For Your Diary

Week 5 23 - 27 Feb
Thurs  Life Education Van
Fri    Life Education Van

Week 6  2 - 6 March
Wed    NC PSSA Swimming
Fri    Assembly 12:50pm
      Zone PSSA Basketball Trials

Week 7 9 - 13 March
Thur   Ballina District PSSA Winter Trials
Fri    School Photos

Next P & C Meeting
Monday 16 March @ 6:30pm

Shane’s Simplicities......
Positive Feedback

This week I was thrilled to receive email communication regarding students from our school showing great respect to fellow bus travellers when coming to school. A younger student from a neighbouring school required a seat and when asked 5 students from Woodburn Public School willingly stood to give this child somewhere to sit. I congratulate these five students (Sam Ticknor, Amber Clarke, Chloe Dunne, Natt Dunne and Bayley Williams) for upholding and demonstrating our core value of Respect so willingly. Well done!!!

School Uniform

Our school photo day is fast approaching and it is hoped that all students will have a suitable school uniform to wear on the day (Friday 13 March). Students should wear their summer uniform which consists of their school shirt and shorts/skirt/skorts. Photos are a keepsake and reminder of school experiences and it is nice to look back and see the pride for our school shown in the way students present themselves to school.

Thank you to the group of students who have made an adjustment to the uniform they had been wearing to school. Most students are now wearing more appropriate attire. Parents of girls who continue to wear bike pants/tights to school are encouraged to find a more suitable uniform option at the most practical time, especially if/when replacing or buying new school wear.

email: woodburn-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au  Web: www.woodburn-p.schools.nsw.edu.au
**Buses**

In recent weeks I have been in negotiation with Northern Rivers Buslines with regard to the early arrival of buses/students to our school before staff supervision commences. The number of students unsupervised had grown considerably and issues for student safety were becoming evident. School bus companies are not supposed to deliver students to school before supervision commences. Prior to this week commencing there were two buses arriving 15 to 20 minutes before supervision is offered. After careful consideration and negotiation one bus route has already been altered which means less students are being dropped to school unsupervised. As of next week, it is envisaged that the other bus route will also see some tweaking for students which will then have these students also arriving after supervision commences.

I applaud the efforts of Northern Rivers Buslines who have looked at a range of options and appreciated the concerns of our school with so many children being delivered at an unsatisfactorily early time. All bus travel students will now be being dropped off at an appropriate time and will not be left unsupervised between getting off the school bus and the school day commencing.

This change, in conjunction with parents no longer delivering students to school before 8:55am, is appreciated and helps maximise student safety whilst on our school site.

**Attendance**

Education in NSW is compulsory for all children aged 6 through to 17 years of age and therefore children need to be enrolled in school or registered for home schooling, in approved education or training (TAFE etc.) or in full-time paid employment. For primary aged students the last two options are not applicable.

Principals are legally responsible for keeping accurate records of student attendance and are responsible for deciding if reasons provided for absences are justified. If the principal decided that the explanation for an absence is not satisfactory, the absence will be recorded as unjustified.

A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- Has to go to a special religious ceremony
- Is required to attend a serious and/or family situation (eg/ a funeral)
- Is too sick to go to school or has an infectious condition.

Section 22 of the Education Act (1990) requires the parents of children of compulsory school age to enrol them at a government school (or registered non-government school or to register them with the Office of the Board of Studies for home schooling). The Act also requires parents to ensure the regular attendance of their children at school.

Section 23 Education Act (1990)

- It is an offence for parents to fail to meet these obligations
- The Department undertakes legal action on behalf of the Minister when parents do not fulfill these obligations.
- Regular attendance: refers to 100% attendance at school: ie for each day the school is open for instruction, except in the case of absences for reasons deemed by the Principal to be justified.
- Erratic attendance: refers to attendance that falls below 100% where absences have not been justified.
- Unjustified absence: refers to absences that remain without satisfactory explanation. Legal reasons for justifying absence include illness, attendance at a family member or close friend’s funeral, and unforeseen events (eg flooding).

Providing a note to explain an absence does not mean the absence will be justified. Absences from school are scrutinised and
from time to time principals may request a medical certificate or other documentation for long or frequent absences explained by parents as being due to illness.

Until next week...

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**Book Packs & Voluntary Contributions**

These are now due. Book Packs are $40 per student and Voluntary Contributions are $20 per student or $40 per family. All those who have paid by Week 6 will go into a draw for 2 adults and 4 children at Wet n Wild on the Gold Coast! The P & C have also just given us a $200 voucher for Ashmore Palms Holiday Village to go with the tickets! An awesome prize!!!

