4 September, 2015

From the Principal

Dear Parents

Book Week

“Books Light Up Our World “was the theme of book week this year and I am really disappointed I missed the highlight of this week, our annual Book Week parade. A big ‘thank you’ to all the parents who worked tirelessly on the outfits to make this event such a success. Thank you to Mrs Nolan also for all her hard work, in not only the Book week parade, but all the other activities she organises in the library during the week of book week.

Some people sent me pictures of something that appeared in my office on the day of the parade.

Parade

There have been some comments lately wondering why we changed parade to the afternoon. We did it for two reasons. The first is we know that in the morning, all students are more focused and full of energy which is what we need when children are learning those core literacy skills. We would rather them at parade, a little unfocussed and restless because they are tired, rather than in crucial learning time. The other reason is we wanted the chance for us to be able to get our Instrumental Music students to perform. In the afternoon it means that they have all had their lesson and the band has had its practice so they are supported for their performance. I know the afternoon does not suit some parents, and that is the downfall of the timing of parade as we want as many parents as possible to be at parade to be part of our child’s schooling. The timing though does allow some parents who could not come in the morning, the opportunity to be there. We do know that probably changing venues has made the students a little more restless so we will work on some strategies around this.

This year, to ensure that the morning time is kept as uninterrupted for teachers and students, we have also only scheduled the specialist lessons that we have to in this time and no lesson is before 10am. This is to allow teachers that uninterrupted literacy time. This is also the time when the classes (except PREP and Year 1) have the extra support of another teacher so that all students can get more assistance with their learning. PREP and Year 1 get this time in the middle session and their time is focused on oral language and early literacy skills.

ANZAC Garden and Working Bee

Thank you to the P & C last week-end for the work you did on the gardens and also the planting of the ANZAC garden for which we received a grant from the Central Highlands Council. Also, much to the PREP and Year 1 students’ delight, the sandpit was also filled with new sand. This hard work is much appreciated and it was a great morning, topped off by a fabulous morning tea. Our Mums know how to cook! Some of the gardens have been fenced off to allow the plants to become established. Please talk with your children about the importance of not playing in the gardens? We don’t want all the hard work to be trampled on.

Help to Reduce Influenza by Hand Washing

(Message from the Health Department)

• A 20 second routine could help make us all healthier
• One way to reduce your chances of catching the influenza (flu) virus this year is simply washing your hands, however, not everyone knows how to do this properly. A lot of people don’t realise that you can catch diseases, such as flu, if you shake hands with an infected person or touch a contaminated surface such as a doorknob or telephone, and then touch your nose or mouth.
• Watch the 20 second routine that could help make us all healthier at https://youtu.be/NpmB88pWUsk.
• For further information please read the Infection Control Guideline.
The last 2 Fridays have been very busy with sport and that trend will continue for the next two. Firstly we had a team of Year 4 and 5 boys represent our school in the Steven Bell and Josh Hannay Cup competition at Capella. They played very well individually and as a team. They made it to the final and were narrowly defeated by Denison SS. Mr Steven Bell himself watched the first game they played and chose a ‘Best and Fairest Player’ which was presented to Jimmy Campbell. It was a great day and I thank the parents and coaches, Cresta Richardson and Geoff Mann, for their support of this team and event.

Last Friday saw the T20 cricket where all of the local schools played cricket using the T20 format. Thank you to Jill Ryan and Rick Jones for their support of this team and event.

Next Friday sees the start of a 2 day Rugby Union competition held at Emerald State High School. This event is new this year and is an initiative of the Rookies to Red Program.

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.

Rhonda Jones

Instrumental Music News
Congratulations to all students who participated in the CH Eisteddfod in Blackwater. All students played extremely well and should be proud of their efforts. A big thank you to the parents who drove children over (some multiple days in a row). Below is a list of results from students who received places.
1st Stella N (Year 4 Woodwind solo)
2nd Emerald State School Concert Band
   (Primary Concert Band)
2nd Claire B and Jack C (Year 4 duet)
3rd Bella W (Year 4 Brass solo)

HC Jack C (Year 4 Woodwind solo)
HC Emerald State School Wind Ensemble
   (Primary IM Ensemble 3-6 members)

Student of the Week

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Cleaners Cup
Week 7 – 5A & Ms Grant/Mrs Cuskelly
Week 8 – Prep B & Miss Brown

Tuckshop News
There is another Pizza Day Order form at the end of this Newsletter in case you have misplaced it. Pizza day will be held on the last day of term. Orders must be received before midday on Tues 15th September.

