how much fun these kids are having.

**Parent-teacher interviews**
Have you got a parent teacher interview coming up? Here are some tips for getting the most out of these important meetings. Prepare a few questions to ask, and walk away with a plan.

**School calendar**
What’s on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW.

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### Up & Coming Events

**April**
- **Thursday 2nd**
  CASUAL FOR A CAUSE Last Day of Term 1
- **Friday 3rd**
  Good Friday
- **Monday 6th**
  Easter Monday

**Tuesday 21st**
First Day of Term 2

**Wednesday 22nd** (each Wed of Term 2)
Debating Workshop (selected students)
Venue: Alstonville PS

**Wednesday 22nd** (each Wed of Term 2)
Little Athletics

**Thursday 23rd**
ANZAC Ceremony
Venue: EVPS

**Saturday 25th**
ANZAC Day March
Venue: Ballina

### May

- **Friday 8th**
  District X-Country
  Venue: Lennox Head

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**Last day of Term 1**
**Thursday 2nd April**

**First day of Term 2**
**Tuesday 21st April**

*Have a safe & happy holiday everyone, see you all next term!*

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**Attachments:**
- District Cross Country info & permission (selected students)
- Public Speaking info – all students
- Healthy Active Kids flyer & stickers
**P&C News**

**Easter Raffle:** The Easter raffle will be drawn TOMORROW morning so please return all tickets if you have not already done so, thank you.

**Lamingtons:** There are still a number of lamingtons that may be purchased through the school. Please send in payment attentioned to the P&C if you would like to purchase some.

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**IMPORTANT CANTEEN NEWS FOR PARENTS!**

Just a reminder to parents that there will be **NO CANTEEN in the first week back next term** (Canteen does NOT operate on the first week back of EACH term).

*Canteen will re-commence in WEEK 2, Term 2 2015!*

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**PERMISSION NOTE**

District Cross Country - qualifying students only (Friday 8th May 2014)

I give permission for my child ................................................................. to compete in the Ballina District Cross Country Carnival on Friday 8th May.

I understand that transport will be by private car and is the responsibility of the family.

☐ I will be transporting my own child
☐ I have arranged for my child to be transported by ____________________________

**Time:** Students should arrive at Williams Reserve by 9.40am ready to walk the course at **10.00am**.

**Cost:** $5.00 levy per student – paid at school.

Students with medical conditions that may be of concern during the trials should notify the Team Manager prior to the commencement of the trial. Team Managers should notify the convenor prior to the commencement of the trials.

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

Date ..........................................................

Please return permissions by no later than Tuesday 5th May, thank you.