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FROM THE OFFICE

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS
These were sent home with the oldest in the family on Tuesday this week. Details of how to complete the survey online are on the form – this is the only way for it to be completed. If you do not have access to a computer and you wish to complete the survey at school, we are able to provide computer access for you. Please contact the school if you require any assistance.

ARTS COUNCIL IS COMING!!
On Wednesday, a note and payment envelope for Arts Council (ARTSLINK) was sent home with EVERY student. The performance, “Sarah’s Heavy Heart” will be presented to every student in the school on Monday 4 August over two sessions first session 11.45am and second session 1.45pm. The cost is $6 per student with a maximum of $15 per family. If you have a family of 3 or more siblings currently at Emerald SS, would you please send in the one envelope with all of your children’s names and classes listed. Payment is required by 9am FRIDAY 1 AUGUST. No payments will be accepted after this time. Please ask your child to bring their payment directly to the OFFICE.

YEAR 4-7 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
The RE program for Years 5 – 7 will commence in the week starting 4 August (Year 4 will start next week) and will run for 10 weeks. If your child is participating in the program and you have not paid to date, would you please send $3.50 to the office to cover the production of the workbook. If you do not wish for your child to participate, and you have not previously advised the school, you will need to make this request in writing to the school.

GLASSES FOUND
A pair of glasses (clear lens with a bronze rim) has been handed in to the office.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2015
Please remember if you have a student who will be eligible for Prep next year, would you submit your enrolment form the office as soon as possible. We require this information NOW for our classes for next year. Thank you.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Week 1
Lila-Grace S – Prep A
Tyler F – Prep B
Robbie M – 1A
Darbii P – 1B
Nikita H – 2A
Toby R – 2A
Riley A – 2B
Harry P – 3A
Bryath S – 3B
Kayden N – 4A
Ethan G – 4B
Ole H – 5B
Shelbee S – 6A
Jarrett N – Year 7

CLEANERS’ CUP - Week 1 –Miss Jensen & 3A

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Monday 28 July – TUCKSHOP CLOSED
Tuesday 29 July – C Wilson
Wednesday 30 July – J Barnes
Thursday 31 July - A Corkill
Friday 1 August – M Clothier, S Stokes

Monday 4 August – TUCKSHOP CLOSED
Tuesday 5 August – K Beasley
Wednesday 6 August – M Prewett
Thursday 7 August – G Halverson
Friday 8 August – K Richardson, K Williams

REMEMBER: There is NO TUCKSHOP on MONDAYS
Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday. It was a big shock for me to come back, especially to the cold weather. As the weather has been cold the lost property has been growing fast so would you please get your children to check it regularly so we do not have any lonely jumpers with no owners.

School Opinion Survey

On Tuesday every family (via the eldest in the family) will have an invitation to participate in this year’s School Opinion Survey. The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year by the State Schools Division to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff. The survey will help our school to find out what we are doing well, and how we can improve. All families (previously a sample of families) will have the opportunity to complete the Parent/Caregiver Survey this year. The survey is anonymous, and the results are not reported in ways that an individual’s response can be identified by the school.

Parents/Caregivers are encouraged to complete the survey online, and to facilitate this, school computers will be available at parent request. It is important that as many parents/caregivers as possible complete the survey. Survey queries or requests for translations can be directed to me.

Leadership in our School

To improve our literacy learning, especially in the areas of reading and writing, and to support our staff in the teaching of this area, we have implemented a Curriculum Leadership Team over the last term. This team consists of myself, Mrs Brosnan, Ms Richardson, Mrs Nolan, Mrs Conway and Mrs Farquhar. Each member of this team is responsible for leading the literacy learning in a specific area of the school. This is very much in its infancy so team members roles will develop as we learn together. These teachers are still responsible for the areas of special needs, literacy and numeracy and the library but all these role statements do include a leadership component which we are working on extending with the main purpose to improve our teaching and therefore improve students’ learning.

Sport and Regional Shield

Over the last couple of weeks representative sport has been continuing and I congratulate all our students on their great performances. Last week, Ms Richardson, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Challacombe took a netball and a Rugby League team to the Regional Shield Competition in Rockhampton where both teams performed very well. Congratulations must go to the netball team who won their division.

