STATE SCHOOL CONSENT FORMS

If you received the posted “State School Consent Form” request for your child at the end of April and have not responded, please do so immediately. It is mandatory that we have your wishes re your child’s intellectual property and media permissions on file and this permission must be on the new, mandated form. Next week we will be advising teachers of students for whom we have no current consent. Please note, this will preclude your child’s name, photograph and work samples being included in the newsletter. If you have misplaced your form, please drop into the office and fill one out or contact us and we will send home another form.

If you wish to withhold or limit the consent, and are unsure of how to word the limitation, please give Ange or Andrea a call.

VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

It’s not too late to return your voluntary financial contribution which is aimed at enhancing our education service. The contributions you make will be managed directly through our school budget to supplement funds allocated from our State Government Grant. A list of consumables and how they will be used in each year level is available from the office. Listed below is a suggested contribution for each year level. Thank you for your support.

Prep - $45, Year 1 - $25, Year 2 & 3 - $35, Year 4 - $25, Year 5 - $35, Year 6 & 7 - $25

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

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FROM THE OFFICE

PREP ENROLMENTS 2015

Do you have a child eligible for Prep in 2015? We are now taking enrolments for our GUARANTEED ENROLMENT students for Prep 2015. Please collect an “Application for Student Enrolment” form, complete and return it to the office at your earliest convenience. You will also need to provide a copy of your child’s birth certificate. If you know of anyone in our catchment area who may be eligible as well, please encourage them to complete an enrolment form as soon as possible.

Students eligible for Prep next year will have been born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010.

OFFICE HOURS

The school office hours are 8.15 am to 3.30pm

FOWL ART COMPETITION – Emerald Show

It’s that exciting time of the year again when children can start getting their Fowl Art Colouring-in Competition items ready for our Annual Show. Colouring-in sheets are available from the office and completed entries will need to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 28 May. All entries will be displayed at the show.

16 May 2014

DATES TO REMEMBER:

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Great state. Great opportunity.
**CLEANERS’ CUP**

Week 3 - 2A and Miss Reinman
Week 4 – 2B and Ms Harcourt

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK**

This week, as we would all be aware, was NAPLAN for Year 3, 5 and 7 for everyone in Australia. We also did practice tests in Year 2, 4 and 6. People have asked why this focus on NAPLAN? One of the benefits of NAPLAN is to help assist improvement for individual students as we identify strengths and weakness. NAPLAN also allows us to identify gaps or strengths in our school programs. By comparing our results in a year level to other like or similar schools, we can see where are gaps are and look at improving our programs and teaching in those areas.

Also, by doing practice tests, we can also take the stress away from students as they become familiar with the format and it is not this big, scary thing that happens in Year 3, 5 and 7.

As a parent, just encourage your child to do the best they can and talk to them about the tests. Remind them that some questions will be hard and they won’t be able to do them as it is a test to ensure it measures what people know.

At the system level, the NAPLAN provides Ministers of Education with information about the success of their policies and resourcing in priority curriculum areas. NAPLAN also provides ministers with the capacity to monitor the success of policies aimed at improving the achievement of different student groups, such as Indigenous students.

Camps and sports have been happening over the last couple of weeks and it is amazes me what a hard working group of teachers we have in providing these extra curriculum activities outside their core role as teachers. Many schools no longer have these opportunities because they no longer have the staff to do these additional duties as the pressures of the job as a teacher in the classroom has become bigger.

Also, I would like to thank all the parent helpers who have gone on camps and helped at sporting activities as again, without you, these things would not happen. We must also remember that P & C funds support our parent helpers on camp as well as subsidising our students.

Next week we welcome Mr Gary Flower to Emerald State School as Acting Principal while I am on leave for the rest of the term. He was out around the Central Highlands many years ago as Principal of Orion and Dysart State Schools. He then went to Berserker in Rockhampton and finished his career at Clinton in Gladstone.

Rhonda Jones

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**FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK**

Wow, what a week.

Throughout our school, this week particularly, there has been such a buzz.

Year 6 camp was a huge success. Congratulations to all the students for giving it your best go. Special thanks are extended to our parent helpers who assisted over the 4 days and a huge thank you to Ms Rebecca Eaves, Mrs Renee Christie, Mrs Jillian Ryan & Mr Ross Grierson. A significant amount of planning and organisation occurs to ensure the success of our camping program. It is wonderful when students, parents and staff return from camp with stories of how wonderful the week was.

Friday afternoon and Saturday morning our staff participated in ‘Seven Steps to Reading’; a very worthwhile Professional Development activity which focused on the development of writing in our classrooms. Personally, I found this PD excellent. Di, the presenter, was very knowledgeable about writing and challenged us all to rethink how we teach writing. I look forward to reading the “sizzling starts” as students engage in this writing process.

