Emerald State School Newsletter

From the Principal

WELCOME to our new PREP families who will be receiving their first newsletter from Emerald State School today via email!

Monday 19th October is a PUPIL FREE DAY
Students do not attend school

Dear Parents

Thank you everyone for all the hard work in term 3. With all the illness throughout the term for students and staff we have still been able to achieve many more things than we thought we could.

A big thank you to our P & C who, over the holidays, removed the old shade structure at the front of the school and turfed the area to extend the PREP to Yr 3 playing fields. The students are getting very excited and can’t wait to play on it. This project was supported by a grant the P & C received from the Central Highlands Regional Council.

Also, last night at the P & C meeting they approved a proposal to employ Ms Collette Anderson for 8 days in the last 2 weeks of school to do drama lessons with all our students. As well as to assist in the creative growth of our students, they are doing this project to assist teachers with extra non-contact time to use to start planning for 2016 and for some professional development.

Attendance

This term, we have achieved 95.4% for the first 2 weeks of school which is excellent as it is above our target of 95%. Our Term 3 overall attendance was 91.3%. With all the illness around last term, I think this is a good figure.

16 October, 2015

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Congratulations to Year 6 of having the highest attendance rate and leading the way in term 3.

Curriculum Focus Term 4

This term, we are continuing our focus on writing and reading, but in the area of writing it is still very much focused on Grammar and Punctuation. Jnni, our Master Teacher, will be doing another parent session in a couple of weeks around ‘Quickwrites’ which is another teaching strategy we are now starting to implement to help students take their learning from short term memory to long term memory. We also have Rod Campbell coming in week 5 to do modelled lessons with the teachers around the teaching of grammar and punctuation. He will also do an afternoon session with staff after school and a parent workshop of approximately 1 hour during the day.

Also every Monday and Tuesday afternoon (3:30 to 4:30), our teachers have the opportunity to work with Jnni on Explicit Instruction and Grammar and Punctuation.

On the Student Free Day next Monday, we have the Education Conference at Emerald State High School.

2016

I know the end of the year seems a long way away, but to assist us with planning for staff for 2016 would you please notify the school as soon as possible if your children will not be returning to Emerald SS in 2016.
Our thanks to those parents who have already done this. Also, if you want certain things considered by us when we place your child in a class in 2016, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office by Monday 2nd November 2015. This is greatly appreciated.

**DISCO (WHOLE SCHOOL)**

Our School Leaders, with the support of our P & C, are holding a school disco on Friday 30 October from 6pm to 8pm. The theme is Halloween. The tuckshop will have food available. Cost is a gold coin donation. At the last disco, the leaders raised over $1000 which they used to remove the old tree stumps near the under covered area and contribute to the artificial turf there. The P & C also supported this project with a $4000 donation.

**Facilities Upgrades**

Over the next term, we will be having some renovations and repairs done around the school. They include an upgrade to our staffroom, removing and replacing all the louvres in E Block (PREP/ Yr 1) with panels, re-edging both sets of steps in H Block (Yr 6) with the yellow non slip nosing, replacing the doors or the staffroom and old Principal office, some of the weatherboards on the old building replaced (B Block) and the stairs into 3B (I Block) repaired due to some areas of rot.

**What’s on this term?**

Term 4 always seems like the busiest term and already as a school I think we are feeling this. The P & C are madly getting Craft Fair organised and in the school we have already, in the first 2 weeks, had the following:

- Beach to Bush Lifesavers visits for the whole school
- Visit from author (Brisbane Festival) to work with Year 5 on how to write a narrative. This week Michael Gerard courtesy of the Brisbane Writers Festival visited our school. In this visit he worked with the Year 5 students about how to write a narrative which is their genre they are working on this term. He also took time out to look at some of their writing around a super hero. It was a fabulous hour they spent with him.
- Visit from the Cowboys Development Officer in Jill’s HPE lessons
- Interviews for our 50 PREP enrolments for 2016.
- Western Reds (this Saturday and Sunday) (3 teams participating)
- Inter school netball after school on a Thursday afternoon started this week

The rest of the term does not have any less on. Most of these things are on your calendar that came home with your class newsletter last week, but if they are not there please add them in.

