A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:
Dear Parents
This will be the last newsletter for term 3. Over the past weeks teachers have been discussing their students’ progress based on school and national testing. Over the years we have built a significant database that indicates how well our children are learning. As part of this ongoing improvement cycle we recognise areas of weakness that can be improved. One of the areas that is particularly low in our school compared to many other schools is the level of attendance. This is calculated by starting with the 200 school days per year then reducing it every time a child is away from school. The reason for absence varies considerably. The most common, of course, is sickness. We do, however, have students being withdrawn from their learning for reasons that undermine the importance of a good education. Some of these include:- Having a day off because it is their birthday, spending a day at home because Grandma is visiting or don’t feel like going. Every day a child misses school, reduces their chances of learning. Our schools current attendance percentage is 91.8%. The expected level for Central Queensland Schools is 93%. Research indicates that a student’s learning is affected with as little as 8 days absent per year. On average each of our students are missing 16 days each per year. As a parent I recognise that sometime absence from school is necessary however it is important that we all realise the effect this has on our children’s learning opportunities.

Wayne

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:
The Personal Achievement Award Personal Reports for students and parents will be sent home in Homework folders. The reports are a strong indication of how well students are following our school rules. Students whose behaviour is satisfactory or better, will have achieved their Gold Award this term, and in Term 4 they will be aiming for their Platinum Award. Our teachers use student progress in the Personal Achievement Awards to guide their judgement for end of semester ‘Behaviour Rating’ on our school Report Cards. If a student has not achieved their Gold and Platinum award by the end of Semester 2, it is unlikely their behaviour rating will be satisfactory on their report card. Generally, students who arrive after the beginning of the school year will be assessed for the award in the term they enrol. More detail on our Award policy is available on our web site (Our School – Performance and Achievements). We strongly encourage catching up with teachers if your child is experiencing difficulties following school rules, so that you are aware of how they are being supported, and whether your child would benefit from intervention or further specialist support.

Sarah McD

- IMPORTANT DATES -

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR P.E. TEACHER:

Swimming: Swimming will commence week 2 next term for Preps through to our Yr 2/3 classes. This year we are having a 5 week swimming block in an aim to keep the swimming program as affordable and accessible as possible to all families. The bus has only been booked for Prep and Yr 1 classes with the yr 2 and 3 classes walking to and from the pool. This is evidenced in the price difference: $30 for students catching the bus and $20 for students who are walking. We are also planning on holding a Junior Swimming Carnival in week 7 with more information to follow next term.

Luke

A MESSAGE FROM OUR MUSIC TEACHER:

On Monday 8 September, twenty-one of our Senior Choir students travelled to Rockhampton for a Choir workshop and concert. It was a great opportunity for our students as they got to work with choirs from other schools and with professional conductor Paul Jarman. After a dinner of pizza, the concert concluded at 9pm which meant a late night for all. At Friday’s parade these students were acknowledged for their great effort and commitment and presented with medallions.

Sarah DSR

GENERAL NOTICES:

- **EMERALD’S NETBALL TEAM:** Congratulations to Mrs Stewart and the Emerald Netball Team who have made their way into the Grand Final after a nail biting semi-final on Thursday. Best of luck for your Finals match on Tuesday Emeralds!

- **PREP IN 2015:** If you have a child who will be attending prep next year, please collect an enrolment package from our office and return the completed forms as soon as possible as we are already working on our Prep Open Days. If your child is born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 they are eligible to attend prep in 2015. We look forward to welcoming them to our school. Spread the word!

