17 October 2014

DAMES TO REMEMBER:

20 October
PUPIL FREE DAY
Students do not attend
Rookies2Reds program, after school, WILL be on.

28 October
Parade Recognition of Teachers Service to teaching

31 October
World Teachers’ Day

21-22 November:
Christmas Craft and Gift Fair

26 November
2015 PREP Information session for parents.

2 & 3 December:
Both Yr 7 & Yr 8 - Transition days at ESHS for students attending ESHS in 2015
PREP transition sessions

9 December
Parade – thanking our Volunteers.

10 December:
ESS Arts Showcase – Town Hall
Year 6 & 7 Farewell Evening

11 December
Report Cards and classes for 2015 distributed

12 December
Awards Presentation
(8.45am)

Last Day of school 2014

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Welcome back and I hope everyone had a relaxing and restful break. This term we welcome back Mrs Elizabeth Baumgartner and congratulate her on the birth of her baby girl. Elizabeth will be replacing Mrs Ferguson for the term while she is on long service leave. Elizabeth is working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Due to the drop in The Arts time this time the Year 6 and 7 teachers are teaching The Arts to their classes, not Elizabeth.

We also welcome back Mrs Hidler and remind students that their Instrumental Music lessons are on Tuesday.

For those who are not aware, our chappy, Mr Grierson was extremely ill towards the end of last term and will be not with us until sometime in November depending on medical advice. We wish him a speedy recovery.

This term, of course, is going to be very busy and already we have had 2 authors visit the school and work with some of the classes that are doing the narrative genre as their focus this term. Thank you to Sherryle for organising this as the timelines were extremely short.

There are many events on this term so I ask you put the following dates into your diary

Tuesday 28 October – Parade Recognition of Teachers Service to teaching
Friday 31 October – World Teachers Day
Friday 21 and Saturday 22 November – P and C 25th Craft Fair
Tuesday 25 November – Parade Commissioning of our Chaplain – Michelle Neville
Wednesday 26 November – PREP Information session for our PREP parents for 2015

Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 December – Yr 6/7 transition days to Emerald State High School and our PREP transition sessions
Tuesday 9 December – Parade thanking our many volunteers
Wednesday 10 December – End of Year Concert (9am)
- Yr 6/7 Farewell (6:30pm)

Thursday 11 December – Report cards and classes for 2015 distributed
Friday 12 December – Awards Presentation (8:45am)

2015
I know that the end of the year seems a long way away but to assist us with planning for staff for 2015 would you notify the office if your children will not be returning to Emerald State School in 2015. Also, if you want certain things considered by us when we place your child in a class in 2015, please complete the attached form (at the end of this newsletter) and return to the school office by Monday 3rd November 2014. This is greatly appreciated.

Great state. Great opportunity.
World Teachers' Day 2014

World Teachers' Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young Queenslanders. World Teachers' Day is celebrated in more than 100 countries worldwide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society. World Teachers' Day is held internationally on 5 October. As the day usually falls during school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year. The day is a wonderful opportunity to draw public attention to the important role of teachers in our local communities. This year, we will celebrate World Teacher's day in Queensland on Friday 31 October. The department also recognises the outstanding work of its teachers through the Teacher Career Milestones program, presented each year on World Teachers’ Day and will be presented on our parade on Tuesday 20th October.

Swimming Year 1
This term, as has happened in previous years, year 1 will be doing a block of 6 swimming lessons. The P & C has donated funds to assist with the cost of the swimming program which we thank them for as transport, pool entry and staffing increase the costs very quickly. A letter outlining the costs and dates, and asking for helpers will be going home very shortly but I have listed the dates for your diary below. The lessons will be in the last session on Monday and Thursday except for Monday 24 November due to another booking. Students will be back at school in time to catch buses. Lessons will be on the following dates: Thursday 20 Nov, Thursday 27 Nov, Mon 1 Dec, Thurs 4 Dec, Mon 8 Dec and Thurs 11 Dec.

Student Leadership Roles 2015
The Year 5 teachers have begun to have discussions with the students about whether they wish to nominate for a student leadership role in 2015. Next week information will be discussed with the Year 5 students and information will go home to them and their parents about the selection process and timelines. The leaders for 2015 will be announced at the Awards Presentation on Friday 12 December.

