Wow!!!! Congratulations to Rohan, Ethan, Owen & Sally who competed in the North Coast Regional P.S.S.A Swimming Championships at Kempsey today!

Our PP5 relay team came in 2nd & have qualified to compete at State level on the 7th April at Homebush, Sydney.

Sally swam her hardest & came in 8th in her event - butterfly. What a great experience for all of our swimmers!

Well done to all of our competitors and good luck at Sydney!

Ballina District PSSA Winter Sport Trials (selected students)

The following students will be representing the school at the Ballina District PSSA Winter Sport Trials on Friday 18th March. Best of luck to Ethan & Rohan (soccer), Bella W (netball), Molly W & Sally C (soccer), who will all be competing & representing our school on the day. Good luck competitors!

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

Creative Writing Challenge (parents/community)  
DUE (Optional) - Tues 15th March

SXCSS General Knowledge (qualifying students)  
DUE - Tues 22nd March

SS PSSA Cross-Country (ALL students)  
DUE - Tues 22nd March

Yr 7 EOI for High School Placement (Yr 6)  
DUE - Tues 22nd March

Art Smart Permission/payment (selected seniors)  
DUE - Tues 22nd March

P&C Easter Raffle (All families)  
DUE - Wed 23rd March

ART Smart Workshop

When: Tues 17th - Thurs 19th May
Where: Clunes Public School
Cost: $25 per student
Transport: Private transport

Bella M, Tilea H, Bella W, Owen G and Ethan B have been selected to attend the 3 day Art Smart Workshop to be held at Clunes P.S this year, between Tues 17th - Thursday 19th May. This workshop is a wonderful opportunity for students to experience intensive artistic tuition with the creation of major work over the course of the 3 day workshop.

Cost is $25 per student with the school subsidising $50, to cover the total cost of $75.

Upon submitting permission & payment, parents are committing to transporting their child to & from Clunes for the 3 days or alternatively, organise for another parent to transport their child.

If a student is unable to attend Art Smart & has already paid, organisers will authorise a refund ONLY IF a parent gives the school at least 3 days notice prior this activity. If insufficient notice is given, the family will forfeit the $25 fee paid for this activity.

Information/permission notes are attached & need to be returned to the school BY NO LATER THAN Tuesday 22nd March. Due to high demand, late permission/payment cannot be accepted.
Up & Coming Events

March

Thursday 10th (interested community)
Empire Vale Art Group
Venue: Mrs Rantissi's classroom

Tuesday 15th (Parent & Community)
P&C Meeting 7pm
Venue: Senior Class - EVPS

Friday 18th (qualifying students)
PSSA Winter Sporting Trials
Venue: Saunders Oval & Kingsford Smith

Thursday 24th
P&C Easter Raffle Drawn

Friday 25th - Monday 28th
Easter Long Weekend

Thursday 31st (qualifying students) NOTE Date Change
SXCSS General Knowledge
Venue: Ballina PS Hall

April

Friday 1st (all students)
SSPSSA X-Country
Venue: Teven-Tintenbah

Monday 4th 11:30
School Assembly
Venue: EVPS

Wednesday 6th - Thursday 7th
State Swimming Championships (qualifying students)
Venue: Homebush

Friday 8th
Last Day of Term 1
Casual for a Cause (gold coin donation)

Kinder Publication in Northern Star!

On Wednesday 23rd March the Northern Star will produce a My First Year liftout supplement with every Kindergarten class in the Northern Rivers region featured!

STOP THE PRESS

Our senior class have been busy writing newspaper stories and taking photographs for The Northern Star’s School Newspaper Program. Do yourself a favour and go out and grab a copy of The Northern Star on Tuesday the 15th of March for some great local stories!

EOI Forms for 2017, Year 7 Students

Parents of Year 6 students! Please find attached a booklet which provides information regarding government secondary schools & includes Expression of Interest Forms for placement in 2017. Expression of Interest Forms for high school next year, need to be returned to the school by NO later than Tuesday 22nd March, thank you.

EVP ART GROUP

Our next Art Group afternoon will be held TOMORROW, Thursday 10th of March at 1.45pm to 3pm.

The Empire Vale Art Group is open to all members of the community, so if you know someone who might be interested in a creative and social outlet, please invite them along. We hope to see you there!
Creative Writing Challenge

REMINDER – APPLICATIONS CLOSE
Tuesday 15th March!!!

How to get a picture to tell 1000 words.
Our school has developed a creative writing program where we use art masterpieces to inspire creative writing.
To make this program more inclusive for our whole school community we are offering the chance for families, older siblings and parents to get involved in the fun.
We encourage you to get your creative juices flowing by creating a story, poem or play about the following artwork.
This month, we will choose a winner, who will receive a special prize.
Please send in your story to school and place it into the white notes box or email it to karen.rantissi@det.nsw.edu.au by 15th of March.
A larger, colour version of this artwork can be found on our school website.
Our first artwork is called “The lovers” and is a sculpture of two snuggly Vespa scooters.

Spare Mathletics Password

For those parents or older siblings wishing to challenge their child/younger sibling to a competitive game of Live Mathletics, the following username & password should be used.
Please avoid using your child's password as this affects their recorded results.
User: AB-861949
Password: whip73

Seat Belt Use Guidelines
Ballina Buslines have provided “Guidelines for Seat Belt Use” for all families, see attached. Please go through these guidelines with your child to re-inforce the necessity to wear seatbelts on the new school bus. Thank you for your assistance.

P&C News

Easter Raffle tickets attached, to be returned by Wednesday 23rd March
Drawn on Thursday 24th March.
P&C Meeting – Tuesday 15th March, 7pm. All welcome!

Canteen Procedures – REMINDER!
• ALL items ordered from the canteen are to be written on a paper bag with your child’s name. Please place the correct money in the bag.
• Students will not be permitted to purchase items from the canteen UNLESS the items are written on their order bags.
• A separate order is required for recess & lunch items.
• CORRECT money please. We don’t always have change available to send home.
• Orders to be placed in notes box Wednesday morning, (located in front of office).
• Canteen recommences in Week 2 of EACH term.

MOBILE LIBRARY
Wednesday 16th March
EVER WANTED TO PLAY HOCKEY?

We are looking for new Junior Hockey Players for Alstonville Hockey Club.

Season: April- August 2016; Training Starts March
Fees: $70
(Includes New Stick, Shin Guards & Ball for New Players)
Games are played Saturday mornings
Ages 4-6yrs- Goonellabah Hockey fields
Ages 6-15yrs- Goonellabah and Ballina Hockey fields
Turf Fees TBA- Sponsorship desired

Please Contact ASAP to register
Under 9’s & Minkies (4-6 yrs) - Kate and Joshua
Collins 0438111538
Under 13’s, 15’s & Under 11’s- Glen Hunter
0402674525

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON
SUNDAY 13th MARCH 3PM
@ GAP Road Hockey Fields Alstonville
Come along for some games, meet new people and BBQ
RSVP- Glen Hunter (President) 0402674525