From the Principal

Dear Parents

We are already into week 4 and lots of things have happened. Our students made us all very proud marching in the Community ANZAC day parade and our school leaders showed exceptional leadership with our younger students, demonstrating to them on the day what is expected.

On Friday, we also recognized Autism month by dressing in blue. The teachers have also been doing activities in their room just to make our students aware of Autism and how to assist people in this area. Thank you to our parents who sent donations as a part of this day.

Congratulations to Jett W on making the Central Highlands Cross Country team. Last week, in Springsure, he placed first in his age group.

NAPLAN

Next week, all Year 3 and 5 students in Australia will sit the NAPLAN tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure stress levels are kept to a minimum by ensuring that your child is on time to school for these days.

Our Year 2, 4 and 6 students will also be doing resits in these time frames.

Mobile Phones at School

As the year progresses we are now starting to have some students bring mobile phones to school. Appendix 10 of our Responsible Behaviour Plan outlines the use of personal devices at school and is available from our website or the office.

Please be aware of the following points from the policy:

- The use of mobile phones, pagers, portable CD and MP3 players, Personal Digital Assistants and similar electronic devices in class is disruptive to the learning environment of all students and is banned from use during school hours.
- Bringing personal technology devices to school is not encouraged by the school because of the potential for theft and general distraction and/or disruption associated with them. However, if they are brought to school, they must be turned off and kept out of sight during school hours or school functions. Personal technology devices may NOT be used at morning tea and lunch breaks. Students wishing to use these devices in special circumstances must negotiate arrangements with the Principal.
- Personal technology devices used contrary to this policy on school premises/school functions will be confiscated by school staff. They will be made available for collection from the school office at the end of the school day unless required to be kept for purposes of disciplinary investigation, when it will only be returned in the presence of a parent.

Bike Racks/ Gate near Pick up- Drop Off Zone

Thank you to the parents who have brought to my attention the dangerous situation at the drop off/pick up area with the cars and push bikes. The bike racks have been relocated from that area of the school to near the toilets and this week on parade, I advised the students that bikes are not to enter or leave from that
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Gate due to the potential risk of an accident with bikes, cars and pedestrians.

Premier’s Reading Challenge for Prep-Year 9 begins 16th May
The PRC is an annual state-wide initiative for state, Catholic and independent schools, early childhood centres, and home-educated students up to Year 9.
It is not a competition, rather it encourages students to develop a love of reading for life and to explore and enjoy a wide range of texts. More information will be coming soon.

Student of the Week

WEEK 2
Jordyn C - Prep A
Pranav M - Prep B
Kohan M - 1A
Meg B - 1B
Jack B - 2A
Ashlynn S - 2B
Charlie Q - 2B
Cooper M - 3A
Tom N - 3B
Emma-Rose D - 4A
Dominic M - 4B
Raith W - 5A
Kayla B - 5B
Zac Mc - 6B

WEEK 3
Anabelle S - Prep A
Isla L - Prep B
Marli Y - 1A
Nathaniel T - 1B
Bailey C - 2A
Jaykin G - 2B
Analo M - 3A
Sophie W - 3B
Cameron F - 4A
Paige V - 4B
Riley S - 5A
Libby B - 5B
Maddie B - 6A
Abby R 6B

This semester, we will be looking at making our comments more succinct – being no longer than 3 sentences. If parents require more information they are always welcome to have a parent/teacher interview. Our goal is to ensure parents understand the comment and know what the next step is in their child’s learning.

Reminder: Report cards will be emailed this semester.

Rhonda Jones

Year 5 and 6 Camp
Thank you to all the parents who offered to go on camp this year. We have decided to take less staff this year and take more parent helpers instead. Adults going on Year 5 camp are Robyn Cuskelly, Sandy Grant, Michelle Peters and five parent helpers. Year 6 camp adult attendees are Cresta Richardson, Renee Christie, Rhonda Jones and four parent helpers.

Under 8s and Arthur Conlon visit
While our Year 5 and 6 students are on camp our lower school will be celebrating Under 8s week on the Friday. Tuckshop menu for that day is lunch packs and the orders are due by Tuesday 17 May. Order forms were sent home, but if you misplaced it, they are on our face book page.
https://www.facebook.com/EmeraldStateSchoolQld/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Arthur Conlon an aboriginal artist will also be here that day working with the PREP to Year 3 classes on their artistic skills.

Report Cards
This term, we have done a big review on our report card comments, in response to feedback around the long length of comments and not understanding of comments.

What do report cards need to tell us?
• The achievement against the relevant achievement standards for each learning area/subject. This is the 5 point scale we use in the achievement column.
• How well the student is engaging with the expected learning. This is the effort.
• How the student can improve in their learning?

