Term 2 School Captains!

Congratulations to our School Captains for Term 2 2015. We know that Ryley M, Jasmine C & Kirsty G-J will do their best in being good role models and leading our students this term.

Special School ANZAC Day Ceremony

The school will be holding its annual special ANZAC Day Ceremony tomorrow, Thursday 23rd April. 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 TOMORROW MORNING, so that all students are able to lay a flower at the base of the flag pole during the ceremony, thank you!

Little Athletics (K-6)

The Little Athletics Programs for Schools will be run on a weekly basis throughout Term 2 this year.

This workshop has been timed in preparation for the Small Schools Athletics Carnival which is scheduled for Week 1 Term 3.

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. This week's workshop was rescheduled to a Tuesday to avoid clashing with the Debating workshop today at Alstonville P.S.

NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5

Yrs 3 & 5 students will be participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) in Week 4 this term, as a national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. Throughout the week, both our years 3 & 5 students will be participating in Reading, Writing & Language Conventions; (spelling, grammar & punctuation) & Numeracy tests.
Messages of THANKS for our ANZACS

In celebration of the 100 years of ANZAC, we are endeavouring to collect 100 messages of thanks for our Diggers! It would be wonderful if each family could write a few words of thanks on the back of the attached cards & return these to school, preferably by tomorrow for our special Anzac ceremony! These will be placed on display for our special guests from the Ballina RSL Sub Branch, Korea, South East Asia Vietnam Veterans Association & Ballina Ex Army Association, who will be attending our Anzac ceremony tomorrow. They will then be passed onto the Ballina RSL for future display. Thank you for your support!

ANZAC March - Sat 25th in Ballina

ANZAC Day March, Ballina - Parents & students are invited to attend the Anzac Day March through Ballina this Saturday 25th 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.

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons have recommenced and will be held each Tuesday morning unless otherwise notified by guitar teacher Michael Ward. Please remember to bring in your guitars & payments. Payments are to be made directly to Michael Ward.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt- Review

Students had to work hard to find their chocolate goodies on the last day of term! The whole school were divided into teams & had to follow a number of riddles hidden around the school.

The seniors searched for their eggs using carefully devised compass co-ordinates & the infants class needed to search high & low out the back to find their treats!
Up & Coming Events

April

Wednesday 22nd
Debating Workshop (selected students)
Venue: Alstonville PS

Thursday 23rd
ANZAC Ceremony
Venue: EVPS

Saturday 25th
ANZAC Day March
Venue: Ballina

Wednesday 29th (each Wed of Term 2)
Little Athletics

May

Friday 8th
District X-Country
Venue: Lennox Head

Tues 12th - Fri 15th
NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Venue: EVPS

Mon 18th
Whole School Assembly
Venue: EVPS

School Attendance

The Education Act (1990) requires parents to ensure that children between the ages of six and fifteen attend a registered place of instruction on each day it is provided. While sickness or family leave can be unavoidable it is important to encourage good attendance as this has a positive effect on learning.

It is departmental requirement that when your child is absent, the parent/caregiver must provide an explanation for the absence within 7 days. The explanation must give a justifiable reason for the absence.

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

Anzac message cards from families
DUE - TOMORROW
(in time for our Anzac ceremony, thank you!)

District Cross Country permission & levy
(selected students)
DUE - Tues 5th May

Top Tips from DET

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. Find out more:

School calendar
What's on when? Stay on top of school holiday, term and state examination dates across NSW. Find out more:
http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/calendar/?do=setViewPeriod&categoryid=2&viewType=yearView

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Wednesday 29th April

Attachments

- Anzac Message Cards (ALL families)

P&C News

Easter Raffle Winners

The winners for the Easter Raffle at the end of last term were:
1st: Kyle P
2nd: Ursula Elliot
3rd: Mark Graham-Jones

Thank you to everyone who supported the P&C with this raffle!