As we reach the end of Semester 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Last semester our school attendance rate was 93.2%. The state average is 95% which is the target for all Queensland State Schools. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html

Congratulations to Harrison B (Year 7) on his selection to attend Show Camp in Brisbane in August.

Rhonda Jones

CLASSROOM NEWS

PREP NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3. Can you believe we are over half way through the year? We are off to a flying start having learnt the vowels ‘a’ and ‘e’. We will continue with a vowel letter per week and then move onto the long vowel sounds.

We are also expanding our sight word knowledge. Well done and please continue to revise sight words at home.

In English, we have finished reading ‘Noni the Pony’ and next week we will start ‘Sam’s Pram.’

In Maths, we have been counting groups and ordering numbers 1-20. We also discovered that in order to tell if something is heavy or light we have to heft the object (that means lifting).

This term our Science unit is about Weather and the effects it has on our lives.

We are also back into History and how stories tell us about the past and how we remember and commemorate past events.

We are looking forward to an action packed term!

Have a great fortnight!

Louise McDonald, Krystal Brown and Kim Anderson.
YEAR ONE NEWS

We hope everyone had a refreshing and rewarding holiday. This term in English we are creating a character and discussing the choices we made in an interview. We have been identifying human qualities in animal characters, comprehending the text, generating questions and statements, developing characters and forming opinions. We have been exploring measurement in Mathematics using non-standard measuring units. In History, we are exploring different family structures.

In Science, we are observing the day and night sky. We created gorgeous night and day pictures in our combined fine motor program last Friday. You can view these on our classroom windows.

This term the FIRE EDUCATION people will be visiting us and informing us about fire safety procedures.

We were very pleased with the outcomes of our students last term, particularly in the area of reading. If you have any questions or concerns regarding report cards that were distributed on the last day of last term, please do not hesitate to come and discuss them with us.

Homework this term is the same as last term. Please ensure that students bring their homework in EACH FRIDAY so that readers can be changed and homework can be marked.

If you can help with reading to students of an afternoon, please let us know!

Miss Maddox and Mrs Pilgrim

YEAR TWO NEWS

2A and 2B have been very busy with our new units of work. 2A have been enjoying their time with Mrs Hedgcock while Miss Reinman is away on her honeymoon. 2A are looking forward to finding out all Miss Reinman's news when she returns as Mrs Marsh.

In English, 2A have been working on persuasive text and 2B have begun a unit of work on procedural text using 'George’s Marvellous Medicine’ by Roald Dahl. 2B have loved finding out what happens to George’s evil old Grandma. The assessment task will be to write a list and a procedural text.

During Maths lessons 2A have been working on measurement and multiplication. 2B have been working on 3 digit place value and dividing shapes and numbers into halves and quarters.

Our new unit of History involves learning about landmarks and heritage. We will be looking at our school as a local significant site and will be making a poster posing and answering questions about our school and its importance to our community.

In Science we are learning about the forces of push and pull. As our assessment task we will be making a toy that can move in some way. We will be making the toy later in the term in class from recycled materials such as milk cartons, milk tops, plastic containers, cotton reels etc. We will be discussing with the children ideas they could use for their toy and problem solving ways to make their toy move. A note will come home shortly giving more information.

During winter there are more colds and illnesses about and tissues are in short supply. Both classes would appreciate any donations of boxes of tissues to provide for the children.

As some of our classrooms are being carpeted and painted we have been unable to use the library for borrowing. We will resume book borrowing next week. Thank you for your patience.

See you next week.

Miss Harcourt and Mrs Hedgcock.

YEAR THREE NEWS

Science

This week we will commence our new unit “Hot Stuff”. In this unit, students will investigate how heat is produced and the behaviour of heat when it transfers from one object or area to another. They will identify that

- heat can be observed by touch,
- formal measurements of heat (temperature) can be taken, using a thermometer,
- heat transfers from warmer areas to cooler areas.

Students will

- plan and conduct investigations about heat and heat transfer,
- collect data safely, using appropriate equipment, to record formal measurements,
- represent their data in tables and simple column graphs, identify trends, explain their results and reflect on the fairness of their investigations.

