A school assembly was held on Monday May 18th with many of our students being recognized for their achievements. As always we are proud of all our students as achievements come in many forms. It was lovely to see parents and community members at the assembly as well.

The K-3 class sang a song with accompanying artwork.

A special thanks to Shantelle Searle & Kim Graham-Jones for presenting Citizenship Awards, on behalf of the P&C, for those students who participated in the ANZAC March in Ballina.

Reminder – Music Students’ Concert

Music Students’ Special Concert

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

Reminder – Biggest Morning Tea

Mul-“Tea”-cultural Theme

It’s time to put the kettle on! Parents & community members are invited to attend Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea at Empire Vale P.S. on Friday 22nd May. All proceeds to be donated to the NSW Cancer Council.

The theme this year is Mul-“TEA”-cultural, so please get into the spirit and bring an item for morning tea with a multicultural feel.

Also, we’d like the students to get into the theme and wear something multicultural for the morning tea.

On the day…….

10:00 - Guitar Performance
11:00 - Morning Tea

✓ please bring a plate to share
✓ A Gold Coin donation for charity

OR

✓ Send in a plate to share with your child/ren
✓ A Gold coin for your child/ren if you would like them to share in the Biggest Morning Tea ‘goodies’.

11:40 - Mult-TEA-cultural costume Parade!

ATTACHMENTS

• SCU Science Day Permission (participating students only)
SCU Science Day

Our school has decided to enter an exciting and fun competition to be held at Southern Cross University on Friday June 5.

It is only for students in Years 5 and 6, and schools can enter teams of up to 32 children. In order to form a team, our group of small schools has nominated participants from each of our local schools, to join together for this activity. School representatives from the following schools have been invited to participate as a larger team, but will be working in smaller groups on the day-

Fernleigh PS, Rous PS, Empire Vale PS, Broadwater PS, Wyrallah PS, Cabbage Tree Island PS, Tregeagle PS. Some students will be asked to work in a group of 4, with children from across these schools. Most students will be working with others from their own school.

Details of the event are below:

The Science and Engineering Discovery Day is a day-long competition designed to provide year 5 and Year 6 primary school students with a positive experience of science and engineering. A maximum of 8 schools per day compete against each other at one central venue.

Each team is divided into 8 groups of 2 to 4 students. Each group will work on 2 half-day activities during the day: one activity in the morning and a different one in the afternoon. Parents and members of the public are also encouraged to participate or watch.

Students are awarded points for each activity and the school with the most cumulative points at the end of the day is declared the winner. The winning school will be awarded a trophy at the end of the day.

Discovery Days aim to challenge year 5 and 6 students to consider a career in Science or Engineering, and to make the requisite subject selections when they go to high school. The program has a proven success record. See [www.newcastle.edu.au/challenge/research/](http://www.newcastle.edu.au/challenge/research/)

Supervising Teachers:
Mrs D Douglas (Fernleigh PS Principal),
Mrs P Houghton (Rous PS Principal),
Ms Karen Rantissi (Empire Vale PS Teacher).

Venue: Southern Cross University, Military Road, Lismore 2480
Meet: Mrs Douglas and Mrs Houghton at Whitebrook Theatre (see attached map)
Date: Friday June 5
Time: 9:30am - 2:15pm. All students are expected to remain for the whole day. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Transport: Private car

Lunch: Is provided. Students should bring own drink and snacks for the day.

Need: Full school uniform

(Please note that if permission is not received or transport arranged by the due date the reserve will attend in your child's place)

Cost: $10 per student (covered by EVPS)

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Empire Vale at this event.

Ethan B, Jasmine C, Kirsty G-J, Liam O'C, Riley G Res Ryley M

Quite often radio, TV and/or newspapers cover the event. Your media permission previously sort for 2015 is still current, please inform the school if your circumstances have changed and you wish to change your media permission. Please complete the permission notes attached. Return to school by Friday May 27.

Reminder - PSSA Soccer Gala Day

When : Friday 12th June
Where : Eureka P.S. Soccer Oval
Times : Leaving 9.30am for a 10:30am start (times & venue HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED)
Transport : Private car

The Empire Vale P.S. soccer team will be competing in the PSSA Small School Soccer Knockout Competition for 2015. Students will be competing in 2 games with the winning team advancing into Round 3. Other teams involved include Broadwater, The Pocket & Rosebank.
Senior Excursion Chocolate Fundraiser

All monies for Round 1 of the Senior Excursion Chocolate Fundraiser are to be returned by no later than Tuesday 23rd June. (last week of term 2), thank you.

Expressions of interest will be sent home later in the term for a possible second & final round of chocolate orders, (depending on demand).

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

Wardell Memorial Permission (Yrs 4-6)
DUE – Tues 26th May

Free Dental Assessment (Kindergarten only)
DUE – Tues 26th May

SCU Science Day (participating students only)
DUE – Tuesday 2nd June

PSSA Soccer Knockout Permission
(participating students only)
DUE – Friday 5th June

Snr excursion chocolate monies (senior)
DUE – Tues 23rd June

Reminder - Public Speaking

Students have been presenting a wonderful variety of speeches over the past few weeks, making the teachers’ job very difficult in selecting the finalists to appear before the Judge!

Student selections will be finalised over the coming week & selected students will present their speeches to our visiting judge, Michelle Grant an Adjudicator employed by the NSW Arts Unit on Monday 1st June. A program will be developed so families can join the audience.

Two students from Stage 2 & 3 will also be selected with Ms Grants assistance, (following assessment of their Impromptu speaking skills), to compete in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition to be held at Alstonville P.S on Monday 15th June.

Helping your child with homework


Up & Coming Events

May

Friday 22nd
All Welcome!
10am Music Students Concert
(Presented by Michael Ward)
11am Biggest Morning Tea
Venue: EVPS

Friday 29th
Wardell Memorial Dedication Service (yrs 4-6)
Venue: Wardell Hall

June

Monday 1st
EVPS Public Speaking Finalists
Venue: EVPS

Thursday 4th
Dental Clinic (K/1)
Venue: EVPS

Friday 5th
SCU Science Day (selected students)
Venue: SCU

Thursday 11th
SXCSS (selected students TBA)
Venue: Wardell Hall

Friday 12th
SSPSSA Soccer
Venue: Eureka

Monday 15th
Multicultural Public Speaking
Venue: Alstonville PS
PERMISSION NOTE

SCU Science Day (SXCSS combined team)
(Friday 5th June)

I give permission for my child/ren……………………………………………………………………………to compete in the SCU Science Day at the Southern Cross University on Friday 5th June. I understand that transport is by car and is the responsibility of the family.

☐ I will be transporting my own child
☐ I have arranged for _________________ to transport my child
     (Please note that if permission is not received or transport arranged by the due date the reserve will attend in your child’s place)

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

Please return permission by no later than Tuesday 2nd June, thank you.