**TERM 4**

**Week 2**
- Frid 18: K-6 Assembly BBQ

**Week 3**
- Wed 23: Kinder Orientation 1 Canteen Concert Night
- Frid 25: Hot Dog

**Week 4**
- Mon 28: Yr 3-6 Brisbane Excursion
- Frid 1 Nov: BBQ
- Sat 2: BBQ Fundraiser IGA Evans Head

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**K-6 ASSEMBLY**

Tomorrow our Grandparents Day assembly will be held in the library commencing at 9am. We would love to see the nans and pops in our families join us for our assembly and enjoy a few short items as well as our merit awards presentation.

Grandparent’s Week is celebrated each year in October. The day recognises the significant contribution that grandparents make to their families and communities. A small morning tea will be provided for our audience members after the assembly.

All students at this week’s assembly will go into the draw for some free tickets to Wet n Wild on the Gold Coast. These are promotional tickets provided to our school for advertising the theme park in our newsletter.

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**PUBLIC SPEAKING - COMPETITION FINAL**

We wish Sophie and Zane all the best for their final speeches tomorrow in the Community of Schools competition in Lismore. Zane will be presenting his speech titled “Laughter is the Best Medicine” in the Junior section of the competition and Sophie will be presenting her speech on “Why Goals are Good for You” in the Senior section. Good luck kids!

A few selected students will be travelling with Mr Curtin to the event to provide some extra moral support for our speakers.

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**RAFFLE**

RAFFLE MONEY AND ALL TICKETS SOLD OR UNSOLD NEED TO BE RETURNED BY THIS FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER

Kalei Walker - 23 October

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**CIRCUS CONCERT**

Our circus concert is less than a week away now with next Wednesday locked into our calendars. Parents are reminded that we need them to support our preparations by ensuring that we have all students at school each day leading up to the night. The concert will commence at 7pm sharp so we would like everyone to arrive around 6:30 with their
costumes ready to get changed. A cuppa will be available for parents while we get the entertainers prepared. Practices are happening every day to ensure we have our performers ready for the big show. We will be walking to the Broadwater Hall on a number of occasions over the next week for these practices. A final dress rehearsal will be held next Tuesday at the hall before the Concert on Wednesday night.

**KINDergarten ORIENTATION**

We have had a number of enquiries from families in our area about enrolling their child at our school next year. We have also had some very positive feedback about our school from these new families when they came to visit. At this point in time the Kindergarten enrolments are likely to be 9 or 10 which I believe might be a record for our small school. We look forward to seeing all our bright new faces next week.

**Wednesday 23 October: 9:00 am - 11:30 am**

A Parent Information session will be held during this time and include guest speakers who will speak about their role in your child’s schooling. The session will last for most of the morning so parents are invited to remain behind and join us for some morning tea.

We would like our new Kinder students to bring along their Crunch and Sip (fruit/vege break + water) and since they will be staying for recess they are asked to bring along their morning tea. Our canteen is open on Wednesdays so parents may like to place a recess order for their child. Just see the mums in the canteen in the morning.

**Thursday 14 Nov 11:30 am – 2:50 pm**

Students will be joining us for the middle and afternoon sessions and are asked to bring along their lunch for the day. Parents can collect their children when school finishes at 2:50pm.

**Wednesday 4 Dec 9:00 am - 2:50 pm**

Hopefully our new students are now ready for a whole day at ‘big school’. Once again this is our canteen day and our new students may like to order their recess and/or lunch from the canteen. A canteen menu is provided with the Kinder Orientation pack. Please complete the order on a brown paper bag and enclose the correct money. Of course students may just like to bring along their own food and drink for the day.

**NAPLAN**

The NAPLAN results have now been distributed to those families who have a child in Year 3 and 5. There were some excellent results in a number of the assessment areas, although the writing strand was a little down on previous years. Any parent who would like to discuss their child’s results or the assessment tasks completed by students are asked to give the office a call and arrange a meeting with Mr Curtin.

**BRISBANE EXCURSION NEWS**

Thank you to those parents who have finalised their excursion payments. Any outstanding monies need to be paid by tomorrow. Please contact the school if you are unable to make your final payment. A note regarding swimming activities and some other points of interest has been sent home this week. Parents are asked to return this note and the medical information note to school as early as possible.

A reminder that the invoice sent home at the end of Term 3 should be reduced by $25 per child to account for the disco subsidy held earlier in the year. Once the raffle has been drawn, refunds will be provided to those excursion families who sold tickets.

