Ballina District Athletics – This Friday!

We wish all of our competitors the best of luck at this Fridays Ballina District Athletics Carnival. The carnival was to be held last Friday but was postponed due to wet weather. Wet weather plan remains the same as previous carnivals, please check AM radio station 2LM from 7.30am for possible postponements.

Best of luck competitors!

AFL - EVPS vs Rous P.S.

As part of the AFL Inter-School Football Program, Years 4, 5 & 6 students will be participating, in 3 friendly AFL matches against various local schools throughout the term.

When: Game 1 Friday August 7th
Where: Rous Public School
Times: Cars to leave for Rous at 12.15 for a 1pm start. Cars to return from Rous PS approx. 2.30pm to return to school.

Thank you to those parents who are able to assist with transport.

Seating arrangements are attached.

Game #2 will be with Cabbage Tree Island P.S. students on Friday 28th August at CTI.

Game #3 will be against Wardell PS on Sept 18th.

Southern Cross Community of Small Schools (SXCSS) – Public Speaking

When: Tuesday Sept 1st
Where: Tregeagle PS
Time: 9.30am start
Transport: Private Cars

Good Luck to those students who will be representing the school at the SXCSS Public Speaking to be held on Tuesday, Sept 1st.

This is a stepping stone for the Rivers Public Speaking Final which is held in Lismore in term 4. Four students from each stage will be selected with one reserve.

Students will be competing against students in the SXCSS (CTI, Broadwater, Fernleigh, Newrybar, Rous, Tregeagle, Wardell & Wyrallah). An adjudicator/judge will then select a winning student (and reserve) from Stage 2 and stage 3 to represent the SXCSS at the Rivers Public Speaking competition to be held in Lismore early term 4.

Permissions to be returned to the school by no later than Tues 11th August, thank you.

Our students in stage 2 & 3 have been selected and can begin preparing their speech in preparation for the competition.

Stage 2
Rohan B
Sally C
Billy W
Gypsy S
Erin G (Res)

Stage 3
Ethan B
Jasmine C
Kirsty G-J
Owen G
Riley G (res)

Topics 2015

Stage 2 (3 minutes)
Is it really that great being young?
Three things you do well
Breaking bad habits
Bullying and racism
Kids can make a difference
Sport breaks down the barriers

Stage 3 (4 minutes)
Beauty is in the eye of the beholder
Why are manners important?
My biggest concern for the future is...
Spelling is Important
The History of Vampires
Should people be paid to be awesome?
Words can hurt
Learning languages

Attachments
- Middle Childhood Survey Info Leaflet - (yr 6)
- Earn & Learn sticker sheet (all students)
- AFL Transport Seating Arrangements
- SXCSS Public Speaking Permission (selected students)
- SXCSS Public Speaking Guideline (selected students)
REVIEW - Glass Master Class

Last Thursday, Bella, Tilly, Tayla and Owen had the pleasure of being mentored by local glass artist Jacqueline King, at her glass studio in Dalwood.

Our students created beautiful bowls made from finely broken pieces of glass called ‘frit’. Their glass designs were placed in a kiln so the pieces fused together then fired once again over a mold to create a bowl shape. The bowls have a stunning sugar crystal finish and will be a special feature in our ‘Sweet As’ art exhibition.

The opening night of the ‘Sweet As’ exhibition is Thursday the 3rd of September, starting at 5.30pm at The Northern Rivers Community Gallery in Ballina. Our students have produced some exceptional artworks, so please mark this special event in your diaries.

REVIEW - Jnr Class Cooking

Last Thursday students from the K-3 class made Chocolate Crackles. They were learning about following cooking procedures (recipes). Students learnt about the changing state of materials e.g. copha as a solid material being melted into a liquid state. All students got their hands, (washed of course), into preparing, pouring, mixing, scraping and eating the Chocolate Crackles. Cooking is always an exciting experience in K-3 and we would really like to thank Julie Barnwell and Meg Potter for sharing their time and experience to give the students something extra special.

MOBILE LIBRARY
Wed 5th Aug
EMPIRE VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
Principal: Bonita Avery
Ph: 6683 4298

PARENT RESPONSES DUE
AFL interschool comps permission (4/5/6 only)
OVERDUE
“A Taste of High School” Permission (Yrs 5/6)
OVERDUE
Parent / Teacher Meetings (optional)
OVERDUE
SXCSS Public Speaking Permission
(selected students)
DUE - Tues 11th Aug

Premiers Debating Challenge
Our school will be participating in the final round of the Premiers Debating Challenge here at the school next Wednesday 5th August. Ethan B, Jasmine C, Kirsty G-J & Riley G are looking forward to challenging Lismore Heights P.S students on the day.

