Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a lovely break from school and are ready for the term ahead. The last 2 weeks of term were, I believe, very busy and Mrs Dyer tells me she enjoyed seeing the fantastic things that were happening in our school.

All our Year 4 to Year 6 students did a resilience survey at the end of last term. We will use this data this term to plan out a more comprehensive unit for our PBL in terms 3 and 4 in 2017 around our students’ needs in this area.

Also over the holidays we had great excitement with Elizabeth having a baby girl and Melissa getting engaged.

Attendance

Term 3 overall attendance of 93.2% which with all the illness around last term I think this is a good figure.

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<th>Year Level</th>
<th>Attendance for Term 3</th>
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<td>PREP</td>
<td>93.9%</td>
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Congratulations to Year 6 of having the highest attendance rate and leading the way in term 3. Do you know what percentage your child has attended this year?

Think of the facts below

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<th>If your child misses...</th>
<th>That equals...</th>
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<th>and over 13 years of schooling that’s...</th>
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<td>1 day per fortnight</td>
<td>20 Days per year</td>
<td>4 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 1.5 years</td>
<td>Equal to finishing in grade 11</td>
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<td>1 day per week</td>
<td>40 Days per year</td>
<td>8 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 2.5 years</td>
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<td>2 days per week</td>
<td>80 Days per year</td>
<td>16 weeks per year</td>
<td>Over 5 years</td>
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<td>3 days per week</td>
<td>120 Days per year</td>
<td>24 weeks per year</td>
<td>Nearly 8 years</td>
<td>Equal to finishing at grade 4</td>
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Dates to Remember

**OCTOBER**

17 October  
Student Free Day – Staff PD day
20 October  
P & C Meeting 6:30pm
21 October  
School Disco 6 – 7:30pm
29 & 30 October  
P&C Multi-Draw Raffle Ticket sales – Mitre 10

**NOVEMBER**

5 & 6 November  
P&C Multi-Draw Raffle Ticket sales – Big W
10 Nov – P&C Meeting 6.30pm
18 November  
P&C Gift & Craft Fair Gala Evening
19 November  
P&C Gift & Craft Fair – Town Hall

**DECEMBER**

1 December – P&C Meeting – 6.30pm
8 December  
Year 6 Graduation – Town Hall
Junior and Senior Swimming Carnivals
9 December  
Awards Parade and announcement of School Captains for 2017.

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**MONDAY 17 OCTOBER –**  
STUDENTS DO NOT ATTEND SCHOOL  
Staff Professional Development Day - Student Free Day
Why is regular attendance at school important?
Regular school attendance will mean that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better results when they go to school all day, every school day.

• they learn better
• they make friends
• they are happier
• they have a brighter future.

Why must I send my child to school?
Under Queensland law, you must make sure your child of school age is enrolled and attends school all day, every school day unless they have an acceptable reason for absence.

2017
I know that the end of the year seems a long way away, but to assist us with planning for staff for 2017, would you please notify the office if your children will not be returning to Emerald State School in 2017. A big “thank you” to those parents who have already done this. Also, if you want certain things considered by us when we place your child in a class in 2017, please complete the “2017 Class Placement – Request for Special Consideration” form, which was send home with your child last Friday, and return it to the school office by Monday 7th November, 2016. This is greatly appreciated.

The following staff have received their transfers for 2017

• Liz - South East - Holding Location
• Krystal - Norfolk Village SS
• Kim - Pialba SS - Geographic Area
• Jillian - Buderim Mountain SS
• Jemma - Kawungan SS
• Tina - North Coast Region

The following staff have been transferred to Emerald SS

• Megan Macfarlane from Middlemount SS
• Lorena Sawrey from Brisbane
• Simone Peatey

Also last week on Smart Jobs, the Acting BSM, Acting A02 and Acting Deputy Principal vacancies for 2017 were advertised. Applications for the Acting BSM and Acting A02 positions MUST be made online via the Smart Jobs Website. https://smartjobs.qld.gov.au/

Over the holidays, cabinetry went into 5A, 5B and 6A. Come and have a look; it looks great! Thank you to the P & C for this. We also installed new vinyl in Chris’ office over the holidays.

We also welcomed 6 new students to our school this week and hope they have enjoyed their first week at Emerald State School.

Disability Review and online survey closing date has been extended.
The Queensland Disability Review has been extended giving parents, carers and students more time to have their say to ensure a world-class inclusive education is available to all students enrolled is Queensland state schools. The online survey (www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/disability/qld-disability-review.html) will now close on 14 October.

The laws in Queensland are changing and from 2017 it is compulsory for all children to undertake a full-time Prep Year, before they can begin Year 1. Find out more at the Education website (www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/find-school/enrolling.html).

New report on Queensland state schools now available
Did you know that all Queensland state schools are reviewed by the Department of Education and Training every four years?

The reviews are undertaken by the department’s School Improvement Unit (SIU) and are a great way for schools to get quality, independent feedback on what they’re doing well and where they can improve.

The SIU recently published its first annual report, which is a comprehensive analysis of the 369 school reviews it conducted last year.

The report found that Queensland state schools are doing some great work, including the commitment of staff, positive learning environments, care and concern for students, and a strong focus on improving literacy and numeracy achievement.

A short animated video highlighting the key findings from the report is available online. To watch the video or to read the report, visit the School Reviews website (www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au).

The benefits of kindy
Kindergarten is a part-time educational program for children in the year before school. Enrolment in a Queensland Government-approved kindergarten program will help your child make friends, develop a love of learning and be better prepared to start school.

