From the Principal

Welcome back to Term 2. This is a very busy term with camps for Year 4, 5 and 6, (week 5), NAPLAN (week 4) and ARTHUR CONLON an Aboriginal artist coming to work with our PREP to Year 3 students on the 5 June.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN in week 4 is sat by every Year 3 and 5 student in Australia. We will also do practice tests in Year 2, 4 and 6. People have asked why this focus on NAPLAN. Two benefits of NAPLAN are to help assist improvements for individual students as we identify strengths and weakness. It also allows us to identify gaps or strengths in our school programs. By comparing our results of a year level to other like or similar schools we can see where the gaps are and look at improving our programs and teaching in those areas.

Also, by doing practice tests, we can also take the stress away from students as they become familiar with the format and it is not this big scary thing that happens in Year 3 and 5.

Please just encourage your child to do the best they can and talk to them about the tests. Let them know that some questions will be hard and they won’t be able to do them as it is a test to ensure it measures what people know.

At the system level, the NAPLAN provides Ministers of Education with information about the success of their policies and resourcing in priority curriculum areas. NAPLAN also provides ministers with the capacity to monitor the success of policies aimed at improving the achievement of different student groups, such as Indigenous students.

ANZAC TOWN MARCH

Thank you to all the students, staff and parents who marched on Saturday with the school. The students were very well behaved through the whole ceremony. Congratulations to you all.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Towards the end of last term we had Kynan S participate in the State Honors Ensemble Program Middle School which is an initiative of the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University. Kynan was commended for his musical achievements.

SPORT

The Representative Sports calendar is still very full with Soccer trials last week for Emerald District, this week Capricornia trials for Basketball and Netball, and next week Rugby Union.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

Last year, when we had our discipline audit, one of the recommendations was for our responsible behaviour plan to be based on research. The department supports this through a framework called Positive Behaviour for Learning which was previously known as Schoolwide Positive Behaviour.

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) uses preventative, teaching and reinforcement-based strategies to achieve meaningful and durable behaviour outcomes. PBS is an evidence-based approach for supporting all students, such as through the department’s Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support Program, as well as for individual students.

PBS support for individual students:
• concentrates primarily on preventing the occurrence of an identified behaviour by avoiding or adapting the circumstances that usually trigger this behaviour
• focuses on building skills to use or developing alternative preferred behaviours
• considers the motivation for or functions of behaviours

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Strive to Succeed

Dates to Remember

12 – 15 May
NAPLAN
19 – 22 May
Year 6 Camp – Carnarvon
Gorge
19 – 21 May
Year 5 Camp – Wanpa-rda
Matilda OEC
21 – 22 May
Year 4 Camp – Camp Fairbairn
29 May
Emerald SS Athletics Carnival

3 June
Emerald Show Holiday

16 – 17 July  Regional Shield

PARADE IS HELD EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 2.20PM

Send text messages for your child’s absence to 0427 016 460

Great state. Great opportunity.
• values the student and their attempts at positive interaction
• uses the student’s strengths and interests to increase success
• increases an individual’s quality of life by supporting increased access and engagement.

For more information go to http://education.qld.gov.au/asd-online-resource-kit/schools/learning-environment/pbs.html

The team who will implement and design this framework for Emerald State School will have 4 days of training this year. The team is Louise McDonald, Lauren Perren, Sandy Grant, Chris Conway, Jill Ryan, Tina Brosnan, Rhonda Jones, Leanne Jochim and Karen Bray (parent rep). Our first training day was yesterday.

Library Books/Home Readers

Over the last couple of weeks we have had some concerns around students not being able to borrow library books or getting home readers. No student in our school will ever have their borrowing rights suspended for library books or home readers. Some students, if they are continually not returning library books, may be restricted to only being able to borrow books and keep them at school. We know that books are sometimes misplaced or lost and of course we ask that you are diligent in trying to find them, but as a primary school our focus is to instil the love of books and reading and also the care of books.

Cybersafety

At Emerald State School we take our responsibility to maintain the health and safety of our students and staff very seriously. This responsibility includes considering issues related to behaviours online.

Behaviours in the online environment can cover a broad range of issues including online privacy and information protection, good and bad manners, digital citizenship and knowing how to get help to deal with online issues.

As you may be aware, comments posted online about people and organisations may impact permanently on their digital reputation. This includes teachers, other staff and students and the school. There can be very real negative consequences from online posts – relationships between school staff, students and parents can be permanently changed for the worse.

Facebook and other social networking sites are generally not private communities and, depending on an individual’s security settings, comments can be read by many people and remain online indefinitely.

