DATES TO REMEMBER:
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**OFFICE HOURS**
The school office hours are **8.15 am to 3.30pm**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK**

School Captain/House Captain Speeches
On Tuesday our Year 5 students presented their 1 minute speech to the whole school for the school captain and vice-captain positions and to their houses for house captain. These speeches were of a very high standard. Congratulations must go to all the students. This year, the process included the students writing an application which Mrs Brosnan and the Year 5 scored to see who would do the speeches. The speeches were then scored by Mrs Farquhar, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Nolan. All Year 4 to 7 students then voted. All these scores will be amalgamated to select these roles for 2015. Thank you to all the parents and people that came to parade to support these students.

Parade
Next week at parade Mr Vaughan Johnson will be presenting all our students who participated in the Premiers’ Reading Challenge with their certificates. We will also have the school band performing for this special parade, so please join us if you can.

Update on Staffing for 2015
Mrs Sonia Sexton has decided to take leave for 2015 due to her husband’s relocation to Cairns. We thank Sonia for all her hard work at Emerald State School and wish her all the best. Ms Kayla O’Dea from Gindie State School has been transferred into our school.

Transition days
On Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 December we will be holding our PREP transition mornings from 9-11. On these same days our Year 6/7 students will be at Emerald State High School for the 7/8 transition days. To attend these days students need to be enrolled for 2015 so please ensure you have the prep paperwork to Emerald State School and your Year 7 or 8 enrolment forms to Emerald State High School. Transition days are very important to help with anxiety, especially the fear of the unknown.

Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.
- they learn better
- they make friends
- they are happier
- they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school? Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason.
If your child misses...  
That equals...  
Which is...  
and over 13 years of schooling that’s...  
Which means the best your child might perform is...

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ESS ARTS SHOWCASE
- Wednesday 10th December at the Town Hall.
- Commencing at 9am til 11am (approx.)
- Performance from each Year level & Concert Band.
- Program will be in our next Newsletter.

YEAR 6 & 7 FAREWELL EVENING
- Wednesday 10th December at the Town Hall.
- Commencing 6.30pm followed by cake & tea/coffee.
- Students are to wear full school uniform.
- More information will be sent home shortly.

FROM THE OFFICE

SEMESTER 2 REPORT CARDS - POSTAGE
Please be reminded that if your child will not be at school on 11th December and you are not able to pick up their report card on that day, would you please send in an A4, self-addressed, stamped ($1.40) envelope and we will post it out to you.

ARE YOU LEAVING EMERALD SS IN 2015?
We’d hate to see you go, but if you know your child will not be returning to Emerald SS in 2015, would you please advise the office at your earliest convenience. This information is required for our Enrolment Management Plan.

PREP 2016
Children born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011 are eligible to commence Prep in 2016. If you have a child this age and believe that you have guaranteed enrolment to Emerald State School, we ask that you complete an enrolment form and submit it to the office as soon as possible. If you know of any families who live outside of our guaranteed enrolment boundary and they would like to put their child’s name on our waiting list, we will be opening enrolments for 2016 on WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY, 2015 at 8.00am. Please share this information as much as possible and, if your child is a guaranteed enrolment, please have enrolment forms to our office as soon as possible.
**CLASSROOM NEWS**

**YEAR TWO NEWS**

2A and 2B have been busily working towards completing assessment tasks in readiness for our final school reports for the year.

There have been many discussions about Earth’s resources including water, soil and underground resources and what we use these resources for. It has given us a greater understanding of how to care for the resources Earth provides us and how important they are in our daily lives.

Learning about another country and culture has been informative and interesting as we find out how other people connect with people and places in similar ways to ourselves. Through our learning in Geography we have a new understanding of the wider world beyond Emerald, Queensland and Australia.

In English we are working on adding events to narratives and, as usual, striving to improve our punctuation, speech marks, sentence structure and editing skills.

This unit of Mathematics involves location (flip, slides and turns), reading time (o’clock, half hour and quarter past/quarter to) and reviewing prior skills with number such as sequencing number patterns and reading and writing three digit numbers.

During the practice NAPLAN tests in Week 5 of this term, 2A and 2B showed an improvement in maturity and ability to calmly, quietly and carefully work through the questions and answer to the best of their abilities. Well done Grade Two!

As the weather warms up even more please keep reminding your child that they need to bring a broad-brimmed hat to school and be sure to take it home with them again each day. Caring for their own property helps children feel a sense of responsibility and pride in themselves.

See you next week. ☺

Miss Harcourt and Mrs Marsh.

**YEAR THREE NEWS**

Our focus in class has been reading and writing poetry. So far, we have written stanzas about “I can see”, “I can hear” and “I can feel”. This fortnight we share samples from 3B.

Some of our writing so far:-

**I can see:**
The beautiful crystal clear water rushing against me.
Ahhhhh! Sharks coming in the waves.
Kids playing tiggy.
People running into the deep dark caves.