Tuckshop will NOT be open on Mondays in Term 4 (Please see P & C News)
From the Office

Communication from Emerald State School

Just a reminder to our parents that we have three main forms of official communication for Emerald State School.

- **Emerald State School’s Official Website** – www.emeraldss.eq.edu.au
- **QSchools App** – This app is available free in both iPhone and android formats and with it you are able to select your school as a “favourite” and configure your settings to receive push notifications.
- **MGM** – our School text messaging system. This is used primarily to advise parents of ‘unexplained’ absences but will also be used at times when instant notification is required eg. Bus running late from excursion etc.

Emerald State School does not use any other form of social media. As recorded on our State School Consent Form –
‘Emerald State School does not have an official Facebook page’
‘Emerald State School does not have a YouTube channel’
‘Emerald State School has not set up an official Twitter Profile’

P E News

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After School Netball in Term 4

This week, a note came out regarding an after school netball competition next term which is to be held at the netball courts on Thursday afternoons. We have the chance to put in teams in two age groups – teams made up of Year 3 and 4 girls, and teams made up of boys and girls in Years 5 and 6 (max of 3 boys per team for mixed, or girl only teams). The competition is a friendly five week competition between local district schools.

I have many students who are keen, but I am now seeking umpires and possibly coaches if we have any, as we need one umpire and coach per team. If you are an umpire or interested in coaching /managing a team and wouldn’t mind helping out, I would love to hear from you.

T20 Cricket

Last Friday, Will S, Jakory B, Lachlan V, Leyton P, Phillip W, Kynan S, Georgie J, Zac M and Arama F attended the T20 at the Epic Cricket grounds. Under the guidance of Mr Jones and supervision of Mrs Jones, the cricketers won 4 out of 5 games. The most impressive part of the day was the verbal encouragement and support that the players gave to each other. It was an awesome display of sportsmanship. On behalf of the students, thank you Mr and Mrs Jones for giving up your day. It was really appreciated.

Rugby Union

Congratulations to Rohan Mann who has just been away with the Capricornia Rugby Union team in Brisbane last week. Rohan played really well over the carnival as he showed enthusiasm and a high level of skill throughout.

Rugby League

I would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Richardson and Mrs Jones for looking after the Rugby League players at Capella 2 weeks ago and another thank you to all the parents for helping out so generously. The boys came 2nd in the Steve Bell Cup. Well done boys!

Have a great fortnight
Jill Ryan

P & C News

A BIG thank you to everyone who helped out at the Working Bee on Sunday 22nd August. A special thanks to Peter and Karen Bray who donated the rock for the ANZAC century commemorative garden, it is a very fitting tribute to all past students and teachers of ESS that have served in the defence forces in times of war and peace.

The Yamala St garden beds also got an overhaul at the working bee with new irrigation systems and plants added. A reminder to all parents, please keep children off the garden beds to aid the growth of the plants and prevent damage to the irrigation system.

The focus of the P&C this year has been “to improve the environmental conditions, both inside and outside of the classroom, for the students to enhance their learning outcomes.” At the August meeting, the P&C voted to support the provision and replacement of fridges in classrooms and the replacement of the noticeboard on the corner of Borilla and Yamala streets.

Two of our executive members will be attending the P&Cs Qld state conference, “Riding the Waves” next week in
Brisbane. We would like to thank P&C Qlds for providing travel, accommodation and event registration subsidies which allowed us to send two delegates. We look forward to hearing about what they have learned and how it can instigate change in our P&C at the September meeting.

This term, the P&C trialled opening the tuckshop on Mondays, but it is with regret that, as of the start of Term 4, the tuckshop will no longer operate on Mondays, as it is not financially viable. Thank you to all the parents who supported the tuckshop on Mondays and to Michelle Harrison for staffing it. Considering other similar sized schools offer tuckshop for 3 days or less, Michelle and Megan have done an extraordinary job this year to make the tuckshop more profitable and still offer a great range of nutritional foods as well as new healthy menus choices and Red Days.

At the next meeting, Annie and Kristy will give us their insight from the State Conference which should be very interesting. Please forward any other agenda items for the September meeting to the P&C via email, pandc@emeraldss.eq.edu.au. The next meeting will take place on the 17th September at 6:30pm in the Conference Room of the Administration Block and all are welcome to attend.

