From the Principal

Dear Parents

As you read this with a cup of coffee on Saturday morning, the fete will be over. Thank you to all the hard work again put in by our hard working parents to put on such a successful event and give our students lots of extra things in their school. My apologies, again, for being absent from the fete. I was unable to attend due to attending my youngest son’s graduation.

Communication

Communication seems to be the one big item that keeps coming up as something we need to work on in our school. As you would now be aware we have added an Emerald State School Facebook to our forms of communication.

https://www.facebook.com/EmeraldStateSchoolQld/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

This means that we need to have every student in our school complete a new state school consent form that includes the Facebook page. These went home last Friday and thank you to the many we have had returned already. If you have not returned yours, would you do so ASAP.

P & C

Over the holidays you will see some changes in front of the PREP/1 building. The school and P & C have some long term plans to improve the area in front of this building and try and give our lower school students a small oval space to run around and play their soccer, cricket and touch football. Over the holidays the first stage of the plan will begin with the removal of the port racks and sink. New port racks are to be installed like the one for Year 1. The sand pit will be relocated to next to the PREP shed. Thank you already to the small group who has been working on this project and will continue probably for the next couple of years.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Letters went home a couple of weeks ago for parent/teacher interview times. If none of these times suit or you did not receive your letter please see you teacher to organise a time that suits both parties. Please ensure in your interview you know where your child is performing and what their next goal is?

Emerald Trials

Congratulations to all these students who made the Emerald District Teams:

- **Touch**: Jett W, Maddie B, Claudia F and Skye W.

Also, congratulations to Clay D who made the CH Soccer team at the trial on Friday.
Smoking around school grounds

Thank you to the parents who have brought to our attention that some of us are not following the Qld Government’s smoking laws. As a school, we can’t enforce these laws with the public, but, if you wish to report a breach of these tobacco laws, contact 13 QGOV (13 74 68). If you require more information please read the ‘Smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries’ article via the following link:


Rhonda Jones

Student of the Week

P & C – Volunteers
Thumbs up
Week 6 - Toni W  Week 7 - Kristy S

From the Office

Student Late Arrivals

If students arrive late to school and you do not come to the office with them for a late note, would you please either call the office or send a note with them. If we do not receive notification directly from you, either by note or by phone call, the absence will be marked as ‘unexplained’. We need to know this information as we don’t know if you are aware they are arriving late to school, and may not be coming directly to school of a morning!

Student Absences Notification

Please advise the office prior TO 9.45am if your child will be absent for the day. This allows for the absence to be entered onto the system and hopefully avoid a text message being sent to you.

Prep 2017

Don’t forget, if you have a 2017 Prep age child hiding at home please submit your enrolment form for them as soon as possible. We need this information so we can assess our guaranteed enrolments and, from this, start making offers to families on our waiting list. Similarly, if you know of anyone else who may be in our catchment area, and therefore also have guaranteed enrolment, would you please ask them to submit an enrolment form as soon as possible?

Prep 2017 enrolments are for students born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012

PE News

Representative Sport

Congratulations to the following students who have been successful in making the Central Highlands teams:

Basketball: No one was selected for the team but Daley C played in the Possibles and Probables.

Netball: Claudia F

Football (Soccer): Clay D
Emerald District Touch Football Team: Jett W, Maddie B, Claudia F and Skye W were selected to the team. Riley J and Logan R made it to the Possibles and Probables.

I would also like to congratulate all of the other students who are not mentioned above who stepped out of their comfort zones and trialled at the above events. We have many talented students in our school.

Emerald District Rugby Union Team
Congratulations to Jett W, Jimmy C, Dylan F, Harland B, Charlie S and Braith S who were selected in the Emerald District Rugby Union Team yesterday. Bryan G, though putting in a huge effort was unsuccessful. Well done boys!

Emerald State School Cross Country
Don’t forget, the last day of the term is the Interhouse Cross Country. Which house will be the winner this year? This is also a trial event for the Emerald District Cross Country that will be held on Friday 15 April at the Botanic Gardens. Only students turning 10, 11 or 12 this year can compete in the Emerald District Trials.

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We would love for you to come and cheer. There are plenty of jobs if you would like to help as well. Please see me if you can give a hand. Don’t forget the tuckshop will be having a ‘red day’ for those who placed their pre-order by Thurs 17th March.

Interschool Touch Football
The Emerald Touch Football Association will be running another season of touch football for primary school students next term. Touch Football is a great game for both boys and girls. This competition is extremely good for those who have never played before, and also those who may have played, but wish to be in a team with their friends.

A major issue that Emerald Touch Football Committee has at the moment is a shortage of referees for the school competition. The Emerald touch committee has had a meeting and, this year, all teams that enter the competition will need to supply a referee.

Due to the overwhelming numbers received last year in ball skills, they have decided to make some changes. Ball skills will only be offered to children born in 2008/2009 and will be limited to 50 children. If a student would like to join ball skill, they will have to attend the Sign On day on Wednesday, 27th of April. They must bring a copy of their birth certificate and payment. The first 50 children to sign on and pay for ball skills will get a spot and the rest will go on a waiting list.

Sign On day for the School Touch Football competition is also Wednesday, 27th of April. The first game starts on the Wednesday, 4th of May. They are unsure at this stage if the season will be 8 weeks long or 10 weeks long and it will cost between $50 - $60.

The competition is made up of a year 3 and 4 section and a year 5 and 6 section. The teams are mixed and have both boys and girls.

Last year we had a great collection of teams and coaches and I would love for us to be able to do the same this year. I am seeking interested parents who would be willing to take the responsibility of running/coaching a team. This may also include refereeing the game. We have found in the past that a short training session run prior to the competition works well if that can be fitted into your schedule. These teams offer great entry level coaching and you do not need to be qualified, just keen.

Jill Ryan

Instrumental Music News
SHEP
Congratulations to Jack C, Bella W and Holly T who will travel to Rockhampton this month to participate in the Middle schools State Ensemble Program run by the Conservatorium of Music (Friday March 18 to Sunday March 20). This program involves middle school students from 26 schools and will be conducted by Ms Maureen Cameron (Wind Ensemble), Ms Emma Dron (String Ensemble) and Ms Joanne Wright (Vocal Ensemble). The program will conclude with a Grand Finale Concert at 1.00pm on the Sunday at North Rockhampton State High School, Berserker Street, North Rockhampton, with entry being open to the public, via gold coin donation. Past students Kynan S and Joseph S will also be in attendance and we wish them all the best.

Leanne Hilder
Instrumental Music Teacher
What’s On!

MARKETS ALIVE – Saturday 9th April
8 am – 12 pm
3CI Church Car Park             Hospital Road

Stall bookings:
0407 743 748

Raising funds for Emerald Hospital

EMERALD STATE SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION

FETE

TODAY Friday 18th March

5.30pm – 9.30pm

Rides & Slides/Food & Drinks/Home Baking/ Class Stalls/
Old McDonald’s Farm/ Show Bags/ Cent Sale/ Easter
Hamper Raffles PLUS much more.

We look forward to seeing you there