12 June, 2015

From the Principal

DISCO (WHOLE SCHOOL)

Our School Leaders, with the support of our P & C, are holding a school disco tonight from 6pm to 8pm. The theme is fluoro. The tuckshop will have food available. Parents are welcome to stay and assist. If your child comes unattended, you must collect them from the under covered area at the end of the disco. No child will just be allowed to leave the disco to walk to a waiting car.

Staffing 2016

It is that time of year again when teachers have to apply for a transfer if they wish. Looking at our figures, currently for 2016 we will be losing approximately .5 in teacher staffing. If you know your children will not be attending Emerald State School in 2016 can you please notify the office so we can keep our figures as accurate as possible.

Report Cards

As we are all aware, at the end of term report cards will be sent home for all students. Parents sometimes ask how the grade my child received is worked out. Reporting is based on evidence

The grade given is based upon:

- Judgments about the quality of student learning based on evidence collected during the reporting period. This evidence will vary depending on what has been taught in the semester. It may be tests, class work, observations, assignments or presentations.
- The student's most consistent level of achievement with consideration to more recent evidence.

School Opinion Survey

Early next term, all parents will have the opportunity to go on-line and complete a parent survey to give the school feedback. Please find below our parent survey results from the last couple of years.

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<td>Percentage of parent/caregivers who agree that:</td>
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<td>their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)</td>
<td>93%</td>
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<td>this is a good school (S2035)</td>
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<td>their child likes being at this school* (S2001)</td>
<td>90%</td>
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<td>their child feels safe at this school* (S2002)</td>
<td>93%</td>
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<td>their child’s learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003)</td>
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<td>their child is making good progress at this school* (S2004)</td>
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<td>teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best* (S2005)</td>
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<td>teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work* (S2006)</td>
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<td>teachers at this school motivate their child to learn* (S2007)</td>
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<td>teachers at this school treat students fairly* (S2008)</td>
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<td>they can talk to their child’s teachers about their concerns* (S2009)</td>
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<td>this school works with them to support their child’s learning* (S2010)</td>
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<td>student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012)</td>
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<td>this school looks for ways to improve* (S2013)</td>
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The annual School Opinion Survey will be conducted between 29 June and 31 July 2015. All families, school staff and a random sample of students will be invited to participate. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve. More information about the surveys will be provided closer to the opening date.

**PREP OFFERS FOR 2016**

Our PREP offers to students, not in catchment, will go out on Friday 19 June. If you have a child for PREP in 2016 and have not yet enrolled them, please do so at the office ASAP.

**P & C meeting**

Our next P & C meeting will be held in the conference room at 6:30pm on Thursday 18 June. Everyone is welcome. On the 29th May it was P & C day where we get the opportunity to thank your P & C and all their members for the hard work they do in our schools every year. Currently our P & C are working on 2 gardening projects which they received grants for. They also, this year, have given us $20000 for camps, money for a new trailer and sand, subscription to Sunshine on-line and $6000 to purchase class sets of dictionaries so they are not required to be purchased on the booklist. What a year already. Thank you from the Emerald State School staff and students.

**Staffing – Term 3**

At the beginning of term 3, Mrs Tina Brosnan will be on long service leave. Mrs Jill Ryan will be replacing her on 6B on a Monday and Mrs Jenni Farquhar will be replacing her Deputy Principal role. Just reminding 1B that Mrs Baumgartner will be their class teacher full time as of the beginning of term 3. Mrs Tiffany Sparke will be still at school for the first 5 weeks, but will be replacing staff who are away sick.

**Bus Children**

Parents, if your child catches the bus at Denison State School or does a change over there, could you please talk to them about waiting safely for the bus. Some of the students are playing ‘chasey’ and handball and at times running onto the road. The staff at Denison and the crossing supervisor have both spoken to the students but the behaviours are continuing. I am concerned for the safety of our students so please assist me with this matter. I will be talking to the bus students about this.

