This week brings to an end a very busy Term 3 for students and staff of our school. There have been many extra curricula events and activities that have occurred alongside the past 10 weeks of teaching and learning. To all of the students and staff who have been involved in these extra activities I wish to extend the school's thanks and congratulations. Putting yourself out in new and different ways, by going above and beyond what is normally expected, helps show your true potential in ways that are not always available.

The events of note during term 3 which deserve recognition include: Tournament of Minds, Premiers Spelling Bee, Mid Richmond Public Speaking, Multi-Cultural Public Speaking, Lismore Performing Arts Festival and the Debating Competition.

The above events sat outside the many and varied sporting events that have also occurred. We have had students represent our school in soccer, touch football, athletics and hockey, with representatives gaining selection to state level carnivals as well as representing at the national carnival level also.

School is an amazing place for students to have many experiences that take them beyond the four walls of the classroom. To all who have taken these opportunities and experienced more of life I extend congratulations and hope you have truly enjoyed your experiences.

Our Term 3 Merit Assembly will take place tomorrow afternoon commencing at 2:15pm in the school hall. Parents and community members are invited to share in this end of
term celebration of student’s efforts toward school over the past 10 weeks. I understand that a very special ‘guest performance’ has been organised to help end our school term in style. This really will be a treat for those who are yet to enjoy this experience!

Happy Holidays
So after what has been a very busy term students and staff are set for a two week break from the daily routines of school. For those who are getting away I hope you have safe travels, while for those who are enjoying some time at home I trust you find the chance to put your feet up and relax as we all know Term 4 remains just as busy as we start bringing the current school year to an end. Students and staff all return to school on Tuesday 6 October following the public holiday.

Until next week...

Regional Premiers Spelling Bee
Congratulations to Zachary Gillett, Bonnie Smith and Chloe Trustum on their representation at the regional premiers spelling bee on Tuesday. It proved to be a very tough competition although all 3 displayed high levels of participation and enjoyed the experience.

Rebecca Mander

SRC School Disco
Thank you to all who came along and supported the SRC disco last Thursday evening. Everyone looked great in their costumes and a lot of fun was had! We raised $450. Thank you to the fundraising committee and the teachers who helped out on the night.

Rebecca Mander

Swimming for Term 4 2015
School Swimming Scheme will be held from November 16 through to November 27. 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.

For weekly swimming to take place we will need parent helpers for swimming on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Adult to student ratio must be kept at all times. 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 - TBA.

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

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

Community Stuff

Woodburn Riverside Festival 2015
Saturday, 10 October (the first Saturday after the school holidays) A full day of entertainment and activity for all ages!

Raft / inflatable race. Build a raft, or you can use any sort of inflatable (e.g. pool toy), as long as it is not a boat and not motor-powered. Lots of prizes - first group to finish, best raft, most amusing inflatable, etc.

Biathlon. Swim across the river, run back across the bridge. Two age groups - under 16, 16 and over. Prizes for each age group - $100 first, $50 second.

Fancy dress parade - ages 6 and under. Any theme. This will be judged right after the ‘Opening Ceremony’ at 10 a.m., so come ‘dressed to impress’!

And also - Markets, Water-skiing, Demonstrations, Outrigger canoes, Barbecue, Face painting, Amusement rides, Art exhibition by Woodburn schools. Live band in the evening, Fireworks ...and more.

For more information contact Pam Bellingham - 0414 953 879 or Glenn Crawford - 6682 2032.

The Evans Head Hammerheads Cricket Club is looking for enthusiastic junior players for the up and coming 2015/16 cricket season. The age groups competing in the Lismore District Cricket Association are 12, 13, 15 and 17 years. The 12 and 13 years age group can be combined.

If you are interested in playing or have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact Paddy Wilde on 0468827697.

The Richmond Valley Swim Club will be trialling a new pilot program this year through Swimming NSW. The program will enable all children aged 7 and under to be able to come to swimming club and swim for free. All costs involved with joining our club have been waived. We would love to encourage as many young swimmers from our area to come and try swimming club to increase their water awareness and skills.

We will be offering kickboard races, fin races and 25m races for all young children with older swimmers able to be in a lane beside them to offer them support and assistance. Phone Evans Head Aquatic Centre 66 825 885 or Bec Yourell on 0452 212 432 or email rvsceh@hotmail.com

It’s Tax Time Again!
The Tax Help Program provides a trained volunteer who will do your simple tax return for you FOR FREE. All returns will be done via MyGov and MyTax. Tax Help will be offered out of the Mid Richmond Neighbourhood Centre. Please phone 02 6682 4334 to book your appointment.

