From the Principal

WORLD STAFF DAY
At parade last week, we acknowledged the Staff milestones of service to Education Queensland. The following people were acknowledged:

Miss Kim Cahill 5 years of service
Mrs Lauren Perren 10 years of service
Mrs Rhonda Jones 25 years of service

Education Queensland does not have a milestone acknowledgement for non-teaching staff, but at Emerald State School we decided as they are so important to the learning of our students we needed to acknowledge them as well. They are:

Mr Robert Cox 5 years of service
Mrs Leanne Jochim 10 years of service
Mrs Sue Fehlhaber 10 years of service
Ms Andrea Simons 10 years of service
Mrs Angela Chambers 20 years of service

Report Card on Greater Results
- Build teacher capacity in effective high yield teaching strategies implemented in comprehension, vocabulary and grammar and punctuation.

In this area, due to funding we have received from BMA, we have focussed more on vocabulary and grammar and punctuation, as comprehension we are now implementing in line with our cluster.

In Grammar and punctuation this year, our students in Year 2 to Year 5 have achieved double the average rate of expected achievement or more.

- Number of students improving in reading at CQR expectations Year 3-5
  95 and Year 5-6 27
  Year 3 - 5 Improvement
  Our current Year 5s - in the last 2 years 44% achieved the expected improvement rate of 95 or better.
  In the last 6 months, 62% achieved the expected improvement rate or better for the 6 month period.

  Year 5-6 Improvement
  Our current Year 6s - in the last 12 months 31% achieved the expected improvement rate of 27 or better.
  In the last 6 months, 57% achieved the expected improvement rate or better for the 6 month period.

- Number of students improving in grammar and punctuation at CQR expectations Year 3-5
  95 / Year 5-6 27
  Year 3 - 5 Improvement
  Our current Year 5s - in the last 2 years, 72% achieved the expected improvement rate of 95 or better.
  In the last 6 months, 84% achieved the expected improvement rate or better for the 6 month period.

  Year 5-6 Improvement
  Our current Year 6s - in the last 12 months, 37% achieved the expected improvement rate of 27 or better.
  In the last 6 months, 37% achieved the expected improvement rate or better for the 6 month period.

In our latest data all Year 2 to 6 have achieved double the average improvement rate for the last 6 months in Grammar and Punctuation.
Grammar with Rod Campbell
Last week, Rod Campbell worked with our school on Grammar and Punctuation. He did a variety of professional development sessions with staff and parents, as well as modelling lessons for all our teaching staff to observe. He was astounded with how well our students were developing in this area; especially our Year 2s.

Staffing Update
This week, we welcomed Mrs Nolan back after her lovely trip overseas and to many of the World Cup games. Next week, from the 16 November to the 20 November, Mrs Perren will be on leave and Miss Zoe King will be replacing her. Also Miss Eaves will be away from the 16 November to the 27 November for her wedding and Mrs Tracy Stoneman will be replacing her.

Morning Routine
With the change to our morning routine we have realised how many of our students do not bring a hat to school. Mrs Ryan does have spare hats, but this year she has gone through 40 of them. Please get your child to check every morning that they have their hat in their bag. In a couple of weeks, our older year levels will be walking to and from the pool and we will not have time to run around and get spare hats. Parents are quite welcome to join us for Walkers Club every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Thank you to the couple of regular mums we already have and our two cleaning ladies who walk every day.

Fridge Procedures
Our last instalments of fridges arrived this week. Therefore, every classroom now has a fridge for student lunches. Next year, we ask that all parents ensure that they do not have an esky type lunch box, as we have been told these cause the fridges to overwork and use more electricity. This is the fridge routine.

1. Students take their brain break out of their lunch box and place it either on desk or in a basket
2. Students place the rest of their lunch box in the fridge. (At this stage any type of lunch box can go in there) (Lunch boxes do not need to be named to go into the fridge, as long as your child knows what theirs looks like)
3. Lunch box is taken out at first break from the fridge and at the end of first break returned to their bag.

P & C
The P & C this year has been looking at numerous projects and have sought feedback over the years from parents and staff on were their money should be spent.
At the meeting on November 5th, they have decided to complete the following projects over the holidays and early in 2016.
1. Fund $12000 to replace the old water cooler in the under covered area with a new one.
2. In combination with the school facilities money, remove all the old brown furniture near tuckshop and Year 5 port rack and replace with new port racks and new seating near tuckshop.
3. Begin putting blinds throughout the classrooms – Year 2 will be done first and this will be completed by the end of this year.
4. $19000 towards upgrading computer lab at the beginning of 2016.

This is a great contribution to our school as this comes on top of a year where they have already funded $11500 towards camps and excursions, $4000 for a drama program, $3000 class sets of dictionaries and thesaurus, $1500 Sunshine Online, as well as gardening and assisting student council with their artificial turf project.

