15 May, 2015

From the Principal

NAPLAN

Congratulations for all the hard work from all of our students for trying their best this week. Year 2 to Year 6 all did some version of NAPLAN as it gives us some individual data on where each student is compared to the national curriculum, but it also allows us to see how we are going as a school and where we need to celebrate and where we need to work harder.

1B

We would like to congratulate Mrs Tiffany Spark who will be taking leave during term 3 for the birth of her second child. Mrs Elizabeth Baumgartner will be going full time on the Year 1B class for all of semester 2. Tiffany will be on staff for some of term 3, but in those weeks will be doing a variety of relief roles.

BMA Reading

Last Monday afternoon, the launch of the BMA/DETE Enhancement Plan for Reading for the Emerald/Capella cluster was held at the Explorer’s Inn. I wish to thank Annie Self, our P & C Vice President, for attending on behalf of the Emerald State School parent body. This project will run over 3 years and involves our cluster getting a consistent, rigorous reading program across all of our schools. BMA is donating the cluster approximately $80,000 for each of the 3 years to develop the program. Over the last term and a half we have had our Master Teacher, Jennifer Farquhar, and our Teacher Librarian, Sherryle Nolan, working on the reading scope and sequence with Yvana Jones and the rest of the cluster team. Tina Brosnan, in her role as Deputy Principal, joined this group last week to look at the how to lead this in our school.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Next week, the reading period for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge commences. This is a great opportunity for our Prep to Year 6 students to improve their literacy, cultivate a passion for literature, and for teachers and families to encourage them to read widely for pleasure. Interested students should check with their Premier’s Reading Challenge coordinator, Mrs Sherryle Nolan, to make sure they are registered. Mrs Nolan sent a letter home last Friday with all the information.

For further information, visit www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge

Camps

Next week, Year 4, 5 and 6 students are all off to their various camps. If you are not attending camp you are expected to attend school. Thank you to all the staff for all the hard work they do in organising these camps and running them. This year the camps will be staffed by:

Yr 4: Joanne Thomas, Kim Cahill and Jill Ryan,
Yr 5: Michelle Peters, Robyn Cuskelly, Sandy Grant and Ross Grierson,
Yr 6: Rebecca Eaves, Renee Christie, Sherryle Nolan and myself.

A big thank you must go to our parent helpers as camps would not be possible without them either. Also remember our hard working P & C subsidised our camps with a donation of $10000 to make sure all students could afford to attend.

Under 8s morning

While our older students are on camp, our PREPs to Yr 3 will be celebrating Under Eights’ Week which is celebrated from 15th to 22nd May 2015. Our students will be celebrating on Friday, 22nd May from 9-11 with activities at school. The theme is: Voices of children—Look, listen, hear and respond. Miss Krystal Brown is coordinating the morning so if you would like to help please see her.

Rhonda Jones
Student of the Week

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Cleaners Cup

Week 3 – 5A & Mrs Cuskelly/Ms Grant

From the Office

STUDENT ABSENCES

Just a reminder that student absences need to be reported to the school office, either via the student absence line, phone 4983 9688 or send a text to 0427 016 460. If your message is not received and recorded by 10am, you will receive a text prompting you to advise the school of the absence. Thanks.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2016

Children born between 1 July 2010 and 31 July 2011 (please note this new cut-off date) are eligible to commence Prep in 2016. If you have a child this age, we ask that you complete an enrolment form and submit it to the school office as soon as possible. We will be looking at our enrolments shortly so need to know the number of guaranteed enrolments we have.

SENIOR SHIRTS

Senior Shirts are now available for purchase from the school office at a cost of $36. Please make payments by cash (correct change please), Cheque (made out to Emerald State School), EFTPOS (visa or MasterCard) or bank transfer.

