

17 February 2014

Dear Parents and Friends,

The Eimeo School celebrated 80 Years of excellence in Education on Wednesday 5 February and our Fife Band celebrated 53 Years of Fife Band. Thank you to the many families who sent in cakes for the children to celebrate this wonderful milestone. Pictured is a cake from 3C and 4CW children enjoying their cake from their classroom. It was a lovely way to commence the Year and for teachers to talk to the children about the original buildings.

Celebrating Eimeo's 80th Birthday



WELCOME BACK FANCY DRESS DANCE AND BBQ THIS THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY – ALL WELCOME

All families are invited to join us this Thursday for our annual Welcome Back Fancy Dress BBQ and Dance. All year levels will participate in a dance after parading their costumes. All children will sit in their year levels until after their dance. This will help the evening's program run smoothly and keep to reasonable times.

All children attending the evening MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Times: Prep to Year 2. 5.30pm to 6.30pm **Times:** Year 3 to 6. 6.45pm to 8pm

Food will commence at 5.00pm outside F block (Year 3). The P&C will be selling hot dogs and soft drinks. Please join us and meet your child's friends, parents and teachers.

Year Level Dances:

Prep "Knees Up Mother Brown", Year 1 "Chicken Dance", Year 2 "Macarena", Year 3 "Heel & Toe Polka", Year 4 "Cha Cha Slide", Year 5 "Line Dance, Achy Breaky Heart", Year 6 "Nut Bush".

Parent Teacher Meetings

Thank you to the many families who made the effort to meet with teachers over the past weeks. This is a wonderful way to show your support of your child's teacher and the lovely programs and opportunities they are providing this year. If you were unable to make the meetings, please make the time to meet with your child's teacher in the coming weeks.

School procedures between 9am and 3pm

For safety and security reasons all families are to adhere to the following procedures.

1. All Prep children are to be signed IN and OUT of their classrooms.
2. Children arriving at school after 9.00am must be signed in at the office. This also applies if leaving the school before 3pm. Parents must go to the office to sign them out. Parents are NOT to collect children from the classroom during school hours unless they go through the office. The office staff will contact the classroom and children will meet parents at the office.
3. If parents need to bring lunch or items to the school for their children throughout the day, this must be done via the office.

In the course of the school day, the school does not permit any person who is not known to be the parent, guardian or emergency contacts of a child to remove a child from the school.

Religious Education

Religious Education is conducted by personnel appointed by the Religious Denominations, and approved by Education Queensland and the School Principal. Classes are formed on a combined denominational basis. A one-half hour period is allocated to this subject each week. Children remain in their classroom with his/her usual class group for Religious Education. Parents may request that their child not participate in Religious Education classes – a written letter (VALID FOR CURRENT YEAR ONLY) outlining this request must be sent to the school office if you do not wish your child to participate.

Religious Education lessons will commence from week 5 (24 Feb) in classes from Year 1 to 6.



Safe School Travel Group (SafeST)

It takes great effort to make positive changes to traffic, parking, education and road safety in and around our great school. The volunteer SafeST group works with stakeholders in our community such as Qld Police, Education Queensland, Qld Transport, Mackay Regional Council and politicians to raise road safety awareness in the traffic environment around Eimeo Road State School.

The wild weather during the first week of school was not ideal but how amazing were our crossing supervisors? Bravely stopping traffic to get the soggy pedestrians safely to school on time.

The Stop, Drop & Go pickup zone at 3pm on Thursday was awash with water and buffeting winds, but staff managed to have

the entire area clear of traffic and children by 3.30pm. This can only be achieved if all drivers adhere to "driving the loop" around the block if your child is NOT ready to be collected.

PLEASE NOTE :

School Zones are on Old Eimeo Road and Arana Drive.

They are 40 K/PH between 8am and 9am and 2.30pm and 3.30pm and are regularly monitored by police.

"Lookout, look out, there are children about"...



HAPPYGRAMS

This huge number of wonderful students have earned 10 "Beaut" certificates showing that they can :

**Be Safe,
Be Responsible,
Be Respectful,**

and so have been awarded a Happygram

Year 2

Jake Young

Year 6

Dylan Bogle
Kasmin Rand

Paige Hoffmaster

Duke McCulloch

Dates to Remember

Monday 17 Feb – Badge presentation to Leaders
Tuesday 18 Feb – Safety Circus (Year 3) / Leadership conference for School Leaders
Tuesday 18 Feb – P&C Meeting 6pm
Thursday 20 Feb – Welcome Back Fancy Dress Dance and Food
Sunday 2 March – Clean Up Australia
Tues 18 March – P&C AGM 6pm
Wed 19 March – Pass the Poetry – Art Council Performance
Fri 21 March – Harmony Day – Wear orange shirt / gold coin towards Chaplaincy, Anti Bullying Day
Mon 24 March – Choral Festival, MECC

Community News

Would you love to be in a community Youth Orchestra?

