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Student Reports were Issued today.
Please check with your child if you have not received it as yet!

School Resumes Monday 14 July

FROM THE OFFICE

HEAD LICE
We've had a few cases of head lice reported in some classes across the school. Please take time out these holidays to check your child's head for lice and treat appropriately. Thanks

EMERALD SS WEBSITE
In case you haven't heard the news, our new look website is up and running. So jump on line to: www.emeraldss.eq.edu.au and check it out.

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

Enrolments for students not within our Guaranteed Enrolment Boundaries, will be taken from MONDAY 14 JULY at 8.00am.

Great state. Great opportunity.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

| Eden C – Prep A          | Ruby B – Prep A   |
| Samantha S – Prep B      | Aimee T – Prep B |
| Cooper M – 1A            | Matilda D – 1A   |
| Reily S – 1B             | Sophie W – 1B    |
| Pengally T -2A           | Niki F – 2A      |
| Max A – 2B               | Mitchell W – 2B  |
| Hayden M – 3A            | Jessica C – 3B   |
| Ben G – 3B               | Will C – 4B      |
| Tom Q – 5B               | Sophie P – 5B    |
| Tyson R – 6A             | Ryan E – 6B      |
|                         | Brittany T – Year 7 |

CLEANERS’ CUP

Week 9 – Mrs Nolan & Library Staff
Week 10 – Mrs Ferguson & students

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Monday 14 July - TUCKSHOP CLOSED
Tuesday 15 July – S Minhinnick
Wednesday 16 July – M Prewett
Thursday 17 July – G Halverson
Friday 18 July – J Lee, W Nicol

Monday 21 July – TUCKSHOP CLOSED
Tuesday – 22 July – J Thomas
Wednesday 23 July – D Jurd
Thursday 24 July – K Matheson
Friday 25 July – K Richardson, A Self

A copy of the Roster (without phone numbers) will be posted on the outside wall near the Tuckshop next term for your convenience.

In case you missed it, the note below was sent home to parents on Wednesday, 25 June, regarding closure of our Tuckshop on Mondays.
Dear Parents and Carers

It is with much regret that we have had to make the decision to close our school tuckshop every Monday during Term 3.

This decision has been made in light of a drop in sales for the first six months of the year with a view to keeping the prices as affordable as possible for the remaining 4 days of trading. We have not made this decision lightly and are committed to providing this valuable service to the families at our school. We will review the financial data towards the end of Term 3 to see if this decision is able to be reversed.

Please do not send in any tuckshop orders for Mondays as they will not be filled. Ordering will still be available from Tuesday to Friday as usual.

We appreciate your understanding with regard to this situation and wish you safe and happy holidays.

Kind regards,
Sarah Challacombe

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL’S DESK

2013 School Annual Report

Each year state schools are required to publish an annual report summarising the school’s progress, student performance and attendance, the social climate of the school as well as a variety of other aspects, including parent opinion. The Emerald State School 2013 Annual Report will be published on our website this week and hard copies will be available from the school office, after the holidays. It should be kept in mind that the report covers the events and achievements from last year. During the preparation of the report, I noted examples of commendable achievement by the staff and students.

Firstly, the 2013 cohort of Year Seven students made significant gains in reading from their performance in the 2011 Year Five NAPLAN test. Of particular note, was the movement towards the upper two reading bands. In 2011, the percentage of children from this group performing in the upper reading bands was 10.8%. In contrast, 30.7% of the Year Seven students were able to provide responses which placed them in the upper two bands in 2013. Secondly, compared to the Year Five NAPLAN results for Numeracy in 2011, the performance of the Year Seven students also showed a significant gain in 2013. Again, more children reached the upper two bands as the percentage nearly doubled from 13.4% in 2011 to be at 26% for the 2013 NAPLAN.

Student Reports

Student Reports for Semester One are being distributed today (Friday 27 June 2014) and any enquiries about the reports should be made via an appointment with the class teacher, after the Winter Vacation.

Readers’ Cup Challenge

It was a pleasure to welcome visiting teams to our Readers’ Cup Challenge last Friday. Some children travelled long distances to participate and it was great to see parents and other supporters in attendance. Congratulations to Anakie State School who will travel on to Brisbane. Thanks also to Mrs Nolan for her efforts with this activity and her continued promotion of reading across the school.

Emerald District Track and Field

Emerald State School won the Percentage Trophy at the recent Emerald District Track and Field trials. It was also notable that Brady C (Year 6) broke a long standing high jump record at the trials by getting over the bar set at 127cm.