**Life Education**

Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van will be visiting our school tomorrow, Thursday 26 and Friday 27 of February 2015. Cost of the program is $5. Please complete the permission notes sent home last week and return by tomorrow.

**Clean Up Australia Day**

This Friday on the 27 February after recess we will be cleaning up our school and the Woodburn soccer oval. Our local council is providing gloves and bags for us to use.

Chloe, Bonnie, Mikayla & Sam
2015 LEADERS

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**Student Banking**

School Banking is on each Friday morning. If you haven’t opened an account and would like to, please drop into the office.

Lyn Blake
COORDINATOR

**Community Stuff**

**Just Dance & Cheer!**

Home of the Richmond Rumours All Star Cheer Squad! Classes on offer for 2015 start @ just $6 & include...
*All ages JFH (Jazz/Funk/HipHop) in both Woodburn + Coraki
*Mini, Recreational & Competitive All Star Cheer options for all ages
*NEW!!! - Tumbling/Strength Classes for all ages in Woodburn
*NEW TRIAL!!! - Adult Social Stunting + Strength in Woodburn plus our ever popular ‘Yummy Mummy’s Fitness + Dance class.
Please go to www.facebook.com/JustDanceRV or contact 0409822565 for more info.

Tammy Tuck (Studio Director)

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**Woodburn Skatepark Opening**

Sunday, 1 March - 4.00 p.m.
Official opening by Member for Clarence Chris Gulaptis and Mayor of Richmond Valley Council Ernie Bennett
‘Skate Jam’ organised by Nan and Pop Skate Shop
Barbecue (sausages $2.50).
All welcome! Bring skateboards and bikes!

Pam Bellingham
Woodburn Chamber of Commerce

**Asthma & Anaphylaxis Training**

Thursday 12 March Coraki CWA Preschool Cost $80.00 each. Snacks provided.
This training will provide you with a nationally recognised qualification from Macquarie First Aid
The course is great for all those who live and work with children and adults effected by Asthma and Anaphylaxis, helping create an understanding for how you can help someone through an attack.
For more information and to book a place, please call Coraki CWA Preschool on 66832549.

**Evans Head Little Athletics**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

30 March 2015
Evans Head Surf Club
5.30pm
Parents of past and current members and Community people interested in helping out with the 2015/16 Athletics Season, please come along.

**Mixed Martial Arts**

**Freestyle Martial Arts Classes**

Gain confidence, fitness, coordination and concentration within a non-aggressive fun program. Learn kicks, punches, blocks and self defence. Full curriculum to develop students from beginners through to black belts. Family discounts. Children of all ages and adults welcome. **COME AND SEE/JOIN IN FIRST CLASS FREE**. Freestyle classes held Woodburn Memorial Hall Mondays 5:45 pm and Fridays 5:00 pm.

**MMA Fit Classes**

Fun way to improve fitness, core strength and flexibility using training techniques used by martial artists. No martial arts experience required and no need to be a member of Freestyle Martial Arts classes. Beginners welcome. Woodburn Memorial Hall Mondays 6:30 - 7:30 pm - $5 per lesson. Call Mark 0417 456 923 or Katrina. More info mdmixedma.com.au 0408 544

“Did You Know”?  

In 2007, it was estimated that 22 per cent of living Australians had a Convict ancestor.

In 1824, a southern state Governor sent a party of difficult Convicts to found a new settlement in Queensland. These days, southern state children send their difficult parents to Queensland to retire.

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**Baseball 2015**

**JUNIOR Come & Try Day**

**Sunday 1st March**

**10am Albert Park**

**FREE**

Steve Smith, Mark Taylor battle for all Under 12’s S/S & all Under 14’s S/S. All Free. Under 10’s can register.

**CLUB SIGN-ON DAYS**

**LISMORE WORKERS**

3.10.17, 24 & 31 March  
Contact 0414 226 497  
workersbaseball50@gmail.com

**MARIST BROTHERS**

3.10.17, 24 & 31 March  
Contact 0438 417 344  
maristbros.baseball@hotmail.com

**NORTHS BEARS**

4, 11, 18 & 25 March  
Contact 0458 122 445  
northsbaseball@gmail.com

**EASTS REDBIRDS**

5, 12, 19, 26 March  
Contact 0431 021 085  
redbirdsbaseballclub@gmail.com

6 – 19 years at ALBERT PARK, LISMORE  
4.00pm – 5.30pm

**ThemeParks.com.au**

**Ticket Sale**

Village Roadshow Theme Parks is offering our school community a limited time ticket offer. Simply visit ThemeParks.com.au/promocode and enter our promocode “CPC014" to gain access to these ticket offers.

*Terms & conditions apply, offer valid for a limited time.*

**DON’T MISS OUT! HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR**

Evans Head Preschool