20 March, 2015

From the Principal

Dear Parents

On Monday I was very honoured and proud to go with our 8 school leaders to the Mayoral Summit in Springsure. We were one of the schools selected to do a presentation on the challenges and opportunities for our school. The students put together a fantastic presentation and presented it confidently and with the passion they have for their school. They also did a workshop with Graham Hyman – Youth Specialties Australia, who focussed on leadership and team building. The day ended with an inspirational talk presented by Steven Bradbury. Steven believes there are two factors to success - determination and resilience, to put in the hard work required and ensure your preparation is complete. Second, you have to take a risk.

Emerald District Trials
District trials started last week with Netball and this week we had Touch and Rugby League (Boys). Please keep up to date by checking the newsletter for the dates. Students invited to the trial are sent home a letter prior to the trials.

Emerald State School Cross Country
On the last Thursday of school we will be holding our school cross country. This is our selection trials for our 10, 11 and 12 year old students to be selected to participate at the Emerald District trials. Parents are welcome to come along and support their children. It will start at 9 and we presume it will be completed by 11 or earlier. It is a whole school cross country.

Parent /Teacher Interviews
With the newsletter, there is a letter from your class teacher about parent/teacher interviews that will be held in the last week of school. (Check with your for this additional letter child if you receive your email electronically) Please take this opportunity to discuss your child’s progress. If there is not a time that suits on the letter please talk with your teacher.

What sort of questions as a parent should I ask at an interview?
- Are they an A, B, C, D or E in a specific subject?
- What goals has my child achieved in term 1?
- What are the goals for my child in that subject for term 2?
- How, as a parent, can I help my child to succeed with these goals? If you are not sure, ask teachers what a “c” student looks like in the area you are talking about.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.
- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?
Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason.
If your child misses.... That equals.... Which is..... and over 13 years of schooling that’s... Which means the best your child might perform is ...

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Fete
Don’t forget our fete is only 7 sleeps away. Please keep your eye out for the fete newsletter. Please see Annie Self or any of her tireless workers if you have some time to spare. Even 10 minutes makes lighter work.

Rhonda Jones

From the Office

MGM Text Messaging System
Thank you for your patience as we adjust to our new system of sending text messages if we have not been advised of your child’s absence or the reason for the absence. The system was initially set up to only send text messages to one of the parent/carers, but we are now able to send to both parents if required - this would mainly be required in families where there is shared custody of the children. Would you please advise the school if both parents require a text message to be sent to them if your child has an unexplained absence, and we will adjust our records accordingly.

YEAR 4 – 6 CAMPING PROGRAM
Year 4, 5 and 6 Camp Packs were all sent home today. All camps will take place in Week 5 of Term 2 and for all camps, the following timelines apply:

- **Parent Helper Offers** – due back to office Mon 30 Mar
- **Permission/Medical forms** – due to office Tues 21 Apr
- **Yr 5 & 6 - $50 non-refundable deposit** due Tues 21 Apr
- **All camps – Balance of payment** due to office Fri 1 May

If you need to negotiate a payment plan, please do so asap. All payments must be complete prior to the camp dates.

Camp Requirements
Please take this time in the lead up to the camp week in May to ensure that your child will have all items required as listed in your camp packs. You may need to purchase or borrow items like warm sleeping bags and camp stretchers/mattresses.

Medication on Camp
Please also take this time to make arrangements to have your child’s doctor prescribe (or supply a letter of authority stating the child’s name, the medication and the dosage) any medications required including “over the counter” medications such as paracetamol and travel sickness preparations. Under DET guidelines, only medication prescribed by your child’s doctor can be administered by school staff. The pharmacist’s name on the label is not sufficient. For regular prescribed medications, ensure that you have sufficient supply and scripts and medications are all in date.

