From the Principal

Full School Review
Our school is scheduled for a school review from 22nd to 24th February. The Department of Education and Training introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students.

All schools have a review at least every four years. A report from the review is made available to parents and the community on the school’s website. The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us to continue to deliver quality education for students.

Feedback can be provided to the review team by phone or in person. All feedback remains confidential.

If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the school office. The reviewers will also be wandering on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning talking to parents as they drop off and pick up. Further information about the reviews is available from the department’s website at: schoolreviews.eq.edu.au

Absence
If you just tell us through text messaging or over the phone that your child is absent we will be recording that as ‘holiday’. If your child is sick or at dentist appointment please say that in the message, so it is not recorded as a holiday.

School Photos
School photos will be taken on Wednesday, 24th February. Only students who have a signed photo release form will be included in the “class photo”. This photo includes the full name of each member of the class. **This year ordering photos is to be done all on line. Please see the flyer emailed home last week.**

P & C Committee
A big thank you to the P & C in 2015 for their hard work and for helping make Emerald State School the great school it is. A big thank you all to the outgoing committee of Toni Williams, Anne Self, Karen Bray and Kristie Matheson.

Welcome to the 2016 committee and I look forward to working with them in 2016.

President – Mrs Anne Self
Secretary – Mrs Karen Bray
Treasurer – Mrs Kristie Matheson
Vice President – Mrs Shae Stokes

Friday – Representative Shirts
At the P & C meeting our Student Dress code was endorsed for 2016. Just a reminder about a few sections and a few minor changes.

The entire document is on our web site.

- Shorts need to be black and **at least mid-thigh in length**. (Not short denim shorts)
- white or black ankle socks
- Green or black pullover or jacket, tracksuit pants (winter)
On Fridays, unless attending an excursion away from school, students may wear representative shirts from school based activities they have earned in place of their normal school shirt (e.g. Emerald District Sports shirts, Personalized Year 6 shirts). Please note that this special permission does not include sports bucket hats.

PREP Enrolments 2017
Enrolments for 2017 PREP will open at 8am on Wednesday 24\textsuperscript{th} February 2016. Enrolments for students that are guaranteed can be taken at any time, please remember to enrol as it does affect offers when offers are made.

Student of the Week

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Cleaners’ Cup
Week 2 5B Mrs Peters & Mrs Stoneman
Week 3 4B and Miss Thomas

Tuckshop News
No Tuckshop on Mondays

Tuckshop Roster

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From the Office

School Photos
School photos will be on WEDNESDAY, 24\textsuperscript{th} February
You should have all received an email last Friday with a flyer advising that the photographers have now made available to us “netpix” which means ALL ordering and payments must be done on-line. You will deal directly with Silver Rose Photography and photos will be posted to your home address. This is a great initiative by the company and as saves a lot of our valuable administration time. If you have any queries or concerns, Silver Rose have assured us they are happy to talk directly with our parents to resolve any problems. Their contact number is 3262 5788.

If you missed the email, just a few points:
- You can place your order from now until 14 days after Photo Day. (Late order fees apply after this date)
- Sibling Photos must be ordered online before Monday 22\textsuperscript{nd} February.
- Simply visit www.silverrose.com.au click on schools and Netpix. ENTER ORDER CODE: ESS2402

Road Safety and parking around Emerald SS
We have received a number of complaints from various parties regarding parking/student drop off issues in the areas around Emerald SS. Please see below the areas of concern and be advised Police will be patrolling these areas in the near future.

1. ANAKIE STREET – SCHOOL CROSSING
The areas, safe ways, either side of the crossing are not to be used for parking OR dropping students off (no matter how short your stay) as this impinges on visibility for people using the crossing. Our lollipop ladies do a wonderful job in keeping our children safe on their way to and from school Please don’t make their job any more difficult and be respectful of their instructions to you when they are only doing their job.

2. YAMALA STREET – across the driveway of the Parish Office. Transport companies also need to access this area as well to drop off items for the church.

There is a designated DROP OFF area in School Lane which is a safe option for your children. Please see the article “Permitted Parking Zones” at the end of this newsletter for further clarification on this area.
Michael Salmon, Author, visit.
If you have not returned your Permission Slip and $3.50 for this activity, just a friendly reminder it is due back at the office by Friday 4th March. The visit is on Wednesday, 9th March.

DATE CHANGES
• Year 4 Camp
  The date for our Year 4 Camp has been changed. The new date is 14th and 15th July (Week 1 of Term 3).
• Emerald State School Track and Field Carnival will now be held on THURSDAY 9th June. The school day will begin and end at Marist College. Please make travel arrangements for your child on this day.