What your child will learn
In a kindy program, your child will participate in play-based learning.
Office News

OFFICE CLOSED – Monday 17th Oct
Emerald SS office will be closed on the student free day, MONDAY 17 OCTOBER. If you have an issue requiring urgent attention please email Rhonda Jones, Principal: principal@emeraldss.eq.edu.au.

PREP 2017
This will be the first newsletter going out to our new 2017 Prep families, so a big Emerald SS welcome to you all. The newsletter goes home every fortnight on Friday via email.

POLO SHIRTS – Please note, there was an error in the Pre-Order form the Tuckshop provided in your information pack. Polo Shirts are $27.50. Apologies from the Convenors for this oversight.

ATTENTION: YEAR 5 PARENTS
Senior Shirts are available from the office for purchase NOW! The cost is $36 and you are welcome to come in any day (preferably before 12pm) to try one on your child and purchase. Currently, we have limited stock on hand, but a new order will be placed shortly to ensure we have sufficient stock for next year.

Tuckshop News

Don’t’ Forget “Our Online Canteen” Cut Off Time is 8:00am

Tuckshop Roster

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- Brown Paper bags cost an extra 10 cents-please add this amount to your total if you require a bag when ordering. Thanks

Student of the Week

WEEK 2
Jordyn C - Prep A
Billy T - Prep A
Keira D – Prep B
No permission to publish - 1A
Nathaniel T – 1B
Nathan M - 2A
Masen C - 2B
Sam B - 3A
Hady W - 3B
Quinn H- 4A
Carlene C - 4B
No permission to publish - 5A
Stella N - 5B
Daniel - 6A
Will C - 6B
Emerald State School Newsletter

Cleaners’ Cup
Week 2 - 58 Mrs Peters & Mrs Stoneman

P & C Thumbs Up
Week 1
Kristy Matheson
Thank you to our volunteers

HPE News
Good luck to our students who will participate in the Western Sevens Rugby Union comp to be held this weekend at Emerald SHS.

Swimming Program
Notes and permission forms regarding our swimming program were given to your child to bring home today. Please check their bag if they have not given it to you.

From our Guidance Officer
Hello everyone and welcome back for Term 4.

This week we are looking at the importance of consistency and developing self-esteem in our children as advised 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/) from his 10 Resilience Hints for Families publication.

No. 7 Consistency
Consistency is the ideal. Having parents who agree on rules and standards and who convey the same sorts of messages and who value compassion over coercion, clearly has the best outcome in terms of children’s well-being. It is also important that parents not be open to manipulation and work together as a team.

Life however is not always so simple and we all know from experience that parents cannot always be consistent. Sometimes parents have different value systems or can’t come to a consistent way to handle particular areas. In these situations, a second possibility is to for one parent to take charge of a particular area. This is not the most desirable solution but it is better than having parents in conflict over management issues or worse, undermining one another. In single parent families or where parents are separated the same principle applies.

No. 8 Teach the skills of Self-esteem
Families that work well seem to praise one another a lot. Compliments are made, positive efforts are commented on. Optimism is in the air. Teaching the skills of self-praise is useful. One way of doing this to ask questions extensively about any achievement or accomplishment. Asking questions like “How did you do that?”, “How come you did so well at that test?” “What did you do?” all support the development of positive self-esteem.

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

Temporary Vacancy – Emerald State School:
Temporary Schools Officer (Grounds and Facilities) - 38 hours per week
Monday, 28th November to Friday, 9th December.

Salary Range: $1736.20 (002 – 01) to $1865.00 (002-04) per fortnight (Public Service Award) dependant on experience.

Key Duties: Contribute to the efficient and effective operation and environment of the school by providing a high level of facilities and grounds-care support to the Principal/Business Services Manager.

Position Description: Application packages are available for collection from the school office or by email request from Tuesday, 18th October. Telephone 4983 9666 or email asimo9@eq.edu.au

Applications must address the selection criteria set out in the package. You are encouraged to include a short resume (no more than 2 pages) outlining your experience and the names of two professional referees – preferably one being you last employer.

Closing Date: 3pm on Monday, 31st October 2016

The Commission for Children & Young People Act 2000 requires the preferred applicant to be subject to a Working with Children Check.
DET actively supports and encourages workforce diversity and equity.
Applications are invited for inclusion in a Casual and Relief Teacher Aide Pool and for consideration for any Temporary Teacher Aide Vacancies that may become available in 2017:

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ALL applications will remain current for twelve (12) months.

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2016 Emerald State School Gift and Craft Fair

It’s that exciting time of year again when we look forward to our annual Christmas Gift & Craft Fair! Please ‘save the date’ in your schedules for:

Friday 18th and Saturday 19th November

We are going to require lots of helpers behind the scenes to see this event up and running and also on the day to make it a success! If you’ve been unable to help in previous years then please consider making yourself available this year as our regular helpers would love to see some new faces 😊.

Our goal is to raise much needed funds for our children’s school and make it even better into the future!!! Keep an eye out for further notes coming home soon.

If you have any queries at all please contact the Convenor Shae Stokes on 0419 811 963 or Rosters Co-ordinator Kristy Matheson on 0408 180 769.

ELVES REQUIRED!

We need helpers to sell our raffle tickets around town prior to the Craft Fair. Even just 1hr of your time will go a long way. We hope to have enough help to operate from 8:30am to 12:30pm each date below and a bit later to 2:00pm at Harvey Norman if possible. If you could possibly spare some time, would you please let Kristy Matheson know on 0408 180 769 or dkmatheson@aapt.net.au

Raffle Selling Days: Mitre 10: Sat 29th & Sun 30th Oct  Big W: Sat 5th & Sun 6th Nov

Any window of time you can help between 8:30am and approx. 12:30pm will be greatly appreciated.