English

In English, the new unit is about myths with a focus on character traits, point of view and writing in first person. The first myth we worked with was from Mexico, “Why Bats Fly at Night”. Things we learned

- character traits are about personality. Character description is about the physical features,
- myths have a moral, a lesson or value,
there may be many different versions of the same myth...that is why it states “Retold By” and not “Written By”,

the Bat was portrayed as a “bad” character. The author used words such as cunning, cheat, trickster, dull, devious and boastful to imply Bat was “bad”.

‘first person’ means we take on the role of one of the characters. When we refer to this character in our writing we use pronouns such as I, me, my and mine.

Maths
Focus concepts

• making a number up to 4 digits bigger or smaller by 1, 10, 100 and 1000
• adding two, two-digit numbers e.g. 26 + 33 = ??? Can your child show you how to set this out and solve it?

Miss Jensen and Miss Lucas

YEAR FOUR NEWS

Welcome back to term 4, we hope that you all had a safe and relaxing holiday.

In English, we are looking at the structure and language features of historical recounts, at the end of this term students will give an oral presentation in this format.

In Maths, we have been looking at locations and cardinal points on maps and we have just moved on to visual representations of fractions.

In Science, we have started to look at the different landscapes during the day and night and we will be moving toward investigating the forces acting upon different features in these landscapes. As part of the assessment, students will be creating a diorama. We would really appreciate you sending in any cereal boxes, shoe boxes etc. if you have them.

In History this term, we are learning about Australia’s first people and their longevity and diversity. We will explore changes to their lifestyle after European settlement.

Kim Cahill and Michelle Peters

YEAR SIX NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3! Only 2 terms of primary school left, how exciting and a little bit scary!

English
The unit, for the first half of this term, is about literary texts. Students will read a range of literary texts with a focus on how authors represent time and place. Students have already been busy reading “My Place”, which is a historical narrative, and this week an extract from “The Diary of Eva Fischer”, which is a diary. At the end of the unit, students will be writing a letter to future year 6 students to inform and describe to them life in Emerald in 2014. We have already begun looking at sentence structures and objective and subjective language that authors use. You may want to ask your child: “What is objective and subjective language?” or “What are the different sentence types?”

Maths
In Maths, we are currently further engaging in learning about the properties of number. Over the course of the year we have learned about multiples and factors, prime and composite numbers and last week looked at divisibility rules and factor trees. This week, students have learnt about square and triangular numbers, how they are represented and the patterns that they create.

Science
Look out! Natural disasters! This term we are gaining an understanding of how natural disasters such as sudden geological changes or extreme weather conditions can affect the earth’s surface. We will be learning how scientists gather data about these events and how people’s lives are affected. Volcanoes were the first geological change which we have studied. Students will be asking questions as to how you may have been affected by natural disasters and what they were.

Geography and History
The assessment tasks for Geography and History this semester are detailed research projects. For this reason, we have decided to spend Term 3 focusing on the strand of Geography and Term 4 focusing on the strand of History. Students will work through the research projects each week, completing sections as they go. We will be learning all about migration, more specifically, sources of migration and types of migration. Students will conduct primary research about their perceptions, construct graphical representations of the recorded perceptions, compare their perceptions to other sources of secondary data, make comparisons and draw conclusions. This will feed into their History unit in Term 4 which is also focused on migration.

Homework and Library
We have changed the homework routine for this term as many students were forgetting to bring their homework on a Monday morning. This term, homework will be distributed on Fridays and collected on Thursdays. Students still need to complete 20 minutes of reading per night for four nights, in addition to their literacy and numeracy tasks. Please encourage your children to ask for clarification if they are unsure of any of the tasks needing to be completed. If students are absent for their independent writing tasks in class, we will send these
home for completion as additional homework. These practice tasks are building towards their assessment task in Week 5. Library will remain on Fridays for both 6A and 6B.
Rebecca, Renee, Jill and Belinda

**YEAR SEVEN NEWS**

**English**
We have finished reading about Ned Kelly and the final siege at Glenrowan. Students are looking at how to use evidence from the text to support their opinion that he is a hero, villain or victim.

**Maths**
We have been looking at rounding decimals and money transactions, calculating the best buy using unit prices.

**Science**
Space is the focus of Term 3. We have looked at the relative positions of the planets and in particular the Sun, Moon and Earth. We have identified that the Earth rotates on its axis at a tilt of 23.4° and that as we rotate only half of the Earth is facing the sun and therefore in daylight whilst the other half is facing away from the sun creating night.