Gabby F from our Year Seven class has been representing the Capricornia Region in netball this week. This follows a string of sporting successes with our students being selected in representative teams across various sports this term. Well done to all involved!

Farewell

A final farewell and thank you to all who have assisted me during my six weeks as Acting Principal at Emerald State School. What a lovely school with so many delightful students, supportive parents and dedicated staff members!

All the best for the future.

Kind regards
Gary Flower

FROM THE DEPUTY’S DESK

Dear Parents

It always amazes me how quickly the term seems to fly by. I hope our students have a restful break and return to school ready for an action packed term 3 of learning.

Quality Schools Inclusive Leaders (QSIL)

During the first week back at school, Mrs Jones, Mrs Conway and I will be attending a QSIL Conference on the Thursday and Friday. This Conference will enhance both the individual leadership capabilities and school planning processes that we have in place to ensure highly effective inclusive educational practices occur in
our school. This program is presented with the support of National Partnerships funding as part of the DETE More Support for Students With Disabilities project rollout across the state.

**Visiting Consultant**

Early next term we are fortunate to have visiting consultant Kay Rankin working with us in the second week of the term. Kay is a consultant who will be working with students and staff examining vocabulary and inference (if time allows) when reading. Kay will be visiting us Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd of July. A parent workshop will be held between 3-4pm Tuesday 22nd for those parents who are interested in attending. More information will be sent out early next term about this great opportunity.

Have a wonderful break
Tina Brosnan

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**CLASSROOM NEWS**

**PREP NEWS**

A big thank you to everyone who came along and watched our Nursery Rhyme performances on Monday. The children loved having you all there and showing off their costumes.

We had lots of zany fun on our zany sock day. We watched ‘Horton Hears a Who’ and ‘The Lorax’ and enjoyed some yummy popcorn.

Next term we are exploring vowels and diagraphs and are working towards writing our own rhymes.

Literacy groups will commence in week one of Term 3 and we will visiting the computer lab every Friday morning! How exciting! We welcome Mrs Anderson back to Prep A for all of term 3.

The children have worked so hard this semester and we hope they enjoy their well-deserved break. Have a happy and safe holiday.

Krystal Brown and Louise McDonald

**YEAR ONE NEWS**

It has been pleasing to see growth, particularly in reading, this semester. We have enjoyed applying a range of different strategies. Students have also been doing very well with their sight words.

We will be giving students a spelling test which will review all the concepts taught in spelling this semester. You might like to look back over spelling words and concepts that have already been taught during homework time.

We have been very busy practising making our writing more interesting by using sizzling starts, adjectives and adverbs. You may have even seen some of our writing at the show!

This fortnight we have been naming, recognising and describing the features of 3D shapes. We have learnt new terms including faces, edges and corners.

Please remind your child that toys are to remain at home. We would hate to see your precious treasures damaged. Please also discuss with your children appropriate toileting behaviours as there have recently been a number of incidents.

Enjoy the holidays.
Jillian Maddox and Sarah Pilgrim

**YEAR TWO NEWS**

Term 2 is now over and we are all looking forward to some rest before getting back to school for Term 3. We have been on a fantastic learning journey this term and have developed many skills. Please continue home reading over the break and also basic mathematics concepts such as adding numbers to 20, working with money and telling the time. This will ensure that these skills are ready to use again once we return from holidays.

2A welcomes Mrs Hedgcock for the first two weeks of Term 3. Miss Reinman is off to get married and will return as Mrs Marsh on Tuesday 29th July. Mrs Hedgcock has worked with 2A before and is looking forward to her time with the students again.

As we are still in the ‘sniffly’ season, tissues are running low. If possible, please endeavour to send another box of tissues to school with your child so that we can manage runny noses. Stationery is also running low. Please ask your child if they require any stationery in
order to learn. We can hold the extra pencils, glue, rubbers, sharpeners and rulers for when your child needs them if they are clearly labelled. If they don’t use them before the end of the year, we will send them home ready to use next year.

We’ve been doing a lot of work in class around healthy eating. We know that foods that are low in sugar are best for our brains and bodies and enable us to concentrate during class. A healthy and filling breakfast also contributes to better learning. Please help us by making sure that lunch boxes contain nutritious foods with as few pre-packaged items as possible. This will help us to concentrate and learn all we can!

Thank you so much for a wonderful semester. We would like to thank all of those parents who have volunteered their time and look forward to the rest of the year.

