EMPIRE VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Wednesday 27th May 2015
Week 6

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Southern Cross Community of Small Schools’ (SXCSS) - Spelling Bee

When: Thursday 11th June
Where: Wardell Hall
Time: 9.30am start (finish approx. 1.30pm)

Good Luck to those students who will be representing the school at the
Small Schools’ Spelling Bee to be held Thursday 11th June at Wardell Hall.

Program
9:30-11:00 Stage 2 (approx. timing)
11:00-11:30 Recess
11:30-1:00 Stage 3

There will be a practice round initially to settle everyone’s nerves! Students may stay for their timeslot only or stay on to watch the other stages compete.

Transport will be the responsibility of the parent.

Students will need to bring along their recess, lunch & a drink bottle. Hot food may be purchased from the shop across the road at the conclusion of the competition (however this will not be under the supervision of staff).

Empire Vale Public Speaking

Congratulations to the selected students for reaching the ‘finals’ (30% of students from each grade). Our visiting judge will select the ‘stage winners’ (30% of each stage)

Selected students will present their speeches to our visiting judge, Michelle Grant an Adjudicator employed by the NSW Arts Unit on Monday 1st June.

Students in stage 2 & 3 will also be assessed for their skills in impromptu speaking before selecting our Multicultural Public Speaking representatives.

Yr 6 – Jasmine C, Riley G, Kirsty GJ
Yr 5 – Ethan B, Owen G
Yr 4 – Rohan B, Molly W, Sally C
Yr 3 – Erin G, Billy W, Grace M
Yr 2 – Riley O, Kyle P
Yr 1 – Violet T
Kinder – Elliot B, Odynn M

June 1st – parents welcome

Please note that times are approximate – if you are intending to arrive during the event you will need to be flexible with your arrival time. Also, please be mindful of limiting noise on your arrival (i.e. don’t park directly out the front when the speeches are in progress 😊)

11:30 – Stage 3 students (yrs 5/6)
12:00 – Early Stage 1 & Stage 1 (K/1/2)
12:30 – Stage 2 (yrs 3/4)

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

Wardell Memorial Permission (Yrs 4-6)  OVERDUE
Free Dental Assessment (Kindergarten only)  OVERDUE
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

MOBILE LIBRARY

Wednesday 11th June
**‘Sweet As’ Art Exhibition**

*Calling all creative folk...*

Our school is very excited to be hosting an art exhibition at the Northern Rivers Regional Gallery during September and October. The exhibition is titled ‘Sweet As’ and is set around the theme of growing up surrounded by sugar cane. We would love to have the parents and community involved in helping us create our artworks.

Mrs Rantissi is having an information afternoon on Tuesday 2nd of June, starting at 3pm. It would be great to see you there!

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**Conduit Pipe or Bamboo Wanted!!**

*Please Help....* As part of our ‘Sweet As’ art exhibition each student will be creating a sugar cane plant as a ‘totem pole’ style artwork. We are looking for donations of pipe or bamboo to create the stem of the plant. The pipe will be covered over with artworks, so it is ok to be used or tarnished. The desirable pipe dimensions are 32mm wide x 2metres tall. However we are happy to have variations.

Please see Mrs Rantissi if you can help out.

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**Empire Vale Concert... The Lion King**

*It's show time!* Yes, it’s that time of the year when students come home with scripts in preparation for the school annual performance. This year our school will be performing a version of The Lion King. Please find time to support your child/children through helping them to learn and practice their lines at home.

A performance based meeting will be held on Thursday 11th of June at 1.45pm, where we will discuss the play, costumes and props. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

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**Reminder – Wardell Memorial**

When : Friday 29th May  
Where : Wardell Memorial Hall  
Times : 9.30am start  
Transport : Private car  

The senior class have been invited to attend a dedication service at the Wardell & District War Memorial Hall unveiling a new cenotaph, memorial plaque & honour board. Cabbage Tree Island & Wardell P.S students will also be in attendance. Empire Vale students will be singing “And They March”.

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**Reminder – Dental Clinic**

The Northern NSW Local Health District clinicians will be conducting free dental assessment for kindergarten & year 1 students on Thursday 4th June at the school.
Staff, students, parents & community members attended Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea last week hosted by Toni Caesar & Zoe Walsh with the assistance of the Empire Vale P&C & parents. This year’s theme was Mul’TEA’cultural Biggest Morning Tea.

We had some fantastic costumes and a huge amount of amazing morning tea (and additional afternoon treats for the students!) All proceeds were donated to the NSW Cancer Council.

A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone who baked & supplied tea & coffee throughout the morning and for the wonderful imagination of our parents with costumes! We all had a great time admiring the students and teachers who dressed in national costumes that proudly represented all corners of the globe. This all contributed in making the morning a wonderful success!

This week’s Biggest Morning Tea was kicked off with a mini concert with Mr Ward’s guitar students showcasing their many musical talents! Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came along to support our students.
SS PSSA Soccer Knockout

When: Friday 12th June
Where: Eureka P.S Soccer Oval
Times: Leaving 9.30am for a 10.30am start
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.

Permission notes need to be returned by no later than Friday 5th June, thank you.

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).

Top Tips from the DET

Too sick to go to school?
Sometimes it’s hard to know if your child is really coming down with something or just suffering a bout of Mondayitis. This chart will help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/too-sick-to-go-to-school

Speech problems
All children learn how to talk and listen at different rates but there is a general pattern to children’s language development. If you’re worried about your child’s speech development – or their teacher has concerns – the best thing you can do is get it checked out professionally. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/speech-problems

Up & Coming Events

May

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

June

Monday 1st
EVPS Public Speaking Finalists
Venue: EVPS

Tuesday 2nd
Sweet As Information afternoon (parents)
Venue: EVPS @ 3pm

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

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

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

Thursday 11th
The Lion King Information afternoon (parents)
Venue: EVPS @ 1:45pm

Friday 12th
SSPSSA Soccer
Venue: Eureka

Monday 15th
Multicultural Public Speaking (selected students)
Venue: Alstonville PS

Friday 19th
Debating Gala Day (selected students)
Venue: Woodburn PS

Attachments

- SXCSS Spelling Bee permission note (selected students)
- P&C Movie Night Flier
**P&C News**

The next P&C meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, 9th June in the senior classroom at 7.00pm - all are welcome!

**Movie Night Fundraiser** - please see attached flier.

**Inside Out**
Thurs June 18 @ 6:30

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**Community News**

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**THE RETURNED AND SERVICES LEAGUE OF AUSTRALIA**
(New South Wales Branch)

“The Price of Liberty is Eternal Vigilance”

**BALLINA SUB BRANCH**

Dear Ms Avery,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the children from your school for their notes of appreciation to our ANZACS. Our Representatives, Macca, Helen, Wayne and Allan really appreciated the effort the children went to with all the hand written notes and cards expressing their thanks to our soldiers in the past.

These notes and cards will periodically be on display in our cabinets.

Once again, please assure the children that it is a joy to participate with them in the ANZAC services.

Yours Faithfully,

*C Nicholson*

Charles Nicholson
Honorary Secretary
PERMISSION NOTE

SXCSS Spelling Bee
(Thursday 11th June)

I give permission for my child/ren……………………………………………………………………………to compete in the SXCSS Spelling Bee at the Wardell Hall on Thursday 11th June, (alternate date 16th 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 9th June, thank you.