EMERALD SHOW SOCIETY 2015 – FOWL ART COLOURING-IN COMPETITION

Copies of the colouring-in sheet for the Fowl Art Competition at the Emerald Show are available from the office of your child’s class teacher. Entries must be returned to the school office by THURSDAY 28th MAY.

Tuckshop News

Roster for fortnight

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Baking for Sports Day

With Sports Carnival coming up on Friday 29th May at Marist College, we once again call upon all our amazing families for support. If you could please bake a cake, slice or biscuits for individual, it would be very much appreciated. Please ensure that you include a complete list of ingredients with your donation due to our students with food allergies.

Special of the Week - $5

WEEK 5: - Apricot Chicken with Rice (ingredients – Apricot Nectar, French Onion Soup and Chicken)

WEEK 6: - Tomato Soup or Moroccan Tomato Soup (more spice) with Bake at Home Dinner Roll x 2

Ingredients: Red lentils, x3 peppercorns, ripe tomatoes, onion, tomato paste, white wine vinegar, sugar, parsley, vegetable stock, salt to taste. This is a blended, smooth soup (no chopped tomato) with fresh ingredients and tastes divine.

Spiced Moroccan Tomato & Red Lentil Soup

Onion, olive oil, ginger, coriander, cumin, paprika, chilli powder, nutmeg, chicken stock, vegetable stock, red lentils, fresh tomatoes, salt and pepper

A reminder that RED DAY tuckshop forms for Sports Day at Marist College were sent home last week. Please complete and return forms ASAP to allow for more accurate catering.

On our first RED DAY last term, over half the school students ordered tuckshop and it proved very popular. The students loved it!

Birthday Treats are proving to be popular amongst the children. In just one week, we’ve sent out Frog in a Pond and Patty Cakes to the classrooms. Thank you parents for supporting our Birthday Treats.

Michelle Harrison and Megan Wass
Emerald State School Newsletter

Library News

Premier’s Reading Challenge starts on 19th May. We sent home a letter explaining all the details on Monday. Come on Emerald State; let’s show how much we love reading by participating in this challenge!

CBCA BILBY Awards

Round one of nominations is now over and the short list is available for us to see the top 6 books children love best this year in each category. If there are any books in the list that you haven’t read, see if we have them in our library and give them a read...they must be good if children in our state say so! Vote for your favourite book out of the short list by June 19.

Go to: http://www.cbcqld.org/bilby-awards.html

Centenary of the Great War

"Remembering Them" is a phone app that allows you to discover the memorials, museums, war graves and other sites in Australia that commemorate our wartime history. Free download for androids on Google play and iTunes for apple devices. For more information go to: anzacportal.dva.gov.au

Discover our ANZAC history with many resources available in our school library or online at: discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au

Did you know? During the First World War, the feathers on the Queensland Light Horse Regiment headdress were emu feathers and were worn on the left hand side. The 2nd 14th Light Horse regiment (Queensland Mounted Infantry) still wear emu feathers on their hats today. Horses recruited for the Light Horse Brigades had to be a minimum of 14.5 hands high and of a solid colour.

More fascinating snippets like this can be found at: http://anzac100.initiatives.qld.gov.au/remember/did-you-know/index.aspx

Read With Me Club

Congratulations to 6A who are the first whole class to complete all their Club 25 sheets. 6A is going to receive a fantastic reward .... a pizza party! Let’s see which class can complete all of Club 50 now.

Remember, you only have to read for homework four (4) times per week. If you’d like to do more reading you can enter whole books on your Stars of State sheet.

Please refer to the parent information letter regarding this new procedure. Ask your child’s class teacher or Mrs Nolan will be happy to explain it.

Yours in the love of reading,
Sherryle Nolan

Instrumental Music News

Eisteddfod

If your child is interested in competing in the 2015 CH Eisteddfod in Blackwater this year, please ensure that you return your child’s nomination form and money by the due date (on the form) as the Eisteddfod committee will not accept any late nominations. Spare forms are available through the school office.

