CONGRATULATIONS

......to our PP5 relay team consisting of Kirsty G-J, Liam O, Ethan B & Jasmine C, who have qualified to compete in the State Athletics Championships in Homebush, Sydney on 15th October! Our swimmers have made it to state a number of times, but this will be the first track & field relay team to advance to state level - very exciting!!

We are absolutely thrilled to see our relay team competing at such a high level - well done team!

Off to State!!!!!

Taronga Mobile Zoo School Visit

Permission notes/monies were DUE TODAY!
When: Tuesday Sept 8th
Where: EVPS (ALL students)
Time: 9.00am start
Cost: $6 per student

To help recognise Threatened Species week, Taronga Zoo will be visiting the Northern Rivers in partnership with Dorrroughby EEC. The Zoo will discuss threats to animals and habitats and will highlight the adaptations that each animal has to its environment. They will also discuss the need to preserve habitats. Empire Vale PS has secured a visit next Tuesday 8th September from 9:00 - 10:00 am approx.

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

Taronga Zoo School Visit OVERDUE
Paradise FM (selected students) DUE - Tues 8th Sept
Snr Excursion deposit/permission (yrs 4-6) DUE - Wed 9th Sep
Snr Excursion final payment (yrs 4-6) DUE - Wed 7th Oct (yrs 4-6)

Fizzics Education - Robotics

When: Friday Oct 9th
Where: EVPS Senior Class
Time: 9.00am start
Cost: $8.00 per student

The senior class will be taking part in an innovative robotics workshop conducted by Fizzics Education on Friday 9th October. In this exciting program, students learn how to program & teach their Lego Mindstorms robots various movement sequences, (including dance moves!), using motors, sensors & real computer programming techniques.

This workshop is sure to entertain & challenge the class as well as extend their knowledge of programming.
On Tuesday students from EVPS travelled to Tregeagle PS to participate in the Southern Cross Community of Small Schools’ Public Speaking competition. Students competed against numerous schools within the learning community. **Well done to Sally C, Rohan B, Gypsy S & Billy W (stage 2) as well as Kirsty G-J, Jasmine C, Owen G & Ethan B (stage 3) who represented our school at this event.**

Congratulations to Rohan B, stage 2 winner who received a gold medal (stage 2) & to Ethan B, stage 3 winner, also receiving a gold medal (stage 3). Rohan & Ethan have both qualified to compete in the Rivers Final in Lismore next term.

**Congratulations to all of our public speakers - what an outstanding effort!!**

Stage 3 began the day with a prepared 4 minute speech and followed up with an impromptu speech lasting 1½ minutes. Their impromptu topic was ‘Fashion’.

Stage 2 had a prepared 3 minute speech and followed up with an impromptu speech lasting 1 minute. Their impromptu topic was ‘Neighbours’.

The students represented themselves and their school proudly. Thank you to the parents who transported the students to Tregeagle.

**Premier’s Spelling Bee**

When: Tuesday Sept 15th  
Where: Wyrallah Road PS  
Time: 9.30am start (more information to follow)  
Transport: Private Cars  
Congratulations to......

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**Reminder – ½ day Race Holiday**

When: Thursday 10th Sept  
In the Ballina area the Council has declared that **Thursday 10 September 2015 will be a half day public holiday** within the Ballina Council area.

This means that **schools will close for half a day on this day**.

**PLEASE NOTE...** the bus will be running as usual in the morning but **WILL NOT BE** collecting the children in the middle of the day. Please make your own arrangements to collect your children between 11:30-12noon. The school will be closed from 12noon sharp - if you are not able to collect your children please keep them home on this day.

**Sugar Refining Talk REVIEW**

A big thank you to Gary Melhuish who gave the seniors a very educational talk on the process of refining sugar. Students had the chance to taste samples of the various stages of sugar from the Broadwater Sugar Mill.
What we need from you..........................

- It would be lovely for families to make an appearance throughout the evening to allow your students to experience the feel of a Gallery 'Launch' with their artwork on display. Attendance is, of course, not compulsory.

- We would also encourage the Primary students to attend the official part of the evening (5:30) as this is invaluable experience in being involved in an exhibition of their artwork.

- Please take the opportunity to teach your children the value of the artworks and the behaviour requirements when moving about in a gallery space.

- Please ensure an adult is with your children at all times within the Gallery space.

- A gold coin donation is the usual entry to the Gallery.

- Support the Cane Juicing stall being run by the Monti family.

Opening night “Sweet As” Art Exhibition

Venue: Northern Rivers Community Gallery

TOMORROW NIGHT! 5.30-7.30pm

This is just a sneak peek of some of the amazing art works by local school students to be seen at the “Sweet As” exhibition tomorrow night!
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The Lion King

What we need from you.............................