With thanks
Toni Williams (P&C President)

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’.

WHEN
4th and 5th September - Sold Out
11th September
12th September (limited seats available)

WHERE
Emerald Little Theatre Hall
Cnr Anakie & Harris Street, Emerald

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Door and Licensed Bar open 6pm - Main Course served 7pm
Show starts 7.45pm – finishes approx. 10pm

Tickets available by emailing emeraldlittletheatre@gmail.com or by phoning Andrea 0439 727 259
Payment by Cash or Cheque only – Sorry! NO EFTPOS

Emerald Brothers Cricket Club – Online
Registrations Now Available – Go To playcricket.com.au or click on the link below. Juniors
U11, u13, u16 and Seniors

OPEN INVITATION: All welcome to our pre-season T20 fun day at Marist College Emerald Saturday 12 September at 9am
All players receive a playing shirt and hat. Family discounts available.
Season starts 10 October until March 2016 (term times)
Email: emeraldbrothersjuniorcricket@yahoo.com.au or Ph: 0438620134

MAGPIES CRICKET
2015/16 SEASON SIGN ON
Junior Cricket Season 2015/2016 starts 10th October 2015
Seniors season 17th October 2015

Interested players for Juniors (Boys & Girls):Under 11, Under 13 & Under 16
Registration $105
PeeWees - Boys & Girls aged 5-9 Registration $50
Seniors $155

All registered players will receive a playing shirt
SIGN ON AT EPIC CRICKET GROUNDS ON:
Friday 4th September from 4pm – fun afternoon with a 20/20 game
ONLINE SIGNON NOW AVAILABLE AT “MYCRICKET”:
&fl=1&type=0

Phone: Tonia 0417776891 or Sam 0404079083 Find us on Facebook – Magpies Cricket Club Email: magpiescricket@yahoo.com.au
Welcome to Term 3, **DOMINO’S PIZZA RED DAY TUCKSHOP HELD ON 18\textsuperscript{TH} SEPTEMBER.**

PLEASE BE AWARE: THIS TUCKSHOP ORDER WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE CHILDREN AT 1\textsuperscript{ST} LUNCH...YOU WILL, THEREFORE, NEED TO SEND YOUR CHILD WITH BRAIN BREAK. Ice Block and Ice Cream Sales will also be available on the day.

We will require your child’s PRE-ORDER on or before midday Tuesday 15\textsuperscript{th} September 2015 so that we can purchase what we will need to complete RED DAY TUCKSHOP orders for all of our students.

Normal tuckshop on Friday 18\textsuperscript{th} September is NOT AVAILABLE. Our online canteen will not be available for use either on this day. Please see our list of PACKS that can be ordered on our final day of the school term for students.

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Please return to ESS Tuckshop on or before midday Tuesday 15\textsuperscript{th} September; your completed order form with payment for the students RED DAY TUCKSHOP. **ONE ORDER FORM PER CHILD.**

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$5

**Pack 1 - contains:**
- 1 x small bag of lollies
- 1 x Popper
- 1 x packet of Smith’s Chips (19g size)
- 1 x Slice of Pizza; INDICATE CHOICE Hawaiian, Supreme or Meat Lovers

$6

**Pack 2 - contains:**
- 1 x small bag of lollies
- 1 x Bundaberg Juice
- 1 x packet of Smith’s Chips (19g size)
- 1 x Slice of Pizza; INDICATE CHOICE Hawaiian, Supreme or Meat Lovers

$7

**Pack 3 - contains:**
- 1 x small bag of lollies
- 1 x Popper
- 1 x packet of Smith’s Chips (19g size)
- 2 x Slices of Pizza; INDICATE CHOICE Hawaiian, Supreme or Meat Lovers

$8

**Pack 4 - contains:**
- 1 x small bag of lollies
- 1 x Bundaberg Juice
- 1 x packet of Smith’s Chips (19g size)
- 2 x Slices of Pizza; INDICATE CHOICE Hawaiian, Supreme or Meat Lovers

**GLUTEN FREE—YES** Please indicate which pack you would like, $5, $6, $7 or $8, however you will be provided with Hawaiian Flavoured Gluten Free Pizza only. No other choice available.

If you require extra pieces of pizza, please indicate below, they are $2 per slice

**Extra Pizza; $2 each** INDICATE CHOICE Hawaiian, Supreme or Meat Lovers – Total $__________

Please return to school on or before Tuesday 15\textsuperscript{th} September