A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

Dear Parents

I recently had the privilege of watching our Instrumental Music students perform at the Pilbeam theatre. Last Thursday night 14 students competed against a number of large primary schools in the Region. Our band received a “Highly Commended” from the adjudicator. As I sat in the audience and listened to our students I quickly grew proud of their achievements. I would like to acknowledge the great work that is carried out by Mrs Holbecks preparing the students for the event.

This week children in years 3, 5 and 7 will be participating in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Some of our other year levels will also participate in informal NAPLAN tests to further enhance their preparation for the future. Whilst these tests are important I ask that you are careful in your conversations with your child so as not to unnecessarily heighten their anxiety.

I recently came across a paper on parenting ideas. It offered some thought provoking ideas that I would like to share. Whilst there were a number, I particularly connected with these two.

• Practise Reciprocity: the best families, like the most meaningful communities, are built around the principle of reciprocity. “We help each other out and we treat each other fairly” builds belonging and forges greater kinship between siblings. Start by getting kids of all ages to help out at home without being paid.

• Develop Character Strength in Kids: recent studies have found that character, not cognitive ability, is the single most reliable determinant of how a person’s life will turn out. The traits associated with success include the inclination to persist at boring or difficult tasks (grit), the ability to delay gratification (self-control) and the ability to follow through with a plan (conscientiousness).

Wayne

A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:

This Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday national testing for Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students is done around Australia (NAPLAN). All classes in our school will have their first lunch and play time later on Tuesday and Thursday morning in order for students doing tests to have a break and finish their testing. A lot of teaching, learning, planning and preparation goes into these three mornings, and we hope our students do their absolute best.

This year we are extending the experience to year 4 and 6 students who will do practice NAPLAN tests at the same time. Our school will use this information to help inform intervention programs and learning adjustments for students, and help us predict what our 2015 learning data might look like. Our school will be sent individual
A MESSAGE FROM OUR STUDENT SERVICES:

BOOK FAIR 2014: Only two weeks to go! Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May (Week 6), 8:15am - 9:15am, 11:15am - 11:45am, 3:00pm - 3:30pm at Emu Park State School Library.

As part of our schools commitment to the Greater Results Improvement plan, we have decided to continue our Reading Eggs subscription for another year. Our annual subscription runs from April – April. Students from Prep up to Year 5 have been able to access their accounts for the duration of Term 1. We have now upgraded our subscription to include Years 6 & 7 for Reading Eggspress. This is the link for the Parent Brochure: [http://assets.readingeggsassets.com/brochures/parents_brochure-fp-01708bd2.pdf](http://assets.readingeggsassets.com/brochures/parents_brochure-fp-01708bd2.pdf) Your child has been able to access this program at home also. See your childs’ class teacher if your child is unaware of their user name and password.

Kerry

A MESSAGE FROM OUR P.E. TEACHER:

Congratulations to Wooree for winning the senior swimming carnival last term. A big thanks to Mr Gilmore and Andrew Petty for helping with the setting up and cleaning up. I would also like to acknowledge the following age champions and runner ups.

8 Years Age Champions: Ella and Sam 8 Years Runner Up: Holly and Cruze
9 Years Age Champions: Emma and Zayden 9 Years Runner Up: Annamieka and Emerson
10 Years Age Champions: Aleisha and Brock 10 Years Runner Up: B’Elanna and Jaxon
11 Years Age Champions: Jessica and Leath 11 Years Runner Up: Sarah, Rachel and Danny
12 Years Age Champions: Imogen and Annie 12 Years Runner Up: Liam and Ezra
13 Years Age Champions: Nick 13 Years Runner Up: Jake

The Rockhampton and District Cross Country Trials are coming up on the 21st of May at Kalka Shades (Rockhampton). A reminder for the selected students to fill in the permission and return with the bus money ASAP. There is also training on Thursday mornings at 8:15am.

Our U/10 and U/12 Rugby League teams competed in the Development Cup on the 2nd of May. Both sides played well and finished 3rd and 4th overall. Congratulations to Cayden and Tristan who were named players of their teams. Last Friday our school rugby league and netball teams competed in the first week of interschool sport for the term. The rugby league team came away with 1 win and 1 loss and the netball teams were being graded.

