A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents

It’s hard to believe that we are half way through term 1. The four new classrooms continue to be refined with the contractors almost finished the last minute bits and pieces. As some of you may notice we had a bad draw on the turf for the netball courts as most of it is brown and appears dead. Hopefully some rain this week might help get it to take hold so within a couple of months we will have 2 good quality grassed netball courts for the children.

All state schools have been given a one off funding boost that must be used to improve student performance as measured by NAPLAN. Today I signed off on a contract that sees our school receive a boost of $88,000. Our money will fund programs that assist our children and target learning in the early years. Below is a section showing a very brief statement of some of our programs.

- Purchase leveled reading books and Toolkits across all year levels: $28,582
- Provide Teacher Aide time for intense writing practice in years P to 2: $17,000
- Employ a Writing Coach to develop teacher competency and scrutinise student improvement: $14,000
- Provision of release time for teachers to work closely with Writing Coach: $4,000
- Parent & Aide Reading Team for P-3 students ensuring every child reads to an adult every week: $12,000
- Before / After school tuition for identified high risk students in year 1-3 in Spelling: $8,000
- Targeted teacher Aide intervention for year 3 students leading up to NAPLAN: $5,000.

Wayne

Congratulations February Aussies of the Month.

Thank you to the Lions Club of Emu Park & Bendigo Community Bank for supporting our school.

- IMPORTANT DATES -

- Sun 2 to Tues 4 March: School Captains Camp to Brisbane
- Monday 10 March: P & C Association AGM (6.30pm) in the Staff Room
- Monday 17 to Friday 21 March: Year 6/7 Camp to Kinchant Dam
- Friday 28 March: U/10 and U/12 Rocky KCD Development Cup
- Monday 31 March: Senior Cross Country (9am)
- Wednesday 2 April: Senior Swimming Carnival (9.30am)
- Thursday 3 & Friday 4 April: Interest Activity GALA Days (9am-1pm)
- Friday 4 April: Easter Raffle Drawn
- Friday 4 April: Last Day of Term 1
- Tuesday 22 April: First Day of Term 2
- Thursday 24 April: School’s ANZAC Day Parade
- Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 May: NAPLAN for Years 3, 5 & 7
- Monday 19 to Friday 23 May: Year 5 Camp to Fairbairn Dam
- Monday 2 June: School Photos
- Monday 2 to Friday 6 June: Year 4 Camp to North Keppel Island
- Thursday 17 & Friday 18 July: Regional Shield Netball/League
A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

Interest Activity GALA Days: Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th April between 9am and 1pm we invite and welcome parents and carers to join students in their Interest Activity Gala Days. All classes will do three Interest Activities on Thursday and three Interest Activities on Friday for an hour each. Parents and carers are encouraged to get hands-on into the activities with your children, or to help specific teachers with an activity, particularly if you have some interest or expertise in those types of activities and then to join teachers during the lunch break with shared platters of food outside the tuckshop. Activities this year will be Woodworking, Cooking, LEAP Technology, Greenhouse Gardening, Drama, Dance, Crayon Resist, Abstract Art, Charcoal Art, Paper Plane Science, Chemical Reaction Science, Music, Chess, Boardgames and Constructions, Pottery and Graphic Design.

The activities are designed to be high interest, hands-on and allow all students at least one lesson per year with our specialised facilities and resources such as the Woodwork shed and LEAP room technology. Classes rotate through the activities throughout the course of the year, and each activity is supervised by a new teacher. This type of program helps ensure that students and teachers across classes get to know one another better.

Learning Support Programs: All of our teachers maintain a Class Adjustment Plan for each of their student’s, detailing particular learning needs the students may have. All of our General Teacher Aide time is dedicated to supporting the teachers and students on these plans from Prep to Year 7. There are a number of specific intervention programs and resources available to us, all of which are carefully planned across the school and usually delivered to smaller groups of students. The following are the core resources – Year 1 and 2 Literacy and Numeracy Support; Students with Disabilities in-class support and Social Skills Programs; Indigenous Student Support; Prep Aide Time; Middle School Literacy and Numeracy Intervention; Guided Writing Groups Support P-3; Year 3 1:1 Reading and after school Homework Group. To find out more about learning support for your child, please ask their teacher if they have been identified as requiring support and which program/resource they have access to.

PART: Parent Aide Reading Team: Parents and Carers and invited to join our Parent Aide Reading Team. We are committed and optimistic about seeing this program establishing itself within our school’s reading culture. The program itself is very simple and our aim is to guarantee every student from Prep to Year 3 a 10 minute 1:1 reading time with an adult every week. Parents are asked to read to a student, chat about some interesting or difficult words, and then ask the student to copy a sentence or two out loud using the same expression as the adult model. Books and student lists are being set up in every P-3 class to make the job easy for parents and teachers. Please see Billie Stevens or myself if you are keen to learn more or become involved. We are keen to start as soon as possible with as many volunteers as possible.

