20 February, 2015

From the Principal

P & C Committee
A big thank you to the P & C in 2014 for their hard work and helping make Emerald State School the great school it is. A big thank you all to the outgoing committee of Sarah Challacombe, Toni Williams and Jill Ryan.

Welcome to the 2015 committee and I look forward to working with them in 2015.

President – Ms Toni Williams
Secretary – Mrs Karen Bray
Treasurer – Mrs Kristie Matheson
Vice President – Mrs Annie Self
Publicity Officers – Mrs Megan Wass and Mrs Annie Self.

Absence
If you just tell us through text messaging or over the phone your child is absent we will be recording that as holiday. If your child is sick or at a dentist appointment please say that in the message so it is not recorded as a holiday.

NRL Visit
On Monday, Year 5 & 6 students were part of the Community Carnival program

The theme for Community Carnival this year is ‘wellbeing’, focussing on everything from nutrition and healthy eating, to regular exercise and mental health.

Darius Boyd and Joel Boyle spoke with students about how to choose foods that are nutritious, how to incorporate exercise in their everyday life and how healthy food and exercise can impact mental wellbeing.

Parade
Over the next couple of weeks we will be having a variety of performances on parade. Week 5 – Badge presentation to our School Leaders for 2015 and Instrumental music presentation.

Week 6 - Instrumental Music presentation
Week 7 – Instrumental Music presentation
Week 9 – Emerald State School Choir
Week 10 – Year 5 (Deltora Belts)

Swimming
Congratulations to William B and Sophie Mc on their representing Central Highlands at the Capricornia Swimming Trials this week. William has also made it into the Capricornia team to swim at the State titles.

Pokémon cards
At school we have the rule that valuable and precious items such as precious toys, personal sporting equipment and expensive items are best left at home. They can be lost or broken at school. This includes Pokemon cards.

Before and After School
• As soon as you get to school, proceed to the undercover area with your bag. (Do not go to port racks)
• All students must sit in the covered play area. They must remain seated in this area until the bell is rung at 8.40am.
• All adventure playgrounds and the oval are out of bounds (even with parent supervision)
• Sporting equipment is not allowed out at this time.

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Wednesday, 25th February (please note this change of date). Payment envelopes have been sent home today and these are to be returned with your child on the day the photo will be taken.

Friday – Representative Shirts
On Fridays, unless attending an excursion away from school, students may wear representative shirts they have earned in place of their normal school shirt (eg Emerald District Sports shirts). Please note that this special permission does not include sports bucket hats.

Rhonda Jones
Student of the Week

Week 3
Ryan J – Prep A
Lilly B – Prep B
Caitlyn H – 2A
Seth W – 2B
Cooper T – 3B
Riley S – 3B
Deborah Mc – 5B

Week 4
Nathaniel T – Prep B
Bailey C – 1A
Harper C – 1B
Zac A – 2A
Tom N – 2B
Will Q – 3A
Macie W – 3B
Boyd C – 4A
Bella W – 4A
Callum H – 4B
Livvy C – 5A
Claudia F – 5B
Charli R – 6A

Cleaners Cup
Week 3: 4A and Miss Cahill
Week 4: 5A and Mrs Cuskelly/Ms Grant

From the Office

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Firstly, apologies as this date had to be changed – school photos are now on WEDNESDAY 25 February.

Envelopes for payment have been issued to EVERY STUDENT TODAY.

Important Information
To ensure you have no problems with your order please read your school photo envelope carefully.
- Your child must return their envelope on PHOTO DAY.
- You can make your payment by cash, credit card (Visa or MasterCard), cheque or money order.
- If you have any questions about Photo Day please call Silver Rose on (07) 3262 5788.

PREP 2016
Children born between 1 July 2010 and 31 July 2011 (please note this new cut-off date) are eligible to commence Prep in 2016. If you have a child this age and believe that you have guaranteed enrolment to Emerald State School, we ask that you complete an enrolment form and submit it to the office as soon as possible.

If you know of any families who live outside of our guaranteed enrolment boundary and they would like to put their child's name on our waiting list, we will be opening enrolments for 2016 on WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY, 2015 from 8.00am. Please share this information as much as possible and, if your child has guaranteed enrolment, please have enrolment forms to our office as soon as possible.

