From the Principal

Dear Parents

A big ‘congratulations’ to Mrs Peta Maguire on converting to permanency as a Teacher Aide at our school. Peta has been a long term temporary employee for many years at Emerald State School and, with the availability of some permanent hours, Peta has been able to be converted to permanency.

A reminder that this is my last week at school this term as the last 2 weeks I am on long service leave. Mrs Leigh Dyer from Emerald State High School will be the Acting Principal for this time.

State Championships

Congratulations to Emma S and Bree D who have been selected in the Capricornia Track and Field Team to compete in the State Championships. Well done girls!

Book week Parade

What a spectacular event! The students and staff did an amazing job with all their outfits. Please see Facebook for some of the photos.

Art Gallery

This week the whole school art gallery, which was the culminating activity for the art unit this term, was a huge success. The students’ work was amazing and I thank all the parents who took the opportunity to come and view it.

NAPLAN ON LINE

A big thank you to the Year 3 and 5 teachers for all their support through NAPLAN On-line. A lot of great feedback went back to the team so hopefully when we do it in May next year it will be excellent. The students did numerous surveys about their experience which we will be looking at over the next few weeks.

Data Meetings

Last week I met with all our teachers about where our students are with their writing. I am so very proud of our teachers’ knowledge of their students and where they are with writing and where to next.

PREP

The SSP and Read it Again are improving the students’ knowledge of letters and sounds and this is leading into students attempting to write more words in their writing.

To prepare for NAPLAN On-Line, they are writing a sentence in ten minutes on the computer at the beginning of their lab time.

Year 1

The strategy of verbal planning is assisting all students with the text structure when writing. The gain in writing from the beginning of year until now has been 58.5 and the expected is 17.3

Year 2

The students have bought their knowledge of the use of commas from procedures to a list of attributes. The transferring of these skills from one genre to the next demonstrates that the students can apply this concept in a new context.

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Every Day Counts

Great state. Great opportunity.
Student of the Week

**WEEK 7**
- All of Prep A
- Ethan M - Prep B
- Keegan C - 1A
- Cyrenah R - 1B
- Lindsey V - 3A
- Jye R - 3B
- Donovan H - 4B
- Jack H - 4B
- Taylor D - 5A
- Holly T - 5A
- Georgia B - 5A
- Reeve C - 5B
- Georgia J - 6B
- Corey E - 6B
- Francine C - 6A

No Week 8 Student of the Week due to Book Week Parade

Cleaners’ Cup
- Week 7 – 4A and Mrs Perren
- Week 8 – Book Week Parade

P & C Thumbs Up
- Week 7: Anne S
- Thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

Tuckshop News

Term 3 “Our Online Canteen”

New Cut Off Time 8:00am
Please be advised that the time has been brought forward to 8:00am commencing from the beginning of Term 3.

Tuckshop is NOT open on MONDAYS

Year 3
Through the use of a goal chart where students tick off what they have done and highlight it in their writing, there has been a big improvement in sentence structure.

Feedback has increased the use of other forms of punctuation and spending time looking at criteria sheets has assisted the higher level writers in realizing that they can go further with their writing.

To prepare for NAPLAN On-Line they are looking at using a program called *Improve* for some of their tests

Year 4
The students have been looking at the types of sentences – simple, complex and compound. Students are using criteria to check whether the sentence has the characteristic it needs.

Year 5
The students have been working on dialogue in their writing. They have spent time doing fun activities like two people writing conversations and then using this to add in the punctuation. This strategy is very successful as we can see it in their writing. To prepare for NAPLAN On-Line, doing typing.com as warm up and at home

Year 6
In week 5 they did their Demand task on computer where there was a small decline in results. Writing is progressing to a high standard and we moderated with High School to ensure our marking is in sync with theirs. Year 6 are encouraging growth in their writing by ensuring students know what the criteria means by having an example for each criteria. They are also working on peer feedback to improve writing.

To prepare for NAPLAN On-Line, doing typing.com for homework and as a warm up at lab time

Premier’s Reading Challenge big thank you giveaway
The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is almost finished for another year. Congratulations to all students who participated and have worked hard to achieve their reading goals. On behalf of all students and staff, I want to give a huge thank you to Sherryle Nolan for the amazing work you put into another successful PRC.

To show our teachers and librarians how much they are appreciated, Teachers’ Union Health Fund is offering students the chance to win a $1000 bursary for their school and a $50 voucher for themselves, by thanking a teacher or librarian who has helped with their reading. Students can jump on to the Big Thank You website ([http://www.bigthankyou.com.au/#enter](http://www.bigthankyou.com.au/#enter)) and in 50 words or less explain how their teacher or librarian has inspired a love of reading.

