

Parents, Please don't forget to pay your \$20 minimum towards 2014 School Fee's. This will allow your child to attend our first Arts Council for 2014 - Past the Poetry on Wednesday 19 March.

Dear Parents,

Traffic and Parking around our school

All schools are very busy during the early morning rush to get children to school and collect them at 3pm

Why not stagger your arrival at school from 8am to 8.40am and take the children to the Stop, Drop and Go area off Cahill Cres.

This will then allow you to stop and the children can walk down the ramp to the office area. This is very safe and if staggered causes no delay or stress to anyone.

Delay by 10mins in the afternoon:

If you have children in Prep and Year 1 ONLY – then yes you do need to collect them at 3pm. Other families WAIT till after 3.10pm to pick up the children. The older children can collect the younger ones and meet you either at the stop, drop, go area; the front of the school or at the Arana Drive exit. Currently the school is clear by 3.20pm, so don't rush to pick up the children. There is always supervision at the front of the school and the Stop, Drop, Go area till at least 3.20pm.

Problems:

Arana Drive: – Parents are using this street very dangerously to drop their children off, illegally park on corners and too close to residence drive ways. Residences are very concerned for the safety of our students, so the Police have been asked to patrol this area both morning and afternoons to remind parents about safety around our school. **Porters** have kindly offered for parents to park in their car park while they walk children to and from school. Please remember that the parks close to the fence are 15mins only areas, not for long term parking.

Cahill Cres: - parents wanting to use this entrance and exit to the school are asked to park down in **KEIM Street** and walk to the school. There is not sufficient parking bays in this street and residence are asking for families **NOT to park in unmarked areas** as they are unable to back out of their driveways.

Stop, Drop, Go:- Please remember that the gates to this area open at 3pm. The children using this area leave their classroom at 2.55pm so they should be waiting when you arrive. Parents are asked to keep driving the loop if their child is NOT waiting to get into the car. No one is to park and hold up the flow of this area. Delay by 10mins and you will find that this area flows very well.

Front of the School:- The Police have been patrolling this area regularly to remind families that the area just in front of the school is not a parking area, neither is the bus zone immediately in front of the school. Parents wishing to park are asked to park on the opposite side of the road (on the grass NOT the road), in Driftwood Court or Adair Street. There is plenty of parks if families are prepared to walk.

PLEASE KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE BY DOING THE RIGHT THING AROUND OUR SCHOOL.

Attendance

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Education Queensland has set a target of 95% attendance for all schools in 2015 and they are sending weekly reports re our attendance data. Currently our data is 93.8% for the whole school.

Year Level	All students
Prep	93.2%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	94.1%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	93.2%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	92.4%

This data is to Friday 7 March. I have listed the attendance for each year level. It is vital that children come to school every day as the National Curriculum sees new content delivered each day from Prep to Year 6. Parents are asked to inform the school if their child is absent – unexplained absences MUST be explained. Let's make a big effort and have our data rise to 95% for all students.



Great Results Guarantee

The Queensland Government is investing an additional \$131 million in 2014 to improve student performance in Queensland state schools through the Great Results Guarantee.

Over 4 years almost \$800 million will be invested in Queensland state schools. This additional funding is being provided to every state, territory and schooling sector by the Federal Government under its Students First – A fairer funding agreement for schools initiative.

All 1233 state and independent Public Schools will receive a share of the funding and enter into an agreement that commits them to guarantee that every student will either:

- Achieve the National Minimum Standard for literacy and numeracy for their year level or
- Have an evidence based plan, developed by the school, in place to address their specific learning difficulties.

All schools will receive their current level of funding plus a share of the \$131 million, so every school will be better off.

Under this agreement, schools will have the flexibility and autonomy to decide how the funding should be spent, eg hiring specialist educators, para professionals, buying additional learning tools.

Student performance will be measured throughout the year and schools will be required to demonstrate how the extra funding is helping to maximise learning outcomes for all students.

The Great Results Guarantee for Eimeo Road School will soon be posted on the school's website having been distributed, discussed and endorsed by staff, the P&C Association and the Assistant Regional Director.

We look forward to our students achieving their maximum potential but remember they **MUST attend school in order for them to learn. EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

Regards, Mary

Welcome Back Fancy Dress Dance



A great night with lots of parents and children in attendance. Thank you to all families who came and had a great night.

Many thanks to the P&C for providing food and drinks and thanks to Mr Noel Reynolds, Mrs Hayley Ralph (PE teachers) and the classroom teachers for preparing the children for their dances. The costumes looked fabulous and happy faces told the story of a great night.

Harmony Day / Chaplaincy and Anti Bullying Day

Children are invited to wear "orange" on Friday 21 March and in return bring a gold coin to donate to the Mackay Chaplaincy Funds. Chappy Linda works at our school every Monday and co—ordinates the bike maintenance program, helps with homework program and breaky program as well as assisting students in classes.