**P&C MEETING**

There were many topics up for discussion at our P&C meeting on Monday afternoon. Thanks again to our small band of parents who come along and support our students by organising many activities for our school. Please be mindful that these parents are also working parents and give up a great deal of time to support fundraising activities in our school. It would be very much appreciated if all parents could put up their hands to help out on different occasions when assistance is required. The P&C will be organising another special menu day in the canteen in Week 8. The special meal on this day will be tacos. Keep an eye out for more information as the
date gets closer. A fundraising barbeque will be held at the IGA in Evans Head on Saturday 2 November. Please consider helping out by volunteering your time or support for some part of this activity.

YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Next Friday Year 6 students who are moving to Evans River Community School in 2014 have the opportunity to attend a full day of activities at their new school. This day is designed to help students with the transition process to secondary school. Students attending will be involved in Science and TAS, Sport activities and after lunch they will join the assembly. They will catch the bus home from Evans at 3.30pm. Please complete the separate permission note and return to school by early next week.

DREAMWORLD EXCURSION

The idea of a whole school excursion to Dreamworld has been raised at our P&C meeting. This activity has been a part of the school’s excursion planning over a number of years, although in the last few years it hasn’t happened every year. We would like to gain some feedback from our school community about the prospect of having this end of year excursion again this year.

At this point in time it would most likely be held in Week 10 and the cost, after some subsidies, would be approximately $45. This is the total cost for the excursion including bus costs so if families had special passes to the theme park their costs would be reduced. Parent’s seats would also be available on the bus. If the activity is to be feasible we need to have a large majority of students attend. There is no scope to have students remain at school, as all staff would need to accompany the excursion.

To ensure we can secure a booking at the venue we would like parents to respond to the Dreamworld note in this newsletter and return it by next Monday. Notes not returned will be counted as a no vote. Please do not send any money at this point in time.

JESSICA FOX

Our senior class were excited to be involved in a video conference at school yesterday which featured Australian Olympic medal winner Jessica Fox. Jessica won a silver medal for her place in the Canoe Slalom event at the 2012 London Olympics. The video conference was organised as part of our participation in the Premiers Sporting Challenge.

Each year we have the opportunity to have a personalised visit from a sports representative as part of the sports ambassador program. Unfortunately due to her busy schedule Jessica wasn’t able to visit all the rural schools on her list this year. Students did some internet research on Jessica prior to the VC and were able to ask her some questions after her talk. The students were very impressed with Jessica’s story.

P&C BBQ

The P&C are asking for parent volunteers for their upcoming barbeque on 2 November at the Evans Head IGA. This is the last fundraiser for the year and hopefully we can get enough helpers to organise and run the stall. Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter and return to school asap. The barbeque is only two weeks away!

CANTEEN ROSTER

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If you cannot make it on your rostered day it is up to you to find a replacement.
**Lunchbox snack foods**

Children need to eat a range of different foods to provide nutrients to meet growth and energy needs. Snacks need to be everyday foods rather than sometimes foods.

**Everyday Snacks**
- fruit loaf
- plain popcorn
- plain or fruit yoghurt
- cheese and crackers
- fresh fruit or canned fruit
- dried fruit and cheese cubes
- wholemeal biscuits or crackers
- vegetable sticks and dip or salsa
- corn or rice cakes with or without spreads
- celery, cherry tomatoes and carrot sticks

**Sometimes Snacks**
- muesli bars and dried fruit bars
- potato crisps / chips and corn chips
- lollies and confectionary
- chocolate
- cordial
- soft drink

Confectionary and lollies are very high in sugar, provide extra kilojoules and cause tooth decay. They are not recommended for lunch boxes. Keep these foods for special occasions only.

**BBQ Helper**

I would love to help out at the BBQ on Saturday 2 November. My preferred time is:
- 8am – 10am
- 10am – 12noon
- 12 noon – 2:00pm

Name: ________________________________
Contact No: __________________________

**GOOD DEED AWARDS**

Millie          Amali
Mikayla H       Mikayla P

**DREAMWORLD EXCURSION**

Our school is gauging the interest of our families for a trip to Dreamworld towards the end of this term. Please complete the following form and return to school by next MONDAY. We need all forms returned regardless of whether you support the proposal or not. Parents who support the excursion must be willing to pay the associated costs for the bus and entry fee.

Child’s Name: ________________________________

Please circle one option only.
- I support the idea of an excursion to Dreamworld.
- I do not support the idea of an excursion to Dreamworld.

Comments: ........................................................................................................................................................
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Signed: ...................................................................             Date: ................................