If you or your child are posting information online about the school, staff or students, I ask that you consider the ramifications of these comments on the school and any individuals in the school community concerned. As a rule of thumb:

• Public discussion is most effective when it is conducted in a polite and respectful manner;
• Before posting, consider whether those people you are posting about want information, including photos and comments regarding them and their children, posted on Facebook or on other sites. Perhaps ask them before you do it;
• Rather than airing complaints or grievances in a public forum like Facebook, come and talk to the school first about how to resolve your concerns;
• Remember that as a parent you have a responsibility to supervise and regulate your own children’s online activities at home and their impact on the reputation and privacy of others.

For further information on managing cybersafety, please go to http://education.qld.gov.au/studentservices/behaviour/qaav/info-parents.html

If you have any concerns and would like to discuss further I invite you to make an appointment with me.

Rhonda Jones
Principal

From the Office

Student Reports – non-custodial parents

Please advise the office if you require a second copy of your child’s Report Card. We can give you a second paper copy, email it or, if these preferred options are not available to you, and you would like it posted, please advise the office the recipients address.

PREP 2016 – please get your enrolment in!

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, we ask that you complete an enrolment form and submit it to the office as soon as possible, along with a copy of your child’s birth certificate. We need to look at our enrolment numbers for 2016 and your child’s enrolment is imperative at this time.

The waiting list is now open, so if you know of any parents (outside our guaranteed enrolment boundaries) wanting to enrol and go onto our waiting list would you please pass this information on to them as well.

Cash receipting at the office (Reminder!)

As we need to process our banking before the close of business each day, we will only accept payments before 12 noon. Payments received after this time will have to be receipted the following day. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Emerald SS Athletics Carnival – is on

FRIDAY 29 MAY

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE (and apologies to the parents who received incorrect information!!!)
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Student of the Week

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<td>6B – Maddison D</td>
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Cleaners’ Cup: Week 2: 2B and Mrs Perren

From our Master Teacher

**The ABC of Good Writing** - Parent Workshop

*The ABC of Good Writing* is a strategy we use to teach students the skills of editing.

A is for Add
B is for Better Words
C is for Check, Circle, Change and Conference

Come along and learn more about this strategy and the editing symbols we use to support it. Our Master Teacher, Jenni Farquhar, will lead you through the components and show you ways to use the strategies at home.

Where: ESS Library
When: Wednesday 13th May at 1.15pm
Duration: 1 hour (We will be finished in time for parade 😊)

For more information contact Jenni Farquhar: ifarq5@eq.ed.au

Tuckshop Highlights

**Roster for fortnight**

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<td>J Lee, S Cave</td>
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Firstly, we would like to make you all aware of our “SPECIAL OF THE WEEK”. There is confusion as to how this will work. On the back of the menu we sent home last week, we printed a list of the “Specials” menu. Originally we had a date beside the meal, but we decided to remove the date so that we weren’t committed to providing the meal on that particular week. This means that if chicken is on sale, we can do the apricot chicken instead of the rice and spring rolls intended that week etc. Because we removed the date, it now appears to look like we provide 10 different meals all the time in tuckshop!! PLEASE keep a watch on our fortnightly updates (in this newsletter) as to what meal will be provided as our “SPECIAL OF THE WEEK”. Thanks and sorry for the confusion!!

**WEEK 3:** - Massaman Beef Curry with Rice (NO NUTS). Ingredients: Beef, Potato, Onion, Coconut Milk, Curry Paste and Rice.

**WEEK 4:** - Chicken, Vegetable & Pasta Soup. Ingredients: Chicken, Pasta, Garlic, Onion, Carrots, Celery, Creamed Corn, Chicken Stock, Cream, Parsley

- Watch out over the next few days. We will be sending home RED DAY TUCKSHOP ORDER FORMS to pre-order food for Sports Carnival which will be held at Marist College on Friday 29th May.

Birthday Treats, are proving to be popular with the children. In just one week, we’ve sent out Frog in a Pond and Patty Cakes to the classrooms. Thank you to our parents for supporting our Birthday Treats.

**P E News**

**Soccer District Trials**

Congratulations to Marisa D, Bridget G, Tom L, Lalitraj S, Sean S, Reynald L and Jakory B on your selection at the football trials last week. The number of soccer players wasn’t huge on the selection day but the quality was great. Thank you also to William B, Cass H, Sebastian S, Mitchell T and Ole H for trialling at such a good standard.

**Capricornia Netball Trials**

The Capricornia netball trials were held this week in Emerald. Our very talented netballers, Charli, Darcie and Harper competed in the trials. Congratulations to Charli and Darcie as they were both selected for the Under 11s Capricornia team to play in Caloundra later in June. From all reports, I hear that all of the girls played well.