MGM – OUR NEW TEXT MESSAGING SYSTEM
Thank you for your patience this week as we implement our new text messaging system. Like any new system, there are always “teething problems” that need to be addressed and we can assure you we are working through these and looking at solutions for the best outcomes. Please note the following.

- Teachers mark the roll at 9.00am every day.
- Text messages are AUTOMATICALLY generated by the system at 10.00am every day if your child is marked absent on the roll without reason.
- If the roll has been marked and you advise the reason after this time, unfortunately it cannot be changed on our system until the following day – so you will receive a text message advising your child is absent. You can either ignore this message or reply as normal.
- Every endeavour is made to enter your messages received (either by text or phone to the office) by 10am. Sometimes, due to circumstances beyond our control, this may not be possible and you may receive a text advising your child is absent, again your patience is appreciated.

We are confident this new system will be beneficial to our school community if we work together.

Tuckshop News

FEBRUARY HELPER
Tuesday, 24th
Gabby Halverson
Wednesday, 25th
Monica Brouff
Thursday, 26th
Ariana Corkill
Friday, 27th
Anne Self and Cassie Smith

MARCH HELPER
Tuesday, 3rd
Melissa Clothier
Wednesday, 4th
Mandi Tattersall & Joe May
Thursday, 5th
Bec Offord
Friday, 6th
Chantel Casey & Shae Stokes

Uniform Update:
- Size 4 and 6 Polo Shirts are pending due to a backlog of late orders from Schools all over Queensland. This year we have welcomed a lot of new families to Emerald SS and our stock levels have been depleted or are running very low. We have been assured that they will be embroidered and supplied as soon as possible once received in Emerald.
- Do you have Polo Shirts with missing buttons? Hard to get new buttons that match? We have them for sale in the tuckshop now for 10c each if you need them.
- Orange Polo Shirts: If anyone would like Orange Polo Shirts for sports day in May Peter Taylor’s Sewing Centre, Hospital Road stocks them.
**Sushi Clarification:**
Please note x1 roll is cut into x3 small pieces - when ordering please clearly indicate the number of rolls and not pieces desired.

**Icy Pole Vouchers:**
Please remind your child that their voucher must not be given to a friend. Sorry, we are not allowed to share when it comes to tuckshop.

**Counter Sales:**
Also, can all Parents and Carers please explain to their child/children that they are not to share their money please? While it is kind to shout a friend, it is strongly discouraged as it can create future problems. Each child is responsible for their own money and for their own purchases. **Don’t forget Tuckshop is closed on MONDAYS**

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**PE News**

**Representative Sports Calendar for 10, 11 and 12 year old students**
(Updated as of Friday 20 February)

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<td>Wed 1 April</td>
<td>Tuesday 28 April Emerald</td>
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<td>Tue 31 March</td>
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<td>Basketball – U 12, boys &amp; girls</td>
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<td>30 March Moranbah</td>
<td>27 April Mackay</td>
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<td>Tues 17 March 3.30pm Emerald</td>
<td>Wed 6 May Moranbah</td>
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<td>Soccer – boys &amp; girls</td>
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<td>Cross Country – girls &amp; boys 10 to 12 years</td>
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<td>Mon 1 June Rockhampton</td>
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<td>Track &amp; Field – boys &amp; girls 10 to 12 years</td>
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<td>Paper nomination to Capricornia Trials</td>
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<td>Mon 30 March Rockhampton</td>
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<td>School</td>
<td>Thurs 7 May</td>
<td>Tue 19 May Gladstone</td>
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<td>Cricket Boys and Girls</td>
<td>Thurs 6 Aug 3.30pm Emerald (Epic)</td>
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**Capricornia Swimming Trials**
Congratulations to Will B and Sophie M on being our first Emerald State School representatives at representative trials in 2015. These two were selected via paper nomination and then swam like fish. Sophie swam really well but super fish Will swam even faster to make it into the Capricornia Team. At the State Trials, he will swim in the 50m breast stroke, 50m butterfly and 50m freestyle as he came third in each of these events at the trials.

