Shane’s Simplicities......
Regional Spelling Bee Finalists
Congratulations to all three of our Regional Spelling Bee finalists, Troy Turner, Ben Fletcher and Bailey Trustum. All three boys should be proud of their efforts, with a special mention to Bailey who finished second in the senior division. Well done Bailey!

Big Day In thanks
A huge Thank you goes out to all who came along to help run our Big Day In on Monday. A bit of rain changed the nature of the day, but the catering could not have been so effectively managed without the great parents and community members who offered assistance. Please accept our thanks and appreciation!

A vote of thanks also goes to the students and staff of our visiting schools, Broadwater and Evans River, who came along expecting to engage in many sporting activities on the day, but who also had to change their plans as the rain rolled in. The efforts of all helped to ensure a positive day was still enjoyed.

Term 4 Changes
Next term brings a few minor changes to operations within our school as Mrs Rebecca Mander returns part time from her maternity leave and will share teaching duties with Mrs Vicki Duncan. Mrs Mander will be teaching on Mondays and Tuesdays, with Mrs Duncan maintaining her role for the rest of the week. Both teachers are looking forward to maintaining and building upon what is happening within the classroom, as well as planning the additional events that coincide with Year 6 finishing their primary school experience.

Merit Awards
Today’s Merit Assembly will give recognition to the students who have shown high levels of meritorious commitment to their learning throughout this term. Teachers have a check list against which students are assessed to determine their effort and
application to achieve recognition through receiving one of these awards. The criteria is tough and it is expected that awards only go to students who are meeting all, or most of the criteria against which the awards are determined.

As always parents and students should engage in discussions with class teachers around these awards and why certain levels were awarded, or not achieved. Together students, parents and teachers can set future directions to work toward if receiving a merit is a student’s personal goal. Student and parents are reminded that we recognise students for many reasons and through many processes within the school. Students receive acknowledgements, stickers, accolades, assembly awards, values certificates and the like to recognise their ongoing achievements. Merit awards are however harder to achieve and thus recognise the meritorious term long efforts of students.

Congratulations to all award winners!

Enrolments 2014

As our school is part of the Empowering Local Schools National Partnership we will roll onto a new school funding process in 2014 which is linked to actual student enrolments. Determining are actual numbers for the new year is a little more important than in the past. Any families wishing to enrol for next year are asked to complete and return enrolment forms as soon as possible. Out of area enrolment applications can be considered, however there is a locally agree practice between our schools (Broadwater, Evans River and Woodburn) that needs to be followed before places can be determined for students who are from ‘out of area’.

Happy Holidays

This week brings Term 3 to an end and leaves us with only Term 4, 2013 ahead of us. I wish everyone a wonderful break from the routines of school over the weeks ahead and look forward to the re-energised faces that return to tackle Term 4. Term 4 commences for staff and students on Tuesday October 8, following the Labour Day Public Holiday.

Until next week……

Premier’s Spelling Bee

Bailey Trustum, Ben Fletcher and Troy Turner attended the Regional Finals of the Premier’s Spelling Bee at Alstonville Public School last Thursday.

From all reports, they were very impressive with their efforts. Congratulations to all the boys but to Bailey in particular who came second in the Senior Final, and just missed out on representation in the Sydney final.

Tracey Tebbutt
PSB Co-ordinator

SRC Fundraisers

This term has been very active for the SRC with their fundraising. Footy Colours Day raised $92; Cupcakes for Chloe raised $196, with the guessing competition still in progress until the end of term. The SRC voted to use their own funds to sponsor Hayden Simpson in his efforts in the Relay for Life and a donation in honour of Joan Roots has been made to Alzheimer’s Australia.

Many thanks go to the parents of the SRC, the sports captains and Chloe’s friends for their generous donation of very yummy cakes; they all were a big hit!

Tracey Tebbutt
SRC Patron

Choir Performance At Riverside Festival

The Woodburn Public School Choir will be singing at the Riverside Festival at Riverview Park, Woodburn Saturday 12 October 2013 (this includes all children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and 2/3T). Our choir has been performing at this event for several years now and we have been working hard toward this performance all term. In order for us to perform and to be a success we will need as many of the children in the School Choir to attend. The children are to come dressed in school uniform. Students are to assemble at 9.45am as they will be performing at 10.00am. After the performance they will be free to enjoy the celebrations with their families.

Miss Suzanne Johnston
Choir Teacher

Swimming for Term 4

Junior Swimming for class 2/3T will commence Friday October 11 and will continue every Friday throughout the term.