Luke

GENERAL NOTICES:

- **School Social:** Thank you to all the staff and parents who ensured the school social was such a success. The children had a great evening thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff and P&C.
- **Mothers Day Stall:** A massive thank you to Sue Dawson for her very successful Mothers Day Stall fundraiser. Many Mums were spoilt on Sunday with gifts organized by Sue.
- **Yeppoon State High School** is holding its 2015 Year 7 & 8 ‘Showcase Afternoon’ on Wed 21 May 2014 from 4-6pm.
- **Football Socks:** Are now available at the office. $10 a pair.
- **School Choir:** Did you know that Mrs De Sousa Roque has about 90 students in the Junior and Senior Choir now? The choirs performed beautifully at our ANZAC parade.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR P&C VICE PRESIDENT:

I hope all the mothers are enjoying gifts made by the children along with the items bought from the Mothers Day Stall. The children were very careful and put a lot of thought into each item they purchased. Thank you so much to Sue Dawson for all her beautiful craft items. With Sue’s hard work $1200 was raised for the P & C. Helpers are always needed, especially at Tuesday morning’s Breakfast Club. Our wonderful Brekky Club ladies look like they have it all under control but an extra pair of hands makes all the difference. Please offer to help if you have a few minutes to spare. Thank you.

Kim (Vice-President) pandc@emuparkss.eq.edu.au
A MESSAGE FROM OUR TUCKSHOP CONVENOR:
Hi everyone,
The weeks are flying by so fast. With winter on its way the tuckshop is going to start offering warm milo for 50 cents a cup and soup of the day for $1.00. Soup will vary daily. Orders are to be placed in tuckshop boxes each morning. The students will have a coloured dot put on their bags which means they are to come to the tuckshop to collect their milo or soup. This is just a trial to see if the kids like it. If it is a success we will offer it for term 2 and 3. Thanks again to all the wonderful volunteers who help out each week. You really are greatly appreciated.
Heidi

TUCKSHOP ROSTER:
| Wednesday 14 May & Wednesday 21 May | Stacey Kenealy |
| Thursday 15 May | Di Hudson and Natalie Bugler |
| Monday 19 May | Lisa Johnstone |
| Tuesday 20 May and 27 May | Kathy Pahl |
| Thursday 22 May | Lyn Drake |

HOT DOG, CHICKEN NUGGETS, PIZZA & SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTER (ALL $2-50 per serve):
| Friday 16 May (Pizza) | Di Hudson and Maree Stacpoole, |
| Friday 23 May (Sausage Sizzle) | Natalie Bugler and Maree Stacpoole |

COMMUNITY NOTICES:
Jazz Night: Yeppoon Town Hall, Friday 16 May 2014 at 7pm. Tickets $30. A night of great music, dancing and good food to raise money for chaplaincy. Tickets from Coffee Club Yeppoon Central or your school chaplain. Ph 0437010651
2014 Yeppoon Ride or Walkathon: Sat 31 May at 7.30am at Yeppoon Surf Life Saver Clubhouse, Entry $10 to support Cap Coast Schools Chaplaincy. Sponsorship Forms from Coffee Club Yeppoon Central or your chaplain.
Beak’s Tennis is offering coaching at Emu Park State School. Tennis Coaching is available Thursday mornings at 7:30am till 8:30am. For more information please contact Ashton Beak. Ph. 49361021 or 0419 881 575.
Authentic Taekwon-Do with Jim Fletcher (6th Dan): Held at Emu Park State School Hall. Wednesdays: Peeves (4 1/2 to 6 years), 4.30-5pm, Beginners, 5-6pm, Seniors, 5-6.30pm. Sunday: Seniors and Beginners together, 1.30-3pm. Further information phone Jim Fletcher on 0427608805.
Keppel Coast Guides: 34th Annual Hobby Horse Derby, 9am 1pm on Saturday 24 May at Beaman Park, Yeppoon. Lots of Fun for Everyone.
Car Boot Sale - Book Your Site Now: Saturday 14th June 7am - 12 noon. Anglican Parish of Keppel House Place Car Park. Only $10 a site. Bric a brac, loads of treasures and a sausage sizzle - Something for everyone. Come and grab

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