**I can hear:**
A screaming baby named Leah.
Splashing in the mini pool.
I keep on hearing Leah say see ya.
Gwen pretending to be a ghost in the back yard making sounds like ghoul.

The parents chatting about the squawking birds.
The soft silky sea in the sea shells.
There are grey, beautiful, astounding dolphins swimming in herds.
The life guard rings the very loud bells.

Children starting to whine because they have to wait in line.
A clown threw a pie way up high.
A man at his stall selling wine.
OH NO here comes a pie, POW goes the pie

Helicopter blades going round and round.
Farmers yelling YAY!!!
Wind blowing up the dirt making a big mound
Farmers yelling go, go, go telling the grow to go away

**I can feel:**
The sloppy cow poo.
The soft silky animal fur.
There is a lot of dew.
The sharp prickly bur.

Miss Jensen and Miss Lucas

**YEAR FOUR NEWS**

We are on the downhill run with our assessment. This week we are completing English and Maths assessments.

Last week everyone performed well in the NAPLAN practice tests. We have seen some great improvements and are very proud of our year 4s.

If you have not received a note regarding the pre-purchase of Craft Fair items please ask your child for it.

Kind regards
Kim Cahill and Michelle Peters
Hello from Mr Wieden, Mrs Cuskelley, Ms Grant and the Year Fives. Goodness, what a busy few weeks we've had! It's been all systems go in our classrooms as nearly half of us prepared and delivered school leadership speeches. We are now waiting anxiously for the big announcement in the last week of school to see who will be our school leaders in 2015! Congratulations to all of our applicants – obviously not everyone can succeed in winning an official leadership badge, but in the confidence and preparedness of your speech deliveries, we could see that you will all be wonderful school leaders next year.

We all absolutely loved the Emerald Academy of Dance’s performance of “Cats”, and are now busily writing a character analysis of our favourite cat. This has been a wonderful English unit, with the students all happily immersed in T.S. Eliot’s poems and the way they have been brought to the stage and screen. “Rum Tum Tugger” is the clear cohort favourite, and many students know the song off by heart already. Stand by for another feline surprise in our end of year concert item!

Our Technology card making projects were due to be finished and handed in today (Friday 14th), so if your child has not managed to do so, please make sure that this happens over the weekend and they are handed in at school on Monday. With high school so close, it's becoming very important for students to take responsibility for their own learning and to manage their homework assignments. Several projects were handed in early and there are some stunning cards – congratulations to the many students who have obviously put in a good deal of work with pleasing results.

Thank you to Ms Richardson who visited us yesterday to talk to us about Emerald’s flood-proofing and mitigation strategies. It's great to be able to benefit from her experience. In our History lessons, we’ve been watching the DVD “Changing the Watercourse”, which explores the way in which the early settlers changed the Nogoa river and its surrounds. We’re all finding this historical inquiry very interesting and thought-provoking.

We’ve started making our Christmas Tree Advent calendars for the Craft Fair – thank you to the parents who’ve kindly sent in donations. We still need small, wrapped candy canes and ribbons in Christmassy colours if you haven’t yet had a chance to send any in.

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English

Students presented their picture books last week with confidence, eye contact and voice control, creating engaging presentations. They have written their narrative drafts and are working hard to edit the structural features and language devices to improve their writing.

Maths

Students have been learning about transformations on Cartesian planes. They have been identifying and drawing reflections, translations, rotations and combinations of transformations.

Science

Students have been looking at the causes of the seasons and why different times of the year have different lengths of daylight.

Art

Students have completed their second portrait in the style of Pablo Picasso. They used the second half of their photograph to draw a Picasso image and coloured the portrait with oil pastels.

Sonya Sexton

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**PE NEWS**

**Year 1 Swimming**

Thanks to all families for returning their permission notes and money by the due date.

Reminder of the swimming dates for the year 1 swim program:

- Week 7-Thursday 20th Nov
- Week 8- No Monday as there is a Carnival for another school -Thursday 27 Nov
- Week 9 - Mon 1st Dec -Thurs 4th Dec
- Week 10 - Mon 8 Dec -Thurs 11 Dec

The students will be in the pool from 1.45pm to 2.30pm.

Thank you to those who have put up their hand to help out. You offer is really appreciated.
Interschool Netball
The last game of interschool netball was held this week. Thank you to all the students who participated in the competition. I loved that most of the students worked to their very best to give their team the best chance. We may not have won all the time but most of the time the effort that was applied was excellent. I would also like to pass on a huge vote of thanks to Miss Anna Young and Mrs Lauren Gehrke from St Pats School who organised and ran the six weeks of games.

Rugby Union
Union games are continuing on Fridays with the students playing really well due to their great effort. Keep up the great work.

