A MESSAGE FROM OUR ACTING PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents

Good news this week on our student numbers. We completed our 'Day 8' return with 522 students. This means we retain all of our current classes as we started the year, and our student population is very similar to the start of last year (528). A good reinforcement of the need for our new facilities. As you move throughout the school rooms you may notice we are in the process of organising furniture and learning spaces in various 'withdrawal' rooms for LEAP courses, LEAP Projects and learning in small focused groups. Much needed quality learning spaces.

Last week we inducted our Senior Leaders and 2017 School Captains and I congratulate them all for their achievement in being the best student role models in the school. There are several other Year 6 students now striving for their leadership badges and we encourage all Year 6 students to earn their badge throughout the year. I hope they all continue to model and grow in confidence. Thank you to our senior years teachers who support and encourage these achievements.

Each year our school sets targets and strategies in place on a specific area of student learning to focus improvement on. This year our focus area for improvement is English. Our teachers will implement several strategies specifically designed by our school for our students, and funding available to us will be targeted towards supporting these strategies. We would like parents and all in our school community to be aware of and encourage student awareness of this improvement area as this further supports improvement in student learning. It would be interesting to know how many of our students are able to tell you something about the following (they are some of our key strategies to improve English results for students) - Structured Reading Sessions (SRS), reading goals for every student, teacher aide support in every classroom for SRS, monthly BIG Write (writing assessment with student feedback scoring out of 30), and the Write2Spell2Read Spelling program.

Our school's P&C provide us with a school tuck shop and much needed funds in and around the school all year. Karleen Coombs and Jon Hyndman end their time with the P&C this year as Treasurer and President respectively. We are very grateful, and I'd like to thank them on behalf of all of us, for all the goodwill, time and energy they have dedicated to their positions and working so well as a team with us. For the P&C to continue to support the school, they will need 3 new office bearers in 2017. If you'd like a little bit of an idea about how our P&C work together so well, and might consider supporting in 2017, please join us Monday evening in the Admin Building for the first meeting of the year.

Sarah McDonagh

Congratulations to our 2017 Senior Leaders.

- IMPORTANT DATES -

- Monday 13 February: P&C Meeting 6:30pm in the Staff Room. All welcome.
- Friday 31 March: Last Day of Term 1
- Fri 14 - Mon 17 April: Easter Weekend
- Tuesday 18 April: First Day of Term 2
- Tuesday 25 April: ANZAC Day - Public Holiday
- Monday 1 May: Labor Day Public Holiday
- Friday 16 June: Show Holiday
- Monday 17 July: KCD Athletics Trials (10-12 years) @ Farnborough State School
- Mon 31 July & Tues 1 Aug: Rockhampton District Track & Field Trials (10-12 years)
- Mon 9 - Wed 11 October: Year 4 (Group 1) Camp @ North Keppel Island Environmental Ed Centre
- Wed 11 - Fri 13 October: Year 4 (Group 2) Camp @ North Keppel Island Environmental Ed Centre
- Mon 20 - Fri 24 November: Year 5 Camp @ Fairbairn Dam, via Emerald
- Mon 20 - Fri 24 November: Year 6 Camp @ Kinchant Dam, via Mackay
**A MESSAGE FROM OUR ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:**

**Home Reading:** Developing a love of reading in your children can be one of the best gifts you will ever give your children and luckily for us it is free. As parents you are your child’s most influential teacher with an important part to play in helping your child to learn to read. To encourage this love of reading and to develop the skills and strategies required to become lifelong readers at Emu Park State School we encourage *every child to read every night.* Here are some hints to help make reading at home a positive experience.