Leanne Hilder

PE NEWS

Representative Sports Calendar for 10, 11 and 12 year old students. Please note Cricket CH and Track and Field District Trials date change

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Regional Shield (Netball and Rugby League)
16 & 17 July Rockhampton – Expressions of Interest packs were sent home to interested, eligible students on Thursday. These are due back to the office by 9am on Monday 18th May. We apologise for the short notice, but this is due to our students being out of the school next week for camps and the nominations also being due next week to Regional Shield.

Touch Football
At the recent Central Highlands Trials, Brodie C, Blake A and Olivia C successfully made the CH teams. Well done on your great effort. Maddie B was selected as a shadow. Good luck in your upcoming trials on Monday.

Soccer CH Trials
Congratulations to Tom L, Lalitraj S, Sean S, Reynald L and Jakory B on the football trials last week.

Capricornia Rugby League Trials
Congratulations to Olivia C on successful trialling at the Capricornia Rugby League trials. She is now in the Capricornia Team heading to the South Coast in May. Blake A was unsuccessful in his attempt. Well done to both of you on your great efforts.

Tennis
Congratulations to Lachlan V on making the Central Highlands Tennis Team. A job well done.

Cross Country
What a morning! The day before the trials saw a change of venue due to a small river flowing through the original course. This did not deter our runners. Congratulations to the place getters: Holly T (6th), Jett W (2nd) and Daley C (3rd), Darci R (2nd), Jakory B (4th) and Brodie C (6th). Good luck Holly on your run at the Springsure mountains.

Rugby Union
Congratulations to Rohan M, Blake A and Kyle P who trialled yesterday afternoon for the Emerald District Boys Rugby Union Team. Further congratulations to Rohan M and Blake A who were selected to the Emerald District team to compete at the CH trial on 4th June.

Rookies2Reds Rugby Union
The Rookies2Reds Rugby Union program will be running again in the first 5 weeks of Term 3 with Joey Morris. He will run two 5 week programs; 5-7 year olds on Mondays, and 8-11 year olds on Tuesdays. Joey will be sending out fliers soon.

Our Track and Field Carnival (Sport’s Day)
In Week 6, on Friday 29th May, we have our T&F Carnival at Marist College. Once again this is a whole school event. For the 10, 11 and 12 year old students, this carnival is a selection trial. For all other age groups, this is a great chance to apply skills we are learning, to move our bodies and have fun with our friends outside. Come with hats and sunscreen.

I ask that the students be in attendance at the Marist College oval by 8.40am. The rolls need to be marked before the start of the day. Please remember that Marist College have kindly donated their oval to us and this is also their drop off time as well, so watch out for the traffic. Some bus children may be able to disembark at Marist.

Parents and Carers are invited to come and either join or watch the fun. If your child is in Year 3 and turning 9 this year, they will be invited to join the program for the older children where all the events are measured and timed. They may also choose to stay with the younger children. This program still has field events but we use safety equipment and the events are not measured and scored. We also play a variety of ball games and activities.

Volunteers on the day are always being sought after. I would love your help with the track or field events, or our wonderful tuckshop convenors would love if you could give a little of your time on the day at the mobile tuckshop. Don’t forget, they are organising another red day pack similar to the one on Cross Country day. Orders need to be in by Tuesday 26th May for organisational purposes.

A program for the day will be sent out prior to the day.

High Jump
As we run a very full program on our Track and Field day, I have decided to run the high jump again prior to the day. This will be run on Monday 18th May. This is the Monday of camp week. Some of the students have Capricornia Trials on this day and are trialling prior to this day. We will be having the Year 11 and 12 children from 9 to 10.30. The 11 year olds students will be from 10.30 to 11.30. The 9 year olds, including the year 3’s who wish to join in the upper school will be from 11.45 to 12.45pm. The age means how old the student will be turning or has already turned THIS year.