**Week 3**

Student Free Day on Monday 19th October.

Education Conference, Yr 5 excursion to “A Night at the Oscars, SITIL, PBL Training Day, School Leader Nominations to Tina for 2016, PREP excursion to Post Office.

**Week 4**

World Staff Day – Friday 30th October, Visit from the ARD – Trudi Graham, Day for Daniel (Wear Red), Student Halloween Disco 6pm-8pm

**Week 5**

NAPLAN resits, class assessments for Unit 7, WH&S meeting, LCC meeting, Rod Campbell visit

**Week 6**

Craft Fair, Class assessment for Unit 8, Jenni and Rhonda in Brisbane for selected Master Teachers Conference, Parade - Year 5 speeches for House leaders 2016,

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**Week 8**

P & C meeting, Report Cards are due to admin, 

**Week 9**

Whole School swimming program, Transition Days for Year 6 to ESHS on 1st and 2nd December, and Pre-PREP to ESS, Year 6 Personal Development Talks, Drama lessons.

**Week 10**

Whole School Swimming Program, Report Cards and 2016 class placements notified to parents, Drama lessons, Whole School Swimming Carnival, Yr 6 Graduation, Awards Parade and Whole School Concert.

**Tuckshop**

Please remember tuckshop is no longer opening on Mondays. During term 3, the P&C trialled opening the tuckshop again for 5 days per week. The need for tuckshop on Mondays was determined to be very small and therefore it is not viable to open.

Rhonda Jones
**Student of the Week**

**Week 2**

Prep A – Georgia M  
Prep B – Cooper B  
1A – Lila-Grace S  
1B – Jasmine D  
2A – Zac A  
2B – TeMatauranga M  
3A – Tayla S  
3B – Cooper T  
4A – Reeve C  
4B – Hayden M  
4B – Tegan S  
5A – Tom F  
5B – Corey E  
5B – Phillip W  
6A – Charlie W-R  
6B – Nathan

**Cleaners’ Cup**  
Wk 2 – 4B & Miss Thomas

**Tuckshop News**

**REMEMBER: TUCKSHOP NOT OPEN ON MONDAYS**

**Roster**

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**Tuckshop Highlights**

Term 4 Menu: We will be eliminating some unpopular items to help simplify the menu. These items will not be available for Brown Bag/Cash orders. Our online customers will be able to order them until they run out on [www.ouronlinecanteen.com](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com). Our goal for 2016 is to tweak our menu and introduce meal deals. Our current menu is extensive and less options equal better efficiency, ie reduces stock on hand and minimises wastage. Our aim is to improve the healthiness of the menu.

**WEEKLY SPECIALS:**  

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**From the Office**

**2016 School Newsletter Distribution**

Please be advised that from 2016 we are endeavouring to send out our school newsletter to ALL parents via email. We have all our new Prep families ‘on-board’ now to receive their copies electronically and we only have a few families who still receive a paper copy. If your family currently receives a paper copy of the Newsletter, please complete and return the section at the end of this newsletter so we are assured we have your correct email address. Similarly, if you have changed your email address and you haven’t been receiving our newsletter, please advise the school via this form as well.

**Senior Shirts 2016**

Year 5 students were given a note last term regarding pre-ordering their standard senior shirt for next year. A second copy of this letter and order form was sent home last week. Please check with your child if you have not received this letter. Pre-orders must be placed and paid for by 3pm, Friday 23rd October.

**Book Club**  
Issue 7 Catalogues have now gone home with students. Please look out for them and submit your orders on LOOP or return completed forms to the box in the library by: **Friday 23rd October**  
This is the 2nd last issue for the year so don’t forget to take the chance to get that Christmas shopping started!