Have a safe and restful break,
Miss Harcourt and Miss Reinman

YEAR THREE NEWS

Science
In our investigations we have been learning how to carry out a fair test. This is a procedure that real scientists follow with their work. All elements in the test have to be the same except for one. In our fair test:-

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As scientists we have been following the PROE procedure too.
1. Predict — make a scientific/informed guess about what you think will happen.
2. Reason — give reasons for why you made your prediction.
3. Observe — carry out your investigation and observe what happens.
4. Explain — give reasons for your observations.

Maths
Our learning this week has been about:-

- Money – identifying features of coins and notes, counting of mixed denominations, finding the total cost of purchases and calculating change from $5.

English
In English, students have been finalising their assessment task. This involved them writing a persuasive letter to their Principal about the importance of family and the need for a day of celebrating families. Students were required to support their arguments with evidence from the three unit texts and their own experiences.

Have a happy and safe break.
Miss Jensen and Miss Lucas

YEAR FOUR NEWS

What a fabulous term we have had in year four!

Our English assessment has been finalised this week and we have been entertained with a variety of funny written dialogues.

In Maths, we have been looking at decimal fractions and maps, including compass directions and scale. This has been quite easy for us as we have had lots of practice in Geography.

In Science, we have started to grow grass heads. We are watching and eagerly awaiting some green spikes to sprout.

Report cards have been sent out today.

We hope that you all have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday and that you are able to find some warmth.

Looking forward to seeing all your smiling faces again in term 3.

Michelle Peters and Kim Cahill

YEAR SIX NEWS

Science
We have been delving into energy sources over the past 2 weeks. Our focus has been on the sustainability of the sources. We decided that all energy sources have a downside. When coal is burnt, it causes pollution and it is running out, the sun doesn’t shine all the time and the wind doesn’t blow all the time. In conclusion, we found to make a difference to our family electricity bill; we need to turn off electrical appliances which we are not using.

Health
Congratulations to all our health groups. Over the term, they have been creating a minor game for their peers to play. The creativity and teamwork which has been displayed has been has been amazing. We will be playing these games over the weeks to come.
YEAR SEVEN NEWS

English
Students have written their historical recounts about an event in Ned Kelly’s life. They have now moved their attention to identifying Ned Kelly as a hero, villain or victim, ready for their persuasive text next term.

Maths
Students have finished looking at probability, deciding the likelihood of a variety of events and identifying sample spaces. They have completed their assessment for the term, covering creating algebraic equations and solving equations, Cartesian Planes and probability.

Geography
Services have been the focus in geography. Students have identified a range of services available and the importance of each to the liveability of Emerald. The fire brigade, roads and road trains were deemed as very important while the car ferry was identified as not important in our local area.

Science
Students have looked at fishing and how this impacts on the marine food web. Their assessment looked at creating a section of an Antarctic food web and identifying how fishing, both regulated and illegal, has impacted on the Patagonian Toothfish and the subsequent impacts to the food web.

Sonya Sexton

LIBRARY NEWS

Read With Me Club
Keep up the great effort with your homework reading everyone. If your child has not brought home a Read With Me sheet, please come and get one from the library. This club has been part of our school tradition since 1990. This is our tracking system for the students with their homework reading. Every student is expected to read as part of their homework. The time limits are just for homework reading, we encourage all students to read for much longer than the RWM time requirements. Over the holidays RWM Club does not operate, instead, you may like to record books read on our Reading Olympics (Bronze, Silver, Gold) sheets. These also contribute points to our Leichhardt and Mitchell teams. Ask the class teacher for these or see Mrs Nolan at the library.

Children’s Book Council of Australia
As a school subscriber, we have access to the terrific Family and Student Newsletter, ‘Read All About It’, from CBCA. Follow this link for Issue 3. http://www.cbcagld.org/uploads/2/6/2/2/26224528/read_all_about_it_issue_3.pdf
Included are interviews, book reviews and much more. If you’ve read a great book lately and you’ve got strong views about it, why not write a review and send it in to the editor, they love to hear from children about their favourite books.

CBCA Readers Cup Challenge
The inaugural Central Highlands competition was held in our library on Friday 20th June. Our awesome team from Year 6 of Eddie, Hailee and Zaynab were great competitors for our school. The winners on the day were the Anakie State School team. St. Patricks’ teams 1 & 2 took out second and third places. A big crowd of family supporters enthusiastically cheered on the eight teams.
Next year’s competition will be open to Year 5 & 6 students.