Have a great week
Jill Ryan, HPE Teacher

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
Recruiting for 2015
The Instrumental Music Program is a special program offered by Education Queensland for students to learn a musical instrument and participate in an ensemble. The program caters for students in years 4-6 and offers tuition in woodwind, brass and percussion instruments.

The overall aim of the program is the growth of individuals through musical experiences. Therefore we provide a music study program, which offers students the opportunity to develop their musical abilities to the highest level they can achieve while learning:

- To enjoy working with children of other ages and gender.
- To experience the thrill of playing well with others and for others.
- To develop a desire to listen to good music.
- To develop concentration.
- To develop self-discipline.
- To develop responsibility as a member of an ensemble.
- To develop a means of expressing themselves creatively through music.

Individual growth through music will be gained by learning to:
- Play an instrument in class.
- Listen to the playing of others.
- Develop a musical ear.
- Develop rhythmic and melodic feeling.
- Play individually at school, home and in the community.
- Find happiness and satisfaction through music activities.

All students currently in year three were sent home an information sheet and questionnaire during week 5. This paperwork is due back to the office by Monday November 24 to ensure your child has the best chance possible of securing a place in the program for 2015. There will also be a demonstration/concert by the school’s concert band on parade on Tuesday November 18 if you would like to attend.

Leanne Hilder
IM Teacher

Craft Fair News
Preview Gala Evening
Tickets
Tickets are selling fast so get in quick to avoid disappointment. You can purchase these tickets from Stilettos and Yolo Shoes. It's a fantastic night out!!! Tickets $30. This is an 18+ event

Working Bee – 17th November
On Monday the 17th November, we will be holding a working bee in the tuckshop during school hours to help the School Lane stall get prepared. We will be making gourmet dessert balls, fudge and other yummy goodies and packaging the goods. Little jobs that, with a group of people, become even smaller.

If you are able to help, please let Anne Self know. Any of your time would be great. You don’t have to stay for the whole session. Alternately, if you find yourself with spare time on the day, please just pop in.

Craft Fair Facebook Page
We reached 500 likes and now we are offering a FREE ticket to the Preview Gala Evening when we hit 750 likes. So keep promoting and sharing our page and someone between numbers 1 and 750 will win that FREE ticket.
HOME TIMBER AND HARDWARE and RACQ
CAPRICORN HELICOPTER RESCUE
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22  8AM – 2PM
53 Glasson St Emerald
All Proceeds To The Capricorn Helicopter Rescue
‘Rusty & Sandy Will Also Make An Appearance
AT EMERALD STATE SCHOOL NEXT TUESDAY,
18 NOVEMBER FROM 11.15 TO 11.45AM.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ NIGHT
★ Family Friendly Fun at Emerald Little
Theatre
★ Friday 5th Dec 2014 - starting at 6.30pm
★ Book a table for $60 (max 6 people per
table)
★ Tickets on sale from Debbie at the Town
Library (4982 3311)
★ Light meals for sale on the night and
licenced bar operating
★ For more information email emeraldlittletheatre@gmail.com

2015 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS
Central Highlands Regional Council would like you to
help us celebrate what’s great about our communities
by nominating someone you know for an Australia Day
Award. The Awards will recognise members of the
community who have made an outstanding contribution
to the community, and for exceptional achievement in
the areas of Sport and Culture.

Citizens, Service Clubs and Sporting Bodies are invited
to nominate Council residents for the following awards:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Senior Sports / Sports Administrators Award
- Junior Sports Award
- Community Event of the Year
- Cultural Award

Nominations must be submitted on the approved
nomination form which is available from the Central
Highlands Regional Council’s ofiices or on Councils
website www.centralhighlands.qld.gov.au

The awards will be presented at the Australia Day
Celebrations to be held on Monday 26 January 2015 in
Blackwater, Emerald, Springsure and Tieri.

Nominations close at 5.00pm on Friday 9 January
2015

Scott Mason
Chief Executive Officer
☎ 1300 242 686
✉ www.centralhighlands.qld.gov.au

Christmas Family Fun Day
Heaps of fun for Everyone!!
Pony Rides    Rides on ‘Little Squirrel’
Jumping Castle Photos with Santa  Face Painting

Saturday 29
November
9am to 12 noon
CENTRAL BIKE CENTRE
Cnr Gregory Hwy South & Campbell Ford Drive

All kids activities and Santa photos are free!
Gold coin donation for Sausage Sizzle in support of
Blue Care Community Centre Emerald.

Proudly hosted by: Total Beauty Spa Salon and
Central Bike Centre

Are you interested in SCOUTING?
Community Information Evening 6.30pm tonight,
FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER.
Emerald Scout Den, Cnr Theresa & Opal Street,
Emerald.
Enquiries Ph 0437 446 874
Group Leader: Lyn Stallard
Be prepared for a new adventure