**Cross Country**

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Please be aware that the Central Highlands Trials are in the middle of our camp week. According to Central Highland’s guidelines, we cannot get exemptions for camps. As a school, we have been unable to move the event. If your child competes at the District level and makes it to the CH trials, it is up to the parents/carers discretion as to how the child can access the event or your child can simply forgo their position in the district team. This is very unfortunate, but it doesn’t matter what week we choose for camps, we always clash with a representative sport.

Representative Sports Calendar for 10, 11 and 12 year old students

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<td>Netball 11 and under 12 years girls</td>
<td>Run</td>
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<td>Rugby League 11 and 12 year boys</td>
<td>Run</td>
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<td>Sun/Mon 3-4 May Gladstone</td>
<td>25-30 June (12 years) Iffracombe 6-10 July (11 years) Rockhampton</td>
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<td>Basketball – Under 12, boys and girls</td>
<td>Run</td>
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<td>Sun/Mon 3-4 May Gladstone</td>
<td>19-21 September South Coast</td>
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<td>Touch Football Girls &amp; boys</td>
<td>Run</td>
<td>Wed 6 May Moranbah</td>
<td>Mon 18 May Moranbah</td>
<td>13-16 August Toowoomba</td>
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<td>Soccer – boys &amp; girls</td>
<td>Run</td>
<td>Tuesday 5 May Moranbah</td>
<td>Sun/Mon 24/25 May Moranbah</td>
<td>25-28 July Brendale</td>
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<td>Cross Country – girls &amp; boys 10 to 12 years</td>
<td>Fri 8 May 8.30am Emerald (Marist College)</td>
<td>Wed 20 May Springsure</td>
<td>Mon 1 June Rockhampton</td>
<td>19-20 July Runaway Bay</td>
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<td>Rugby Union U 12</td>
<td>Thurs 14 May 3.30pm Morton Park Emerald</td>
<td>Mon 1 June Blackwater</td>
<td>Mon 15 June Emerald</td>
<td>28-30 August Shorncliffe</td>
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<td>Track &amp; Field – boys &amp; girls 10 to 12 years</td>
<td>Fri 19 June Marist College Emerald All Day</td>
<td>Mon 20 July Emerald</td>
<td>Tuesday 18 August Rockhampton</td>
<td>16-17 October Townsville</td>
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<td>Tennis</td>
<td>School</td>
<td>Thurs 7 May Clermont</td>
<td>Tue 19 May Gladstone</td>
<td>6-9 August Cairns</td>
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<td>Cricket Boys and Girls</td>
<td>Thurs 6 Aug 3.30pm Emerald (Epic)</td>
<td>Fri 21 August Moranbah</td>
<td>Sun/Mon 6/7 Sept Gladstone</td>
<td>1-5 November Mackay</td>
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Capricornia Basketball Trials
Congratulations to Kyle P, Blake A and Daley C for trialling for the Capricornia Basketball Team. From all accounts the boys played really well but unfortunately did not make selection.

Our Track and Field Carnival (Sport’s Day)
Week 6, Friday 29th May, we have our Track & Field Carnival which will be held at Marist College. Once again this is a whole school event. For the 10, 11 and 12 year old students, this carnival is a selection trial, for everybody else, this is a celebration of moving! Yay!

Parents and Carers are invited to come and either join in or watch the fun. If your child is in Year 3 and turning 9 this year they will be invited to join the program for the older children where all the events are measured and timed. They may also choose to stay with the younger children. This program still has field events but we use safety equipment and the events are not measured and scored.

As always, I am requesting, no begging, for help from any adults who can give a hand on the day. If you can give a little of your time to be a timekeeper, judge or shot put/ discus returner/measurer, please see me. Thank you to those people who have already put your name forward.

Have a great fortnight
Jill Ryan

What’s On

EMERALD LITTLE THEATRE

"Death and Taxes" is a two act play for a cast of four males and four females.
No experience necessary - just an interest in theatre!
We’re looking for actors, directors, lighting and sound, props, prompts and all the other backstage stuff that goes into putting on a production.

AUDITIONS HELD
SUNDAY 26th APRIL & SUNDAY 3rd May 2015 4pm
Emerald Little Theatre, cnr Harris and Anakie Streets, Emerald.

For more information, please contact Michelle Stanton on 0448 915 399 or email ELT at emeraldlittletheatre@gmail.com

Barefoot in the Park 2015
Friday May 29th
9.00am – 11.00am
Centenary Park, Centenary Drive Emerald