21 August, 2015

From the Principal

Dear Parents

NAPLAN

All parents with students in years 3 and 5 should have now received their NAPLAN report. This year, we have had big growth in our improvement from Year 3 to Year 5. We were above the expected growth in 4 out of the 5 areas. Maintaining our students in the Upper Two Bands (U2B) is still our focus as in writing we had 46.7% of our students in the U2B and now in Year 5 it is 11.1%. The work that the master teacher is doing with staff around Grammar and Punctuation, we hope, will prevent the drop in this area and then we can use the strategies that work in this area in the other areas.

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Year 3 data was not as high as in the past, but the improvement we have seen in that cohort in the 12 months still makes these results very pleasing.

Year 3 (mean)

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Year 3 (U2B)

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Attendance (Year to date)

Our attendance is improving, even as we fight the flu season, over the last couple of weeks. 69 of our students currently have attended school greater than 98% of the time this year. (98% is less than 1.5 days away). Our concern is though, the 19 of our students are attending school less than 85% of the time for 2015.

Eisteddfod

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of going to the CH Eisteddfod in Blackwater and watching our Concert Band perform. Their performance was very good and they received a second place. The Intermediate Choir were also placed second and our Senior Small Ensemble received Highly Commended. Thank you to Leanne Hilder and Vicki Ferguson for the work they have done with these students, both at the event on the day, and the hard work in the lead up to eisteddfod. Thank you also to the parents who travelled down to support their child in these events.

Prep 2016 Parent Interviews

Interview times for our Prep families for 2016 are currently being finalised. I have set aside 4 days so I can meet individually with every Prep student’s parent/carer so as to get an indication of what is best for your child or any particular needs they may have. An email will be sent to you shortly advising your allocated day and time.
Emerald State School Newsletter

Workplace Health and Safety

Last week, we had our Workplace Health and Safety meeting and a few points were noted.

- A reminder that playgrounds are out of bounds before and after school and should not be used, even with a parent supervising. This is when the majority of our accidents are occurring and resulting in injuries.
- Gates – please ensure the double gate in the NW corner of the school and the personal gate near the PREP area are closed behind you if you come in that way. Also some of our self-closing gates are being hooked back; please let them close.
- In the area of First Aid, we are getting more requests around such things as ‘I hurt my foot on the weekend. Can you bandage it?’ School provides a First Aid station for incidents that occur throughout the school day. We are also very limited in the care we can give – band aid or ice. If students are complaining of pain we need to contact parents to deal with this.

END OF YEAR PROGRAM

Parents, please remember 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 depending on the availability of the town pool due to the current leak. All year levels will have a swimming lesson every day for 8 days starting on Monday 30th November. We will have a Whole School Swimming Carnival on Thursday 10th December and then our concert/awards as one ceremony on Friday 11th December. Our Year 6 Farewell will be held Thursday night at 6:30pm with a similar format to 2015. Please ensure you put these dates in your diary.

From the Office

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2015

Books have now been distributed to students whose records indicate they are participating in the Religious Education program. The cost for these books is $3 and we thank our families who have already paid. If you have not paid your $3, a note would have gone home with your child on Monday. Would you please return the slip and payment to the office? Thanks

STUDENT ABSENCES

Student absences must be reported by the Parent or Carer either by text, phone call, verbal to teacher or written note. The Department of Education and Training does not consider absences reported via a sibling as official notification.

Cleaners Cup

Week 5 – 4B & Miss Thomas
Week 6 – 6A & Ms Eaves

Tuckshop News

Term 3 Roster

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Tuckshop Highlights

MONDAY OPTION: FAIRBAIRN BAKERY PIES

• Plain Beef $4.20 - add Peas $4.70
• Chicken & Corn $4.80

POLO SHIRT PRICE INCREASE TERM 4

At the 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 is the same price as other local schools.
SPECIALS
Term 3 specials will be posted in our fortnightly school newsletter, on our ESS P&C Association’s Info & Updates Facebook page, and available for purchase from www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

Week 7 Hokkien Noodle Salad

Week 8 Mediterranean Rice Tarts & Greek Salad

Week 9 Oven Fried Rice & Spring Rolls

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

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After School Netball in Term 4
Next term, we will be entering an after school netball competition which is to be held at the netball courts on Thursday afternoons. We will have the chance to put in Year 3 and 4 teams and Year 5 and 6 teams. We will also be able to enter mixed teams with a maximum of 3 boys on a team. I have many students who are keen, but I am now seeking umpires as we need one umpire per team. If you are an umpire and wouldn’t mind helping out, I would love to hear from you.

