3 June, 2016

From the Principal

Dear Parents

Athletics Carnival
Please return the consent form sent home earlier this week so your child can participate at the Athletics Carnival.

Our Interschool Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 9th June at Marist College. Our school day will commence and end at Marist. If you have any issues getting your child to and from Marist please contact me so we can look at other arrangements. Also, if your child is a bus child, please check with your bus company whether it goes to Marist as not all buses go to every school. The High Jump competition will be held in the lunch breaks before the carnival. Below is the timetable:

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Parents are welcome to attend

Interschool Chess Competition
Thank you to Mrs Nolan for supervising and preparing the CHESS team for the Inter-School competition. All the students did very well and are now keen to play anyone in Chess. Congratulations to Lawson R and Jakob W on receiving Merit Awards.

Year 5 and 6 Camps
Thank you to all our parents and teachers who put in the extra-long hours to ensure these camps were successful. I was lucky enough to attend the Year 6 camp where the students displayed exemplary behaviour and Kangaroo Bus Lines praised us on their commendable behaviour. The Year 5 students and teachers also received a letter from Tim at Wanpa-rda Outback Education Centre congratulating them on their behaviour and organisational skills as well. We also must remember that without the funding from our P & C and DET’s REAP program, our camps would not be as affordable as they are. So, thanks again, especially to our P & C and their great fund raising.

Flashing School Zone Signs
This week, we were notified by the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports and Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply that, as part of the government commitment to provide flashing school zone signs to an extra 300 schools over 2015-2018, Emerald State School has been selected to receive one of the signs. These signs improve visibility of the school zone and serve as an active reminder to motorists to slow down around children. A date for installation has not yet been notified.

Report Cards
This term, in response to feedback around the length and complexity of report card comments, we have done a comprehensive review of this.
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. This semester, we will be looking at making our comments more succinct and aiming that they be 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

Parade Items – Term 2

Week 9     TBA
Week 10    Choir
Week 11    Choir

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

Student of the Week

WEEK 7
Cris Ann S – Prep A
Rowdy D– Prep B
Alex C – 1A
Mangila C – 1B
Cooper M – 2B
Janika B – 3A
Reily S – 3B
Hayley B – 4A
Carlene C – 4B
All of 5A
All of 5B

No consent to publish – 5A
Callum H – 5A
No consent to publish – 6A
Will C – 6B

WEEK 8

No parade this week due to show holiday. Student of the week will be announced next week.

P & C Thumbs Up
Week 7 :  Tracey G
Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

Cleaners’ Cup
3B and Miss Lucas

Lost Property (Located in the port racks near Staff Room)

We have an increasing amount of lost property accumulating at school. Please have your child check here if they have lost anything or feel free to call in yourself and have a look.
Office News

Track and Field Carnival Reminders
Letters were sent home on Monday, along with follow up text messages and emails, regarding some important information for our Track & Field Carnival on Thursday 9th June. From advice under new DET guidelines, we must have Parent/Carer consent for your child to participate in the Track and Field program as some of the activities are deemed to be “medium risk”. If you want your child to participate in any activity on the day we must have this signed consent form returned to the school. Your cooperation is appreciated as we don’t want to disappoint your child on the day if they can’t participate. At the time of publication of this newsletter, we still have approximately 60 consent forms outstanding.

Students Arriving Late
Please be reminded that if your child is late for school, for whatever reason, you need to advise the office either by a phone call or you can send a note with your child on the day with the reason for late arrival.

Attention: Prep 2017 Parents
Recently you should have received an email from the school requesting that you confirm your child’s enrolment in Prep for 2017 and offering an interview timetable requesting you show three (3) preferred times for an interview with Mrs Jones. These interviews are imperative to ensure we meet the needs of your child as they transition as smoothly as possible into their Prep year.

Flashing School Zone Signs
Please see attached a letter from the Minister for Main Roads, Road Safety and Ports Minister for Energy, Biofuels and Water Supply advising Emerald State School flashing school signs will be installed on Yamala Street.

