From the Principal

Dear Parents

Staffing 2017

In 2017 we will be welcoming Mrs Jaclyn Valler to the Acting Business Service Manager role, Mrs Celena Hudson to the Administration Officer role and Mrs Jennifer Farquhar to the Acting Deputy Principal role.

QSR

Thank you to the 47 members of our school community who responded to our survey around communication and involvement with the school.

Comments on how to improve:

- Emails are most effective form of communication. Would love more emails from teacher around child’s learning.
- Texts as reminders of events or things due.
- Longer time lines for things that are due.
- Too many forms of communication eg. Facebook, webpage,

Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

18 November
Tuckshop is closed
P&C Gift & Craft Fair Gala Evening
19 November
P&C Gift & Craft Fair – Town Hall
28 November
Whole School Swimming Program commences.
28 & 29 December
ESS 2017 Prep Orientation Days
ESHS Yr 6-7 Transition Days

DECEMBER

5 December
Tuckshop is closed for the year
8 December
Year 6 Graduation – Town Hall
Junior & Senior Swimming Carnivals
9 December
Awards Parade and announcement of School Captains for 2017.
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2016

SUB WAY LUNCH ORDERS
FOR FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER
Cut off Date
Tuesday 15th November
Orders received after Tuesday 15th November will not be processed.

There will be NO normal tuckshop on this day due to Craft Fair.

Great state. Great opportunity.
Office News

PREP 2017 - ORIENTATION DAYS
An email has been sent to our 2017 Prep families regarding these days which will be on Monday 28th November and Tuesday 29th November.

Note: Your child will only attend one of these days. Please advise your preferred day as soon as possible.

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP CLOSED FRIDAY 18th NOVEMBER.
We need as many Volunteers as possible at the Town Hall to help set up, run and pack up our massive Christmas Gift & Craft Fair (major annual fundraiser).

Subway Pre-Order froms due back TUESDAY 15/11/16.

No orders received after this date will be accepted as we have to place our order with Subway.

Emerald State School Junior & Senior Swimming Carnival
Thursday 8/12/16
The Town Pool will be selling their usual options but will not be providing a lunch menu, therefore, the ESS P&C Assoc. has booked Subway to cater for students, staff and families in attendance. Green Subway catering order forms have sent home and a second copy emailed. Students will need to bring their own Brain Break and a Water Bottle which they need to refill throughout the day.

Please, please, please..... if you can spare a couple of hours next year to lend a hand in the Tuckshop we would love your help.

Thank you
Megan, Michelle and Sonya

(From the Principal cont.)

What involvement/input do you currently have in your child's school?

Comments on how to improve
- More surveys, especially for people who work or have littlies
- Parent parade before school to share information
- More regular contact with teachers about position/level of child in school subjects, suggestion on additional learning help if required.

Facilities

As you would have read in our last newsletter, we were investigating options with the trees near School Lane due to some safety risks that had been identified. Over the next couple of weeks the trees will be removed. After consultation with the Arborist, EQ WH&S officer, our school WH&S committee and the P&C, we believe this is the best option.

Rhonda Jones

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TUCKSHOP ROSTER
Stools – surplus to school requirement

If you are interested in any of the stools pictured, please contact the school in writing by close of business, Wed, 23rd November. All we ask is a donation be made to our P&C in exchange for this wonderful offer. If we have more offers than stools, we will do a draw ‘from the hat’ and advise the lucky recipients. The stools will need to be collected by COB, Friday 3rd December 2016. There are 12 available in total.

Instrumental Music

An information session for students wishing to participate in the 2017 Instrumental Music program will be held in the performing arts building on Wednesday, November 16th from 12.45 to 1.15pm. All year 3 students will be in attendance, as well as any current year 4/5 students who may wish to audition for the program.

During this session, the students will be shown some of the instruments on offer and told about the program and what is involved (the audition process, practise, lesson structure, band etc). This session is an informal session but is open to parents should they wish to attend. At the completion of the session, all year 3 students and interested 4/5 students will receive a letter briefly outlining the program. Please return the attached questionnaire to the schools office no later than Monday of week 9 (28 Nov) as the students will be tested for their instruments during week 9.