Q Schools App
We encourage all parents to download the “QSchools mobile app” (which is a free download via the Apple iTunes Store, Google Play and Windows Stores) as we will start using this to send out reminders and messages to our parent community. Our timelines are to get people onto the app in term 4 and in 2015 we will use it as a regular communication tool for our school. Please read the flyer attached to this newsletter. (If you receive your newsletter via email, the flyer will be sent in a separate email, due to the size of the document).

Discipline Audit
In the last few weeks of Term 3 our school went through the process of a Discipline Audit. The 8 page executive summary and the commendations and recommendations are up on our school website. This process informs our decision making as to where we need to go in the next 3 years around the eight domains of the audit. In the next couple of weeks, the Behaviour Committee with me will be prioritising what we need to do and when. Thank you to the parents and students who spoke with the auditor.

Rhonda Jones

CLEANERS’ CUP

Week 1 – Mrs Sexton & Year 7

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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FROM THE OFFICE

FOUND — One gold earring – ‘huggie’ style. Please check at the office if this belongs to you – it does look to be of good quality.
TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop will remain CLOSED on Mondays again for Term 4.

Tuesday 21 October – M Clothier
Wednesday 22 October – M Prewitt
Thursday 23 October – A Corkill
Friday 24 October – S Stokes, T Peters

Tuesday 28 October – R Shields
Wednesday 29 October – S Minhinnick
Thursday 30 October – K Matheson
Friday 31 October – J Lee, W Nicol

CLASSROOM NEWS

PREP NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4! We can’t believe we are in the last term of Prep. It is going to be a busy term with lots of things happening.

In writing this term, we are learning to write a letter. We have a burger format that we are following and we know exactly what we need to include. We need to have a date, salutation, greeting, body, sign off and illustration. Everyone is having a go at using the sounds we have learnt in their writing which is fantastic.

In reading, we are looking at fairy tales. This fortnight, we have been looking at Goldilocks and the three bears. We are learning to visualise when we read and create a picture in our head. We have also been increasing our vocabulary by learning about the words ‘angry’ and ‘mend’.

In Maths, we have been exploring numbers 1-20. We have been matching numerals, number names and pictures. We have been learning counting strategies to use when numbers are bigger and we can’t count easily. Everyone is putting in lots of effort to form their numbers correctly!

We like to move it, move it! In science we are learning about movement and the way our body and objects can move. We are exploring terms such as bouncing, vibrating and shaking.

Just a reminder that library is still on Thursdays. Everyone that remembers to return their book earns a Dojo Point!

Computer lab has swapped this term with Prep A going from 9-10am and Prep B going from 10-11am every Friday.

Literacy groups are still happening every morning so if you wish to help please see your classroom teacher to find out what time is best 😊

Have a great fortnight,
Louise and Krystal

YEAR ONE NEWS

It has been a busy start to Term 4 in Year 1! We have been learning about procedures in English. We have learnt about the 3 parts of a procedure; the title, what you need and what you do. We have written some great procedures about how to wash a car, how to make a dough cat and mouse. As a part of our English assessment task we will be turning our procedures into a PowerPoint presentation. We are currently learning how to do this during our computer lab time. If you have PowerPoint on your computer at home, you might like to let your child experiment with what they have been doing.

In Maths, we have been practising reading number stories and identifying if we need to use addition or subtraction to solve them. We are also getting very good at skip counting in 2s, 5s, 10s and backwards from 100. We would love to show you how we can do this and get some extra practice at home.

As part of our literacy program, we will be starting reading groups with a focus on comprehension. For this to run successfully we require parent help. These groups will be run on Thursday mornings between 9 and 9.30 and will involve both classes. If you are interested in helping please come and see Mrs Sparke or Miss Maddox. If you do wish to help, we ask that, if for some reason you are unable to make it, you let us know ASAP.

Craft Fair is getting closer and this year we are making snow globes. If you have any jars that you wish to donate please bring them into the Year 1 classrooms. This would be greatly appreciated.

Have a great fortnight!
Jillian Maddox and Tiffany Sparke
YEAR TWO NEWS

2A and 2B have started the new term very well and are working hard on our new units. In English, our assessment task will be to add an event to the narrative ‘Spirit of Hope.’ We are learning about characterisation, setting, theme and plot to make sure our new event matches the narrative.

During maths lessons we are learning graphs and data collection, chance and data (dice, spinner outcomes). We are using words like possible, impossible, likely, unlikely, most popular and least popular. To support this learning look at simple graphs and ask questions about the information supplied in the graph. Roll and dice and predict outcomes. We are also working with numbers, missing numbers and missing + and – signs. We are learning strategies to use to solve number problems.