For any help / details, please contact Shae on: shae.stokes@aapt.net.au or 0419 811 963.
CONGRATULATIONS to our very own Emerald State School Talented Artists who have designed our 2015 Emerald State School Christmas Gift and Craft Fair posters:

Arni B - 6A    Olivia C – 5A    Harland B - 5B
Katie S - 2A    Adysyn M – 1A

COLOURING IN YOUR POSTER FOR OUR
Emerald State School Christmas Gift and Craft Fair
Let your imagination go wild and create your masterpiece so we can promote our annual fundraiser all over town!

DUR BACK: WEDNESDAY, 21st OCTOBER 2015
Drop your coloured in poster to the Office or Tuckshop when completed please.
Posters will be distributed in local businesses, sports centres and clubs by Friday, 23rd October 2015.
When the Gala Tickets go on sale)

If members of our school community could please help distribute and display the posters, that would be fantastic! If you have a business, participate in a club or belong to an organisation eg a Dance Studio, Scouts, Guides or Brownies, Touch Football, Netball, Cricket, Science Club, Gymnastics, Karate...the list is endless; please take a completed poster to your organisation, ask permission, and hang your poster up to advertise the Craft Fair. That would be awesome. Also, if your organisation has a face book page, would you ask permission to post it so even more people can come along to our Craft Fair? Ask a grown up to take a picture of your poster before you return it to the office by the 21/10/2015 and upload it to share on face book. ALWAYS ASK PERMISSION FIRST ☺

P&C News
Welcome back to the busiest term for the P&C with our major fundraising event, the Christmas Craft Fair, on Friday 20th and Saturday 21st of November. Craft Fair newsletters will be coming home soon, so please look out for these as there are many different ways that you can help make this a successful fundraising event.

During the September holidays, the unused shade structure on the Anakie St side of the school was replaced with turf and an irrigation system to extend the playing area for our junior students. The result is now a green and inviting sports field for our junior students and soccer games should be able to commence again in the near future. This work was partially funded by a Central Highlands Regional Council grant and we would like to sincerely thank CHRC for their contribution to this project. A big thank you to Loretta Allen for her amazing writing skills, to Karen Bray for co-ordinating these works over the holidays and to Kristy Matheson for managing the finances for this project.

In the next few weeks, the Prep, Year 1, 2 and 4 classes will be trialling fridges for a couple of weeks in their classrooms to determine the size needed for each class. At the end of this trial period, fridges will go into all classrooms in time for a long, hot summer.

World Teacher’s Day is on Friday 30th October and it is an opportunity for the school community to acknowledge the wonderful work our teachers do every day to educate and inspire our students. A BIG thank you to all the ESS teachers! The first P&C meeting for this term was held on Thursday 15th October and the proposed budget and goals for the 2016 year were discussed. The next meeting will be held at 6.30pm on the 19th November in the Conference Room of the Administration Block and all are welcome to attend. Please forward any agenda items for the November meeting to the P&C via email, pandc@emeraldss.eq.edu.au.

Toni Williams (P&C President)

PE News
After School Netball in Term 4
The Thursday afternoon netball is going really well. All our teams are full and the girls and boys are playing with great passion and enthusiasm.

Rugby Union- Western Sevens this week end
Good luck to the students who are participating in the Western 7’s competition this week end. I would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Richardson for all her organisation of the teams and their training. Also, Leanne Jochim for all her assistance and Joey Morris for the time he has spent training our teams.
Rugby League
Congratulations to Olivia Cave on her excellent contribution to the Girls Capricornia Rugby League team. She played in the State trials over the holidays down at the Gold Coast and her team won 6 out of the 8 games.

