30 October, 2015

From the Principal

Dear Parents

Where is this term going to? Term 4 is usually a busy term at the end due to such things as Craft Fair and end of year celebrations, but the beginning has begun just as busy. As you read this, you probably have just been to the School Halloween Disco and are exhausted. I am sure we will all have enjoyed it as much as the first.

WORLD STAFF DAY

This week, all across the world, countries celebrate “World Teachers Day”. At Emerald State School, we believe all our staff have impact on our students’ teaching so we celebrate it as World Staff Day. Thank you to our P & C for acknowledging our staff and the great work they do every day with a lovely morning tea. I also wish to thank the staff for all that they do and the extra bits they do above and beyond their role description every day of the year.

Morning Routine

We have changed our morning routine before school a little to try and get our students active. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 8:25, whoever is at school will go to the oval and do “Walkers Club.” This means they can walk, run or skip around the oval. We expect that every child will walk 2 laps and after this sit next to the library so we can still supervise both activities. Students will leave their bags in the under covered area near where they line up. If students arrive late to school on these days, they need to drop off their bag in the undercover area and come out to the oval. A big thank you to the parents who have already joined us walking and we encourage you all to come and walk with your child. At 8:35, the old school bell rings and this means it is time to go to the toilet, get a drink, refill your water bottle and line up ready for the bell. Some teachers do take their classes earlier.

We will also have the old bell ring on Tuesday and Thursday for the same procedure of drink, toilet and refill your water bottle.

Fridges

A big thank you to our P & C as the $11000 project of supplying fridges by the end of the year to all our classrooms has begun. The first shipment of fridges arrived last week in PREP, Yr. 1, 2, and 4. We are expecting the rest in the next couple of weeks. In the morning, lunch boxes will be placed into the fridge and come out 11. Lunch boxes (not cooler bags) after first break will go back into their school bags so don’t send anything that needs to be in the fridge for second break. Water bottles are not allowed in the fridge.

2016

I know that the end of the year seems a long way away, but to assist us with planning for staff for 2016, can you notify the office if your children will not be returning to Emerald State School in 2016. A big thank you 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 form that went home in the last newsletter and return it to the school office by Monday 2nd November 2015. This is greatly appreciated.

P & C Meeting

Change to date - next P & C meeting is Thursday 5 November at 6:30pm.

Tuckshop

Please remember tuckshop is no longer opening on Mondays.

Walk to School Day and Wear Blue for Diabetes

We have a few students who have diabetes so we have decided on Friday

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Dates to Remember

5 November
“Grammar with Rod” 11.45am
P & C Meeting 6.30pm

6 November
Yr 6 End of year ESHS

11 November
Year 5 School Captains speeches (for 2016) made on parade 2.20pm

13 November
‘Walk to School’ and Diabetes Free Dress day (wear BLUE)

18 November
House leaders (2016) speeches made on parade

20 & 21 November
Christmas Craft & Gift Fair

Week commencing 30th November
(TO 9 December)
Swimming Program Starts and Drama lesson with Collette Anderson.

30 Nov – 1 Dec
Prep Transition mornings

30 Nov – 1 Dec
Yr 6 Transition days @ ESHS

3 December
Year 6 Personal Development
P & C Meeting 6.30pm

10 December
Swimming Carnival

10 December
Year 6 Farewell (6.30pm) at Town Hall

11 December
9am End of Year Concert/Awards at Town Hall
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13 November to wear blue and in the morning we will do “Walkers Club.” The parents of our students with diabetes are going to walk with us to promote a healthy lifestyle. If you wish, you may give a gold coin donation toward diabetes for research. If you can’t get to Walkers Club, you may wish to Walk to School instead of driving in the car as it is also Walk to School day.

Celebrate Tuckshop Day – Friday 6 November
Who can imagine our schools without tuckshops? School tuckshops play an important role in school life and provide students with nutritious, tasty and affordable food. Tuckshop Day on Friday 6 November gives us the opportunity to show our appreciation for the work that Megan and Michelle, our two hard worker convenors, do with the help of their small band of volunteers.

A big THANK YOU
from the staff and students of Emerald State School. Mr Lachlan Millar, the member for Gregory, will be assisting in the tuckshop on Tuckshop Day to show his appreciation of the hard work they do.

Linking Alms
The P and C and the school have decided to assist the Neighbourhood Centre with their “Linking Alms for Christmas.” Over the next month we ask that families donate one of the items in the list below to the school (Bring to the office) and then the school leaders and I will present it to the Neighbourhood Centre on Friday 27 November.

Items they are looking for:
- Tinned soup, Long life milk, Long-life Custard & Cream, tinned baked beans and spaghetti, box of tea, soft drink, Pavlova, Coffee, Extra festive items e.g. box of chocolates/sweets/toiletries, Tinned tomatoes, Sugar, Jelly, Tinned fruit, Rice and Pasta, packet meals, Christmas Cake, Tinned meat - Ham/Turkey Fruit Juice Mince pies Tinned Fish – Salmon or tuna, Tinned meat - Ham/Turkey Fruit Juice Mince pies Tinned Fish – Salmon or tuna, Toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, Shampoo & conditioner, Candy Canes, Tinned Vegetables - peas, Carrots, Beetroot & Corn, Toilet paper, Plum pudding, Jar of condiment – Vegemite, peanut butter, honey or jam extra-large plastic laundry basket, Chips and Lollies, Cereal

Rhonda Jones

Student of the Week

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Cleaners’ Cup
Week 3 – 5B & Mrs Peters / Ms Richardson
Week 4 – 2A & Mrs Marsh

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP DOES NOT OPEN ON MONDAYS

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Lachlan Millar Day

TUCKSHOP WEEKLY SPECIALS – AVAILABLE TUE/WED/THU EACH WEEK or while stocks last.
Term 4 specials will be posted in our fortnightly School Newsletter and are available for purchase from www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

3/11 Hawaiian Salad (Brown rice with chicken or ham off the bone.)