Parents – we’d LOVE YOUR HELP!
Our students have been busy making a sugar cane ‘Totem Pole’ art installation, that requires student artworks to be attached to individual conduit pipes, for our “Sweet As’ Art Exhibition. It would be wonderful to have some parental help to successfully put these artworks together.

Creative jobs include gluing; weaving wire through cardboard leaves and creating a stand that will allow each piece of cane to stand tall. I am asking for a team of parents to help out with this special project on Thursday 6th of August from 12 midday.

Bunnings Warehouse of Ballina has generously donated the hardware materials to create this artwork. The materials will be available for collection early next week. Please thank the Bunnings team for their generosity and support next time you are visiting their store!

Up & Coming Events

July
Friday 31st (qualifying students)
District PSSA Athletics
Venue: Alstonville

August
Friday 7th (years 4, 5 & 6)
Interschool AFL game, EVPS v Rous P.S
Venue: Rous P.S.

Monday 10th
Whole School Assembly
Venue: EVPS

Wednesday 12th (year 5 & 6)
‘A Taste of Ballina High’
Venue: BHS

Friday 14th (qualifying students)
FNC PSSA Athletics
Venue: Byron Bay

Friday 28th (years 4, 5 & 6)
Interschool AFL game, EVPS v CTI
Venue: CTI

EARNS & LEARNS STICKERS
The school is participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program again this year. The program gives schools & early learning centres the chance to earn new educational resources.

Simply shop at Woolworths & you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker for every $10 spent. Stickers are to be placed inside your sticker sheet, (attached). You can download more sticker sheets from woolworthes.com.au/earnandlearn. Sheets are to be returned to the school by Tuesday 15th September, thank you, or dropped into River Street Woolworths.
The NSW-CDS is a state-wide study of child development which aims to identify factors affecting later health, education, and behaviour in adolescence or adulthood. The study is being led by researchers at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) in collaboration with others at the Universities of Newcastle, Western Australia, and Canterbury (NZ), and in partnership with Government organisations including the NSW Department of Education and Communities, NSW Ministry of Health, and the NSW Department of Family and Community Services.

As part of this study, students enrolled in Year 6 of every primary school in NSW this year will be invited to participate in a survey of child mental health and wellbeing: the Middle Childhood Survey (MCS).

The attached information will help you decide whether you would like your child to take part in this survey this term.

If you do not opt your child out, they will also have the opportunity to decide whether or not to participate during class time.

**P&C News**

**P&C Meeting** - the next P&C meeting will be held at the NEW DATE of Tuesday 25th August at 7pm - all welcome.

**P&C Water Esky MISSING!** - if anyone has seen the P&C blue & white water esky, could you please return it to school before Friday so that it may be used for the District Carnival, thank you.

**URGENT HELP NEEDED!**

**BALLINA BUNDINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER**

**Sunday 30th August**

We are seeking helpers for this BBQ! 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 raise funds for our school please make URGENT contact with:

Shantelle: 0407 488 982 Zoe: 0400 786 761

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Parent/teacher interviews (optional) will be held in weeks 3, 4 & 5; Monday 27th July through to Friday 14th August.

Timeslots for teacher availability are below. Times may be booked through the office. If you make an appointment and are then unable to attend, please let the office know as soon as possible, thank you.

**Ms Avery:**
Fri 31st July, 14th Aug: 2:00-3:30pm
Mon 3rd Aug: 9:00-11:00
Tues 4th Aug: 1:30-3:00pm
Tues 11th Aug: 9:00-11:00

**Mr Spencer:**
Mon 3rd: 9:00-1:00pm
Wed 12th Aug: 10:30-1:00pm
Tues 11th: 9:00-11:00

**Mrs Rantissi:**
Mon 3rd & 10th Aug: 1:30-3:00pm
Thurs 6th Aug: 2:00-3:00pm

**Mrs Roberts:**
Thurs 30th July, 6th & 13th Aug: 2:00-3:00pm
PERMISSION NOTE

SXCSS Public Speaking – Tregeagle Public School
(Tuesday 1st September 2015)

I give permission for my child/ren……………………………………………………………………………to compete in the SXCSS Public Speaking Competition at Tregeagle Public School on Tuesday 1st September 2015. I understand that transport is the responsibility of the parent.

☐ 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 a reserve will participate in your child’s place)

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

Please return permission by no later than Tuesday 11th August 2015, thank you.