Newsletter goes to Facebook
Emerald State School will now be posted on our Facebook page. If you have not returned the new State School Consent Form, which now has Facebook permission added to it, we will not be able to publish your child’s name at all in the Newsletter. Please check with the office if you are unsure of your current consents/limitations.

HPE News

Representative Sport
Capricornia Cross Country Trials: Congratulations to Jett W for his very successful run at the Capricornia trials in Mackay on Tuesday. Jett came third in his race and is now in his way to Maryborough for the State Trials.

Emerald State School Track and Field Inter-house Carnival (Athletics Carnival) HELP NEEDED!!!!
Don’t forget to book in Thursday 9th June in the diary for our Inter-house Athletics Carnival on the Marist College Emerald’s oval. The whole school will be at the Marist College for the day of events. Spectators are most welcome.

If you can give a hand helping at any of the events, I would LOVE to hear from you. Perhaps you would love to do some timekeeping? We would love to see you.

The high jump is going well. Please see the timetable below for the last rounds. All children of that age are invited to trial. All students who trial gain a point for their house.

11am to 11.45am

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Cricket Trials (Boys and girls)
The Emerald District cricket trials for boys with cricket skills are on Thursday, 16th June 2016 from 3.30pm to 5 pm. Nominations are due back to the office on Friday 10th June.

Any girls who play cricket and are interested in competing at a representative level, please see me next week.

Have a great fortnight
Jill Ryan

Crazy Sock Day
Thank you for your donations. We handed over $193.75 to Mr Derek Hedgcock as our donation to the ‘Ride for Smiddy’ fundraiser for the Mater Cancer Research Foundation.
Emerald Community Forum
Come and hear about this great new initiative about improving life outcomes for kids and how we can all work together as a community to give every child the chance to reach their full potential.

Central Queensland communities are great places to bring up kids but some worrying trends are present that we need to pay attention to. These types of problems are usually complex, but by bringing people, communities and organisations together we believe we can develop better solutions.

This session will explain the power of collective impact and how it has made a difference to communities all over the world. There will be an opportunity for you to tell us what is important for your community and what you think it will take for us to get there.

Please come along to one of the Forum sessions to hear more about this long term initiative and tell us what you think.

DATE:  Tuesday 7 June          TIME:   1.00pm to 2.30pm or 6.30pm to 8.00pm
VENUE:  McIndoe Function Centre, Opal Street
For more information go to www.everychildcq.org or check out our Facebook page.

Get your family eating well and active
The online version of the PEACH (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program is now available.
PEACH Online is FREE for all Queensland families with a primary-school aged child and can be completed at home, in your own time, at your own pace. There are 10 interactive sessions, with introductory videos, easy-to-navigate information, activities, tools, and links to recipes and resources. Families can also join weekly ‘live’ online chats with a dietitian facilitator and the online parent forum.
PEACH Online covers:

- **Nutrition** – lunchbox and snack ideas, reading labels and ingredients, dealing with fussy eaters, healthier takeaway choices, making healthy eating affordable and tips on planning ahead
- **Physical activity** – the benefits of exercise, how to be more active as a family, physical activity recommendations for children, and how to reduce screen time

The PEACH program is run by the Queensland University of Technology and is funded by the Queensland Government.
Families can register for PEACH Online until 31 August 2016, and will have until 30 December 2016 to complete the program.

To register, free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au

PCYC - LASER TAG
Laser Tag Parties
Saturdays and Sundays
Ages from 7 +
Birthday parties
Corporate Events
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
CALL NOW
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Junior golfers of all experience levels are invited to attend the
Junior MyGolf Camp
Emerald Golf Club
27th – 28th June 2016
Cost $80 for two days
Time 9:30am to 3:30pm
Includes tuition from Local Professional Dave Delahunty and Gold Queensland PGA Professionals, food, course green fees, prizes and lots of fun! Participants are required to bring a hat, water bottle, golf clubs and buggy (equipment can be supplied if required)
For further information contact Scott on (07) 3252 8155