Students requiring Asthma Medications and/or Epipens
If your child currently has these medications at school and they are out of date, or your consent needs updating, a note will come with them today advising details. Would you please attend to this as a matter of priority? Thanks

Student of the Week

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Cleaners Cup

Week 7
6A & Miss Eaves

Week 8
1A & Miss Maddox
Tuckshop Highlights

**Weekly Specials**

**Week 9 Zucchini Quiche with Garden Salad**

Quiche Ingredients: Egg, Bacon, Cheese, Zucchini, Carrot, Corn, Onion, Plain Flour, Oil, Salt & Pepper with an option of Sweet Chilli Sauce. Salad Ingredients – Lettuce, Tomato, Cucumber, Beetroot, Cheese, Carrot

$6 per serve, add Chicken for an extra $1

**Week 10 – Last week of the term, so we have opted not to have Salad of the Week.**

A reminder, however, that we do have our Standard Salad which has the option to be served with Chicken for $5. We also have our Home Baked products (Lasagne, Spaghetti Bolognase and Macaroni Cheese).

**Birthday Treats**

We will distribute a new menu at the start of Term 2 which will include Birthday Treats that will be available to purchase from Tuckshop. We are excited to get this up and running for you all and to help take away some stress of organising Birthday Treats for your child’s birthday when you are already busy enough!

Thanks and enjoy your Easter Holidays!
Michelle and Megan

**P E News**

**State Swimming Trials**

William B heads to the state swimming trials in Brisbane next week as part of the Capricornia Team. Good luck from all of us. Will; our best wishes are with you.

**District Trials**

We have just completed our trials for the District Netball, Touch Football and Rugby League (Boys). In all events, I would like to say that the students who were representing our school did so with honour. They all showed resilience, persistence and a ‘never give up’ attitude and I congratulate them all for their time and fantastic efforts.

**Netball**

Successful at the netball trials to represent the Emerald District in the Central Highlands trials were Claudia F, Skye W, Harper H, Charli R and Darci R. Maddie B was also selected in the Possibles and Probables.

**Touch Football**

We had 36 boys from the Emerald District try out for 12 positions. The boys played to a very high standard of play for 10, 11 and 12 year old players. Congratulations to Blake A and Brodie C on making it into the Emerald District team. Kyal P and Rohan M were unsuccessful into making it into the team after being selected in the Possibles and Probables.

All the girls who nominated from our school made it to the Emerald District team. These girls were Olivia C, Maddie B, Maddie C and Makeely S. Well done ladies.

Good luck to all in your next trials at Moranbah.

**Rugby League (Boys)**

In the nauseating heat of Wednesday afternoon we yet again saw some great football. Congratulations go to Rohan M, Blake A, Jason P and Tom B on making the 12 year old team and to Lachlan V and Nathan M on making the 11 years and under Emerald District Rugby League team. Well done to all of the boys who competed in the trials.

**Cross Country**

Our Emerald State School Inter-house Cross Country will be run on Thursday 2 April. This is the last day of Term 1. What a great day to end the term! This is going to be a whole school event. We have permission from the police to block off School Lane to traffic from 8.45 to 10.30am so we will be able to use the outside of the school as a running track for the older students. The younger students will be running laps of the oval. This event is not only selection trials for the older students to go to the Emerald District cross country, but is also a great event for everyone to have a chance to practice their persistence and resilience. (For children who are 12, 11 or 10 years of age, dependent on times run, those who are the first 6 across the line will be invited to run in the Emerald District Trials) We will have some students who are very fit and will be able to complete the course by running the whole way but many of the students will be able to walk and run to complete their required distance.

Parents are very welcome to join us and, if you are looking for something to do, PLEASE come and see me.

**Regional Shield (Netball and Rugby League) 16 & 17 July Rockhampton**

Expressions of Interest will be sent home next week for this event.

Have a great fortnight
Jill Ryan
Library News

Are you a reader?