Tennis
Lachlan V played really well at the State Trials in Cairns but, unfortunately, did not make it into the state team. Good luck next year Lachlan.

Touch Football
Congratulations to Olivia C and her Capricornia Team. Of the 11 games they played, they won 9. Olivia said it was a great experience which she enjoyed hugely.

CH Track and Field Carnival
Congratulations to the people who went to the Capricornia Track and Field Trials in Rockhampton this week. Deborah M (SP), Jett W (800m), Harlan C (200m, LJ, HJ) and Kaden R (D). Nobody was successful in getting to the Capricornia Team but all performed well.

T20 Cricket
On 28 August, we will be competing in a T20 Cricket competition. This competition requires 8 players on the field and everyone gets a bat and a bowl. Good luck boys and girls.

Rugby League
Good luck to Ms Richardson and Mr Mann and their merry troops as they head off to Capella today for the Steven Bell and Josh Hannay Cup. Good luck boys.

Touch Football
Our 10 weeks of Interschool Touch Football have come to an end. This year, we were very blessed to have a number of parents help out with the coaching. Thank you VERY much to Mrs Rix, Mr Jacques, Mr Bugeja, Mr Ryan and Mr and Mrs Whittaker. Thank you also to the Mums and Dads who cheered loudly on the sidelines. Your support was truly appreciated. Everybody improved really well over the season and to round it all off, Snipers won the Year 3 and 4 competition and the Redbacks won the year 5 and 6 competition. Congratulations everybody.

Have a great fortnight
Jill Ryan

Instrumental Music News
Central Highlands Festival of Bands
Congratulations to the students who represented the school at this year’s Festival of Bands. It was a huge success and I’m sure the students learned a lot from the experience of playing in a seventy piece ensemble.

Best of Brass
What’s on?

Emerald Little Theatre Inc presents
Two outrageously funny One-Act plays by David Tristram
Follow the trials and tribulations of LITTLE GRIMLEY Amateur Dramatic Society as they struggle with sets, scripts, bananas and getting ‘bums on seats’.

WHERE Emerald Little Theatre Hall
Cnr Anakie & Harris Street, Emerald
COST $40 per person

WHEN 28th & 29th August
4th & 5th September
11 & 12th September

2015 Central Highlands Multicultural Festival
Saturday 22 August 2015, 5pm – 10pm
Emerald Showgrounds, Capricorn Highway
www.chmfestival.com.au

Taking Charge of Change – Emerald
What do we need to be ready for the NDIS?
Community Resource Unit Inc. (CRU)

Workshop Overview
• The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) will be introduced in Queensland from July 2016. While we don’t know all the details yet, the NDIS brings the opportunity for people with disability and the people closest to them, to have a greater say over their support arrangements.
• This one day workshop reviews what we know about the NDIS and what it will mean for people with a disability. It will be an opportunity to explore what people with disabilities, and the people who support them, can do now to ensure they can best benefit from this opportunity.
• We will explore topics such as what it takes to have a good life; what support could look like; the contribution of family and friends; choice, self-direction and what it will mean to take control.
• This interactive day will offer practical strategies for people with disability and their families on where to start, how to stay connected and how we might design and create support that suits the person, enables them to live a good life and is sustainable over time.

Who should attend
This workshop is for people with a disability, families and their close friends and allies who are interested in hearing about the NDIS and exploring what they can do to be ready for the challenges.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015
Double Sticker Weekend!
To help you collect even more, we are holding a big Double Sticker Weekend this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Customers will get two stickers for every $10 they spend (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards. The more you collect the more educational equipment you can redeem.

A fundraising event for
Look Good...Feel Better
Helping to improve the self-esteem & quality of life of people undergoing cancer treatment

A DREAMY BREAKFAST
8 am ~ Sunday 30th August, 2015
Capricornia Restaurant
$50 per person
Tickets are non-refundable and must be purchased by
Wednesday, 26th August
Bookings: 0439 657 846 (Donna)
Tickets from Emerald Neighbourhood Centre

How to Register
• Tickets can be booked via our Eventbrite page: http://cru-tcc-emerald.eventbrite.com.au
• Ticket sales close Tuesday 25th August 2015
• If you experience any issues registering for this event, please call CRU on 07 3844 2211.

Our Presenters
• One of our team of experienced presenters will deliver this workshop.
• Each member of our team has many years of experience working with people with a disability and their families.
• Some of our team also have family members who have a disability and will share from personal experience.
• Read more about them on our website: www.cru.org.au

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