‘Save Planet Earth’ is our new Science unit. We are learning about the Earth’s resources such as air, water, plants and soil. At the end of the unit the students will choose one resource and answer questions related to that resource. To support this learning, ask your child to tell you about the resources Earth has. Ask and answer questions.

This term we focus on Geography as we studied History last term. In Geography we will be learning about our connections to places and people. Students will imagine a pen friend from another country and ask and answer questions relating to the pen friend’s country and their own. 2A will be looking at Tanzania, Thursday Island and Japan and 2B will be looking at two different areas in China.

2A students may be coming home talking about being a ‘switched on learner.’ A switched on learner is one who is participating throughout the day and taking an active part in their own learning. A switched on learner will then take on responsibilities in the classroom the following day.

See you next week. ☺
Mrs Harcourt, Mrs Marsh and Miss Tate.

YEAR THREE NEWS

This week we have welcomed new students Mollie and Liarni to 3A.

English

Do you know what a chunk of text is called in a poem? It’s a stanza not a paragraph!
This week we commenced learning about a new genre – poetry. We have been learning about TREAT (Topic, reason, audience and text type). The author’s purpose with poetry is to entertain, however, we discovered that through the careful selection of words, an author could create and change the mood. We also found that not all poems rhyme and they have different rhythms. The author of a poem is also called a poet. Poems have great imagery – that’s where the audience gets to visualise the poet’s ideas, like a series of photographs in your mind.
Our focus for comprehension is on figurative language. What is it? What does it mean in that context?

Maths

We are getting faster and more accurate with the recall of our multiplication facts. So far we have been focussing on x2, x3, x4, x5, x9 and x10.
In our lessons we have been learning how to multiply a single digit by a two-digit number. From this we have been completing fact triangles and fact families.
We have also been reviewing fractions including \(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}\) and \(\frac{1}{8}\).

Science

Our final unit is ‘Learning About Matter’. There are three types of matter; solids, liquids and gases. We are focussing on solids and liquids.
This fortnight we have been discovering reasons/explanations for:-
- What makes a solid, a solid?
- What makes a liquid, a liquid?
- What is viscosity?
- Is sand a solid or liquid?

Miss Jensen and Miss Lucas

YEAR FOUR NEWS

We have come back after holidays to a very busy term and have started our new units for all subjects.
In English, we are learning to write persuasive texts and analyse the elements of effective advertisements.
In Maths, we have learned about calculating area, perimeter and multiplying and dividing by units of ten. Next week we will assess these areas.
In Science, we have started to look into the properties of materials and how they are useful.
We have also started our second Geography unit for the year and we are investigating sustainability and the 3 Rs: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. Children will
investigate an area of waste management and develop a strategy to improve sustainability.

Regards
Kim Cahill and Michelle Peters

YEAR FIVE NEWS

Hello from Mr Wieden, Mrs Cuskelly, Ms Grant and the Year Fives.
We are really enjoying our final term of Year Five and are very hard at work in all of our subject areas. Mrs Cuskelly is happy to be back from her travels and came with gifts and lots of photos and stories! We’ve also welcomed Ms Zoe White to our cohort for the next three weeks on her teaching prac. During our Health classes, she has started teaching us about the importance of good nutrition and we’ll be examining our own diets for the good, the bad and the ugly!

Please note that the parent note which went home last Friday about our excursion to see “Cats” at the town hall unfortunately had the wrong date on it – the correct date is **Friday, 31st October**, so please note this on your calendars. Students need to bring the **$5 admission fee for this on the day**. This stage show is an important part of our English work for the term.

We have started work on our Technology Projects on Wednesday afternoons, and students will have time each week on this day in class time. Please note that this probably won’t be enough time to complete it properly so most students will need to devote homework time to it as well! Projects and Design Folios are due in on **Friday, November 14th**. It is wonderful if parents can assist by reminding students not to leave this until the last minute, and helping with planning how and when the project will be completed.

We’ll be moving onto making our contributions for the school craft stall at the **Christmas Craft Fair**. This year we will be making Christmas Advent Calendars, and for this we would love any donations of **small, wrapped candy canes and thin (eg 3-6mm) ribbon in Christmassy colours**. These can start to come in any time from now!

YEAR SEVEN NEWS

**English**
Students have looked at mystery and science fiction narratives, devised plans, and written a story within each genre. We have focussed on adding information about characters through saying processes, verb groups and interrupting clauses.