Tina Brosnan

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**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Monday 19 May – M Clothier
Tuesday 20 May – T Christian
Wednesday 21 May – N Bakhtadze
Thursday 22 May – G Halverson
Friday 23 May – J Lee, W Nicol
Monday 26 May – S Stokes
Tuesday 27 May – C McMeikan
Wednesday 28 May – D Jurd
Thursday 29 May – C Wilson
Friday 30 May – T Peters, K Williams

Parents please collect your containers and slow cookers from the tuckshop - we still have a few items left from the Fete !! Thanks
**CLASSROOM NEWS**

**PREP NEWS**

We are so impressed with the improvement in everyone’s letter and sound knowledge. We are able to identify most letters, sounds and even match the sound to a word we know. Keep up the great work!

This fortnight we have been learning about the letters ‘R’ and ‘S’ and are working towards writing a retell of our favourite nursery rhyme. We have learnt Humpty Dumpty, Jack and Jill, Little Miss Muffet and Hickory Dickory Dock. We have also been reading the book ‘Me and My Dad’ which is about a boy and his brave Dad who isn’t afraid of anything at the beach except for sea gulls. We have really enjoyed talking about our experiences at the beach.

In maths we have been focusing on 2D and 3D shapes. We have learnt the names of the shapes and have been using them to construct pictures. We are also working on developing our knowledge of the teen numbers and are beginning to recognise them in print.

In science our focus is on materials and their properties. We have been exploring materials that are waterproof and not waterproof. Thank you to all those families who have brought in bits and pieces from home to use for our wind chimes. If you still have things at home, please bring them in as soon as you can.

**YEAR TWO NEWS**

2A and 2B have now completed their NAPLAN tests. Most students displayed sensible and mature test behaviours remaining calm and giving the tests their best effort.

We are almost at the end of our English unit on stereotypes. The task will be to write a non-stereotypical character profile on a chosen character. For example if a child chooses a dragon then they will write about a non-stereotypical dragon. It may be a friendly, flower-growing dragon who is pink and fluffy instead of a mean, angry, fire-breathing, green and scaly dragon.

In Maths we are working on shapes and fractions and continuing to reinforce counting in patterns of 2’s, 3’s, 5’s, 10’s and rainbow facts.

We have been growing plants from seeds during our Science unit and learning about life cycles of various animals and how we can care for them.

In Geography we have been learning about global, national, regional, local and personal scale. We will be planning our own town using a map provided and answering questions relating to direction, place and space.

Please be aware that our school day begins with children coming in to class at 8:45. If students are coming in to class after 9:00 we have already begun our morning and late students are missing out on learning time and some assessment tasks. Please make every effort to have your child come to school on time.

Thank you for your continued support with homework, home reading and classroom help.

Have a great week,
Miss Harcourt and Miss Reinman.
YEAR THREE NEWS

This week has been busy with NAPLAN. All students participated and gave it their best shot. NAPLAN is sent away for marking and results will be available in the latter part of Semester Two.

We are busily finalising our assessments for Geography and History. All students are also being assessed with PM Benchmarks for reading.

Next week we commence our new units for English and Maths. In English, the students will be learning about point of view. There will be three focus texts used to learn about point of view:- “The Shack that Dad Built”, “The Peasant Prince” and “Stolen Girl”. These texts will also be the basis for our explicit lessons for reading and writing each day.

In Maths students will be learning:-

- Features of prisms
- Representing, ordering and comparing 3 digit numbers
- Rounding of 3 digit numbers to nearest ten and hundred
- Identifying and applying rules in number patterns
- Investigating odd and even numbers
- Recalling multiplication facts: 2s, 5s and 10s
- Representing fractions and describing their relationship compared to one whole

Year Seven News

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Maths
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Science
Students have been creating branching dichotomous keys and text dichotomous keys. They have also learnt how to draw scientific diagrams from a dichotomous key.

Geography
We have looked at the economic value of water in Australia. The focus has been on irrigation systems and the water cost of food items per kilometre to identify the most efficient crops and the ones that require a lot of water.

Sonya Gale

YEAR FOUR NEWS

What a busy fortnight as the students in year four have been using their skills to complete preparation for the next round of assessment tasks. Also, we have participated in a set of NAPLAN tests as practise for next year.

In English, we have started writing drafts for our Traditional Stories. We have learned that these stories are old, contain a moral, use a lot of direct speech and usually contain magic or talking animals.

In Maths, we have learned how to balance algebraic equations and are ready for our test on Friday.

Maps continue to be the focus of our Geography lessons. We have learnt to use legends, scale and North Point to identify features, distance and relative location on a map.

It has been an exciting week in Science as we have grown some extraordinary beans in a cup. They are growing like weeds. We will continue to observe their growth as we investigate the life-cycle of plants.

Until next time,
Michelle Peters and Kim Cahill

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Sonya Gale

NEWS FROM THE ARTS

This week we have started our new strand of learning in The Arts – Visual Arts. We will paint in this unit, which will culminate in a whole school art gallery next term.

The lower school completed a colour wheel of primary and secondary colours. It's hilarious listening to the “oohs” and “aahs” when you mix blue and yellow together and magically it turns into green! The upper school's colour wheel also had tertiary colours. They also learned about tinting and shading – adding a colour to white (tint) and black to a colour (shade).

Eisteddfod nominations are now open for the Central Highlands Eisteddfod which is to be held in Emerald on September 9-11. If your child wishes to nominate in any solo / duet events, please go to the school office to collect a nomination form. Money and forms are due back by Friday 23rd May.

