Dragonology/Sandology 😊

We were very fortunate to have Steve Machell, (Odynn's dad & professional sand sculptor), visit the school again yesterday to conduct a follow up sand sculpting workshop with the whole school!

Students received some additional expert advice from Steve & had the opportunity to put their new found knowledge into practise! A huge thank you to Steve for the visit - students (& staff) had so much fun constructing some amazing creations!

Reminder - Public Speaking

A reminder that students should be practicing their speeches at home in preparation for class presentations. The seniors have already commenced their speeches this week & the K-3 class will be starting next week, (K-3 public speaking roster attached).

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.

Ballina District X Country REMINDER

Best of luck to our qualifiers who will be competing in the Ballina District Cross Country Carnival at Lennox Head this 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

NAPLAN NEXT WEEK! - Years 3 & 5

Students will be participating in the National Assessment Program - Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) next week 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.

Mobile Library

Wednesday 13th May
**Parent Responses Due**

Speeches (Public Speaking for all students)  
Due – Weeks 3/4/5  
Free Dental Assessment Consent Form  
(Kindergarten only)  
DUE – Tues 26th May

**Music Students’ Concert**

Music Students Special Concert
I will be holding a guitar concert where regular music students will present a selection of pieces they are currently preparing for your enjoyment. All parents and friends are welcome to come along and hear Empire Vale’s talented music students.

The performance will be at school on Friday 22nd May commencing at 10.00am.

Mark your diary to come along and support your local musicians!

Michael Ward

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**Friday May 22nd - Welcome to our Biggest Morning Tea**

11am-12:30pm  
Biggest Morning Tea!

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**Free Dental Assessments for Kinder**

The Northern NSW Local Health District clinicians will be conducting free dental assessment for kindergarten students on Thursday 4th June at the school.

On the day, a dental/oral health therapist will assess your child’s teeth, and a letter will be sent home with your child to advise you of the result of this assessment.

No treatment will be provided on this day, the assessment is designed to be an introduction to future dental visits.

**If you would like your child to have their teeth assessed at school, please fill in the attached CONSENT FORM & return to the school by no later than Tuesday 26th May, thank you.**

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**Up & Coming Events**

**May**

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

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

- **Monday 18th**  
  School Assembly  
  Venue: EVPS

- **Friday 22nd**  
  Music Students Concert  
  (Presented by Michael Ward)  
  Venue: EVPS

  Biggest Morning Tea  
  Venue: EVPS

  Far North Coast Cross Country  
  Venue: Bangalow (TBA)

- **Friday 29th**  
  School Assembly  
  Venue: EVPS

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**Attachments**

- K-3 Public Speaking Roster
- Dental Assessment Consent Form (Kinder only)
- Sand Sculpting Photo Page
Final Round of Tickets Sales - (SUPPORT FOR STATE SWIMMERS)

To assist our state swimming qualifiers with the costs they incurred whilst competing in State swimming in Sydney last month, we are conducting a final round of North Coast Sport raffle ticket sales!

Tickets to be drawn on 7th December 2015.

We are hoping to sell as many tickets in this final round as possible so dig deep everyone!

Seeking Debating Cards!

As the seniors go through a great deal of debating cards/palm cards during practise sessions & actual debates, we are trying to find a more economical source for cards. If anyone has any old bundles of business cards that they may be able to donate to our debaters, or know of any possible contacts in local printeries, please let the school know. Thank you for assisting our debaters!

Top Tips from the DET

Managing depression

One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don't be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.

Find out more:

Application for opportunity class placement in Year 5 in 2016

If your child is seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 you must submit the application online between Monday 27 April 2015 and 15 May 2015. The application website is at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement

P&C News

Mothers’ Day Stall
TOMORROW, Thurs 7th May.

Students will have the opportunity to purchase a gift for their mum, grandparent or loved one for $3.00 at the P&C Mother’s Day Stall TOMORROW!

URGENT HELP NEEDED!

BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER

Our school has been given Sunday 17th May to do a BBQ at Bunnings. We need all the help we can get from 12pm-4.30pm. 2 BBQs were held last year & were very successful. No children under the age of 15 are allowed to help on the day - this is a Bunnings policy. (Enclosed shoes must be worn on the day)

If you would like to help fundraise for our school please contact:
Shantelle: 0407 488 982  Zoe: 0400 786 761

Community News

Alstonville Scouts welcome new Members in 2015!
Come and try FREE for up to 4 weeks before joining!

For Girls and Boys of all ages who love adventure and fun.
For Mums and Dads who want their Kids to learn important life skills in a safe environment.

Joeys Scouts: ages 6 to 8 years, Wednesdays: 5.30 to 6.30pm
Cub Scouts: ages 8 to 11 years, Wednesdays: 6.30 to 8.00pm
Scouts: ages 11 to 15 years, Thursdays: 6.30 to 8.30pm

The Alstonville Scout Hall is located at Gap Road, Alstonville.

To find out more, contact either:
Troy Davis (Group Leader) Mobile: 0428 582 973
Cindy Robinson (Joeys Leader), Mobile: 0413 454 177