PARADE PERFORMANCES
Week 6: School Captain speeches
Week 7: House Captain Speeches Leadership speeches
Week 8: Instrumental Music students performing (Sebastian S, William S, Kynan S, Declan M, Nicholas Gi, Susan L, Taryn B and Joseph S)
Week 9: Junior and Senior Choir – a Christmas carol they are performing at Town Carols
Week 10: Junior Choir – Carol they will have performed at Avalon Aged Care Hostel

Rhonda Jones

Important dates for 2016

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**Student of the Week**

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**Cleaners’ Cup**  
Week 3 – 5A & Mrs Cuskelly / Ms Grant  
Week 4 – 1A & Miss Maddox

**Tuckshop News**

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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

From the Office

**ATTENTION: Year 3 Parents**

There will be an information session on **Wednesday 18th November at 1.50pm in the Performing Arts building** for ALL Year 3 students to talk about the program and the recruiting process. Parents of interested students are invited to attend this session.

**Swimming Program**

Payment for the program was due today. Permission forms must be returned to the school on or before this date or your child will NOT be allowed to attend the pool. If you have not done so already, would you please finalise this payment and return your permission form as soon as possible.

**Prep Transition Days**

These will be held on Monday, 30th November and Tuesday, 1st December. If you have not done so already, would you please advise the office of your preferred day. 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.

**Instrumental Music News**

The rest of 2015 is shaping up to be a very busy time. Below is a list of important dates to add to your diary:

**Week 7:**

Recruiting paperwork for 2016 new students to go home. If your child is away this week or doesn't receive their paperwork please collect a copy from the office.

**Week 8:**

**Last lesson for 2015.** If your child is using a school instrument they will be required to hand it back during this lesson unless they are in the band for the end of year concert.

**Week 9:**

Testing of new students for 2016 program. Last band rehearsal for 2015.

**Week 10:**

Offers to go home to 2016 students. All other school instruments returned unless a holiday loan form has been completed and returned to the school.  
Year 6’s playing at their leaving ceremony - Thursday December 10.  
Concert Band playing ‘Slidin the Blues’ and ‘Ritual Dance’ at the End of Year Concert - Friday December 11.

Leanne Hilder

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**Thank you to our wonderful Convenors and volunteers in our Tuckshop**
PE News

Hats
If anyone has any spare hats that they do not need anymore, I would love to have them in my spare hat collection. We have been through many this year and I am now running very low on hats. Spare hats allow everyone the chance to get outside when their brain has forgotten to put their hat in their bag.

Afterschool Netball
Afterschool netball is now finished. Many, many thanks to all the netball helpers. I would like to extend a special thanks to Black Magic Trophy & Engraving Services for their donation of a trophy for the Best and Fairest in each team. From our teams, congratulations go to: Darci R, Daley C, Logan R, Abby M and Bella W.

Rugby Union
This week end is the last of the mini Union competition. Congratulations to all the boys and girl who participated with great enthusiasm whether for our school or helping out another school. Once again, a big thank you to Ms Richardson for her time and effort with the teams.

Jill Ryan

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 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 😊

Keep an eye out for further notes coming home soon.
Please contact the Convener, Anne Self, on 0409 571 083 or Rosters Co-ordinator, Shae Stokes, on 0419 811 963

CRAFT FAIR BAKING
The P & C is looking for donations of cakes, slices, biscuits, muffins etc or a small cash donation towards baking ingredients, for others to bake if people are time poor. These will be sold as part of the morning tea at the Craft Fair on Saturday 21st November. If you are able to help, please drop your ‘goodies’ to the Town Hall on Friday 20th November (preferably) or Saturday morning, 21st November.
Please contact Julia Barnes, 0428 876 693 or Ariana Corkill, 0447 343 294

Donations for our Linking Alms Appeal
These will be delivered to the Neighbourhood Centre on 27/11/15

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 - Strictly18+)
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 (U18) 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

BOOK CLUB
The final issue for this year, Issue 8 is out now! Fill those Christmas Stockings with books to occupy the school holiday break and support our school at the same time …
Great gift ideas for friends/family also.

Submit your orders on the LOOP App or return completed order forms to the box in the library by:

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A letter to parents from Oral Health Services

12 November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers of Emerald State School,

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service will be offering treatment to your school in the near future. This service will be provided at **Emerald Community Dental Clinic**, Hospital Road, Emerald, for a limited period of time. Healthy teeth and gums are important for good health. Oral Health Services provide free dental care by health professionals for children 4 years of age and children in prep to the end of grade 10.

Parental involvement plays a vital role in the prevention of oral disease and provides an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have. Children of the same family attending this school will be offered appointments together.

To access our service parents/guardians of Emerald State School students, now need to contact us for an appointment, by Friday, 27 November, 2015. Please phone on 0417 009 270 or 0409 598 738 to make an appointment for your child/children’s examination. You may need to leave a message. Please advise your name and phone number and the number of children requiring an appointment

Important safety steps have been introduced to ensure your child’s dental examination and treatment, that you have given consent for, is done as planned. We need to ensure that we are treating the correct child and need to be able to identify them by their name, date of birth and why they are here.

If your child requires an emergency appointment please phone 0417 009 270 or 0409 598 738 and leave a message, you will be contacted for an appointment time. Should you choose not to access the service while offered at your child’s school, dental emergencies only can be dealt with once the clinic starts treating other schools.

To ensure that we can provide optimum service, we request that **all issued appointments are kept**. Please note that if your child fails to attend two appointments, their course of dental treatment will be closed and they will be offered further treatment when the service is next offered to their school.

Thank you

Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services