Sarah

A MESSAGE FROM OUR P.E. TEACHER:

We have two of our school sporting carnivals approaching, please mark your calendars:

- 31st March Cross Country (9yrs – 13yrs)
- 2nd April Snr Swimming Carnival (9yrs – 13yrs)

I will also be running training sessions for anyone interested in improving fitness on a Thursday morning 8:15 to 8:35 starting this week (Thursday 6th March), meet in the senior undercover eating area. These sessions will be predominantly aimed at the upper school as they will be ones competing in the cross country.

Luke

A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXTENSION TEACHER:

Our LEAP programs are well underway this term. We currently have year 5, 6 and 7 students engaged in literacy and numeracy online courses, "Write Up" and "Shape Up". In addition, we have been able to web link with a course called, “Solid Pathways”, a pilot program set up to enhance the learning of students banded in the top 10% of indigenous students in NAPLAN.

A group of year three students have recently started looking at techniques for finding a creative voice through the Seven Steps to Writing Success program with Mrs Stewart. This course will lead into NAPLAN preparations in term two. Reciprocal Reading, a program initiated by Mrs Gilmore last year, will also be returning in the very near future. Other year levels will shortly have access to new programs too, particularly in response to identified student needs highlighted by our recent assessment tasks and individual learning programs.

Last Tuesday we hosted the first Gifted and Talented Regional Cluster Group workshop for year 1, 2 and 3 students for 2014. We had four students from our school join a group of eleven in a highly interactive session of “Circus Training”. Our guest, Jacienta Hinton, brought with her a wealth of teaching knowledge, muscle power and concentration prowess to Wow! all the students who in turn were each determined to master all the challenges Miss Hinton threw at them.

Kate

A MESSAGE FROM OUR P&C PRESIDENT:

The AGM will be held on Monday March 10th at 6.30pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome to attend, however only 2014 members are able to vote our new executive committee in. New memberships are always welcome, forms are available from the office, on the school website or at any meeting. We would love to see more faces and hear your ideas. The P & C can be contacted via email: pandc@emuparkss.eq.edu.au
A MESSAGE FROM OUR TUCKSHOP CONVENOR:
Hi everyone
Where have the weeks gone? We are past the half way mark in the term already. A big thanks to all new and old volunteers in the Tuckshop. Your help is very much appreciated. Thanks also to the parents who sent in donations of eggs, flour, sugar and other cooking items to the Tuckshop. Every little donation helps.
This week’s special is mini muffins. Buy 2 for 50 cents.
Heidi

Wednesday 5 March & Wednesday 12 March  Stacey Kenealy
Thursday 6 March  Lyn Drake
Monday 10 March  Heidi Armstrong
Tuesday 11 March and Tuesday 18 March  Nola Pearson
Thursday 13 March  Amanda McDonnell and Marsha West
Monday 17 March  Elizabeth Hyndman

TUCKSHOP ROSTER:

| Hot Dog, Chicken Nuggets, Pizza & Sausage Sizzle Roster (All $2-50 per serve): |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Friday 7 March (Hot Dog)        | Jo Whitfield, Marica Curtis and Maree Smith |
| Friday 14 March (Chicken Nuggets)| Natalie Bugler and Maree Smith |

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Girl Guides Movie Night Fundraiser: This Friday night at the Emu Park Town Hall from 6.30pm. Movie is “The Croodes”. $5 entry fee includes a sausage sizzle. For more information please contact Lara Hirst on 0455834445.

Authentic Taekwon-Do with Jim Fletcher (6th Dan): Held at Emu Park State School Hall.
- Wednesdays: Seniors, 5-6.30pm.
- Fridays: Peewees (4 ½ to 6 years), 4.30-5pm. Beginners, 5-6pm.
- Sunday: Seniors and Beginners together, 1.30-3pm. Further information phone Jim Fletcher on 0427608805.

Clubhouse - Apex Park, 37 Cordingly Street, Yeppoon. Call: 0400024020.
- Junior (u5-u11) Start date is the 29th March.
- Senior (u12-Seniors) Start early March.
- [Website link]

Emu Park C&K Kindergarten has vacancies. Kindy operates between the hours of 8:20am and 2:30pm every second Wednesday and every Thursday and Friday during school terms. Fees are approximately $28 per day with substantial fee reductions for Health Care Card holders. To attend Kindy in 2014, your child’s birthday must fall between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010. Further information by phoning the Kindy on 07-49396622.

Kim

A MESSAGE FROM OUR P&C PRESIDENT (con’t):
Easter Raffle: Tickets are available from the school office for $2 each or a book of 5 tickets.
How this fundraiser works - The P & C are asking each family to please donate an egg, bunny, soft toy or other Easter item to be included in the Easter Hamper baskets. All donations can be left at the school office. Drawn Friday April 4th.
The Morning Bulletin Newspaper: A token will be published in the paper everyday from Saturday February 22 until Monday March 31 and the school with the most tokens at the end of the 5-week promotion, WINS the set of ten iPads! What’s great is that all schools stand an equal chance of winning, as entries are worked out pro-rata across the number of enrolled students to determine the winner. So, collect your tokens and drop them in the box in the office.
Kim
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