24 July, 2015

From the Principal

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a relaxing break. I must admit I have not enjoyed the first week with its cold mornings. At the end of last term, due to me not getting out in the mornings on a regular basis, our morning routine became a little messy. Just reminding everyone that before school we need to be sitting in the Undercover Area. Thank you to those parents who come every morning and sit with the children in the Undercover Area. It is really great to see you modelling the school rules to your children.

Absences

Thank you to the parents who sent texts or left a message on our attendance line over the holidays, explaining your child’s absence. Some people asked then why they still got a follow up text. Over the holidays no staff work, therefore your messages could not be put into the system until office staff returned on the Monday at the beginning of the term. As the texting system is automated, it just sends another message because it has not been told any different.

If you have already contacted the school, please ignore the second text.

Attendance for Semester 1

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School Opinion Survey

At the end of last term a letter regarding the School Opinion Survey was sent home to every family. This letter included your log on details to do this survey. This survey needs to be completed by the 31st July 2015. If you are having problems or do not have access at home to the internet please contact me so we can do it at school. Our Year 5 and 6 students completed their opinion survey in week 1.

REGIONAL SHIELD

Mrs Ryan took 10 girls to the Regional Shield Netball competition in Rockhampton last week. They did very well and were placed ninth overall out of 31 teams. Thank you to Mrs Ryan and Mrs Hatchman for coaching the team. It was lovely to be told by parents that you were both able to include all team members equally in play time and encouraged the team to do their best and to have fun. The feedback was also that our girls, as a team, were very supportive, patient and kind to all members in their team.

Josh Hannay/ Stephen Bell Cup

A letter went home last week looking for interest from students to play in the Josh Hannay/Stephen Bell Cup on the 21 August. If your child is interested please ensure you see Ms Richardson, as if we do not get enough students we will not be participating.
PREP OFFERS FOR 2016
Our PREP offers to students not in catchment were made on Friday 19th June. If you have a child for PREP in 2016 and have not yet enrolled them, please do so at the office ASAP.

NAIDOC Week
Last week on parade we had students from our school (Jesi and Jakory Blanco), and from other schools, performed some traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander dances for us. These students also performed at the Elders Luncheon and other schools in the district.

END OF YEAR PROGRAM
Just reminding parents that the last 2 weeks of school this year will look different to last year. The reason for this is we are going back to a whole school swimming program. All year levels will have a swimming lesson every day for 8 days starting Monday 30th November. We will have a Whole School Swimming Carnival Thursday 10 December and then our concert/awards as one ceremony on Friday 11 December. Please ensure you put these dates in your diary.

Rhonda Jones

Student of the Week

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Cleaners Cup
Week 1 – Prep A & Mrs Wills
Week 2 – 5B & Mrs Peters/Ms Richardson

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop open on Mondays in Term 3

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Tuckshop Highlights

Term 3 Menu - yellow colour and issued on Friday 17/07/15.
Term 3 Roster - was sent home on Monday 20/07/15.

Monday OPTION: FAIRBAIRN BAKERY PIES
Plain Beef $4.20 add Peas $4.70
Chicken & Corn $4.80

TUESDAY OPTION: YUM YUM SUSHI
Cr free Chicken & Avocado (Contains Gluten)
Tuna & Avocado (GF) & Chicken & Avocado(GF)
$4.00 Per Sushi Roll
If you don’t like something please omit eg seaweed.

BRAIN BREAK all $1.00 each
Healthy items are available from the tuckshop before school.
All $1.00 each Dry Biscuits & Cheese, Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit,
Dried Fruit Box, Fruit Tub, Pop Corn, Carrot Sticks & Cream Cheese.

BIRTHDAY TREATS ALL $1 EACH
Minimum 2 days’ notice required to avoid disappointment.
Chocolate Crackles
Frog In A Pond 150ml (Jelly Cup/Freddo Frog)
Emerald State School Vanilla Ice Cream Cups
Party Bags (x6 Items / bag)

Various ice blocks available prices as per menu.

POLO SHIRT PRICE INCREASE TERM 4
June P&C Meeting all present voted to increase Polo shirts from $25.00 to $27.50 commencing Term 4. This increase helps to cover the freight charges and the new price is comparable to other local schools.

Kindy Orientation Days 2015: Our 2016 Preppies have experienced tuckshop during their visit this year.

RED DAY TERM 3
.........will be a surprise we will keep you posted.

SPECIALS: $5 each or add 100g Chicken - $6
Term 3 specials will be posted in our fortnightly School Newsletter, on our ESS P&C Assoc Info & Updates Facebook page, and available for purchase from www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au
Volunteers required
THE TUCKSHOP IS NOW OPEN ON MONDAYS. We are trialling opening the tuckshop on Mondays during Term 3. If viable, tuckshop will remain open permanently on Mondays. Our January to June Profit and Loss indicated we are now “in the black”. Yippee! The Red Days for Cross Country, Sports Day and the Disco contributed greatly. Thank you to everyone who helped to make them all so successful.