Vicki Ferguson
EXPLICIT INSTRUCTION

Has your child come home and talked about WALT or WILF or TIB? These are three key acronyms used in Explicit Instruction.

- **WALT** stands for ‘We Are Learning To’. It tells students about the goal or intent of the lesson.
- **WILF** stands for ‘What I’m Looking For’. It tells students about the steps they need to follow to successfully achieve the goal of the lesson.
- **TIB** stands for ‘This Is Because’. It explains why the lesson is being taught and places it in their context of learning or in a real life context.

The Year Two classes learnt how to give themselves a ‘Shooting Star’ for great work this week. (The Year Six classes know how to do this too.) Ask someone in these classes to show you – it’s pretty cool! 2A also know how to be ‘Super Models’ to help Miss Reinman show students how to teach a special skill. They are working on their walks to the front of the room.

Watch out for more Explicit Instruction elements in coming newsletters.

Jenni Farquhar

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

CH Eisteddfod

If your child would like to do a verse speaking, vocal or instrumental solo/duet at the Central Highlands Eisteddfod this year, please ensure that you complete the form sent home during week 3 and return it with the nomination fee by Friday May 23. Please note that the Eisteddfod committee will not take any late nominations.

Our new music stands have arrived! The students are all very excited by our new Manhasset stands and trolley but we now don’t have any room for the old stands. If you would like one of the old music stands please see Mrs Hilder in the performing Arts room on Tuesdays. Please note that an adult will need to collect it as they are quite big and bulky.

Leanne Hilder
Instrumental Music Teacher

PE NEWS

Representative Sports Calendar for 10, 11 and 12 year old students

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Letters will come home for those children who are making themselves available for selection. If you would like any more information about this, please come and see me.

**Emerald District Athletics**

On Friday 13 June, the Emerald District will be having their Track and Field carnival. The students who came first, second or third in any of the finals will be offered a position in the Emerald State School Team. An invitation will be sent out as soon as we have the information from the convenor of the event.

**Cross Country**

Our students who were in the Emerald District Cross Country Team ran really well in the recent CH Trials. A huge congratulations to Noah C (1st), Joseph G and Maddie B (3rd) who will be going on to represent the Central Highlands in the upcoming Capricornia trials.
Touch Football
Good luck to Gabby F, Olivia C, Jack B, Harrison B, Nicholas P and Joseph G who are in the Central Highlands touch Football team and play in the Capricornia trials on Monday.

Interschool Touch Football Team
We have entered one year 4/5 team (Eagles) and two 6/7 teams (Terminators and the Disco Ninjas) in the Interschool Touch Football competition run by the Emerald Touch Football Association. If we have any more year 6 and 7 boys who would like to join us, we still have plenty of places. A huge thank you to the Mums and Dads who are helping make sure our students have access to the competition by helping out.

Have a superb fortnight
Jill Ryan
HPE Teacher

DEVELOPMENT CUP
Our school played many great games for the Development Cup in 2014. Good luck to both St Pats and Springsure who will play the final next week. I would like to thank firstly the boys who played throughout. The boys showed what a great team they are. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the parents and families who help out in many different ways. Washing jerseys, running water, refereeing, scoring and timing and first aid assistance from Mrs Jochim are a few of the jobs that I really appreciate your help with.

Now we are ‘onwards and upwards’ with the Regional Shield. Training will begin for this soon. Please ensure that team levy and uniform payments ($28) are made to the office by 30th May.

Many thanks
Cresta Richardson

What’s On

Emerald Little Theatre Inc. Presents…

A play written by Geoffrey Howard and produced by special arrangement with Playscripts, Inc. (www.playscripts.com)

‘The Bob and Al Show’
A Theatre Restaurant Comedy

What happens when a playwright sits down to write a play only to find his characters are talking back to him? Can he get his ideas straight long enough to finish writing the script?

When: 16th, 17th, 23rd and 24th May 2014
Cost: $40 per person (meal and show)

Raising funds for the Emerald State High School, Rotary Club of Emerald (Sunrise) and the Emerald Uniting Church.

Tickets are available by emailing emeraldlittletheatre@gmail.com or by phoning Sally-Anne on 4982 4948 (business hours)
Payment by Cash or Cheque only – Sorry! No EFTPOS.

Door and Licensed Bar open at 6 pm, Main Course of Dinner served at 7pm Sharp,
Show starts at 7.45pm and concludes at 10 pm-ish.

Emerald SS Craft Fair Committee
Welcome morning tea.
First meeting will be on Tuesday 20th May, after parade at the School Library. Looking for new committee members and a great way to meet new people and have a lot of fun.

X-Men - Days of Future Past
EMERALD EAGLES PRESENT:  X MEN - Days of Future Past
Date - Thursday 22nd May
6.00pm arrival for Drinks & Nibbies for a 7.00pm Movie Start
Tickets - $20 pur hund

Tickets can be purchased from Brennan Mayne Agribusiness (Mon-Fri)
Corner Sports & Barilla Streets opposite CHRC or
Emerald Eagles Soccer Clubhouse - Morton Park (Sat Mornings)