**Geography**
We have continued looking at the liveability of places. Environmental factors have been identified including water and air quality.

**History**
On school camp we will be taking a guided night tour of St Helena Island. Our focus this term is the prison that was built on the island.

**Technology**
On school camp we will be doing a tour of the Coca-cola factory. Our unit begins with looking at the history of advertising and then moves on to looking at the advertising campaigns of Coca-cola and how these have changed over time.

**Health**
Students have spent a semester looking at how to successfully participate in a group. This term they turn their attention to informing others of the skills they have learnt through a short film presentation and an informative poster.

Sonya Gale

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS**

**Best of Brass**
Thanks to the support of the Queensland Government, the Central Highlands Regional Council, Rio Tinto, Musica Viva, Brass Music Specialists and the Emerald Town Band as well as Emerald State School, we are pleased to announce that your child will be viewing a free performance by Brisbane-based brass quintet Best of Brass (BoB) at the school covered area on Friday August 1st at 11:45am. Best of Brass are an energetic and engaging group with backgrounds in international and national orchestras, jazz, Latin and brass bands, playing an eclectic mix of repertoire from the Renaissance to the present day.

Several Instrumental Music students from the school will also be participating in a three day workshop with the members of the band which will conclude in a concert at that Emerald Town Hall on Saturday August 2nd at 7PM (Tickets for sale at the door).

Leanne Hilder
Instrumental Music Teacher

**PE NEWS**

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

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Regional Shield Netball

Congratulations to our excellent team of girls who represented our school at Regional Shield last week in Rockhampton. Our team consisted of Gabby, Reyne, Holly, Dani, Sophie, Hannah, McKenzie, Emily, Zaynab and Harper. These girls epitomised and displayed all our ‘You Can Do It’ standards of resilience, persistence, have a go, getting along and confidence. We won our pool, the Regional Trophy, which was second division. Out of 32 teams, our girls came 5th. Well done girls, we are very proud of you.

The team wishes to say a huge thank you to Mrs Challacombe for her excellent coaching skills and to Mrs Firth and Mrs Reynolds for their great umpiring skills. I would like to say thank you to the Mums and Dads for their support of the girls. It was great.

Regional Shield Rugby League

The Emerald State School boys played a magnificent carnival at the Regional Shield recently. It was a team effort in more ways than one and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents and grandparents who attended and helped get the boys of the field for 5 wins out of 7 games. Of particular note though, thanks go to Jeff Mann for assisting with the coaching in the lead up, Fabian Parsons for refereeing our games, Mrs Rapp for First Aid, Mrs Milham and Mrs Perkins for scoring and Mrs Grey for her generous use of Arnika cream and looking after our jerseys for us. I was very proud of the way the boys worked as a team and I hope they achieved the goal of playing hard, fair and having fun. I know I did.

The boys placed sixth overall which is a magnificent achievement for a school of this size. Well done boys.

Regards
Miss Richardson/ Miss Richo

Central Highland’s Track and Field Carnival

Congratulations to the students from our school who participated in the Central Highlands Track and Field Trial on Tuesday this week. Once again, our students displayed excellent sportsmanship while giving it their all. We have many students who will now be participating at the Capricornia Trials in August. We also have special congratulations to Joseph G who broke the 800m 11 year record by nearly a second! Once again, I must pass on a huge thanks to Mr Tom Reddy from St Patricks School for convening the carnival and doing a great job. Marist College and Emerald Athletics provided us, yet again, with a fantastic venue and facilities.

Visitors
On Wednesday, the year 3 and year 1 students had a visit from the Rugby League development officers. We have many skilled young players in our midst. It is the development officer’s plan to visit the whole school at the start of next year.

Be healthy and have a great fortnight
Jill Ryan
HPE Teacher

What’s On

MOVIE PREMIER
“Guardians of the Galaxy”
7 August 2014
Doors open 6pm – Movie starts 7pm
$20 per person – includes food and drinks before the movie.
All money raised goes towards the PCYC for EMERALD BASKETBALL ASSOC.
Tickets available from PCYC or Mrs Turner at Emerald State School

Rugby League Coaching Clinic Forms are due back TUESDAY 29 JULY.