Dear Parents

School Opinion Surveys

The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted 11 to 29 July 2016. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

Access details for the Parent/Caregiver Survey were sent home with students last week.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school, and if you require access to a school computer please contact the office to arrange a convenient time.

NAPLAN Online Pilot School

Australian education ministers agreed that all schools would be using NAPLAN Online by 2019. We have an obligation to prepare children for the world that is here and the world that is coming. In 2016, up to 100 schools in Queensland (70 state schools) have been selected to be pilot schools. Emerald State School is one of the selected schools. This means that in 2017 we will undertake the NAPLAN tests online. In the next 6 months, our school will be undertaking a variety of readiness activities for this process to happen. As a pilot school, this also allows our staff to give feedback on the process.

Show Camp (EKKA)

Zac M has been successfully selected to attend the Show Camp in Brisbane. To achieve this selection, Zac had to participate in an online writing course and then he was invited to submit a written piece of work to the selection panel. Twenty Year 6 students are selected each year.

In 1928, the Royal National Agricultural Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA) brought a group of country school boys to the Brisbane Exhibition for the First ‘Farm Boys’ Camp’. This residential camp became an annual event and is now known as ‘Show Camp’.

In 1992, the focus of Show Camp was changed to literacy with students using the events and experiences of the Exhibition as the basis for real life/ language experiences and the production of a newspaper – the EKKA Courier. More recently, a widening of the activities has included other digital technologies including photography, podcasting and video production. Students also gain an insight into some of the agricultural aspects of the show and its importance to the primary producer community.

Show Camp aims to:

-challenge students to improve their achievements particularly in the areas of literacy and media arts,
-develop skills (e.g. researching, interviewing, writing, editing, technology use) which will enhance their ability to communicate through a variety of genres within the setting and experiences of the Brisbane Exhibition,
-provide opportunities for students to develop technology skills through the use of digital audio, digital video and digital photography,
- bring together selected students with similar abilities and interests from the whole of Queensland, - develop friendships, - enable students to gain a greater appreciation of the importance of the Exhibition to the rural community of the State.

**Interschool Queensland State Equestrian Titles**
Congratulations to Maddie B on her performance at the Inter-school State Equestrian Championships. Maddie was placed first in the 50 cm category and fourth in the 60 cm category.

**Cross Country**
Congratulations to Jet W on his excellent run in the Cross Country State Championships. He came in 31st out of 50 competitors. This means they came 9th out of 30 teams.

Thank you to Jill Ryan and Renee Firth for coaching the team.

**Regional Shield (Netball)**
Eight of our Year 5 and 6 girls travelled to Rockhampton last Thursday and Friday for the Regional Shield. The girls played very well and won their division (3rd division).

**Attendance Semester 1**
*Overall School attendance 93.8% Target 95%*

Congratulations to Year 3 and 5 for achieving the school target of 95%.

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Below are the percentages of attendance at school and the percentage of our students who have achieved this.

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If your child is away from school for a period of time, it is very hard to send home catch up work sheets as most of the teaching/learning in our school is interactive.

A lot of research has been looked at over the last couple of years of what is good practice for student learning. In our region a big focus has been put on Explicit Instruction. In Explicit Instruction students do the majority of the work in the lesson but in a variety of formats. Eg whiteboard, Turn and Talk, working in small groups, explaining it to each other and then the teacher.

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**
Over the last 2 terms, our staff has been teaching the general expectations and routines of our school. In term 3 we are focussing on some You Can Do It units based on the needs of our students. The first unit we are looking at is ‘Getting Along’. The lesson focus for this week has been:

**P-2 Getting Along / Friendly Behaviour**
By the end of the week students will be able to
- state what it means to get along with others
- state the difference between friendly and unfriendly behaviours
- identify the qualities they want in a friend

**3-6 Getting Along / Friendly Behaviour**
By the end of the week students will be able to identify
- what it means to “get along”
- the difference between friendly and unfriendly behaviour
- the qualities of a good friend
- how to respond to friendly behaviours of others in a responsible way.

To support us with these lessons, please talk with your child about what these things mean and ask if they can tell you what a ‘friendly’ and ‘unfriendly behaviour’ is.