Did you know that that just six minutes of book time a day reduced stress by 68%? A great article on reading and how you can prioritise your reading can be found at: [http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/small-business/managing/work-in-progress/are-you-a-reader-20150312-142sdk.html](http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/small-business/managing/work-in-progress/are-you-a-reader-20150312-142sdk.html)

It won’t even take six minutes to read it!

READERS CUP CHALLENGE

I am looking forward to once again hosting the 2nd Central Highlands Readers’ Cup Challenge (RCC) at our school on June 22nd. Year 5 & 6 students who are keen readers may pick up a brochure from the library with all the information you need to get involved in this reading challenge. We are able to have 2 teams of four students if there is enough interest. Reserves are allowed if numbers allow.

What is RCC? Teams of students from schools all over the Central Highlands will read the same five books during the term. The students will meet weekly in the library to discuss the books, ask each other quiz questions on the stories and prepare themselves for the competition. On the day, students sit huddled together and answer twenty quiz questions per book. They have 30 seconds to answer each question. The questions are bundled into two rounds of ten questions per book.

We are looking for a manager who will remind the students when meetings are on, be an encouraging supporter, make sure all the team are reading all the books and be a general support person. It is not difficult and does not take up a lot of time. This person may be a student, staff member or parent. See Mrs Nolan if you are interested please.

For more information see Mrs Nolan and go to: [http://readerscup.org.au/](http://readerscup.org.au/)

BEST DRESSED TEDDIES

The library hosts this spectacular event each year for our fete. The more entries, the more money we raise for our school! There is no entry fee. Just dress up your teddy (or other stuffed toy) in the themes and bring it in.

The categories this year: Book Character, Sporty Bear, Pirate Bear, Multicultural Bear, Sunflower Festival Bear, Worker Bear, and 2 non-teddy categories: Dinosaurs and Barbie dolls. If your bear/toy doesn’t fit into any of these, you can always enter the ‘Other’ section.

The public vote for their favourite entry in each category by putting money in the container with your entry.

The entry in each category with the most donated money wins a prize pack, announced on parade 4th April.

Bring your entry to the library before or after school from 23-27 March.

READ WITH ME CLUB

Our first new Read With Me Club 25 sheet has now been completed. This is our tracking system for reading homework at our school. It has changed from last year, but the main thing to remember is that students must read only 4 times per week. If students are super keen, they can read whole books appropriate for their reading level and write them on the Stars of State sheet. Once these sheets are completed they are sent to the library for us to tally the points. Once the Stars of State sheet is completed for Term 1 – just read for the sheer joy and pleasure of it! RWM Club 50 sheet is green.

If you have books in good condition you’d like to donate to Thangool State School (lost majority of library books in recent floods) bring them to Mrs Nolan in the library. They will be boxed up and sent down to Thangool.

Yours in reading, 

Sherryle Nolan
Instrumental Music

Parade
Well done to the students who have performed on parade so far this term. Below are the performances for the remainder of the term:

Week 8 - Will, Sebastian and Kynan
Week 9 - Choir
Week 10 - Beginners (Hot Cross Buns)

Fete
We have been asked by the P&C to perform at this year’s FETE on Friday March 27. This performance will be optional (solos/duets only) due to key students being unavailable.

Reeds
We will be trialling the sale of reeds through the school office this year. When purchasing reeds please note the following:
1. A maximum of two reeds will be sold at a time
2. Cash sales only
3. Correct money must be used as the office does not carry change
4. All reeds are Rico Royal size 2 and the costs for each instrument are below:
   - Clarinet - $2.50
   - Alto Saxophone - $3.00
   - Tenor Saxophone - $5.00

Thanks
Leanne Hilder,
IM Teacher

Fete Colouring Competition Winners
Prize $5 discount voucher for Rides & Slides at the Fete on 27 March, 2015.