It has been a challenge to fill the Monday slots on the Roster this term. If you can spare 3 hours once per term, per month or maybe per fortnight, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help out, please let Michelle or Megan know your availability via:-
- email address is esstuckshop@gmail.com;
- post a message on our ESS P&C Info & Update Facebook page;
- pop in and see us in the Tuckshop between 8:30am and 12:30pm Monday to Friday;
- call or text us on our mobiles Michelle 0400 196 658 or Megan 0429 098 261.

We have 348 students at our school and only 29 Parents/Carers help in our tuckshop each term. The majority of these lovely Parents/Carers work and without their help our Tuckshop would not be open at all. The kids just love it when they have a Friend or Family Member helping out in their Tuckshop.

Thank you for “Supporting our Students”. Michelle & Megan

From the Office

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION
We recently had an upgrade to our email system and through this process some of your email addresses may have been lost or not altered as requested. If this has been the case for you, would you please notify the office your correct email address and we will alter it so we can get you back on-line as soon as possible. Don’t forget also that the newsletter is uploaded to the Emerald SS website the day the newsletter is distributed so you can always jump on line and have a look there. In the future, we hope to move to a totally paperless email distribution system so if you would like to start making the move now, please send your request and current email address to admin@emeraldss.eq.edu.au. Thanks

HONOUR BOARD
We are pleased to advise that our Honour Board is now up to date from 1987 to 2015. Pop in and have a look next time you’re going past. We still have a few blank spaces, so if you know Captains from the following years would you please call the office and let us know and we’ll update these as well. 1968 to 1986.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2015
Notes regarding Ecumenical Christian Religious Education (CRE) classes beginning this term went home on Monday. If you did not receive yours, please have your child collect one from the office. If your child is participating, or you wish to change their permission for CRE, please send payment or note advising change by Monday 27th July. Some people noted on their return slips that they had already advised the school of their RE preference for their child. We understand this, and please be assured that your permissions will not change without your written request, however, this is one of the permissions which parents constantly change for their children, so we just wish to make sure our records are current and correct. This is noted in the letter. Thanks

From our Master Teacher
Grammar Rants
You may have heard your child talking about a Grammar Rant. This is a new strategy we are using at school to encourage students to identify common errors in their writing. The idea comes from a practice in the USA where the public write into newspaper columnists complaining about the incorrect use of grammar by high profile people in society. The misuse of apostrophes is high on the hit list! At ESS, we are identifying common errors in student writing samples and using those errors to teach correct grammar. We have already had Grammar Rants about the incorrect use of ‘seen’ and ‘done’, missing out capital letters and full stops, leaving out words in sentences, and mixing up their, there and they’re. Students and teachers are enjoying the strategy. We would love to get some real life examples of incorrect grammar from our community so be on the lookout and send in anything you find!

Parent Workshops - Grammar and Punctuation
This workshop will help unlock some of the mysteries of grammar and punctuation..
- Come along and hear about Grammar Rants and Quickwrites.
- Learn how to write simple, compound and complex sentences.
- Find out when to use a semi colon.

When: 11.08.2015 (Tuesday, Week 5)
Where: Emerald SS, Library
Session 1: 8:30am – 9:30am
Session 2: 5:00pm – 6:00pm;
RSVP: Jenni Farquhar jfarq5@eq.edu.au or 4983 9666
P & C News

At the February meeting, it was decided that the focus for the P&C for the next 2-3 years be, “to improve the environmental conditions, both inside and outside of the classroom, for the students to enhance their learning outcomes.” A number of projects are currently being investigated and costed by the school administration on behalf of the P&C. At the July meeting, the first two possible projects, which have now been fully costed, were discussed; fridges in classrooms and the replacement of the noticeboard on the corner of Borilla and Yamala streets. At the next meeting, a vote will be held on whether to support these projects.

At the August meeting, the uniform policy, uniform stock at the tuckshop and prices will be discussed in preparation for the 2016 school year. To help school families, the tuckshop is planning to have a uniform pre-order form available for term 4.

Please forward any other agenda items for the August meeting to the P&C via email, pandc@emeraldss.eq.edu.au. The next meeting will take place on the 20th August at 6:30pm in the Conference Room of the Administration Block and all are welcome to attend.