1. **Choose a quiet time:** Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. Ten to fifteen minutes is usually long enough.
2. **Make reading enjoyable:** Make reading an enjoyable experience. Sit with your child.
3. **Maintain the flow:** If your child mispronounces a word do not interrupt immediately. Instead allow opportunity for self-correction. It is better to tell a child some unknown words to maintain the flow rather than insisting on trying to build them all up from the sounds of the letters. If your child does try to 'sound out' words, encourage the use of letter sounds rather than ‘alphabet names’.
4. **Be positive:** If your child says something nearly right to start with that is fine. Don't say 'No. That's wrong,' but 'Let's read it together' and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child’s confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement.
5. **Success is the key:** Parents anxious for a child to progress can mistakenly give a child a book that is too difficult. This can have the opposite effect to the one they are wanting. Remember ‘Nothing succeeds like success’. Until your child has built up his or her confidence, it is better to keep to easier books. Struggling with a book with many unknown words is pointless. Flow is lost, text cannot be understood and children can easily become reluctant readers.
6. **Visit the Library:** Encourage your child to use the Town library regularly. Try Borrow Box, a great way to borrow electronically. Contact the Town library for details. You can also borrow audio books through this app.
7. **Regular practice:** Try to read with your child on most school days. 'Little and often' is best. If you are away take one or two books in your luggage that you can read to your child over the phone at bedtime. This can be a wonderful experience for all of you.
8. **Communicate:** Complete their reading record from school. Try to communicate regularly with positive comments and any concerns. Your child will know that you are interested in their progress and that you value reading.
9. **Talk about the books:** There is more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. Just as important is being able to understand what has been read. Always talk to your child about the book; about the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end, and their favourite part. You will then be able to see how well they have understood and you will help them to develop good comprehension skills.
10. **Variety is important:** Remember children need to experience a variety of reading materials eg. picture books, hardbacks, comics, magazines, poems, and information books.

_Ellen_

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF LEAP:**

**Hearing and Vision Checks:** Hearing and sight difficulties may impact on learning and behaviour so it is important to have regular hearing and vision screeners completed.

**What to do:** The Capricorn Coast Hospital in Yeppoon does hearing screeners every Tuesday. Please ring to book an appointment on 4913 3002 or 4913 3000. They are located at 8 Hoskyn Drive, Yeppoon.

Vision screening can be completed at any Optometrist. When booking an appointment please check regarding any fees and charges. This is normally a free service for children. Present any health care cards. Or contact your local Doctor. When booking an appointment with your GP please alert them to your requirement for vision and hearing screening to support the schools management of your child’s learning. Your GP can refer you to several agencies including Australian Hearing which will be a free service with a GP referral.

**Communication:** It is important that you update the school when these appointments have occurred. Written information must be requested at the appointment to verify the type of test, date of testing and the results. This information helps us to support your child. We ask that all documentation be shared with the school. All information helps us to teach your child and informs future decisions around management.

_Claire_

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR P.E. TEACHER:**

Six of our students recently competed at the Wide Bay Championships of Surf Life Saving in Yeppoon with some excellent results. Kai achieved 4th in the deep swim and 5th in the flags. A’arnnie came 1st in the flags, 3rd in the wade and 4th in the sprints. Ailani won three 3rd placings in the swim, the board and the board relay. Caden and Cree both came home with a 1st in the sprint relay and Ella came home with a staggering 12 medals including five 1st placings, three 2nd placings and four 3rd placing from the carnival. Congratulations to all of the students and a special mention to Ella who will head to Hervey Bay on Thursday to compete in the State Surf Life Saving Championships against the best competitors in Queensland – Good Luck Ella.
A MESSAGE FROM OUR P.E. TEACHER (con’t):  
A past student of Emu Park State School, Sarah Field is tonight competing in the ‘Women’s Indigenous All Stars’ Rugby League Match. It will be televised on NITV from 5:30 this afternoon if you would like to see some local talent who has made it to the national stage.

Luke

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAIN:  
Hi Everyone,
It is great to see so many new faces at our school. Welcome to all the new students and their families! If you have just moved to our area we hope you enjoy our friendly community.
Parents, Caregivers or students can voluntarily self-refer or access the service of chaplaincy through our Head of LEAP.
What chaplains do -

- Build positive relationships with students
- Foster a supportive, caring school community
- Work closely with other staff and services to nurture and care for students.
- Support at-risk students.
- Support families from the wider community
- Provide spiritual support and direction to the school community

Run and support activities and programs for students

Chaplaincy Service in State Schools Confidentiality Policy:
All conversations with a chaplain and students are confidential however if a child discloses harm or others are “at risk” of harm, under The Child Protection Act chaplains have a responsibility of safety and better outcomes for students and others. All children have the right to be safe and to receive loving care and support.

http://www.coag.gov.au

Any concerns of harm require ‘mandatory reporting’. What that means is where a child or others are ‘at risk’ under Education Queensland Policy http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/eppr/students/smspr012/ a chaplain has a responsibility to report any concerns to the Principal for further investigations.