Rhonda Jones

**Office News**
Please be reminded of the following payments due back at the office by:

**MONDAY 25TH JULY**
- **Year 1 – 6** Religious Instruction Program $3.50 per student if attending.
- **Prep – 6** Festival of Bands activity $1.00 per student.
- **Year 5** Old Rainworth Fort Excursion $15 per student.

**FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST**
- **Prep** Excursion to Capella $14 per student
- **School Leaders** Mayoral Summit Attendance $24 per student

*Please remember that money can only be receipted if received before 12pm. Thank you for your understanding.*
IMPORTANT INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CHANGES

Week 3: Wed 27 July – NO Instrumental Music lessons (due to having 2 lessons Week 2)
Week 5: Music Lessons and Band will be on TUESDAY 9th AUGUST, instead of Wednesday in this week.

FESTIVAL OF BANDS

Band students participating in the Festival of Bands next week will be given a band shirt from Mrs Hilder at the first rehearsal on Thursday 28th July.

Students are to wear full band uniform to the Saturday night concert (music shirt, long black pants/skirt, black socks and shoes). Shirts are to be returned to the office on Monday 1st August.

Mrs Hilder

Tuckshop News

Term 3 “Our Online Canteen” New Cut Off Time 8:00am
Please be advised that the time has been brought forward to 8:00am commencing from this term.

Tuckshop is NOT open on MONDAYS

Tuckshop Roster

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Student of the Week

WEEK 11 – Term 2
All of Prep A
Brae W- 1A
Leiam R - 1B
Summer G - 1B
No consent to publish - 1B
Elizabeth H - 3B
Sam C - 4A
Jessica - 4B
Oscar R - 5B
Cassidy R - 6B

WEEK 2 – Term 3
Georgia K - Prep A
Cooper L - Prep B
Laani R - 1A
Mangila C - 1B
Toby B - 1B
Paxton R - 2A
Ruby B - 2B
Joshua K - 3A
Grace C - 3B
All of 4A
Reagann W - 4A
Max A - 4B
Brayth S- 5A
Liam A - 5A
Raith W - 5A
Jessie B - 5B
Logan R - 6A
Phillip W - 6B

Parade Performances

Term 3
Week 3 Libby B
Week 4 Jewels W and Gwen W
Week 5 Stella N, Holly T and Bella W
Week 6 Percussion ensemble (Harry P, Daley C, Zac M, Jimmy C and Will)
Week 7 Oscar R, Jack C and Lawson R
Week 8 Concert band
Week 9 Choir
Week 10 Choir and Eisteddfod presentations.

Cleaners’ Cup

Term 2 Week 11: Prep A & Mrs McDonald
Term 3 Week 1: 5B & Mrs Peters & Mrs Stoneman

P & C Thumbs Up

Week 11 (Term 2): Jo J
Week 1: Zoe B Week 2: Leith G
Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!
Emerald State School Newsletter

**HPE News**

**Representative Sport**

Emerald District School Track and Field Carnival (Athletics Carnival)

Congratulations to Raith W, Mitchell W, Breanna D, Dylan F, Arama F, Claudia F, Emma S, Harland C, Tom F and Jett W who have been invited to participate in the Central Highlands Track and Field Trial next week. Good luck!

State Cross Country Trials in Maryborough

Congratulations to Jett W who participated in the State Cross Country trials in Maryborough last week-end. The track was wet and extremely muddy but he managed a noteworthy 31 out of 50.

Regional Shield Netball

Congratulations to the team of netballers who headed down to Rockhampton last week to compete in the Regional Shield. The players who eventually made it to Rockhampton were Claudia S, Maddie B, Skye W, Maci C, Holly T, Abby M, Makeely S and Emmie L. Unfortunately Gabby D and Bella W trained with us but weren’t able to compete. The girls won the Regional Shield Cup which was 3rd division and came 9th overall. The girls not only played really well, but were also awesome representatives for our school despite the rain and changed conditions. Well done ladies. I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Renee Firth who umpired all of our games with great skill. Also, thank you to our band of Mums who were a wonderful support group.