**Public Speaking**
Students have been engaged in a variety of activities to develop their confidence when speaking in front of the class. They have also been learning how to mark up a text to create an interesting oral presentation.

**Maths**
Students have been gathering and representing data with dot plots and stem and leaf graphs. They have been calculating the mean, median, mode and range and justifying the best average for different sets of data.

**Science**
Students have been revising concepts about the Earth, sun and moon and completed their assessment.

**History**
We have completed learning about St Helena Island and students have prepared their notes for their history assessment.

**Art**
Students are looking at drawing portraits. Last week we assessed our beginning drawing skills then we looked at how drawing faces in proportion improves our drawing. We have also looked at how to draw eyes and noses.

Sonya Sexton

**LIBRARY NEWS**

During the holidays I attended the inaugural International Library Symposium at the Gold Coast. This was a cerebrally enriching conference with fascinating and diverse speakers – authors, architects, art aficionados (including Professor Germaine Greer), psychologists, journalists, brain experts, university lecturers, teachers and librarians. I was fortunate to win a prize of a green dog looking thing! Any writers or graphic artists can submit a 100 word or less text or graphic of who, what, where, when, how and why this ‘green doggy thing’ came to be. The most creative entry wins. Entries due by 31 October at the library. No boring bits and a sizzling start are essential. Get your creative brains going – it can be a family entry.

On Tuesday 14th October some of our classes were able to participate in presentations by Scotty Wings and Wai Chim. These authors expressed their passion for their craft through their presentations. They both worked with their groups to perform poetry (Scotty) and read from her book (Wai – pronounced Way) and show how a ‘found poem’ or story outline can be quickly and easily composed. Many thanks to the Brisbane Writers Festival and the Read Around Gladstone program for allowing us free access to these talented authors. Feedback from students and teachers that I’ve received is that it was really worthwhile.
The latest issue of the CBCA Family and Student newsletter can be accessed from this link [link] It is full of fascinating stories, reviews and background information. Featured in this issue are Dr Bruce Whatley and the importance of research in writing historical fiction. A writing competition is included for those keen writers out there. If you read a review of a great book, check to see if we have it in our library. If it’s not in our collection, let Mrs Nolan know so that she can order it next year (all of this year’s budget is spent). Access to this newsletter is included in our annual subscription to CBCA.

Keep up your great efforts with Read With Me Club, the points are very close now so it’s a really exciting term to see if Leichhardt or Mitchell will win the trophy this year. RWM will finish at the end of Week 8. Remember, 5 points is awarded to your house for every sheet you submit! Who will claim the honours in 2014?

Yours in the joys of children’s literature
Sherryle Nolan

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PE NEWS

Year 1 Swimming
A note will be coming out in the next week re swimming for Year 1 students. Swimming will be happening at the end of the term for these students. Please keep an eye out for the note. In the past, we have relied on parent help to make this program successful. At this stage swimming will be on Monday and Thursday afternoons in the last 4 weeks of term. If you are able to help out, I would love to hear from you.

Interschool Netball

With the help of Miss Brown, Miss Eaves, Mrs Christie, Mrs Challacombe, Mrs Firth, Miss Titmarsh and Miss Spargo, we had a great time at our first game last week at netball. We look forward to another 5 weeks. Keep up the great work everyone. Future draws will be displayed above the drink taps in the undercover area at school.

Rugby Union
Western 7’s happen this week end from October 17th to the 19th at Emerald State High School. A week-end of Rugby! I would like to say a huge thank you Ms Richardson and Mrs Jochim for volunteering their time to run these teams. We appreciate the amount of your time you have donated to get these teams together. Good luck to the players who are participating.

Rookies to Reds is running on our oval this term. Mondays 13 October – 10 November from 3 - 5pm (5-7 year olds at 3-4pm and 8-11 year olds at 4-5pm) The cost of the Rookies2Reds clinic is $60 per student. That includes the 5 week training program as well as a Rookies2Reds backpack and other giveaways valued at over $300. This is run by Mr Joey Morris, our Central Highlands Development Officer. If you wish for more information, please search ‘rookies2reds’.

Congratulations:
Let’s celebrate great achievements of our students!

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Jill Ryan
HPE Teacher
## 2015 Class Placements – Request For Special Consideration

*Only One Student Per Form Please*

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**N.B.**
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### Special Considerations For 2015

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**Students to avoid placement with:**

(Include reasons)

**Students for preferred placement with:**

(Include reasons)

Other considerations:

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