It is a school based decision on whether further information is communicated through the comment section for each subject. At our school we feel it is important to provide parents with additional information using language parents can understand. Comments will consist of a success/progress/achievement statement and a need to improve statement. The need to improve statement can be a direct link to the goals, which have been developed in class.

Tuckshop News

Term 3 “Our Online Canteen”
New Cut Off Time - 8:00am
Please be advised that the time will be brought forward to 8:00am commencing from Term 3 - Monday, 11 July 2016.

Tuckshop Roster

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Tuckshop is NOT open on MONDAYS
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**P & C MEETING CHANGE OF DATE**

Please note our next P & C Meeting will be on **THURSDAY 26TH MAY**, (not 19th as listed previously)

**P & C Thumbs Up**

- Week 2 : Catherine S
- Week 3 : Janine A

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

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**From the Office**

**State School Consent Forms**

Last term, new State School Consent Forms were sent home with every child requesting they be updated following the introduction of our Facebook page. Today, a separate email, with a copy of the letter and a consent form, has been forwarded to ALL families (please disregard the email if you have already returned your new consent form, and thank you). If you have not already done so, would you please re-read the letter, complete the form for your child and return it to the school office. If we have not received your form by 20th May, your child’s current permission will be adjusted to state “NO PERMISSION TO PUBLISH ON FACEBOOK”. Your previous permission will remain unchanged with this limitation noted. Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter.

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**Parade Items – Term 2**

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**BILBY awards** close 17 June. Go to [http://www.cbcaqld.org/bilby-awards.html](http://www.cbcaqld.org/bilby-awards.html) to see the short list for your age group and cast your vote.

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**HPE News**

**Representative Sport**

**Central Highlands Cross Country:** Congratulations to Both Jett W and Daley C who ran in the CH Cross Country in Springsure last week. Jett placed 1st and Daley placed 8th. Well done boys. Jett now heads off to Mackay for the Capricornia Trials.

**Capricornia Rugby League Trials:** Congratulations to Jett W, Charlie L and Dylan F. Even though they were unsuccessful, they played well.

**Capricornia Netball:** Congratulations to Claudia F on her great playing in the Capricornia Trials. She was not selected in the Capricornia team.

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**Emerald State School Track and Field Inter-house Carnival (Athletics Carnival)**

In Week 9 on Thursday 9th June, we are having our Inter-house Track and Field Carnival at Marist College. As per our carnival last year, this will be a whole school event. We start the day by all meeting on the Marist oval and attendance is recorded by the class teachers. Our Preps to Year 3s then begin the carnival by having races with the rest of the school cheering.

After this stage, we then split, with the older children competing in track and field events on the main oval and the younger children on the upper area playing a variety of ball games and events. If your child is in year 3 this year and is turning 9, they have the choice of joining the older children for the track and field events or staying with the younger children.

It is a great day for all the students. We also love to have the support of parents and grandparents to cheer on the students. More information will be coming soon.

Have a great fortnight
Jill Ryan

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**Instrumental Music News**

**Instrumental Music - Lesson Changes (Week 5 and 6)**

Due to NAPLAN and year 5/6 camp the following changes will occur with Instrumental Music during weeks 5 and 6.

- **Week 5** - lessons for year 5/6 students only (due to not being able to teach in the morning with NAPLAN). No year 4 lessons.
- **Week 6** - 5/6 camp. Year 4 students will receive two lessons this week to make up for week 5.

All classes will receive updated timetables for these weeks. Please ask your child to check their time with their classroom teacher.

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A reminder that Fanfare is coming up. All parents are welcome to attend Fanfare at the Emerald Town hall on Monday June 6. A timetable will be published soon.

**Festival of Bands** notes are due back by Friday May 6. All Instrumental music students participating are in Concert Band 1. If your child is available for this festival, I highly recommend it. It is one of the few opportunities your child will get to work in a large ensemble with visiting industry professionals without having to travel out of town.

If you know your child is going to be absent from a rehearsal/performance, would you please email me asap so I can take it into consideration when planning. (lhild7@eq.edu.au).

Please remind your child that Instrumental Music is reported on and that they need to be practising (especially over the coming weeks) as I will be starting reports shortly.

Leanne Hilder
Community Notices

SIGN ON
FRIDAY 6 MAY 4:30pm
Morton Park
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR
CH RUGBY UNION PLAYERS
AGED U8 – U12

Nogoa Redclaws will be holding a 7 week competition for all players aged between U8 – U12.
Cost will be $80, which will cover insurance and include a training shirt and a free drink and sausage in bread every Friday. Skills and Drills to focus on development of all players, followed by Rugby Games.
All interested players, please email the CHJRU Secretary at chjuniorrugby@gmail.com