**Student of the Week**

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<th>WEEK 7</th>
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<td>Alex S – Prep A</td>
<td>Amelia B – Prep A</td>
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<td>Miley L – 1B</td>
<td>Donovan H – 3B</td>
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<td>Sky R – 5A</td>
<td>Denizil D – Prep B</td>
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<td>All of 6A</td>
<td>Sophie M – 5A</td>
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<td>Jayden F – 1A</td>
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<td>Jimmy C – 5B</td>
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<td>Eden C – 1B</td>
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<td>Lillie S – 6A</td>
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<td>Priya T – 2A</td>
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<td>Golden W – 6A</td>
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<td>Sophie W – 2B</td>
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<td>Brianna G – 6B</td>
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**Tuckshop News**

**Cleaners Cup**

Week 8 – 4B & Miss Thomas

Our Red Day/Sports Day was a great success we SOLD OUT! We had 230 pre-orders and supplied 270 snags and 15 steaks. Thank you for Supporting Our Students.

A massive thank you to the following businesses:-

Cold Snap Refrigeration for the use of their Cold Room 24H for donating mandarins for each Lunch Pack sold and Fairbairn Bakery for discounting our bread.

Also, a very big thank you to ALL the wonderful parents who helped out on the day, we really appreciate your contribution.

**SPECIAL OF THE WEEK 16/17/18 JUNE 2015  CHOW MEIN**

Chow Mein Ingredients:- Lean mince, onion, brown rice, shredded cabbage, low salt chicken noodle soup, curry powder, beans and water.

**SPECIAL OF THE WEEK 23/24/25 JUNE 2015 POT LUCK**

Check www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au to see quantities and specials available
PE News

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

**PLEASE NOTE CH TRIALS - CHANGE OF TRACK AND FIELD DATE AND VENUE**

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<th>Sport</th>
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<th>Central Highlands</th>
<th>Capricornia</th>
<th>State</th>
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| Netball 11 and under 12 years girls | Run | Run | Run | 20-23 June (12 years)  
20 June (12 years) | Caloundra |
| Rugby League 11 and 12 year boys | Run | Run | Run | 25-30 June (12 years)  
Iffracombe 6-10 July (11 years) | Rockhampton |
| Rugby League Girls | Run | Run | Run | 19-21 September | South Coast |
| Touch Football Girls & boys | Run | Run | Run | 13-16 August | Toowoomba |
| Soccer – boys & girls | Run | Run | Run | 25-28 July | Brendale |
| Cross Country girls & boys 10-12 years | Run | Run | Run | 19-20 July | Runaway Bay |
| Rugby Union U 12 | Run | Run | Run | Mon 15 June | Emerald  
28-30 August | Shorncliffe |
| Track & Field – boys & girls 10 to 12 years | Monday 22 June Marist College Emerald All Day | Wed 22 July DYSART | Tuesday 18 August Rockhampton | 16-17 October | Townsville |
| Tennis | Run | Run | Run | 6-9 August | Cairns |
| Cricket Boys and Girls | Thurs 6 Aug 3.30pm Emerald (Epic) | Thurs 13 August Moranbah | Sun/Mon 6/7 Sept Gladstone | 1-5 November | Mackay |

**Central Highlands Rugby Union**

I would like to extend congratulation to Rohan M and Blake A on their successful bid to make it into the CH Rugby Union team. Ms Richardson was exceedingly happy about the quality of their skills and their great efforts on the day of the trials. Good luck in the Capricornia Trials. Good luck boys in your upcoming trials on Monday.

**Capricornia Rugby Trials**

Congratulations to Olivia C on her successful trialling at the Capricornia Rugby League trials. She is now in the Capricornia Team heading to the South Coast in May. Blake A was unsuccessful in his attempt. Well done to both of you on your great efforts.