All students need to wear their green shorts / skirts however they can wear an orange shirt, socks, hair style.

Uniforms

A reminder that the school winter uniform is Bottle Green jackets or jumpers and if needed, bottle green track pants. The P&C have a number of second hand jumpers available at the uniform shop for \$2. Please purchase one of these or buy a green jumper before the onset of winter. PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE HOOD jumpers – we do not allow the children to wear hoods.

2014 Prep and Year 1 Mercury Feature

Parents, the Daily Mercury will have a very special feature in Wednesday 26 March featuring all of the Mackay Region Prep and Year 1 classes. Eimeo Road School will have a very big feature with 13 classes featured. Purchase your copy of Wednesday 26 March to view your child's class.



Win iPads for Eimeo Road School

The Daily Mercury is offering a set of 10 iPads to be won by one lucky school. The school with the most tokens per student wins! We would like you to collect the tokens from the Daily Mercury and place them in the box in the office foyer. The tokens appear in the paper daily from Monday 22 February to 31 March.

Dates to Remember

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
Wed 26 March – Daily Mercury Prep and Year 1 feature
Fri 4 April – last day of Term / Boardies Day – gold coin for Lifesaving

Clubs at Eimeo



Did you know that children can access many club opportunities at Eimeo either before school or during lunch breaks. Many thanks to staff who provide these opportunities for our students – student council, chess club, fife band, Japanese club, African drumming club, peaceful playground club, choirs, bike maintenance club are some of the opportunities currently offered at Eimeo.



URGENT

If you have made deposits into the Eimeo Road State School account, for the School Resource Hire Scheme, via Internet banking, on Friday 28th February & also Wednesday 12th March, would you please contact the school Office immediately. Four deposits have been made with no identifying reference.

Community News



'Read with Me!'

How to Support Your Beginning Reader

Workshop Sessions

A partnership project with the ALEA Mackay Local Council, the Mackay Regional Council Library Services and the Rotary Club of Mackay. March is 'Rotary International Literacy Month'.

These two hour 'Read with Me! How to support your beginning reader' workshop sessions are designed to assist parents, grandparents, guardians and caregivers to help young children with their reading development, at home, daycare, kindly and at school. The content of the daytime and evening sessions will be the same. Come and learn about the reading process, how young children learn to read and how best to support them to become expert, independent readers. Participants will receive session notes, handy reading resources, including a copy of 'Reading Magic' by Mem Fox and a professional learning certificate from the Australian Literacy Educators' Association (ALEA).

Facilitated by: Pam Gargett OxFd AFd DipT
Cost: The workshop sessions are free, but numbers are limited and registration is essential.
Contact: Sue Hamilton-Smith sham140@sq.edu.au
Register at: <https://www.alea.edu.au/events/category/queensland>

Daytime Session: Venue: Gordon White Library, North Mackay Registration, Tea/Coffee: 9.30am Workshop session: 10am - 12pm Wednesday 26 March 2014	Evening Session: Venue: Foyer of school hall - Fitzgerald State School, Norris Rd Registration, Tea/Coffee: 6.00pm Workshop session: 6.30 - 8.30pm Wednesday 26 March 2014
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NAB AFL Auskick is the Australian Football League's key 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 football in a fun and safe environment, and make plenty of new friends too!

Over 1800 participants were involved in the Auskick program throughout Mackay and the Whitsundays in 2013! Participants will enjoy 8 weeks of AFL coaching (fully accredited coaches), and receive fantastic benefits which include: 2014 AFL Auskick backpack, Football – Size 1 Green (boys) + Purple (girls), cap, pump, footy cards, footy card album, Footypedia, rainbow shoelaces, AFL essentials guide and insurance!! The AFL Mackay Juniors have 8 family-friendly clubs, with age groups from U7 – U18s.

AFL Mackay's Club NAB AFL Auskick Program

Sign on & 1st Session: Friday 14th March, 2014

Time: 4.30pm – 5.30pm (every FRIDAY for 8 weeks)

Venue: Harrup Park Country Club Oval 9

Cost: \$65 for children aged 5 (in 2014) to 12 yrs old.

For more information contact: AFL QLD Mackay office on 4951 0622

Or AFL Development Officer Dion Obst on 0424 156 248

Visit

www.aflauskick.com.au to register!

FYI - Students will be grouped according to age/ability. Please note that once you are registered as an Auskick participant, you can attend all school-based clinics and events for the year at no extra cost. (For example, if we attend Auskick at your school in Term 3, you can sign up at Harrup Park and do both).

P&C News

Email: pandc@eimeoroadss.eq.edu.au



Uniform Shop & Banking Days.

Fortnightly ONLY!

March 25th 8am – 9.30am

April 22nd 8am - 9.30am

Uniform shop online ordering still processed weekly.

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www.flexischools.com.au

Dollarmite Banking: sign up your child at your local CBA branch.