All student loans should be returned prior to the holidays. If you’re staying in town over the holidays, pay a visit to our wonderful town library. They have so many great reading, viewing and listening options to keep you busy.

Have a great holiday that includes reading a great book! Mrs Nolan

NEWS FROM THE ARTS

The children have been busy painting their little hearts out over the last two weeks!

Prep to Year 3 have been creating “Picasso faces” – where the facial features (eye, mouth) are placed in crazy positions!

Years 4-7 have continued working on their famous artists paintings – Van Gogh, Monet and now Sidney Nolan’s “Ned Kelly”.

Memorable moments include:

- watching Kriste (Yr 7) create – her brushstrokes and technique are amazing!
- seeing Teresa (Yr 5) paint a fabulous graduated background (sky)
- having Lachie (Yr 5) grow in confidence!
- watching Tyson (Yr 6) build a painting over a number of weeks that he is proud of!

Keep up the great work everyone! I’m really looking forward to displaying your fabulous art work next term in our whole school art gallery – keep an eye out for the date (will be around the middle of term 3).

Vicki Ferguson
Technology News.

A reminder that our new Emerald State School website is now live! It is also linked to the Qschools app (available on both itunes store and Google play).

The website is www.emeraldss.eq.edu.au

Vicki Ferguson

PE NEWS

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

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Netball
Congratulations to Gabby F who has just played in the State Trials. This was held in Emerald thanks to the huge efforts of Miss Anna Young from St Patricks School. Gabby’s team, the Capricornia team, played amazingly well. They played 11 games; they lost 4 and won the rest, very convincingly. Congratulations Gabby on your great work.

Girls’ Rugby League
Congratulations to Holly M, Reyne W, Natasha S, Mackenzie C, Joanne H, and Olivia C who succeeded in making the Girls’ Central Highlands Rugby League team. Well done ladies! They now head off to Mackay in August for the Capricornia trials.

Emerald District Athletics
I get a real buzz taking away students from Emerald State School. The enthusiasm, sportsmanship and “have a go to my very best” attitude is amazing. Congratulations to all our athletes for a job well done. Results were: Aggregate Trophy 1st - St Patrick’s School 180 points, 2nd - Emerald State School 136 point, 3rd - Denison State School 97 points. Percentage Trophy: 1st - Emerald State School 36% (WAHOO!!), 2nd - St Patrick’s School 30%, 3rd - Denison State School 19%.

We also had two age champions, Joseph G and Darci R. More great news; Brady C is the new 11years male High Jump record holder at 127cm for the Emerald District. Congratulations to you all.

I must pass on a huge thanks to Mr Tom Reddy from St Patricks School for convening the carnival and doing a great job. Once again, thank you to the generosity of Marist College and Emerald Athletics who provide us with such a fantastic venue and facilities.

Rugby Union
Congratulations to Joseph G, Jai B and Rohan M who were selected as members of the Capricornia Rugby Union team. Fantastic work gentlemen. They now head off to play in the state trials in Brisbane at the end of August. Ryan E also trialled well but was unsuccessful.

Have an excellent holiday
Be safe and healthy
Jill Ryan    HPE Teacher
IMPORTANT TUCKSHOP NEWS

MORE HELP REQUIRED
The operation of our Tuckshop is an important and vital part of our school community. We are always in need of volunteers so if you have three hours spare, would like to have some fun and meet new people, we would love your help.
Many thanks in anticipation.
Linda Adams & Michelle Harrison
Tuckshop Convenors, Emerald State School, phone 4983 9607

Please fill in the volunteer roster below and return it to school as soon as possible

TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEER ROSTER
(Time required 8.30am – 11.20am)

(Please tick where suitable)
YES, I am prepared to help:

Weekly _____ Tuesday _____
Fortnightly _____ Wednesday _____
Monthly _____ Thursday _____
______ Friday _____

Name: _____________________________________________ Phone: ___________________________________

Please send my roster home with ___________________ ____________ Class ______________

WHAT’S ON

LEARN TO SKATE PROGRAM
If you’re over 18 and interested in trying to either learn how to skate, or get back those skills from a few years ago, Emerald Roller Girls are running a fun 8 week, non-contact, Learn To Skate program, starting from week 2 of Term 3.

Total cost $120, and includes all safety gear, skates and insurances. Please contact Susan on 0418 329 701 for more information or to register. Availability is limited, so be quick!