**Touch Football and Rugby League**
Please keep an ear out for both of these sports as we are coming up to their district trials and will be seeking players.

Have a great fortnight
Cheers
Jill
P&C News

At the AGM the following positions were filled:
President: Toni Williams
Vice-president: Anne Self
Secretary: Karen Bray
Treasurer: Kristy Matheson
Fete Convenor: Anne Self
Book Club Convenor: Shae Stokes
Publicity Officers: Anne Self & Megan Wass

The following motions were ratified:
1. ‘That the P & C endorses the Emerald State School P & C Association Student Protection Risk Management Strategy as reviewed for the year 2015.’
2. ‘That P & C continues sponsorship of students who participate in Emerald State School sports or cultural activities at an elite or representative level (Capricornia, State, National, Auditioned or Trialled Activities)’.
3. ‘That P & C supports the existing uniform policy (whilst reiterating that white socks are to be worn, with closed-in footwear required, preferably black in colour but not compulsory and broad brim hats with minimum of 8cm brim) and that wearing of Emerald State School representative shirts may take place on Fridays’.
4. ‘That The P & C supports and organizes the running of Scholastic Book Club within the school’.

The general meeting on Thursday 19th February, we discussed the following points; Code of Conduct, Draft Budget, Homework Policy, School Camps and Year 6 Shirts. A copy of the draft minutes from this meeting will be available from the school office.

The general meeting was be held on Thursday 19th March, 6:30pm at the Conference Room in the Administration Block. Agenda items included; Easter Fete and supporting school programs. Please forward any future agenda items to the secretary: secretary@emeraldpnc.eq.edu

Toni Williams

Tuckshop Highlights

- Positive Feedback
  Thanks to the parents who have given us some feedback on some of the changes in tuckshop! We hope and think we are making some positive changes!

- RED DAY
  Watch this space! We are treating the kids to a different Tuckshop Day. Not sure what yet, maybe a BBQ Sausage Sizzle, PIZZA from one of the local Pizza Shops eg: Eagle Boys or Domino’s OR a Fish & Chip Shop Day. When we finalise our plans….we will let you know the details.

Week 5  Zucchini Quiche with Garden Salad
Quiche Ingredients: Egg, Bacon, Cheese, Zucchini, Carrot, Corn, Onion, Plain Flour, Oil, Salt & Pepper
Salad Ingredients – Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot, Cheese, Carrot
$6 per serve

Week 6  Asian Crispy Noodle & Chicken Salad
(BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND)
Ingredients:
Wombuk Cabbage, Sesame Seeds, Shallots, Noodles, Chicken, Asian Dressing
$5 per serve

What’s on?

TRIVA with a cause!
To benefit Chris “Maxi” Guernieri and family
SATURDAY MAY 16TH
St Patricks School Emerald
DOORS OPEN AT 6.45PM – TRIVA STARTS AT 7.15PM
$30 per person includes a drink on arrival & nibbles
Table of 8-tickets available at the office of St Pat’s School
NERD ATTIRE OR FANCY COSTUMES ENCOURAGED
Cash bar and live entertainment until late
TALK NERDY TO ME

Emerald Intermediate Band

When: Mondays 5.30-6.30pm
Starts 16th February
Where: Emerald Town Band Hall
61 Roberts St across from Mitre 10
Cost: FREE FREE FREE
We give you biscuits during the break too!
This is a great opportunity for you to get some extra practice on your instrument as well as make new friends with other young musicians from around Emerald.
For more information, please ring 49877607 or visit our facebook page - Emerald Town Band

Interested???

EMERALD EAGLES FC
Soccer Canteen Co-ordinator
(approx 10 to 16 hrs per wk)

Pleasant/outgoing personality; good organisational skills; budget and money handling skills; RSA & Food Safety Certificate (training will be provided); Blue Card for working with children; good customer service; be able to co-ordinate volunteers; own transport.
Previous Canteen OR experience in a similar role beneficial.
If this sounds like you please email your resume and experience including the names and contact details of three professional referees who may be approached in confidence to admin@emeraldeagles.com.au