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Each voucher entitles the holder to $5 off the purchase of rides on Fete Night. It can be used as part payment for an Unlimited Rides Arm Band or for the part payment of a single ride. This voucher can be used to pre-purchase your Unlimited Rides Arm Band.
Contact Anne Self for any further information. anniegr@bigpond.net.au

WHAT’S ON

Emerald and District Athletics Association Inc
2015 Season Sign-On
Sunday March 22nd and 29th
4.00pm-5.00pm
Club House-Marist College Oval
New Athletes 5 years and over welcome
Sign up is $95 per Athlete
BIRTH CERTIFICATES ARE REQUIRED FOR NEW REGISTRATIONS ONLY
Season commences Sunday 19th April with a come and try day 1.45pm 5 years to Masters
First Club Day on the 26th April 2015
For more information please contact Wayne Gakowski on 4982 0746 or mobile 0411717477.

Year 6 Fete Stall: Show Bags and Balloons
Roll Up! Roll Up! It is the Emerald State School Fete. Did you know that the Grade 6 stall is selling show bags and balloons this year?
Balloons are only $2 each. There are two types; plain coloured and patterned.
Show bags are a bargain at $7 each. We have 4 different types to choose from: Stinky and Gross, Pirate Treasure Hunt, Girls Only and Fairy Princess. Get your child/ren a show bag and balloon but don’t forget... Buy one before we run out!
Come and find us beside Prep A’s classroom.
By Phillipa, Bridget, Theresa, Arnika, Jemma, Tahnee and Nicole
Emerald State School Newsletter

Emerald Touch will be holding a junior development day

on Saturday the 18th of April at the touch fields. All children between the age of 8 to 18 are welcome to attend the free development day. Tracey Upton and Damon Moore will be running drills and skills along with some rep CQ Bulls players. This is a great opportunity for our children to learn some valuable skills for the game of Touch Football and all skill levels are welcome. It will begin at 9am sharp and finish at 12pm and children will need to bring water, hat and sneakers.

Emerald Touch will also be holding a free Level One coaching course on Saturday the 18th of April. This free course is for any interested people over the age of 18 who would like to learn how to coach Touch to young children. The course will begin at 9am and finish about 12pm and will be at the touch fields.

If any children or adults are interested in the development day or coaching course please contact me by the 10th of April on 0404 646 360 or email emeraldtouch1@bigpond.com with their details so we know how many people are attending. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,
Krystle Harris

Emerald Little Theatre Inc is hosting a QUIZ NIGHT

“ANZAC DAY…..and all things Aussie and Kiwi”

25th April, 2015 starting at 6.30pm at the
Emerald Little Theatre Hall, corner of Anakie & Harris Streets
Tables are $60 each (max of 6 people per table)
Licenced bar operating and light meals for sale.
Tickets available from the Emerald Town Library (4982 3311)
Prize for the “best dressed team” if you are keen!
Proceeds from the night’s raffles and games will be donated to Legacy
Limited tables available – Book early to secure yours!
For more information, email emeraldlittletheatre@gmail.com or find us on FaceBook.

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH

Do you live in a rural or urban area?
Have you seen a psychologist in the last 5 years?
If YES, I would love to hear from you.

Living in rural Australia can be very different to living in an urban area. One difference is how frequently our personal and professional lives overlap, such as when we see the local school teacher at the park or meeting our neighbour in the supermarket.

This overlap can also occur when a psychologist lives and works in the same area, and clients may see their psychologist outside of sessions. The question is, how does this affect clients? This information is important in order to know what works best for clients.

You are invited to participate in a research study conducted by Arwyn Warner as part of a Master of Psychology degree with Charles Sturt University.

I welcome adults over 18 years of age who have seen a psychologist during the last five years and who have lived in this area for the past two years.

Participation will involve accessing an online survey and answering some questions about yourself as well as completing three questionnaires. All information is anonymous and should take less than 20 minutes.

If you would like to participate, please complete the survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GXYH2M2
For further information contact Arwyn on 0431 911 413 or arwyn.warner@gmail.com.