Canteen Roster

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Evans Head Little Athletics
The club offers a range of field and track events to participate in and is open to children from the age of 4-17.
Sign on days Monday 14 September and Monday 5 October
4:30pm - 5:15pm at the Evans Head school oval
Start date: 12 October
Monday’s @ 4:30 Evans Head school oval
Online registration also available: www.lansw.com.au

Water Lab Wednesday
September 23 and 30
School Holiday water science experiments, investigations and games.
Find old favourites and new water challenges. Search for hidden water deep underground; sip water with a mega straw; make water play tricks on your eyes and brain and solve a giant jigsaw mystery!
Suitable for 5 to 12 year olds.
Dorroughby Environmental Education Centre - 2101 Dunoon Road, Dorroughby
10am to 3pm, last entry 2pm
No bookings needed.
Details: www.watersciencelab.com.au

Mid Richmond Public Speaking

Congratulations Boy’s Well Done!
Today Jack Torrance, Sam and Charlie Ticknor represented the school at the Mid Richmond Public Speaking Competition. The boys all did a great job with Sam and Charlie taking out their divisions.
Jack Torrance gave a commendable effort.

Sam was excited about his win, and said it gives him more confidence now. My speech was about “Should people be paid to be awesome.” I say definitely because people enjoy watching sportsmen and actors. Charlie’s topic was “Is it really that great being a kid.” Charlie said “Yes because you still have hair and you don’t have to pay for food or take care of your home.”

Congratulations to all three boys. Sam and Charlie now go onto the finals at Lismore City Hall next term.
SPRING HOLIDAY CAMPS
DON’T MISS OUT

New friendships  Fun
Great value  Safe

Our popular Spring Kids’ and Family Holiday Camps are filling fast. Find out what’s on including our popular Cooking 4 Kids, Adventurer Kids’ Club and Duke of Edinburgh camps plus lots more. Led by qualified instructors, you can rest easy knowing your kids are in safe hands. Our Kids’ Camps are suitable for kids aged 7 and over and range from 1 to 5 days.

Residential Kids’ Camps include:
- 24 hour supervision
- Instructor led activities
- Accommodation
- Meals
- Supervised transport

Family Camps include:
- Instructor led activities
- Meals
- Accommodation
- Use of all facilities i.e. BBQ area, pool, tennis courts etc.

Residential Kids’ Camps:
- RIPA’s: Zoe Cowan, Toby Dicinoski, Ben Fletcher
- KJ: Jyah Wimbus, Kiara Ryan, Amelia Staader, Tom Cooper
- 1/2J: Hunter Sykes, Sarah Cormack, Narrissa Hicks, Shakyia Gambrill
- 2/3W: Shari-anne Anderson, Isabelle Hayes, Taj Wylie, Gabriel Cain-Roberts
- 3/4/5B: Hayden Stewart, Deklan Allen, Ashley Gorman, Kobi Anderson
- 5/6M: Damien Rojcevic, Chloe Trustum, Jack Patterson, Judd Piggott, Bonnie Smith

Values Certificates:
- Bailey Williams, Lachlan Hayward, Charlie Ticknor, Cathariena Harrison
- Corey Svoboda, Nat Dunne, Riley Stothard, Angus Davis
- Dana Spicer, Zoe Cowan, Scarlett Horder, Cooper Cameron
- Oscar Healey, Waylon Caldwell, Harry Healey

Book Awards:
- Xyz Smithhicks, Chase McKenzie
- Shameeka Byrne, Charlie Ticknor, Chloe Trustum

Learning Made Fun!

Explore Pet Town, try the activities and learn rewards along the way. Pet Town is a fun and engaging learning tool to assist kindergarten and primary school children in responsible pet ownership and dog safety.

Our Stars
WHAT’S ON AT BALLINA FAIR
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Week 1  Decorate a Donut with Donut King & I Luv Lollies

Dates: Wednesday 23rd September till Saturday 26th September
Time: 10am-2pm
Where: Located near Donut King
Cost: Gold Coin donation per activity with all proceeds to Heart Kids

Week 2: Hands on Sand Wizard fun!

Dates: Monday 28th September till Friday 3rd October
Time: 10am till 2pm each day
Where: Outside Target
Cost: Free – just join up to the Ballina Fair Schoolies Kids Club!

Limit to one free activity per child per day, laminating $2