‘A real friend is one who walks in, when everyone else walks out’

Cherril

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MUSIC TEACHER:

Instrumental Music: Luke Coonan and I have started lessons for the year. We are looking forward to issuing the school instruments next week. Please be sure to have returned the paperwork for hiring a school instrument and made all payments (hire fee and levy) by February 10th and send your child with their accessories on the day of their lesson so that they can take their instrument home next week. This will avoid any disappointment as we cannot issue the instrument until these steps have been completed.

Band and String Ensemble for continuing students will resume next week. String ensemble will be Tuesday morning at 8am and Band will be on Friday mornings at 8am. Both rehearsals will be in the music room.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Sarah DSR

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TUCKSHOP CONVENOR:

Hi everyone
Thanks to all the new volunteers who have helped out in Tuckshop this year so far. Still looking for more parents to give me a hand. If you are available please call the school or drop into Tuckshop and leave your name and number so I can roster you on. The P&C will be having a meeting on Monday night at 6:30. We hope to see many new faces at the meeting. We will be discussing changes to the menu so if you have any ideas on different foods we could serve at the Tuckshop please feel free to send me an email on harms38@eq.edu.au. Have a great weekend.

Heidi

TUCKSHOP ROSTER:
Monday 13/2: Raelene Hinds, Tuesday 14/2: Tracey Williams, Wednesday 15/2: Angela Lane, Thursday 16/2: Raelene Hinds & Emily Slotosch.
Monday 20/2, Tuesday 21/2, Wednesday 22/2: Volunteers Needed for all days! Thursday 16/2: Raelene Hinds & Kelly Welfare.

HOT DOG, CHICKEN NUGGETS, PIZZA, SAUSAGE SIZZLE & CHEERIO ROSTER ($2-50 per serve):

Friday 17/2 Pizza: Raelene Hinds & Bev Davies,
Friday 24/2 Sausage Sizzle: Raelene Hinds & Bev Davies.
INTRODUCING SOME OF OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS:

Ms Lori Harrison - Senior Guidance Officer: Ms Lori Harrison has worked in NSW and Qld Education systems. She has worked as an Educator at The Womens Health Centre, Etna Ck Correctional Centre, CQU, and CQ TAFE. Lori realised early on in her teaching career that all students can have difficulties and this lead her into special education and then guidance. She has been a guidance officer in Rockhampton, The Gold Coast and Mt Isa Districts, and most recently Srn G uidance Officer in Rockhampton. It's now time to get back to her passion of working hands on with children and families. Lori is really looking forward to meeting you, and working at Emu Park, Farnborough and Cawarral schools.

Miss Belinda Calcutt - LEAP Teacher: Miss Belinda Calcutt began her teaching career working in a number of schools throughout Central Queensland in the areas of learning support, special education and classroom teaching. She was then transferred to the Gold Coast which she loved until it got too busy and crowded. When the opportunity arose she moved to Emu Park and has been living the quiet life in this little piece of paradise. After supporting students with special needs in various schools in Rockhampton, she is thrilled to become a part of the Emu Park State School community. Away from school she loves to explore the beaches of Keppel Bay and spend time with friends and family.

Miss Aby Wright - 4W Class Teacher: Miss Aby Wright is a newly qualified teacher who has moved from the Sunshine Coast with her youngest child. Miss Wright loves to read, cook and box. She is missing her old boxing club. Miss Wright loves footy (Go the BRONCOS!) and is a proud Queenslander, even though she still sounds very English! Miss Wright says she is passionate about making a difference in the lives of children. She has settled really well into Emu Park and feels very lucky to be working at such an awesome school.

Miss Darcie McGuire - 1M Class Teacher: Miss Darcie McGuire has just begun her teaching career here at Emu Park State School. She was born in Yeppoon and brought up within her family business for many years which is also located in Yeppoon. She really enjoys going to the beach and spending time with her friends and family. She is very excited to have been given the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful school and looks forward to the year ahead.

Miss Emma Hoyes - Prep H Class Teacher: Miss Emma Hoyes lives in Emu Park and has grown up in the area. She has had many teaching experiences with schools in Yeppoon and Rockhampton and has a passion for early childhood education. Outside of school, Miss Hoyes loves the beach and spending time with her friends and family. She is very excited to be teaching at such a great school.
GENERAL NOTICES:

- Our wonderful Breakfast Club volunteers require donations of food items to help keep the Tuesday morning activity going strong. If all our families were able to donate just one item per year Breakfast Club would be fully catered for. Items which are currently required include: Strawberry Jam, Vegemite, Cream Cheese, Creamed Honey and Milo. Any donations can be left at the Tuckshop. Thankyou.

