URGENT!!! ALL FAMILIES!
(INFORMATION UPDATES REQUIRED)

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please find attached your child’s full enrolment form. We require parents to check each one carefully & update where required.

It is CRITICAL that parents pay special attention to the parent employment section of your child’s enrolment form as the school’s funding is based on the information you provide in this section. Under the new school funding model introduced by State Government, part of the school’s budget is allocated based on the occupation, current employment status & education qualifications of parents.

For example, if you have become unemployed since enrolling your child, we need to know! Having this information may make a significant difference to Empire Vale P.S’s finances, so please return updated forms BY NO LATER THAN NEXT TUESDAY 29th March. Thank you for your assistance.

Receive your Newsletter electronically

Throughout 2016 we will be phasing out the printed version of the school newsletter.

Receiving your newsletter by electronic means will enable you to receive a colour version of the newsletter (handy when your child’s photo is in the newsletter 😊) as well as being able to reprint permission notes as needed.

We will continue to provide the printed version in term 1 while we switch to the new system at the commencement of Term 2. Thank you for your assistance.

PARENT RESPONSES DUE

Chocolate Orders (Yrs 4-6)
DUE - Fri 18th 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

Enrolment Info Updates (ALL families)!
DUE Tues 29th March

RELAY TEAM OFF TO STATE!

In case anyone missed the news last week – a HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to Rohan, Ethan, Owen & Sally who competed in the North Coast Regional P.S.S.A Swimming Championships at Kempsey last Wednesday.

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!
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### SXCSS General Knowledge Day

**When:** Thursday 31st March  
**Where:** Ballina Public School Hall  
**Times:** Arrive 9.45am for a 10:00am start  
Approx. 1:30 finish

*Best of luck to the following students who will be competing in the SXCSS General Knowledge Day tomorrow.*

**Stage 2 team...**  
Jack P  
Liam W  
Hien H  
Erin G  
Grace M (Res)

**Stage 3 team...**  
Ethan B  
Owen G  
Rohan B  
Tayla U  
Bella W (Res)

Parents are most welcome to stay & spectate but cannot assist the students.

**Students need to bring:** pencils, textas, pens, recess, lunch & drink bottle. Lunch may be pre-ordered from the Ballina P.S. canteen on the day. Canteen pricelist was attached to Week 6 newsletter - orders to be placed on brown paper bag, (with students & schools name), with correct money. Lunch orders will be collected on the morning of the event.

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### Small School Cross Country Carnival

**When:** Friday 1st April  
**Where:** Teven Tintenbar PS  
**Cost:** $8.00 per student  
**Transport:** Bus  
**Alternate date:** Friday 29th April (term 2)

**REMINDER TO PARENTS! Permission & payments for the Cross Country Carnival are DUE NEXT TUESDAY 22ND MARCH!**

The whole school will be participating in the Small Schools Cross Country on Friday 1st April, 2016 at Teven-Tintenbar P.S.

K-2 students will be involved in tabloid games until recess. All competitors will walk the track at 10:15am. Running events commence after recess at approx. 10:40am.

**Canteen:** Will be operating on the day. Further information & ordering process to come.

**Students will need to:**
- Wear sports uniform & hat
- Wear appropriate footwear (no spikes or football boots permitted)
- Bring a packed morning tea, lunch & drink bottle, if not ordering from canteen.
- Apply sunscreen before coming to school

**Wet weather arrangements:** IF we are aware of a postponement ahead of time ie day before, a note will be sent home & an alert will be sent via EVPS School Stream. Regardless of weather conditions, students are to come to school as normal & in the event of a last minute postponement on the morning, the bus will be cancelled & students will remain at school for classes, (please ensure they have a packed lunch).

Permission notes & payment to be returned to the school by no later than Tuesday 22nd March, thank you.

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### Chocolate Fundraiser - URGENT!

The deadline for ordering chocolates for the Year 6 senior school excursion fundraiser was last Wednesday! **To date, we have not reached the minimum amount of boxes required to place an order with Cadbury, (we are 6 boxes short!). THIS FRIDAY is your last chance to order chocolates.** If the minimum amount of boxes is not reached by this date, this fundraiser will unfortunately not go ahead this year.

This is a great opportunity to reduce your child’s excursion costs. Each chocolate box sold, reduces your child’s excursion costs by $30 & every confectionary box sold earns you $25. If you would like to take advantage of this fundraising activity, you must return the attached chocolate order form by **NO LATER THAN THIS FRIDAY 18TH MARCH!** Thank you.

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### EOI Forms for 2017, Year 7 Students

**REMINDER** - 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.**
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Up & Coming Events

March

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

Friday 25th – Monday 28th
Easter Long Weekend

Thursday 31st (qualifying students)
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)

Community News

Easter Raffle tickets were sent home last week. Ticket books & monies are to be returned by Wednesday 23rd March. Drawn on Thursday 24th March. Thank you for your support!

NEW SCHOOL UPDATE
If you wish to have a say in the uniform for the new school please complete the uniform which may be found on your’s school’s website. Please complete and return to your school by Friday the 18th of March.
Enquiries? Please contact Sue Page on 66860503.

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

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE
Friday, 18th March 2016

Bullying, NO WAY!
Take a stand together

The 6th National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is being held on Friday, 18 March 2016.

This annual day is Australia’s key anti-bullying event for schools, and encourages all students to ‘take a stand together’ against bullying and violence in schools, the classroom and beyond.

Help deliver a powerful message that bullying and violence is NOT okay.

Attachments
- Chocolate Order Forms (Yrs 4-6)
- Enrolment forms to be UPDATED (ALL families)
We had a great art session again last week at our second Empire Vale Art Group. It was great to see so many parents & community members come along for some artistic tuition. The group experimented with “s’graffito” which is scratch back art using crayons & Indian ink. We also explored with community made scratch back products, all having great success!

Mrs Rantissi