Many students have already spent several lunches improving their high jumping skills. I’m really impressed with the enthusiasm of our students.

Have a great fortnight
Jill Ryan
Emerald State School Newsletter

**Under 8’s Day**

Emerald State School will be celebrating the early years of learning by hosting Under 8’s Day on **Friday May 22nd** for students in Prep to Year 3. Students will be provided with a range of fun activities for the morning session from Sam-Nam. There will be face painting, play dough, a giant obstacle course, dancing and much more.

All parents and younger siblings are more than welcome to attend and move around the various activities with their child. We will be having a group lunch at 11am on the oval. Please feel free to bring a picnic rug for you to sit on with your child.

If you have any questions please see Miss Brown or email k brow513@eq.edu.au

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**Camp Reminders for NEXT WEEK!!!**

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 Camps are all scheduled for next week.

**Year 4** – Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd May, 2015.
- 2 x whole day camps at Camp Fairbairn Outdoor Education Centre.
- **Please be at the Borilla St Bus Zone at 7.30am each day for a prompt departure at 7.45am.**
- Students need to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle each day. School will provide morning and afternoon tea.
- **Our bus is due back each day at 5.00pm.**

**Year 5** – Tuesday 19th to Thursday 21st May.
- **Please be at the Borilla St Bus Zone at 6.30am on Tuesday for a prompt departure at 7 am.**
- Students need to bring a packed lunch for Tuesday and a water bottle. We have also requested that parents contribute to our shared morning teas and afternoon teas during the camp. Please ensure that all donated items are ‘nut free’.
- Please ensure that students bring with them all items as listed on the “items to bring” list sent home in the original camp package and again last week. It can be cold ‘out west’ in the evenings at this time of year and warm clothing and warm bedding is a ‘must’.
- **Our bus is due back at 2.30pm on Thursday 21st May**

**Year 6** – Tuesday 19th to Friday 22nd May.
- **Please be at the Borilla St Bus Zone at 7.30am on Tuesday morning ready for prompt departure at 8.30am.**
- All catering has been fully provided by our Camping Safari Tour company. Students will still need to bring a water bottle and an empty lunch box for use on the other days of camp.
- Please ensure that students bring with them all items as listed on the “items to bring” list sent home in the original camp package and again last week. Day temperatures can be warm at Carnarvon Gorge at this time of year, especially on our “long hike” days so layered clothing is recommended. It can be cold ‘in the evenings at this time of year and warm night time clothing and warm bedding is a ‘must’. Please ensure your child has a warm sleeping bag and a sleeping mat to help insulate them from cold during the nights.
- **Our bus is due back at 2.30pm on Friday 22nd May**

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**NOMINATIONS FOR THE BRISBANE SHOW CAMP ARE NOW OPEN FOR YEAR 6 QUEENSLAND STATE SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Show Camp is a program run by the Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre, a department of Education Queensland, for 20 students to live in at the Brisbane Show, Ekka, for a literacy and multimedia camp. The Brisbane Show Camp runs during the Brisbane Ekka from 7th to 14th August 2015.

THE CAMP AIMS TO:

- develop skills (eg. researching, interviewing, writing, editing, technology use) which will enhance their ability to communicate through a variety of genres within the setting and experiences of the Brisbane Exhibition;
- develop students technology skills through the use of digital video, digital photography and podcasting productions;
- bring together selected students with similar abilities and interests from the whole of Queensland;
- develop friendships;
- enable students to gain a greater appreciation of the importance of the Exhibition to the rural community of the State.

Further information on the camp and how to nominate can be found on [www.urbanecq.eq.edu.au](http://www.urbanecq.eq.edu.au) and follow the links to the Show Camp website or by either emailing the centre at [showcamp@eq.edu.au](mailto:showcamp@eq.edu.au) or by telephoning the Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre on 3552 7111.

The Nomination Form can be downloaded from the website. Nominations for this year’s camp close on **29th May 2015.**