10/11 Vegetarian Lasagne & Salad

17/11 Sweet Potato, Feta & Cous Cous Salad (Dressing: yoghurt, mint, honey and cumin)

24/11 Crunchy Chicken Asian Salad

1/12 Mediterranean Rice Tarts & Greek Salad

8/12 No Special available. The Tuckshop is closed the last week of school.

Road Works at the Intersection of Anakie and Yamala Streets
CHRC have advised that roadworks will commence on MONDAY 9th November for approximately 6 weeks. Please take extra caution during this time and consider alternate routes.
**From the Office**

**Swimming Program**

Last Friday, 23rd October, EVERY student was given a swimming program note with an individual invoice attached. Payment for the program is due on or before Friday 13th November. Permission forms must be returned to the school on or before this date or they will NOT be allowed to attend the pool. Cost of the program for year levels is: Prep to Year 3 - $34 per student, Year 4 and 5 - $20 per student, Year 6 - $16 per student.

**Prep Transition Days**

Our 2016 Prep parents should have received an email requesting you choose a day for your child to attend our Prep Transition morning here at Emerald State School. These will be held on Monday, 30th November and Tuesday, 1st December. Your child will only attend one of these days so if you have not done so already, would you please advise the office of your preference. Thanks.

**2016 School Newsletter Distribution**

Please be advised that from 2016, we are endeavouring to send out our school newsletter to ALL parents via email. Newsletters will be sent to the email address we have on our records for you. If you do not start receiving newsletters next year by email, please contact the school to make sure your email address is correct. Limited paper copies will be printed and available from the office.

**P E News**

**Afterschool Netball**

I would like to say a HUGE thank-you to our very generous adults and ex-students from our school who are helping make this event a great experience for our students. These people include: Mrs Christie, Miss Eaves, Miss Brown, Mrs Challacombe, Mrs Firth, Mrs Rix, Jordan S, Dani C, Mrs Thomas and Mrs Powell. Now to the students; congratulations to you all on great sportsmanship and showing grit and resilience.

**Swimming**

Please don’t forget, the whole school is going swimming in the last 2 weeks of this term. We will end our swimming program with a swimming carnival of some type on the final Thursday of the term, depending on which pools we have available. If you have any time that you could volunteer to help out, I would love to have you.

**Walkers Club**

Thank you to all the students who are participating with great enthusiasm. If you would like to join us in our 10 minutes around the oval on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, you are more than welcome to so.

**Master Teacher News**

**Grammar with Rod**

Do you ever wonder how grammar is taught in a classroom? Would you like to see grammar in action?

Emerald State School parents are invited to observe Rod Campbell work with one of our Year 6 classes. Following the class, Rod will be available to answer your grammar questions.

Day: Thursday
Date: 5th November
Time: 11.45am - Grammar lesson observation
12.45pm – Question time with Rod
Where: H Block (6A) – Please sign in at the office.

Dr Rod Campbell is a significant leader in literacy education in Australia, with extensive experience in publishing, workshop presentation, and in-school mentoring of classroom teachers and curriculum leaders. He is co-writer and editor of seventeen successful publications on literacy teaching, and on teaching English grammar and knowledge as resources for writing and reading. He is the lead writer of the Australian editions of Literacy for the 21st Century (2012 and 2015) and co-author of Teaching English Grammar: A Handbook for Australian Teachers. All of his work is grounded in ongoing classroom development, practice and research with a number of outstanding teachers. Rod has recently been short-listed for awards for teaching by the Qld College of Teachers. He is one of six short-listed for the Outstanding Contribution to Teaching, the Professor Betty Watts Memorial medal.

**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, 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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CRAFT FAIR
Information about the help we need and forms for you to specify where and when you can help will be coming home over the next couple of weeks. Please help where you can.

Just an hour of each parent’s time is all that is needed to fill the rosters up quickly. We understand that everyone is very busy and value your time and efforts.

If you haven't received forms, or would like to contact someone directly, please contact Shae Stokes.

shae.stokes@aapt.net.au or 0419 811963.

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

THANK YOU FOR COLOURING IN OUR CRAFT FAIR POSTERS
Thank you to everyone who coloured in and decorated our Craft Fair posters. They look fabulous!
All the completed posters have been returned to their owners and we have asked the children to lend a hand this year...

Please help advertise our 26th Craft Fair by:-
• Asking your Mum, Dad or a Family member to put your poster up at their work place or business or;
• please ask a local business to display your poster in their window or notice board or;
• if you belong to a club or organisation please ask permission to display your poster in your club house, meeting room or within the grounds.

REMEMBER ALWAYS ASK PERMISSION FIRST 😊

CHRISTMAS GIFT & CRAFT FAIR
EMERALD TOWN HALL
Tempting boutique stalls, one-of-a-kind creations and local gourmet delights on offer.

GALA PREVIEW EVENING
(Licensed - Strictly 18+)
Friday 20 November
TICKETS $35
(includes wine and canapés)
at Yolo Shoes and Stilettoes.

FAMILY DAY
8:30am - 2:30pm
Admission $5.00 at door
(includes free tea or coffee)
Children FREE
A multi prize raffle available with prizes valued at over $6000 only $2 per ticket.
Presented by Emerald State School P&C Assoc. Supporting Our Students

FOR SALE: Marist school uniforms (girls)
backpack and formal hat
Would fit ladies size 6-8. Formal skirt, shirts, tie, hat, sports shorts, shirts, track pants.
All in good condition - $120 for the lot.
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See Ange at the school office.

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