The Mackay Youth Orchestra caters for the experienced young musician. The Con Brio Orchestra provides beginner level instrumentalists with the opportunity to learn the basics of orchestral playing. Jazz musicians are also welcome to join our Jazz Ensemble. Our musicians love playing music with friends from other schools across Mackay, who also share their passion for music, playing new, challenging, fun pieces together.

Be able to sight read, play various scales, and bring 1-2 pieces of music that will demonstrate your skill level, to a short audition with our conductors, so that you may be placed appropriately in the orchestra ... or just come to see whether you'd like to join us.

Primary students welcome, as well as secondary students and all young musicians. Our orchestras rehearse on Mondays, 4.30 - 6 pm, with the Jazz Ensemble rehearsing 6 - 7 pm. Please see our website for further

details: <http://mackayyouthorchestra.weebly.com/>

Or e-mail us at: mackayorchestra@gmail.com

PE News

During Week 2 the school was fortunate enough to have 3 different OzTag representatives visit some of our PE classes. Thank you to Melissa, Kim and Troy for a fun introduction to the sport. If your child is interested in pursuing OzTag feel free to contact Mel on 0419 177 654; mackay@oztag.com or www.mackayoztag.com to sign up for the Autumn competition commencing Wednesday 19th February.



Congratulations to Nikki Wilmore and Sophie Chrzanowski on making the Mackay District Swimming Team. Both girls performed well at the Capricornia Swimming Trials last week. Well done to Nikki Wilmore, she was selected in the Capricornia team for the 50m and 100m Breaststroke.



Interschool Sport will commence Friday 21st February. The school will field two Soccer teams and two Netball teams. The teams will be a Junior and a Senior Boys Soccer team and a Junior and a Senior Girls Netball team.

A massive THANK YOU must go to Eimeo parents Neil and Helena Mani, of Smart Real Estate Mackay, for their \$1200 sponsorship of the brand new school Rugby League jerseys.

Amart shoppers, please continue to support the school by nominating Eimeo Road State School as your Community Kickbacks group of choice. The feedback so far from Amart sales has been really pleasing. The PE Department look forward to turning the money earned into new equipment for the school.

We look forward to seeing as many students and family members at the Welcome Back dance on Thursday 20th February. All students have been hard at work practising their stylish dance moves in preparation for the night.



Library Matters WELCOME

Everyone seems to be getting into the swing of things here at Eimeo and visits to Our Library are no exception. We have enjoyed meeting parents before and after school, seeing a constant stream of students at lunchtime and welcomed two new classes.

We have had our first eLounge session with Year 6 students on Valentine's Day and I have to say it seems that the students were loving it. eLounge is an opportunity for our "senior" students to spend time together sharing music, games, stories or general chit-chat using various technology such as iPods, gamers, tablets etc. This week we will try a session at second break on Wednesday to avoid clashes with Friday afternoon sport.



We observed **Library Lovers' Day** (coinciding with Valentine's Day) on Friday. The students and classes who visited Our Library throughout the day were given a special little treat. Perhaps that's why we had even more visitors than usual on Friday.

New Books will be on display in Our Library all this week. The children are encouraged to browse these beautiful new reading treasures which will be available for borrowing from next Monday 25 February. Why not drop in too, see what's new and share a story with your child.

"There is something good in every book,

but sometimes you just have to look for it."

Anonymous

Regards,

Helen

Mackay Schools Chaplaincy Annual General Meeting 2014

Mackay Baptist Church, corner Brisbane and Shakespeare Streets

7 pm Wednesday 12 March 2014

The School Chaplain is an integral part of your child's school and adds immense value and purpose to our students and the wider community. A school chaplain is a safe person for children to connect with at school, providing a listening ear, caring presence and a message of hope. Chaplains run positive, fun activities for children, both in and out of school, and foster a supportive, caring school community. Please consider joining us on the Mackay Schools Chaplaincy Committee. Your participation and support would be very helpful.

For more information please contact Cr Frank Gilbert 0427 530 775 or email gilbertfj@westnet.com.au