Tuckshop Roster

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Please advise your child

Pokemon cards are toys and not allowed at school. If you bring them and lose them or swap them we will not be sorting the issue out. Thank you.
Emerald State School Newsletter

From the Guidance Officer

Hello everyone,

The resilience builders for families this week, (as recommended by Andrew Fuller, Fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and Educational Development at the University of Melbourne [http://andrewfuller.com.au/]), focus on family rituals and the promotion of spontaneity and curiosity, including;

No. 3 Rediscover some family rituals

Family rituals are strong predictors of resilience. It doesn’t matter whether it is the family walk after dinner, the Sunday roast, the Friday night pizza or the Saturday morning clean up, rituals are highly protective. The best rituals often cost nothing. These are the activities you hope that later on our children will remember and say “Mum always made sure we did.” or Dad always made sure we did.”

No. 4 Spontaneity and curiosity

Spontaneity and curiosity are the building blocks of good mental health. You cannot tell someone how to have better mental health and you can’t give it to them by getting them to read a book.

So the really hard message here is that if you want to raise your children to have mentally healthy lives you are going to have to have a good time yourself. If you want your children to succeed you need to show them that success is worth having.

Regards,

Marietta Sedgwick,
Guidance Officer, Denison, Tieri, Anakie, Alpha and Emerald State Schools
Base school phone 07 49807333, Email msedg1@eq.edu.au

HPE News

Jump Rope for Heart

Our skipping has been going great guns! The aim of Jump Rope for Heart is to get people moving. It is certainly happening here at school. The second aim is to raise funds for heart research and support. If you could help with the fundraising, that would be awesome. The web address is heartfoundation.org.au/jumprope. Students earn prizes as they increase the amount of money that they earn. The last day of this term is our Jump Rope for Heart session. You’re welcome to come along and join in the fun. More details will be out next week.

Capricornia Track and Field Carnival (Athletics Carnival)

Wow! Congratulations to Bree D (long jump 3.85m), Emma S (discus 23.06m). Both came second in their respective events and now head off to Brisbane to compete in the State trials. Good luck girls, you both have been working really hard.

Rugby Union

Good luck to the boys who are heading to the Central Highlands Schools’ Sevens Challenge at Emerald State High School next Friday and a huge thank you to Ms Richardson and her band of wonderful coaches.

Interschool Touch Football

The games have been going really well. We only have one more week left until the finals on Wednesday the 14th of September. Good luck to everyone in the final games.

Swimming

It’s that time of the year again where people head to the water! At the end of term 4, we will have the whole school going swimming in the last 2 weeks of school. If you have a child in Prep to Year 3, they will be taking the bus to the pool. Children in year 4 to year 6 will be walking to the pool. Our swimming lessons will culminate in a swimming carnival on the last Thursday (8th December) of term 4. On that day, we will be having a junior carnival and a senior carnival. We had many great reports about the swimming program last year and our aim is to have yet another successful time in the water.

Please be aware that there are costs involved. These costs will be outlined in the information that will come out early next term.

Jill Ryan

Have a great and active fortnight
**Instrumental Music News**

Please note there will be **no Instrumental Music** lessons or band in **week 9** due to the Eisteddfod.

**Eisteddfod**

The program for the Central Highlands Eisteddfod has now been published. As previously advised all students involved in solos and duets are responsible for ensuring that they arrange their own transport to their events on Tuesday, September 6 and Wednesday, September 7.

Please ensure that all students arrive at their designated venue at least 20 minutes before they are scheduled to perform so that they may tune/warm up etc.

Students attending on Tuesday and Wednesday will need to full school uniform (Instrumental students to wear band uniform) and should come prepared with:

- A copy of their music for the adjudicator (with their event number and competitor number clearly marked on the top left hand corner) (Mrs Hilder has the Instrumental music students music)
- A water bottle
- Any equipment that they need for their performance (e.g. instrument, music, CD’s, etc)

Please note that you are responsible for your child and their behaviour at this event.

For the students involved in the school band and ensembles please refer to the letter sent home about these events.

Good luck to all of our students performing in this year’s Eisteddfod and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at lhild7@eq.edu.au.

Thanks

Leanne Hilder

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**REMINDER TO OUR YEAR 6 STUDENTS**

Emerald State High School

“Taster” Day is

Monday 5th September.

Parents are to arrange transport for their children to and from Emerald State High School on this day.

**What’s on?**

**Positions Vacant**

In 2017 we will have some acting vacancies that will be advertised for our school on the “Smart Jobs” website on 3rd October. They will be:

- Acting Deputy Principal (Term 1 2017);
- Acting BSM (2017);
- Acting A02 (2017)

**Book Week at Emerald SS**