Bush to Beach
On Wednesday, the whole school had the privilege of participating in a presentation put on by the Lifesavers called “Bush to Beach”. It was focussing on how to spot danger when at the ocean. Ask your child how you would spot a rip, what you do if you get caught in a rip, what the flags and signs mean and what you would do if the signs and flags are up. The students have told me they have the answers! I would like to say a huge thank you to Surf Life Saving Queensland for being proactive and presenting such an enjoyable and informative and interactive performance to our ‘kids in the bush’.

Swimming
Yay! The whole school is going swimming in the last 2 weeks of this term. We will end our swimming program with a swimming carnival on the final Thursday of the term as a whole school. If you have any time that you could volunteer to help out, we would love to have you. There will be some cost to the program but this has been kept to a minimum.

Year 6 please note: You will not have a swimming lesson on your High School Transition Days.

A letter will be coming home early next week. Please keep an eye open for it.

Have a great fortnight
Jill Ryan

Master Teacher News
This week students have been learning about Quickwrites. They are writing activities that are….quick! The most important thing about a Quickwrite is that students get more opportunities to write in the day. There are a number of ways that a Quickwrite can be used:
- To retrieve facts from our memory
- To practice isolated skills
- To apply skills we have learnt
- To reflect on our learning
- To activate our prior knowledge

...and that’s just to name a few!

Parent Quickwrite Sessions
Do you need help retrieving things from your memory? We have the session for you!
Come along and learn the power behind the Quickwrite.

Day: Tuesday
Date: 27th October
Time: Session 1 – 9am – 10 am
       Session 2 – 1.20pm – 2.20pm (finish in time for parade)
Venue: Conference Room, ESS
RSVP: Jenni Farquhar (jfarq5@eq.edu.au)

The PROPOSED timetable is:

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WORKING BEE
The P&C shed needs a good spring clean so that we can be super organised for the Craft Fair. We would love some helpers. Only an hour of your time is needed.

When - Sunday 18th October
Where - P&C shed - School Lane entrance
Time - 9am
What to bring - water, hat and gloves.
2015 Emerald State School Gift and Craft Fair

It’s that exciting time of year again when we look forward to our annual *Christmas Gift & Craft Fair*! Please ‘save the date’ in your schedules for: **Friday 20th and Saturday 21st November**

We are going to require lots of helpers behind the scenes to see this event up and running and also on the day to make it a success!

If you’ve been unable to help in previous years then please consider making yourself available this year as our regular helpers would love to see some new faces 😊

Our goal is to raise much needed funds for our children’s school and make it even better into the future!!! Keep an eye out for further notes coming home soon.

If you have any queries at all please contact the Convenor, Anne Self, on 0409 571 083 or Rosters Co-ordinator, Shae Stokes, on 0419 811 963

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Emerald Little Theatre Inc

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Saturday 31st October
“Ghosts, Ghouls and All Things Trivial”
Emerald Little Theatre Hall
(Corner of Harris and Anakie Streets Emerald)
Door and 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 til late.
Light meals available for purchase.
For more information, email emeraldlittletheatre@gmail.com or find us on FaceBook

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**Paws for a CQ Cause**

*Walk to support CQ Pet Rescue*

McIndoe Park, Emerald

**Sunday 18 October**

Entertainment – Stalls – Food

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X Please detach and return this section to the school office

**Notification to Emerald State School of Email address to send School Newsletters**

Or **Notification of change of Email address**

Parent’s Name (to receive newsletter)________________________________________________________

Student/s: __________________________________________________________

Email address for School Newsletter (please write clearly)

________________________________________________________

Signature: ______________________________________
**2016 Class Placements – Request for Special Consideration**

*Only One Student Per Form Please*

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**N.B.**
- Please do not request that your child be placed with a particular teacher as staff changes can and do occur from one year to the next as well as during the year.
- Our final staff allocation and the number of classes across the school are determined by our enrolment numbers on Day 8 of the 2016 school year.

**Special Considerations for 2016**

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*Please do not return this form to your child’s class teacher* Please return this form in-person to the school office or via email to theprincipal@emeraldss.eq.edu.au by Monday 2 Nov.