A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:
Dear Parents

Sometime in the next 4 weeks our current web site will be removed from the DETE server. I recently received notification that our departmental computer network will no longer support or allow this format of web site after June this year. I have re-created our web site in the new format and brought all of the information across. Unfortunately there is no capacity to have the many photographs on the front screen like we normally have and we are working on ways that these can be displayed in photo galleries. What is particularly great about the new format is that an app (QSchools) can be downloaded for both Apple and Android devices. This app allows push notification of newsletters, news items and in the future, announcements. Our site should go live at any point over the next 4 weeks.

I remind all parents and students that the school grounds are not a public play area. Last weekend I reported to police 4 teenagers that were using our school paths as a skate park. We also picked up 11 golf balls in various locations around buildings and asked 5 children to leave the grounds. A small number of people have permission to be in the grounds for particular purposes and all of these are under adult supervision.

Our P&C held their Annual General Meeting last week. I would like to congratulate our P&C Committee for 2014: Jonothan Hyndman (President), Kim Lee (Vice President), Kirstyn Davies (Secretary), Karleen Coombs (Treasurer) and Stacey Lewis (Fete Co-ordinator). Thank you for your commitment to our school. A special thanks to our out-going President, Kim Lee, who is standing down after many years of service to our school.

Last year’s P&C were successful in gaining funding for three marques for our school. There is a yellow (Chintoo), green (Malbooma) and blue (Wooree). As our school continues to grow these marques will be great in ensuring our students are adequately protected at school functions.

Wayne

- IMPORTANT DATES -

- Monday 17 to Friday 21 March:
  Year 6/7 Camp to Kinchant Dam
  Parent Teacher Interviews (3.15 - 6pm) at the School Hall
  ‘Parent Aide Reading Team’ Shared Morning Tea (9am)
- Thursday 27 March:
  U/10 and U/12 ARL Development Cup at St Brendan’s
- Monday 31 March:
  Senior Cross Country (9am)
- Monday 31 March:
  P & C Meeting (6.30pm) in the Staff Room
- Thursday 3 & Friday 4 April:
  Senior Swimming Carnival (9.30am) Sausage Sizzle Available
  Interest Activity GALA Days (9am-1pm)
- Friday 4 April:
  Easter Raffle Drawn
  Last Day of Term 1
- Tuesday 22 April:
  First Day of Term 2
- Thursday 24 April:
  School’s ANZAC Day Parade
  Junior and Senior School Social
- Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 May:
  NAPLAN for Years 3, 5 & 7
- Monday 19 to Friday 23 May:
  Year 5 Camp to Fairbairn Dam
  Bookfair
- Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May:
  Year 4 Camp to North Keppel Island
- Monday 2 to Friday 6 June:
  School Photos
- Monday 23 June:
- Thursday 17 & Friday 18 July:
- Saturday 6 September:
  Emu Park State School Fete
A MESSAGE FROM OUR DEPUTY PRINCIPAL:
Our Parent Aide Reading Team (PART) is up and running in Prep – Year 3 classrooms. Parents are encouraged and welcome to join the team. Billie Stevens and I are here to help with any queries you may have.

The recipe is simple, but research is continuing to show the importance and effect this type of reading has with student reading abilities overall.

We would like to invite all current and interested parents to a shared morning tea next Thursday 27th March at 9am in the staff room. Billie, myself and Mrs Lyn Gilmore who has been employed to support our program implementation will be there to chat and talk more about our program and team.

A reminder that all parents and carers are invited to join us on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th April between 9 and 2:15pm for Interest Activity Gala Days.

Each class will do 2 activities, both 2 hours long (our Woodworking and Cooking activities are one hour long). See me if you would like to volunteer your support for a specific activity, or simply join your child/ren and their class.

Activities include LEAP technology and Robotics; Charcoal Art; Colour attack Art; Dance; Drama; Green Thumb Kids; Science Circus; Clay Coiler Pots and more!

There will be a school social next term on Friday 2nd May. We usually have our social in our School Hall and have times for Junior and Senior students. There is usually a theme for dressing up, games, prizes and treats on sale. We will let you know these details early in term 2.

Sarah

A MESSAGE FROM OUR ACTING HEAD OF CURRICULUM:
Book Fair 2014 May 26 to May 30: We are looking for an enthusiastic group of Parents to assist us with the book fair this year. We are looking for help with various jobs such as making decorations in the weeks leading up to book fair, set up, pack down, sales and supervision (during the book fair week).

If you are able to offer any help, please let the office know and we will contact you shortly. Thanks in advance,

Kerry

A MESSAGE FROM OUR P.E. TEACHER:
The 5th of March saw Mr Boyle return to our school. He was accompanied by two North Queensland Cowboys development officers as well as one of our local development officers. We were very privileged to have them as they only visited 3 schools on the coast. The attending students participated in some games and each received a 2014 Cowboys poster.

Luke

GENERAL NOTICES:
- Children occasionally require a change of clothes at school as a result of accidents. When your child needs to borrow clothes from school, please ensure they are washed and returned to school as soon as possible ready for when they are next required.
- If you have any black shorts or skorts which you no longer need at home, please consider donating them to the school office for use as spares when children have accidents and need to change their clothes.
- Mrs George, our Librarian, is concerned by the number of library books being damaged whilst on loan. Please ensure you have a nominated ‘safe spot’ at home for library books to be kept, out of reach of little siblings and family pets. Also ensure the library books are transported to and from school in a library bag. To ensure our library remains well resourced, it is necessary for damaged books to be replaced or paid for. Please contact Mrs George if you need to report any damage to books on loan.
- Miss Cook would like to advise that the ‘Topaz’ Girl’s Netball Team do not have any games until after the Easter holidays. Miss Cook will notify the team which day training will be taking place.
- Don’t forget the P&C have registered for The Morning Bulletin’s ‘Win iPad’s For Your School’ program. If you have collected any tokens please ensure they make their way to collection box in the school office.
- Thank you to everyone who supported the Woolworth’s Earn and Learn initiative last year. Our order arrived last week and students are already enjoying these free goodies.
A MESSAGE FROM OUR TUCKSHOP CONVENOR:

Hi everyone
Thanks again to all volunteers who have helped out in the Tuckshop over the past couple of weeks. I really appreciate your help. This week’s special is CLM (chicken, lettuce, mayo burger) for $3.00.
The P&C will be providing a sausage sizzle at the Senior Swimming Carnival on Wednesday 2 April. Sausage on Bread will cost $2.50 each and poppers $1.50 each. We will need volunteers on the day so if you are able to help out please give me a call on 0417075165. Easter Raffle tickets will be on sale at the pool.
Heidi

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

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COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Emu Park C&K Kindergarten invites all past students and their families to a celebration open afternoon for the official opening of their $200,000 extension. Thursday 3 April at 3pm. All Welcome! Please bring a plate to share.

Teacher Required: The Director at Emu Park Kindergarten, Ms Christine Davids, is taking long service leave for the remainder of this year. The Kindy requires a teacher to back fill this position. Position closes Monday 24 March. Further information by phoning the Kindy on 07-49396622.


School Holiday Swimming Lessons Emu Park Pool: Connolly Aquatics will be running an intensive block of learn to swim classes and junior stroke development squads on the first week of the school holidays from 7th to 10th April. These 4 lesson blocks are a great way to boost your child’s aquatic education, and are open to any child 3 years or over. For enquiries or to book in please phone 4939 6500 or email con.aquatics@bigpond.com.

Yeppoon Junior Golf: Every Saturday morning, except school holidays, at 8am. Cost $5 to $8.50 per week. First game free. Further information on 49391056.

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.
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