Toni Williams (P&C President)

P E News

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

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Regional Shield (Netball) 16 & 17 July Rockhampton

Wow! What a great group of young women went away to Regional Shield. At all times they played their hardest and NEVER let their team down. Congratulations girls. To top it all off, they came home with “The Cup”. This means we won the 3rd pool which put us 9th out of 31 teams. I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Hatchman (Coach) and Mrs Firth (Umpire) for giving of their time so freely for our girls to participate in Regional Shield. I would also like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful and supportive parents who cheered us throughout all our games.

Cricket

Representative cricket is upon us. District trials for Boys are next week, after school, on Thursday 30th July at Marist College. Please see me if you missed getting a note and are a keen cricketer.

Rookies2Reds Rugby Union

Rookies2Reds is happening on our oval on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. The kids are having a great time. Thank you to Joey Morris who is also visiting our school on Tuesdays to share his skills with our students.

CH Track and Field Carnival

What a day we had at Dysart for the Central Highlands Trials. Our students worked very hard in beautiful weather. We have some students who are now heading off to Rockhampton for the Central Queensland trials on Tuesday 18th August. I will post the students who were successful when I receive the list.

Auskick

Auskick is being held at the showgrounds on Friday afternoons. The first week was last Friday but if you are keen, come on down. The sessions run from 4pm to 5pm. Auskick is an AFL skills based program for both boys and girls. The program promotes fun, fitness, ball handling for the younger students and the older students enjoy a modified AFL game.

Jill Ryan

Instrumental Music

Welcome back to what promises to be an extremely busy term. I was fortunate enough to attend the Maryborough Music Conference in the holidays with some of Australia’s and the World’s best musicians and music educators and am excited to be able to pass the knowledge I received on to the students and school staff.

Just a few reminders about this term:

**July 30 - August 1** - Central Highlands Festival of bands workshops (Emerald)
**August 1** - Central Highlands Festival of Bands concert with guests Best of Brass and percussionist (7pm Town Hall)
**August 17 - 19** - Central Highlands Eisteddfod (Blackwater - group day Wednesday)

As the year progresses, it is important that you encourage your child to keep practising. If they aren’t practising regularly it is hard for them to progress in their playing and they fall behind other students and often lose interest and quit.

Please also keep in mind that if your child is currently using a school instrument they will be required to have their own for the program next year. Further information about this will come home early in Term 4, or if you would like it earlier, please email me. (hild7@eq.edu.au) It is vital that you purchase/rent a quality instrument as a cheaper alternative can end up costing more in the long term and/or be difficult for the student to play etc.

Leanne Hilder
Emerald State School Newsletter

School Lane - 2 minute Pick/Up & Drop/Off Zone

A 2 minute pick-up, set-down zone operates from 8am – 4pm Monday – Friday in School Lane. It is important to note the following:

- the zone is for a period of 2 minutes only
- drivers are requested NOT to leave their motor vehicles while in the zone
- motor vehicles should obey all signs in School Lane
- Police will patrol the lane to ensure it is used properly
- All students are to remain inside the school grounds until their parents arrive.

Also, a reminder that School Lane is a one way street running from Anakie Street to Borilla Street. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

PERMITTED PARKING ZONES IN SCHOOL LANE

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Remember... ‘The last thing on their minds is YOU!’  DRIVE SAFELY NEAR SCHOOLS

What’s on !

**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015**

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

**BOOK FAIR**

Don’t forget the Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting the school library before and after school Monday 10th thru to Friday 14th August.

This year, by request, families may purchase books at the Fair for donation back to the school library and complete a label with their name to be fixed inside the cover. Not only does this help the library collection grow, but it also gives the children a sense of ownership of the books and pride to see their donated book on the library shelves.

We also need helpers to run the Fair before and after school so look out for a note coming home next week so you can elect your preference and availability to help out.

For any further details regarding Book Fair or Book Club please contact Shae Stokes on: 0419 811 963 or at shae.stokes@aapt.net.au
Science Club

Science Club’s next fun, five-week, after-school program starts next month and the theme this term is Crime Scene Investigation. Each week, kids will transform into forensic scientists and examine evidence, classify fingerprints, analyse microscopic samples and even help solve a crime. Registrations are now open but spaces are very limited. Seniors (9/10/11 yr olds) starts Monday 3 August and Juniors (6/7/8 yr olds) starts Tuesday 4 August from 4-5pm. Cost is $60/child payable to the CH Science Club. Visit the Central Highlands Science Club Facebook page or text Lisa on 0487 193 627 to register your child’s interest.

Emerald Little Theatre Inc

Is hosting a Quiz Night to celebrate our 60th Anniversary!

Saturday 1st August 2015
Emerald Little Theatre Hall
(Corner Harris & Anakie Streets Emerald)
Door & Bar open from 6.30pm
Tables $60 (max of 6 people)

Tickets available at the Emerald Town Library.
Drop in, or phone them on 4982 3311

Licensed Bar operating till late.
Light meals available for purchase.