This week is recognised nationally as Gonski Week across Australia. What’s Gonski? Gonski funding is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education.

This funding began in 2014, after the independent Gonski Review warned too many children were missing out on the education they needed due to a lack of resources. The review, headed by respected businessman, David Gonski, said Australia was under-investing in education and not delivering funding to where it was needed most.

Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them to a high level.

Schools can use the additional resources to better meet the individual needs of students. The ways they can use the funding include:

- Reducing class sizes
- Employing additional specialist teachers in areas such as literacy and numeracy
- Providing greater assistance and support for students with disabilities or behavioural problems
- Building the skills and knowledge of teachers.

Our school utilises the additional funding to help provide enrichment opportunities, additional resources and where possible additional student learning support officers. With
increased funding into the future we will be able to do more.

**Term 4 continues**
The events of term 4 continue to roll past at a frantic pace. Staff will be moving solidly into assessing and reporting of student progress across the school year. Swimming for sport has commenced and the intensive school swimming scheme is also fast approaching. Year 6 have had their first transition day already.

The pace of events, happenings and activities will continue through til years end. I extend our thanks for your cooperation and understanding at this time.

**Parents as Parents in our School Car Park**
Parents are again reminded of the need to keep our school car park safe. Students should NOT be in the car park unless they are supervised by parents and heading into cars ready to leave. The car park is not a meeting place where students should be allowed to play and roam free. If there is a delay in a car leaving, the school children should remain in the school grounds. As adults we set the tone for the level of behaviour that is acceptable. At present there are growing concerns for the safety of students based on what some people find acceptable. Please help us by ensuring that the acceptable standards in our car park are safe.

Until next week....

**Swimming for Term 4 2015**
School Swimming Scheme will be held from 1 November through to 1 December. All students in year 2 will be eligible and students in years 3-6 who require further instruction and stroke correction will be eligible also.

Weekly swimming commenced last week. Cost of admission to the pool - $2.10

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

**Year 6 Events**
Year 6 will be running a Water Fun day on Friday 11 December to raise funds for their gift for the school. Parent helpers are welcomed. More information will be provided at a later date.

The Year 6 farewell is scheduled for the evening of Tuesday 15 December. More details will be provided ASAP.

Mrs Mander

**Currumbin Excursion**
The Excursion for KJ, 1/2J and 2/3W to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is fast approaching and learning about Australian Animals and their environments is underway.

We will leave school at 8:30am. Students are to be at school by 8:15am. We will return to school by 6:00pm. Travel will be with Northland Coaches.

Children are to wear school uniform and bring their recess, lunch, some sunscreen and a hat. If children wish to take spending money they are to be responsible for their own money and should limit this to $10.
Please be aware that NSW students do not have school ambulance cover in Queensland. Should we require use of an ambulance in Queensland for your child, the cost of that ambulance will need to be paid by parents, unless your child has private health insurance and/or have private ambulance cover.

Suzanne Johnston
Excursion Organiser

**Kindergarten 2016 Orientation**

Organisation is well underway to welcome the students for Kindergarten 2016. We will start the orientation process with a Parent Information Night, Monday 9 November starting at 6:00pm. Following the information night the new students will come to visit the Kindergarten classroom for three mornings starting at 9:30am. Parents will then come to collect their children at 11:25am (if your child currently attends the Woodburn Preschool on Wednesdays I will escort them to the preschool if you wish).

The dates are as follows:
Wednesday 11 November, Wednesday 18 November and Wednesday 25 November.

This series of mornings the new students will get to know their teacher for 2016 and the Year 5 buddies and the current Kindergarten. They will also be participating in a variety of activities that they will be doing when they start Kindergarten next year.

For further information on Kindergarten Orientation or enrolments for 2016 please contact the school.

Suzanne Johnston
Kindergarten Teacher

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**Canteen News**

Lunch orders must be placed into the Canteen Order Box which is located in the school office no later than Thursday morning in a brown paper bag with your child’s name and class clearly labelled on it and the correct money inside. **NO orders will be accepted after 10am Thursday morning.**

Samantha Trustum
Canteen Coordinator

**P & C Raffle**

The P & C run the raffle at the Rod n Reel Hotel every second Thursday night. If you can help out it would be most appreciated. Dates for the remainder of this year are: 22 October, 5 & 19 November, 3, 17 & 31 December. We start selling tickets at 7pm for an 8pm draw. Hope to see you there.

Mel Gillett
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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**Evans Head Junior Touch Competition**

We would like to thank the community for their support of our Junior Touch Football competition, it has been a resounding success. The response from the children has been amazing. To help continue the positive nature of this competition here are a few reminders:

- Players need to sign on from 4:50pm
- Games conclude at 5:45pm in preparation for our senior competition.
- Junior players must be collected by a parent or carer at this time.
- There will be no supervision for juniors after the games finish.

Evans Head Touch Football Association cannot be responsible for young players after the conclusion of the game at 5:45pm. Thank you for your co-operation.

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Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promocode and enter our promocode “CPC615” to gain access to these ticket offers.

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