Term 1

Week 2
Frid 6  School Assembly
       Hot Dogs

Week 3
Tues 10 Feb  Student Banking
           Class Meetings
Frid 13  Ballina District Swimming
           BBQ

Week 4
Tues 17 Feb  Student Banking
           P & C AGM
Thurs 19  Family Get Together
Frid 20  Hot Dogs

Special Assembly
Tomorrow’s special assembly will include the induction of our School Captains and SRC members and the presentation of class merit awards. The assembly will commence at 9am and all parents, carers and family members are welcome to join us. We are fortunate that Mr John Lynch, Director of Schools NSW has been able to make time in his busy schedule to be a part of our special presentation.
A short morning tea will follow the assembly for our parents, guests and student representatives.

District Swimming
Congratulations to all students who participated in our small schools swimming carnival on Tuesday. It was extremely heartening to see students giving their very best regardless of their ability level. The following 10 students have been selected to attend the Ballina District Swimming Carnival at Ballina Pool next Friday.

  Millie Ward          Ashlee Patterson
  Emily Webster       Zanthi Gaiter
  Ebony Barnett       Myles McLennan
  Maddie Waddell      Zane Gaiter
  Bailee Fullarton    Zac Walden

These students have received a separate permission note and information sheet for the trials and parents are reminded that they need to organise their own child’s transport. Permission notes and the $5 levy need to be returned to the school office by Tuesday if your child is attending. We wish our swimming representatives all the best at the next level of competition.

Bookpacks
Materials for our 2015 book packs have arrived from our suppliers. The book pack includes text books, work books, folders, some stationery, a
photocopying charge and home reading materials. The cost of the book packs for 2015 is as follows:
K-2 Bookpack - $50
3-6 Bookpack - $50 (+$12 for USB (8 GB) + lanyard)
Students in 3-6 are required to purchase an 8GB USB Drive and lanyard to use at school and also for work at home. Parents may like to source their own USB and lanyard from other suppliers or pay the price above. If students still have their USB from last year they will not need to purchase another one.

We will again encourage early payment of book packs by offering all students the chance to go in the draw for family tickets to Sea World (2 adult and 2 children). Payment must be made by the end of Week 4 (20 February) to be in the draw for these tickets.

Parents who are experiencing financial difficulty are asked to contact Kathy in the school office as there are some funds available in our Student Assistance Funds to support families in need.

School Voluntary Contributions
Each year, in addition to book pack monies, we ask our school community for a voluntary school contribution. The amount for these contributions is not set by the school but instead by the DEC. For 2015 the contribution is $20 per child or $40 per family.
Monies raised through these contributions are used to purchase additional resources for our students to use in their classrooms and also support programs operating within the school. This voluntary contribution can be sent to the office in an envelope marked “School Voluntary Contribution”.

Dental Visits
Last year it was proposed by the P&C that we gauge the interest of our school community for a visit by the “Grow up Smiling Dental” van to our school. The van has been scheduled to visit our school on 3-4 March from 1:30-4:30.
If follow-up visits are required by some students they will take place on the 24-25 March during the same hours. Each family will receive an information pack today regarding the details of this initiative and if interested are asked to return the enclosed forms by February 20. Further information can be obtained by calling Alstonville Family Dental on 66 288556.

Class Meetings
Next Tuesday teachers will be holding an information session for parents. The purpose of this session is for parents to find out information about class routines, class requirements, upcoming events and happenings in your child’s classroom.
Mrs Williams will commence her meeting at 3:00pm followed by Mr Curtin at 3:45pm.
It is understood that not all parents will be able to make this meeting due to work commitments. Parents who are unable to attend will still receive their class newsletter the following day. It’s important for parents to make contact with their child’s class teacher to establish lines of communication, particularly if your child has a new teacher.

Canteen
Thanks to the mums and dads who have returned the Canteen helper note. If you have not yet returned the note it’s not too late to do so. Hannah is looking forward to as much help as she can get from anyone in our school community who has some spare time to cook at home or help out on canteen day.

Family Get Together @ Evans Pool
Each year our P&C Committee organises a get together for all our school community at the Evans Head Aquatic Centre. This year the afternoon is planned for Thursday 19 February commencing at 4:30pm. This is a great way to welcome our new families to our school and also enable our parents to catch up early in the year. The P&C will be organising a free sausage sizzle and would love to see everyone there.
It was a fantastic afternoon last year with many families coming along! A reduced entry cost of $3 per person is payable by all non-pool members. To help with catering please return the slip at the end of the newsletter indicating numbers attending from your family. These need to be returned by Monday 16 February.
Newsletter by Email
Parents are asked to consider the possibility of receiving our school newsletter by email. We are able to send you a copy by email in an attractive PDF colour format. Please complete the form at the end of this newsletter if you would like to receive an electronic copy. As parents would understand a reduction in printed copies is a saving for our school in paper and photocopying costs.
All parents are asked to complete the form at the end of the newsletter to indicate their preference. (paper copy or email). Please return to school by next Wednesday. Only those families who return their preference sheets will receive their newsletter next week.

P&C News
Parents and friends are reminded that our first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday week. Please see the small poster (opposite) for all the details.

Small Schools Swimming Carnival

GOOD DEED AWARDS
Bailee
Ashlee
Zane
Emily

BROADWATER PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C
Next meeting: Tuesday 17th Feb @ 4:30pm - School Library
This will be our AGM,
We welcome new & existing members,
All executive positions will up for grabs, so if you’ve ever considered joining your school P&C now is the time,
Positions available:
President - Vice President
Treasurer - Secretary
Canteen manager - fundraising coordinator
Committee members
We need your help!
Membership is $2 per year,
(Please bring to meeting)
We are searching for parents who are interested in donating some time and ideas for raising funds for our school during the year.
Over the last year P&C have been responsible for hosting many successful events, This provides our School with extra funds to purchase classroom resources, offset excursion costs, Participate in outside events, Purchase new equipment.
Without our small team of P&C members this would not be possible,
Please show your support,
join us in raising funds for your child’s School,
Topics up for discussion;
*Fete -2015
*Bunnings BBQ
*Community market day
*P&C wish list
*P&C newsletter
*Fundraising calendar for 2015
Hope to see you there!

Beating Picky Eating
Children with strong food preferences who limit their intake of the needed variety of foods can be a challenge. Some of the following ideas may be helpful:
* Remember: Parents choose “which” foods, children decide “how much”
* Create a positive environment at the table, make meal times pleasant
* Be a good role model
* Stick to a routine
* Provide the same meals for the whole family
* Take children shopping, involve them in planning and preparation
Help Wanted for Canteen

For the Canteen to operate efficiently parent help is required. The Canteen currently operates on Wednesdays.

I am available / not available to help with Canteen. My preferred day (s) is:

Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday

Please circle and return to the school office if you are able to assist with canteen and / or cooking and / or supply from the following for the remainder of the year.

Name: ........................................................................         Phone No: ................................................

I can cook / supply

☐ Cake x 2      ☐ Pikelets x 30      ☐ Ingredients (flour, marg, eggs, sugar, milk, packet mix)

Newsletter Preference

I would like to receive my School Newsletter by:

☐ email      ☐ paper copy      (please tick one option)

Family Name: ___________________________

Email address: __________________________ (if required)

(Please Return before next Thursday)

Family Get Together - Evans Pool BBQ

We (Family Name) ................................................ will be attending / not attending the Evans Head Pool BBQ on Thursday 19 February.

Number of family members attending: Adults .............   Children ............

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

(Please return by Monday 16 February)