- The Year 4 Camp to North Keppel Island Environmental Education Centre will involve two groups each attending for two nights. Group One will attend from Monday 9 to Wednesday 11 and Group Two will attend from Wednesday 11 to Friday 13 October.

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- If there are any changes to your contact details please advise the office as soon as possible.
- School uniforms are available for purchase from our School Office. Prices are as follows - School Polo Shirts: $25, School Hats: $12, Black School Shorts: $15, Black School Skorts: $17, School Jackets: $38.
- QParents: If you are the primary parent of a student enrolled at our school, you have recently received an email about 'QParents' inviting you to register for this great smart-phone application that allows you to access information about your child at Emu Park State School. Many parents have already registered for QParents. This application that can be downloaded to your mobile device for free will give you access to report card results, behaviour records (e.g. summary of ‘Step 3’ behaviour), attendance records, invoice and payment details and student personal details recorded on our system.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Car Boot Sale - Book Your Site Now: Saturday 11th March 7am - 11am. Anglican Parish of Keppel, Housden Place Car Park. Only $12 a site or $25 for two. Bric a brac, loads of treasures and a sausage sizzle - Something for everyone. Come and grab a bargain from the great variety of stalls. To book your site please phone Lyndall on 0418 392 303.

CC Football Club Season 2017: Registration and enquiries for all players wishing to play soccer is opening very soon. Information can be found on the club’s website capricorncoastfc.sportingpulse.net or our Facebook page. Come and Try Days on the 11th and 18th of February 8:30am at Apex Park. Saturday morning Football. **Girls Only Preseason Kickoff Football:** If you would love to try Football but don't want to foot it with the boys the CCFC is offering a six week girls only introductory Kickoff program on Monday afternoons. Please visit our website www.capricorncoastfc.sportingpulse.net for further information.

Free Triple P Seminar: The Power of Positive Parenting: Wednesday 22 February 9:30 -11am, Centacare CQ, Bolton St, Rockhampton. RSVP: registrations@centacare.net or 1300523985 by Friday 17 February.

Free Triple P Seminar: Raising Confident, Competent Children: Wednesday 1 March 9:30 -11am, Centacare CQ, Bolton St, Rockhampton. RSVP: registrations@centacare.net or 1300523985 by Friday 17 Feb.

Free Triple P Seminar: Raising Resilient Children: Wednesday 8 March 9:30 -11am, Centacare CQ, Bolton St, Rockhampton. RSVP: registrations@centacare.net or 1300523985 by Friday 17 February.

Devine, Dance and Drama: Are you looking for something fun and exciting to do on Friday afternoons? Look no further as Devine Dance and Drama is bringing their unique mashup program exclusively to Emu Park State School. It's a super fun mix up of jazz, hip hop, music theatre and acting. Come along and join the fun—beginners welcome. Call Tegan 0433892143 or simply turn up on Fridays. Stress free and affordable.

Times: Ages 5-7 Years: 3.15pm to 4.00 pm, 8-12 Years: 4.00pm to 4.45pm.

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**TUESDAY** afternoons starting from 4pm:
- Net Set Go! Net Program 5-6 years (2012-2011)
- Net Set Go! Modified Games - Minis 7-8 years (2010-2009)
- Net Set Go! Competitions
  - Junior F - 9 yrs (2008)
  - Junior E - 10 yrs (2007)
- Junior C - 12 yrs (2005)
- Junior A - 14 yrs and over (2003-2002)

**MONDAY** evenings:
- Seniors (B, A Res and A Grades)
- Cadets - 12 yrs - 17 yrs
  - Division 1
  - Division 2

All ages are as at 31st December 2017

Teams are allowed to have a maximum of two players that are of the older age group in their team, three or more players of the older age group will see them nominating in the higher division.

**ASSOCIATED COSTS:**
- Net Set Go! (5-6yrs): $95 for the whole program – includes Netball Gift Pack
- Minis, Junior E & F (7-10yrs): Registration Fee - $95/player + weekly team fee of $60 – includes Netball Gift Pack
- Juniors (11-17yrs) - Seniors: Registration Fee - $95/player + weekly team fee of $60
  
  Registration fees include insurance, Membership to Netball Queensland and CCNA.

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