Leanne Hilder
Instrumental Music Teacher

Student of the Week

WEEK 5
Zahlie W - Prep A
No permission to publish - Prep B
Cooper J - 1A
No permission to publish - 1B
No permission to publish - 2A
Kobi W - 2B
No permission to publish - 3A
Grace C - 3B
Bailey - 4A
Lachlan G – 4A
Mave B – 4B
Jack H – 4B
Mae L - 5A
No permission to publish - 5B
Will C - 6B
Abby R - 6B

WEEK 6
Anabelle S - Prep A
Cooper L - Prep B
Alex C - 1A
Denzil D - 1B
Imogen G - 2A
All of 2B
Cooper M – 3A
No permission to publish - 3B
Prince B - 4A
Kurtis A - 4B
No permission to publish - 4B
Josh L - 5A
Jessica C - 5B
Sophie M - 6A
Lily H - 6A
Dylan F - 6A
Harland B – 6B

PCYC Christmas Party
When: Friday November 25th
Where: Indoor Centre and Emerald Showgrounds. Cost: $10 each
What: Bubble Soccer AND Laser Tag!
Who: Anyone and everyone over 7 years
Includes: 30 minutes of play, Free Sausage Sizzle, Party Bag
Bookings essential on 4987 7475.

Cleaners’ Cup
Week 5 – The Office
Week 6 – 1B and Miss Maddox

P & C Thumbs Up
Week 5 – Tammy S
Week 6 – Kate R

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers
HPE News

Touch Football Shirts! HELP!
If your child played touch football this year, could you check their bag or other hiding place in their room please? I do not have all the shirts returned.

I hear many reports of parents sending their child off with the shirt but I don’t get to see it for a very long time. We NEED the shirts for our teams next year, but we still have a number outstanding. If you could drop them back to the office, that would be excellent.

Interschool Afterschool Netball
Congratulations to the following who won Best and Fairest. Comets Junior: Riley A. Jets (mixed): Maddie B. Eagles (mixed): Fletcher H. Hawks (mixed): Reeve C. Falcons (mixed): Lawson R.
I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents and teachers who made sure that our children could play. These include: our teachers - Renee C, Louise M and Krystal B; our parents - Jo J, Jan T, Kristy S (who organised umpires out of her back pocket), Annie S, Renee F and Kellie W; and past students - Gabby F, Jordan S and Dani C.
A special thank you to Harper H for her great organisational skills which she shared with us! Thank you also to the parents who came and cheered and supported us.

Swimming
Don’t forget!!!
The whole school swimming starts on the second last week of this term. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time. If you would like to join us, please feel free to do so. The more the merrier!

Just a reminder that the Swimming carnivals are on the last Thursday of term with the Junior carnival in the morning and the Senior Carnival starting at 11am.

Jill Ryan. Thank you

From our Guidance Officer
Hello everyone,
The following information comes from the BRAVE website (https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au).

Anxiety in Children and Adolescents
Everyone feels anxious or worried every now and then. Young children can worry about things like starting school, or might get anxious when meeting new people. These feelings are natural responses to common situations that are usually short-lived. For some young people, however, anxiety can be severe and persistent, to the extent that it interferes with the activities of day-to-day life and causes problems at school and at home.

Anxiety disorders are amongst the most common mental health concerns experienced by young people. If left untreated, anxiety problems can impact significantly on daily life and continue into adulthood. Anxiety is also a major risk factor for the development of other mental health disorders such as depression.

BRAVE Self-Help is a free, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It can be accessed at https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au.

BRAVE Self-Help is based on the principles of Cognitive-Behavioural Therapy (CBT), a treatment that has shown to be effective in treating anxiety in young people. It was developed by a team from the University of Queensland, Griffith University and the University of Southern Queensland and in May 2014 was made freely available online in association with beyondblue and UniQuest. In the first year, over 7,000 Australians used the BRAVE Self-Help program. At August 2016, this number has increased to over 14,000. The program is available free of charge to all young Australians and their parents. The BRAVE Program is meant to help children with their worries, so if the child/teen’s anxiety is not improving, or is getting worse, it is recommended that a doctor is consulted.

Regards,
Marietta
Guidance Officer
Denison, Tieri, Anakie, Alpha and Emerald State Schools
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GALA PREVIEW EVENING
Friday 18 Nov 2016
7pm to 9.30pm
Fully Licenced - 18+ only
Tickets on sale at Yolo Shoes
$35 per head
(Includes wine and canapes)

SATURDAY FAMILY DAY
Saturday 19 Nov 2016
8.30am to 2.00pm
Admission: Adults $5 each
(Includes a free cuppa)
Children school aged and under admitted FREE

EMERALD STATE SCHOOL 2016
CHRISTMAS GIFT & CRAFT FAIR

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The Emerald Town Hall is transformed into a fabulous market scene with boutique stalls, one-of-a-kind creations and local gourmet delights, SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!