- I would really love some help painting the backdrop curtain. This year I have chosen a simple silhouette design, which should be enjoyable to paint. If you would like to help out, please join me at school on Thursday from 12.20pm.
- We still need a few more sets of black pants and jumper/shirts for the Junior Class ‘Wilder Beast’ scene, if you have any spare clothes that would suit this scene, could you please send them in.
- **ALL STUDENTS** will need a pair of **black socks**
- **ALL STUDENTS** will need a small pair of shorts and a singlet that they can wear underneath their costume, allowing them to change costumes with ease and comfort, as we do not have individual change rooms. Students will need to rehearse on **Thursday and Friday**, so please send their shorts and singlets in immediately so they can change with comfort and ease.
- Please place your child’s name on **ALL clothing or prop items sent into school** so that they can be returned to the correct home at the end of the performance.
- If your child has long hair, could they please tie it back in a low pony tail or plait. This is important as it helps keep animal themed hats on. (Lioness’s will need ‘big’ hair i.e. recently plaited, crimped etc - Jaz/Millie/Tilly)
- Please **assist on the night with the BBQ or selling tickets**. Proceeds are used by the P&C to benefit **ALL students** so your assistance is not only appreciated but needed. Thank you.

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Our school performance times are:
**Daytime Matinee** - Monday the 7th of September at midday. (Perfect for people bringing young children or Nan and Pop)
**The Evening Performance** - Tuesday the 8th (Alt Mon 14th) of September. 6pm for P&C BBQ with 7pm Show. (Dress Warm)

Thank you to all parents who have sent in their child’s play costumes and assisted with backdrops and props. Our first dress rehearsal for our school performance was a great success, with this year’s performance promising to be very entertaining.

Our performances start next Monday, so all costumes (including black socks) will need to stay at school until after Tuesday nights performance.

Thanks!

Mrs Rantissi
At approximately 2:30pm on Thursday the 17th of September, Paradise FM listeners will be kept both entertained and informed when some of our Year 6 students ‘go live to air’ to discuss all the great qualities of our school.

Our three year 6 Public Speakers (Jasmine, Riley and Kirsty) have been chosen for this year’s Paradise FM due to their proven Public Speaking skills (Debate team and Public Speaking representative).

Tune in for some quality local radio!

Permission are attached & are to be returned by no later than Tuesday 8th September, thank you.

Senior Excursion - 21st-23rd Oct 2015
MT TAMBORINE!

Thank you to those families who have already paid their $150 deposit & making part-payments. Individual INVOICES are attached for each family.

Action required:

- **Wed 9th Sep** - $150 (minimum) deposit due. Permission & Medical forms due. Students will not be included in our booking if payment of the deposit is not finalised by this date. **No exceptions can be made.**
- **Wed 7th Oct** - Final payment due for your child to attend the excursion. Deed of Indemnity due and any medication for your child. Students will be withdrawn if the payment and notes are not finalised by this date. **No exceptions can be made.**

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**Up & Coming Events**

**September**

**Thursday 3rd 5:30pm**
Sweet As Gallery Exhibition Launch
Venue: Northern Rivers Community Gallery

**Monday 7th**
Spring Concert Matinee

**Tuesday 8th - 6pm (alt Mon 14th)**
Spring Concert - The Lion King
Venue: EVPS

**Thursday 10th**
½ day Race Holiday

**Monday 14th 11:30am**
Assembly

**Tuesday 15th** (selected students)
Premiers Spelling Bee
Venue: Wyrallah Road PS

**Thursday 17th** (selected students)
Paradise FM
Venue: Paradise FM radio station Ballina

**Friday 18th** (years 4, 5 & 6)
Interschool AFL game, EVPS v Wardell
Venue: Wardell PS

**Friday 18th**
Casual for a Cause (Gold Coin Donation please)
/ Last day of Term 3

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**EARN & LEARN STICKERS**

Simply shop at Woolworths & you will receive one Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker for every $10 spent. **Sheets are to be returned to the school by Tuesday 15th September, thank you, or dropped into River Street Woolworths.**
THANK YOU BUNNINGS BBQ HELPERS!

A big thank you to everyone who helped out with the Bunnings BBQ on the weekend! Your assistance was very much appreciated with approx. $1000 being raised for the P&C!

FATHERS DAY RAFFLE

The P&C are holding a Fathers Day Raffle (ticket books sent home last week).

It would be greatly appreciated if each family could sell a book of tickets. A big thank you to Supercheap & Sports Power for their kind donations for this raffle!

FATHERS DAY STALL

Friday 4th Sept (in the morning). $3 a gift and multiple gifts can be bought once everyone has had their first selection.

NEXT P&C MEETING

Tuesday 13th October, 7pm All welcome!
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PERMISSION NOTE
Paradise FM (selected students) - Thursday 17th Sept

I give permission for my child/ren.................................................................to compete in the Paradise FM interview at Ballina on 17th Sept 2015. I understand that transport is by private car. (Students to arrive at Paradise FM no later than 2:10pm)

☐ I will be transporting my own child
☐ I have arranged for ____________________ to transport my child

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

Please return permission by no later than Tuesday 8th Sept, thank you.