- **NAB AFL Auskick** is the introductory program for primary school-aged boys and girls and their families. Through our weekly coaching program, you’ll learn the skills of the game through appropriately modified activities and rules, play plenty of fun games and football in a fun and safe environment and get kitted out with the latest Auskick sporting merchandise. This includes your very own Auskick backpack, footy, hat, pump, footy cards, footy card collector pouch, Rainbow Shoelaces, 2014 Auskick essentials guide and a Footy Pointers Activity book. Come and try your first session for free. Sign on & 1st Session: Thursday the 16th of October, 3:15pm-4:20pm (every Thursday for 8 weeks) Cost: $65 For more information contact: Scott at AFL Qld Capricornia office on 4927 3432, 0404 986 543 or visit www.aflauskick.com.au

- **Soccer:** Football FC will be holding a 6 week After School Soccer Program at Emu Park State School for preps to yr. 7’s starting on Friday afternoons from 3.10pm to 4.10pm the 10th of October. There will also be a minikickers program for 3 to 5 yr olds on the same days from 4.20pm to 5.00pm. Children will have fun inside the inflatable pens playing games and learning basic soccer skills. To register or for more information go to www.footballfc.com.au or call Blair Grice on 0400033989.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR TUCKSHOP CONVENOR:

Hi everyone

Once again I would like to thank all the wonderful mums and dads for helping out in the Tuckshop. Without your help, the Tuckshop wouldn't be such a huge success. With the fete on tomorrow, we will need as many helpers as possible to make the load easier on all. If you are interested in helping please call me on 0417075165 or come and lend a hand for an hour at the fete...

Heidi
TUCKSHOP ROSTER:

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

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COMMUNITY NOTICES:

**Karate Lessons:** New lessons are about to commence, starting the first day of the new term, Tuesday, 7th October, 2014 at 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. in the school’s Multipurpose Hall and weekly thereafter. Lesson cost is $10. Lessons will involve fitness and Shotokan karate (kata, kihon and kumite) and lessons will cater to both new and experienced students. New students are not required to wear uniform, with any comfortable clothing which allows free movement being appropriate. The instructors, Richard Cotta and Irene Macaree, are 3rd dan black belts with the Japan Karate Association and are JKA certified instructors. If you have any questions please contact either Richard (0498 142 186) or Irene (0427 733 585). (See us on facebook: AKA TORA MARTIAL ARTS)

**Robert Beak Tennis Coaching:** Beaks Tennis is offering Tennis Coaching at Emu Park School. Tennis coaching is available Thursday mornings at the school from 7.30am—8.30am. For more information please call Ashton Beak 0419881575. September Holiday Clinic at Yeppoon Tennis Centre. Clinic 1: Tuesday 23rd September through to Friday 26th September 2pm-5pm. Clinic 2: Monday 29th September, through to Thursday 2nd October 2pm-5pm. Further info: 49361021 or 0419026963.

**Belly Dancing:** Fun and Fitness for all ages. Come along and join the fun. We have kid’s classes at 5:30pm and adult classes at 6:30pm on Thursday night at the Cultural Hall in Emu Park. Contact Janella from Sha’Waza Dance Company on 49344389 or email dmen@skymesh.com.au. Hope to see you there!

**Blast Reloaded Camp Monday 22 Sept- Friday 26 Sept 2014 (first week of school holidays):** Have the time of your life on Blast Reloaded with swimming, games, new friends, new stuff, amazing things about life & an amazing God. Price $300 includes everything. PCYC Capricorn Coast Centre Coeeey Bay Yeppoon Grade 5-8 blast@sucamps.org.au Ph: Rodney 0487113646 Robyn 0431459165 Blast Camp is run by School Chaplains and volunteers in CQ.

**The Anglican Parish of Keppel 2014 Vacation Bible School** will be held in the second week of the September holidays (Mon 29th Sept - Fri 3rd Oct) at the Anglican Church, 18 Housden Place, Taranganba. The program begins at 9:00 am. During the morning children rotate through five activity stations where they will make a new craft each day, hear stories from the bible, enjoy exciting games, learn new songs like the one you are listening to now. They will also have a nutritious snack to rebuild their energy for an action packed morning. Our day is completed by a closing ceremony just before 12 noon. Children attending for the week will receive a T shirt, a music CD and an activity book to help them remember what they have learned. The cost of the week is just $40 or $10 a day. Please contact Lyndall on 0418392303 or online at http://www.keppelanglican.org/VBS_2014.html to access a registration form. Registrations and payment must be received by Friday 19th September.

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