**Inter-house Track and Field Carnival**

What a great day. I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful school staff for their contribution to running the Sports Day at Marist College. It was a good day and many people gave up their time so that the day could run smoothly. Thank you very much to all of those people. I cannot name everyone as there were many people who quietly helped and kept going so here are just a few. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Shields for organising tents from TNC Crane hire and Holden and erecting them. It was great having such good shade throughout the day. I had a band of merry folk (Mr Downie, Mr Jaques, Mr Challacombe, Mr Ryan, Mr Shields & Darci RI) down at the oval at 6.30am doing a great job pitching tents, getting out gear and digging pits. I believe that Mr Firth and Mr Catip are considering becoming professional race starters! Thank you to our band of very resilient timekeepers with Mr and Mrs Jaques, Mr and Mrs Challacombe, and Mr Powell having it all under control. Thank you to Mrs Sprought and Mrs Cooper for managing and chaperoning the 9 year olds with great skill. Mrs Gakowski and Mrs Neville were very professional at shot put with their judging skills. Thank you to the tuckshop convenors, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Wass and your band of extraordinary workers for having a super mobile tuckshop. The food was great. To the Mums and Dads who gave a hand with the junior school, thank you. I must also thank my husband who does an amazing amount for me on and prior to the day to allow it to run smoothly.

Now for the results: this year’s winner was...Mitchell. Well done to both teams.

**Congratulations to the Age Champions**

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<th>Age Champion</th>
<th>Runner Up</th>
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| 9 years Girls | Teagan S  
Jessie B |
| 9 years Boys | Kerrod B  
Dyson N |
| 10 years Girls | Breanna D  
Deborah M |
| 10 years Boys | Dylan F  
Jett W |
| 11 years Girls | Darci R  
Maddi B |
| 11 years Boys | Harlan C  
Jakory B |
| 12 years Girls | Olivia C  
Nicole K |
| 12 years Boys | Blake A  
Kaden R |

Students who were placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in field events or race finals have been invited to join the Emerald State School team at the Emerald District Sports on Monday 22nd June.

If they are successful they will be going to the Central Highlands trials at DYSART on Wednesday 22nd July (please note that this is a change of venue and date). Good luck to all.
Rookies2Reds Rugby Union
The Rookies2Reds Rugby Union program will be running again in the first 5 weeks of Term 3 with Joey Morris. He will run a 5 week program for both 5-7 year olds on Mondays and 8-11 year olds on Tuesdays. He will be sending out fliers in the last week of this term. Joey will be visiting our school on the last parade of the term to talk to the students about the program.

Auskick
Scott Smithwick from AFL will be in our school in the last week of term to promote Auskick which will be held in term 3 at the showgrounds on Friday afternoons. Auskick is the AFL skills based program for both boys and girls. He will be sending home fliers in week 10.

Have a great fortnight
Jill Ryan

Instrumental Music News
Parade items:
Week 9 - Choir
Week 10 - Year six Instrumental Music Ensemble

Christmas Craft & Gift Fair News
November 20th and 21st 2015

Multidraw Raffle
We are seeking prizes for our multidraw raffle. So far our raffle convenor, Kristy Matheson, has been busy and has some wonderful donations.

We are not definite yet on what our prize packages will be, but are sure to include a kids prize, ladies prize, $1000 cash and we are also having a brand new Thermomix again this year.

Donations can be made in goods or cash.
Please contact Kristy Matheson on dkmatheson@aapt.net.au if you would like to donate towards our raffle.

Seeking a Convenor
The Craft Fair committee is in need of a convenor. The role involves hosting meetings and being the overseeing person of the other convening positions. You would also need to be available Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the Craft Fair.

For further information please contact Annie Self at anniegr@bigpond.net.au or 0409571083.

2015 Craft Fair Committee
Members and Positions
Convenor - Open
Secretary - Louisa Backus
Stall Holder Convenor - Renee Firth
Friday Night Catering - Anne Self
Friday Night Bar - Marlene Slack
Printing - Marlene Slack
School Lane - Megan Wass
Advertising and Promotions - Michelle Harrison
Raffles - Kristy Matheson
Saturday Morning Tea - Julia Barnes and Ariana Corkill
Set Up and Pack Up - Kathleen Wills
Decorations - Monica Brouff
Stall Holders Lunches - Sue Cave and Felicity Wilson
Rosters - Shae Stokes
Risk Assessment - Toni Williams
General Helpers - Kristy Serotzki, Rebecca Dockerty, Chantel Casey.

We welcome any new members for fresh ideas and to make the task a little less busy for all involved.