Your child then brings their completed yellow deposit book & money to the Uniform Shop. A colouring in competition is in the works, details soon.

P&C Meetings - 3rd Tuesday each month. Next meeting is our AGM on 18th March 2014 @ 6pm in the Admin Building Staff Room ☺

Membership & nomination (for Exec/Committee positions) forms available at the office or email us.

Partnership Program (NSPP)

Tennis Queensland has come to the aid of your school! Please find attached an instruction sheet to provide the parents of your school to register their child for their **FREE MLC Tennis Hot Shots t-shirt** and for a **limited time only** a **Spongebob Squarepants** backpack! Please feel free to distribute this document as you see necessary to ensure as many parents as possible receive it.

Remember that every child that registers against your NSPP school rewards the school with a \$2 rebate to replenish or gain new equipment!

Please note: due to the success of the NSPP program and demand for 2014/2015 involvement, to continue the program in the 2014/2015 period you must register at least 25% of your school population. Upon signing your school's contract the School consented to registering participants to ensure every child is receiving a MLC Tennis Hot Shots t-shirt and your school's stocks of equipment are being replenished annually. For any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Rachel Wright via rwright@tennis.com.au.



The 2013 Discovering Asperger's event was a huge success with tickets selling out well in advance of the day. World-renowned Asperger's Syndrome expert, Professor Tony Attwood, will be returning to Mackay as a guest speaker at a special 2-day Discovering Asperger's event in September 2014. The 2nd event on Saturday 13th September is aimed at Parents, Carers and those on the spectrum. It will feature a resources expo and Professor Attwood will present an engaging seminar that everyone can relate to. More info and a link for purchasing tickets can be found at www.redevents.com.au

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

Prep

Ryan Fraser
Teals Armitage
Sara Bennetts
John Buttigieg
Maddison Claes
Preston Currie
Eva Dorante
Ashbee Dougan
Ben Eggleton
Nate Fairfull
Luka Fatnowna
Zander Foong
Jaydon Li
Sophie Lott
Saiah Lui
Louis McCulloch
Brayden Minniecon
Jai Morris
Oliver Ridley
Liesl Roberts
Amy Smith
Hugh Stevenson
Libby Tickner
Johnny Ziegeler
Saybra Brooks
Andy Kingston
Mia Mallett
Evi-Jo Rhoden
Bridget Sleeman

Year 1

Josef Djukic
Olivia Leigh
Benjamin Meng
Annabelle Turner
Tiffany Lumsdale
Isabella Shuttlewood
Tallis Sloan
Jacob Tickle
Bonnie Whalley-Lownds
Napairie Boah
Dalton Britt
Harrison Corry
Lytrell Dennis

Felicity Harris
Royston Parter
Taylor Ursi-Walters
Elizabeth Amies
Thomas Brandon
Kaleb Deblois
Madison Elkins
Indianna Graham
Malini Mani
Macey Sharam
Rory Shields
Jasmine Van der werf
Riley Heath
Emersen Lamb
Lochlan Mulitalo
Harry Robertson
Madison Fisher
Bradley Gallagher
Oliver Grieve
Kirby Radford
Charli Spies
Casey Webb
Kassidy Davis
Eva Jackson
Jay Martell
Grace Ridge
Sarah Smith
Faith Thompson
Taylor Ursi-Walters

Year 2

Jasmine Busst
Saxon Fatnowna
Harry Laing
Flynn Marchant
Cooper Powell
Noah Serrano
Jaysia Tuhiwai
Lacie Walsh
Mackenzie Crichton
Michael Liu
Shayla Mitchell
Brodie Wilson
Jake Young
Jayden Ribarich
Jarrod Chapman

Year 3

Cassidy Thaker
Davis Makayla
Emma Sutherland

Year 4

Jayde Britt
Lara Edge-Williams

Zack Simpson
Allaura Bryant
Kelly Cox
Emily Dries
Ashlee Morrison
Tyler Barratt
Nandini Potunak
Phoebe Freeman
Cameeron Munns
James Efstathiou
Anthony Hunter
Leila Lawson
Shakira Mills x2
Tamika Smith

Year 5

Jake Martin
Nathan Skeggs
Tullah-Marie Boah
Charlotte Clark
Jessica Clarke
Tanaya Corowa
Leo Cruickshank
Brayden French
Gracelen Jones
Jack Keady
David Nona
Blair Royes
Kai Sinnott
Cody Watt
Amber Witcher
Ryan Dennis
Kylah George
Chloe Robinson
Emma Cobb
Alex Martin
William Roberts
Charli Sharam
Nikki Wilmore
Chevron Pohatu
Stephanie White
Carl Will

Year 6

Dylan Bogle
Paige Hoffmaster
Alicia Hunter
Duke McCulloch
Imigen McGee
Ella Millen
Sarah Raines
Jacob Smith
Maka Tusaumwe