Infants swimming for classes KJ & 1J will commence Wednesday October 16 and will continue every Wednesday throughout the
Senior Swimming will be on Monday afternoons and start Monday October 14. During this first session students will be assessed for the School Swimming Scheme.

Once again we will be looking for parent helpers for Infants & Junior Swimming on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. This will involve parents working with a small group. If you are able to assist please send in the note at the end of the newsletter or ring the school to let us know.

Cost of admission to the pool will be approx. $2.00.

Some reminders:
• All students are expected to wear a rash shirt as part of our Sun Safe Policy.
• Footwear needs to be worn to and from the pool. A suggestion is to pack some thongs with the swimmers and towel (thongs are not to be worn to school).
• Swimming is part of our school curriculum and therefore it is expected that all students will swim. If there is a valid reason why a student is not swimming a note of explanation is required from home. Regular classroom consequences will apply for students who choose not to participate.

Susan Johnston
SPORTS COORDINATOR

Kindergarten 2014 - Important Dates

Parent Information Night Monday 28 October @ 6 pm
Student Orientation Days
Wednesday 30 Oct 9:25 - 11:25 am
Wednesday 6 Nov 9:25 - 11:25 am
Wednesday 13 Nov 9:25 - 11:25 am
Register your interest now!

Uniforms
NEW Hooded Jumpers now in stock - $25 ea, sizes 6 - 16 available. Sloppy joes will be discontinued - $15 till sold out!

Kim Skaines
UNIFORM COORDINATOR

Student Banking
Remember to bring in your banking each Friday. If you would like to open an account with the Commonwealth Bank please come to the office for an application form.
Lyn Blake
SCHOOL BANKING COORDINATOR

Community Stuff

Playgroup at Woodburn Public School
Every Thursday (during school terms) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Come along for a fun morning. We have a great facility with plenty of toys and games. It’s very informal - a chat and morning tea while the kids play. It’s open to Mums, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas and Carers.

Canteen Roster

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Coming Soon - Yummy Drummies SPECIAL: Lasagne 6 & 9 Sept $2:00

REMINDER - BROWN PAPER BAGS ARE 10C EACH IF NOT BROUGHT FROM HOME! Please have your money securely placed in your lunch bag! Parent Helpers for the next week are in bold. Thanks for your ongoing help - we really appreciate you! If you cannot make it on your rostered day it is up to you to find a replacement. Any ideas for canteen PLEASE come along to the next P & C Meeting!  

Canteen News:- Mini Pizzas No Longer Available.
Evans Head & Woodburn Pre Schools
We're Forty and Fabulous!!!
Evans Head Pre-School Association is celebrating 40 years of service to the community. Are you, or were your children, past enrolments? We are having a big celebration on Sunday 27 October. 4pm-5pm open pre-school. 5pm onwards - Dinner and celebrating at Evans Head Bowlo. Tickets will be available soon. Do you know of anyone we can invite to our celebration? Please call 66825235 or email us evansheadpreschool@bigpond.com.

Commemorative Cookbook
We are currently compiling a cookbook jam packed with favourite recipes, photos, drawings, quotes and memories. If you have an association with the pre-school, please send us your favourite recipe and any pre-school snaps, memories or quotes ASAP. 40 years is a big achievement. Help us celebrate.

Woodburn Riverside Festival 2013
Saturday, 12 October - Riverside Park, Woodburn - 10am to 9 p.m. A full day of activities and entertainment for all ages organised by the Woodburn Chamber of Commerce. Some things to do during the holidays - Design and build a raft for the Great Raft Race! Use anything that will float, but not a boat or rubber raft and not motor-powered. Any number of people to a raft. Life jackets must be worn. Prizes in numerous categories - first to the shore, most original, etc. Train for the Biathlon! Swim across the river, run back across the bridge. Two age groups - under 16, 16 and over. Great prizes! Plan the decorations for your bike for the Decorated Bike Contest! For more information contact Pam Bellingham 0414 953 879 or Glenn Crawford 6682 2032.

CASINO TAFE is offering a Certificate IV in Frontline Management, 1 evening per week commencing in Term 4. If interested please contact the Campus on 6661 2000.

Evans Head Cricket
Evans Head Cricket club is hoping to put together some junior cricket teams for the upcoming season. If you would be interested in joining one of these teams please contact Paddy Wilde on 66828144 to register your interest.