General Info
For your convenience, student absences can be reported the following ways:
  ➢ TEXT MESSAGE to 0427 016 460
  ➢ Calling the student absence line 4983 9688
  ➢ Email to your child’s teacher

The Tuckshop has a direct telephone line if you need to contact them regarding orders etc. 4983 9607

The above information is always printed at the top of our newsletter for your convenience!

Qld CWA School Children’s International Competition
Attached to this newsletter you will find details about this competition being run by our local CWA group. If your child is interested and you wish to do this activity at home, please return it to the school by 29th April for collection by CWA.

P E News
At the recent CH BASKETBALL TRIAL, Daley C and Jessica C made the Central Highlands Basketball Team. Will C also represented our school with great skill. Congratulations to all three for great work.

NETBALL, SOCCER, LEAGUE & TOUCH FOOTBALL TRIALS are all on the way!

Jill Ryan

What’s On

Central Highlands
Festival of Bands 2016
Lyrics Competition — Cash Prizes
For entry details please contact James Raschle on james_raschle@rok.catholic.edu.au or collect an entry package from the Marist College Emerald Office.
Entries close Friday March 4, 2016

You are invited to join....
Emerald Intermediate Band
When: Mondays 5.30-6.30pm
Starts 15th February, 2016
Where: Emerald Town Band Hall
61 Roberts Street (across from Mitre 10)
Cost: FREE FREE FREE

We give you biscuits during the break too!
This is a great opportunity for you to get some extra practice on your instrument as well as make new friends with other young musicians from around Emerald. For more information please ring 49877607 or visit our facebook page - Emerald Town Band

WANTED: Volunteer Tutors

Where?  CQU Emerald Campus in the AMEP (Adult Migrant English Program)
When?  Mondays: 9am – 12pm (Certificate 2)
       Tuesdays: 12.30pm – 3.30pm (Certificate 1 and 3)
       Mondays: 9am – 2.30pm (Certificates 1, 2 and 3)

Why?
• Help migrants to Australia improve and practise their English skills
• Meet some new people and learn about other cultures
• Share your knowledge of English and Australian culture

Who?  Anyone who is fluent in English with competent writing skills.
Contact: Bev Filipowski: PH (07) 4980 4117

What is it like living in Emerald?
Want to have your say about the Emerald community and are over 18? Then you are invited to take part in a research project about attitudes towards living within a mining community. If you agree to be involved in the study, you will be invited to participate in an interview. The interview, with your consent, will be audio-taped, and should take approximately 1 hour of your time. The interview will be conducted at a venue of your choice. If you are interested in participating, or have any questions about the study, please contact Katerina Kanakis by either: Phone: 4781 6879 or Email: katerina.kanakis@my.jcu.edu.au
ROAD SAFETY & PARKING (cont)

School Lane - 2 minute Pick-Up & Drop-Off Zone

A 2 minute pick-up, set-down zone operates from 8am – 4pm Monday – Friday in School Lane.

It is important to note the following:
- the zone is for a period of 2 minutes only
- drivers are requested NOT to leave their motor vehicles while in the zone
- motor vehicles should obey all signs in School Lane
- Police will patrol the lane to ensure it is used properly
- All students are to remain inside the school grounds until their parents arrive.

Also, a reminder that School Lane is a one way street running from Anakie Street to Borilla Street. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

PERMITTED PARKING ZONES IN SCHOOL LANE

News from our Chaplain

Hi. It is great to start a year refreshed and rested. In Chaplaincy this year we will be involved with a number of projects, Qld Father of the Year (one of the finalists was from Emerald last year), Chappy Week, and Backing our Youth. Backing our Youth Project is a partnership with Vanderfield and SU Qld and the Artesian Foundation have created a campaign, to raise awareness and funds to support young people in regional and rural Queensland through school chaplaincy.

This campaign will raise $50,000 by 30 June 2016 for school chaplains in country Queensland. This money will be raised primarily through the efforts of Vanderfield dealerships through the sale of tractors, t-shirts and donations. Funds will be directed to Artesian Foundation and distributed to SU Qld chaplains through a grants process. This campaign is a catalyst for local businesses to support chaplaincy and invest in your communities. We are focused on supporting the growth and resilience of young people in regional, rural and remote Queensland – and we need your support to make this resilience a reality.

On another note if you have any loved, but still useable uniforms, lying around after your children have left school, and are thinking of throwing them out, please don’t. We have a cupboard of clothes for children who need emergency uniforms. Just drop them at the office and I will sort them out. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to a great year.
The Chaplain, Mr G.