Interschool Touch Football

Thanks heaps to our wonderful parents who have agreed to help out. We have submitted 3 very full teams this year. I have enough students for half another year 5 and 6 team. If you are in Year 5 or 6 and forgot to return your form and would like to join a team, please let me know by Monday so that we can submit another team. As this is only a short season, this is our last chance to put in teams. Forms were emailed home on 17th June with for more information.

Have a great fortnight

Jill Ryan
Term 3 is Book Week term!
We celebrate Australian children’s book authors and illustrators during August 20th – 26th.
This year’s theme is “Australia: story country”.
A special dress-up parade will be held in that week so start thinking of a costume.

You can access our school library catalogue from home! Check out what we have at http://emeraldss.cmeweb.libcode.com.au/ You will also see some other library related tabs to check out.

There are 247 outstanding student loans as at Monday 11th July. Please support your child or children in being responsible for their loans and ensuring they are returned on time. Let your class teacher know if there is a problem (lost, irretrievably damaged book).

Sherryle Nolan

From our Guidance Officer
Hello everyone,
I am currently working in the role of Guidance Officer at this school. As well as working with students around psycho-educational assessments and interventions, I am also available for counselling, personal development, social skilling and behaviour management support.
Please contact your school’s administration team if you would like to discuss any of the above in relation to your child and I will contact you during my next visit to your school.

This term, several schools are focusing on educating students around the importance of cyber safety.
Several online resources have information around this including http://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/health/cybersafety/pages/5ps.html# and https://esafety.gov.au. The second site (from Office of the Children’s esafety Commissioner) is particularly informative, with material for parents and educators, including quizzes for students and access for reporting offensive and/or illegal content.
Please contact me via your school if you have any further queries.
Marietta Sedgwick
Guidance Officer, Denison, Tieri, Anakie, Alpha and Emerald State Schools
Base school (Denison) phone 07 49807333

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Dear parents/carers,
Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.
All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.
All Australian schools participate in this annual data collection.
The data provided to the Australian Government is aggregated data only. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.
While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know.
Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Sharon Morris, Denison State School, Mobile: 0423910229

Emerald Junior Tennis Term 3
New competition format includes:
Smaller court / low bounce balls
Monday 3:30 to 4:45
Grading: 3 weeks: 11, 18, and 25 July
Mini tennis for beginners weeks 2 & 3
Coach: Don Cameron ATPCA
Mob. 0439877797
What’s On

Join us in Term 3, 2016 for an amazing MS Readathon adventure!

Read away, raise awareness, raise funds, and have fun!

By participating in the MS Readathon, you are helping raise money for those living with multiple sclerosis (MS) and as well giving our students another reason to pick up their favourite books and read!

Currently 23,000 Australians have MS, and every dollar you raise counts. If you are interested, let Mrs Nolan know so that she can register our school as a participant. You will then need to register via the MS website click here.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 5
out now!

Please submit your orders by:
Wednesday 27th July

Reminder*

SCHOOL BANKING
is Every Wednesday!

Please send Dollarmite Wallets to school on Wednesdays for collection from classrooms. Wallets are returned the same day.

BOOK FAIR

Week 5 we will be hosting a Book Fair in our School Library. As with any event held in support of our children the participation of volunteers is paramount in the success of the event. I am therefore seeking expressions of interest from those who may be able to help man the Book Fair this year. If you could possibly volunteer just an hour or so to help it would be much appreciated!

With the assistance of volunteers we open the Book Fair before school (8:15am to 9:00am) and then after school (2:30pm to 3:15pm) to enable students and others to browse the books and purchase from the Book Fair. A great opportunity also to find some inspiration for the Book Week Costume Parade!

So please mark your calendars as a reminder for when Book Fair is on and perhaps remind the children to save up their pocket money if they are wanting to grab some exciting new books for their collections!

Book Fair: Monday 8th August thru to Friday 12th August
Shopping Hours: 8:15am to 9:00am & 2:30pm to 3:15pm (subject to volunteer availability)

If you would be willing and able to volunteer at Book Fair at all then please let me know.

Regards,
Shae Stokes (Book Club Organiser)
At: shae.stokes@aoapl.net.au or 0419 811 963