1st September 2014

Dear Parents and Friends,

**2014 Naplan Success:** Well done students and teachers of Eimeo – we have achieved very pleasing results. Student reports have been given to all students in Years 3 & 5, who participated in this year’s Naplan testing. Our students and staff are to be congratulated on their hard work and dedication to ensuring that all children are learning and achieving the best that they can. These results have demonstrated that Eimeo is a high performing school with very dedicated staff, parents and students – Well Done Eimeo!

Parent teacher meetings are currently being organised by staff to enable all families to meet with their child’s teacher to discuss their progress and schooling. Parents, please take this opportunity to discuss your child’s learning with their teacher.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

Is your child attending school every day?

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As you can see from the attendance to date, some classes have children who are not coming to school regularly. Parents please ensure your child is attending every day unless they are very sick and you have notified the school on the Absence line: 49697177

**Multicultural Day (Tuesday 16 Sept)**

Notes went home last week letting parents know about this day and the options for food that will be served. We encourage families to share their culture by having children wear cultural costume on the day (There will be a parade of costumes to commence our concert at 1.30pm); asking parents to talk about their culture in their child’s class; or sharing their culture at the concert through dance, singing etc. Please contact the school and let us know if you are able to share with us on Multicultural Day.

**Northern Beaches Community Fun Day**

Sunday 7 September from 11am to 2pm

Come along to the Bucasia Esplanade and enjoy a fun morning of entertainment and free activities. The theme of the day is **RIDE YOUR BIKE** – you can receive a free maintenance check and engraving for your bike. The children will have lots of fun on the jumping castle, rock climbing wall, face painting, children games, entertainment from our three local schools and local artists as well as many community stalls with food, information and goodies. It will be a great day, so come along and join in the fun.

Best wishes to all our dads for a great Father’s Day. We would love to see you all at the fun day at Bucasia.

**Enrolments for 2015**

A note was sent home with all children Prep to Year 5 asking if they were returning to Eimeo next year. Parents, this is very important information for our school to gauge numbers to ensure we have adequate classrooms and teachers to commence the year. Please return this form by Friday 5 September so that we can commence planning for 2015.

**Enrol for Prep 2015 NOW**

Enrolments are being taken now. Children born 1st July 2009 to 30th June 2010. Enrolment information session, Wednesday 10 Sept, 1.45pm and 6pm School Library.
Opti-Minds Challenge

On Sunday 24th August, Mrs Teong and Miss Ah-Quee had the privilege of taking three teams to Pioneer State High School to participate in the Regional Opti-Minds challenge. Each team participated in a different category ranging from Literacy, SOSE, Science and Engineering. The students worked collaboratively with their team to solve the challenge problem, design and create props, write scripts, rehearse and present an entertaining performance.

The judges from each category were impressed with our teams’ presentations and creativity. They gave positive feedback to the students and highlighted their strengths within their presentation. Sixty-one teams entered the Opti-minds Challenge this year and we are pleased with our teams’ efforts. During the awards ceremony, it was announced that our science and engineering team had achieved an honours award. All of the students involved are proud of their efforts and are keen to compete in another Opti-Minds challenge next year.

Melbourne, Sovereign Hill, Canberra Year 6 excursion

Last Friday, 68 very excited students and staff flew to Melbourne to commence their awesome excursion, visiting the sights of Melbourne before travelling to Sovereign Hill to re-enact the Eureka Stockade history of Ballarat. They will then bus to Canberra to do our National Capital highlights, including a day in the snow. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn first-hand what they are studying in History at school. Best wishes to all for a safe and enjoyable 8 days.

Year 6 News:

In our English Assessment the Year 6 students had to write a letter to a Year 6 Eimeo Road student in the year 2059 and describe what life (home, school, etc) is like nowadays. The following paragraph is written by Amber McGrath who described lunchtimes here at Eimeo.

“Our school is surrounded by the most beautiful flora and palms and it isn’t recognised enough for its natural beauty. Every lunchtime is a new adventure on the great old trees, with their snake like textured roots rising up from the soil below. One day girls imagine that fairies are nesting in the tree’s hollow, other days boys explore the mystery of the wooden splintered pirate ship of the unknown. Lots of intelligent students waste their precious lunchtime sitting around dying of boredom, whereas I like to think a new day is a new adventure and if there’s no tomorrow make the most of today.”

PE NEWS

As part of the school’s initiative to expose our students to experts in the sporting fields, some classes have been visited and coached by NRL development officers. The sessions concluded with all the students receiving an NRL footy that they promised to use at home with mum or dad! Thank you to Renae and Dan for their fun introduction, for many, to the Backyard League Program.

All classes have now begun their final unit for Term 3 – AFL. We look forward to seeing how the students’ skills improve during our class sessions. It is remarkable to see the progression each unit. Our goal is to expose students to a variety of sports during the year, with the possibility that they may be motivated to sign up to a club team or get their own family members practising the skills at home. Active kids equals happy kids!

Eimeo Road SS will be participating in 2 separate Gala sports days during the final week of Term:

The Inaugural Netball Gala Carnival will be held on Thursday 18th September. The school will be fielding teams in two age groups: Junior: girls born 2005 or 2006 will play a modified format of the game; Senior: girls born 2003 or 2004. Meetings are currently underway to gauge interest and select teams to participate. See Mrs Ralph or Mr Reynolds for further information.

The U11 Steve Jackson Gala Carnival for Rugby League will be held on Friday 19th September. The school has taken part in this fun and skilful day during previous years. Mr Reynolds and Mr Giddings will be organising the team, please see them for more information.

CQ Sporty Schools Program is away to a flying start at Eimeo Road SS. The program’s aim is to increase participation rates of targeted year levels – 3 and 4. At Eimeo we have taken this goal on board and broadened it to include our Year 5 and 6 students also. The weekly in class sports sessions are already underway. On Tuesday 9th September all of the Year 3 and 4 teachers will be visited by a number of development officers, covering a broad range of sports. The goal is to give our staff new ideas and games to then play confidently and safely during the weekly sports sessions with their own classes.

Reminder from Chappy Linda

Camp Eagle forms need to be returned, there are only two more weeks to go. Can’t wait!!!!!!

Chappy Linda
Uniform Shop & Banking Days
Fortnightly ONLY!
September 9th 8am – 9.30am
October 7th 8am – 9.30am
October 21st 8am – 9.30am

Online orders distributed every Tuesday!

** Please label/name all school items!! **

Donations of any outgrown items to the Uniform Shop, would be much appreciated.
Remember - Clearance Sale on Gabardine Skorts $7, Mesh Polos $10 & Mesh Shorts $10!!! Don’t miss out!!

Tuckshop Online Lucky Draw (via Flexischools) - a chance to win a $5 tuckshop voucher in September just by ordering Tuckshop online!

Tuckshop Volunteers Roster for Term 3:

WEEK 8
03.09.14 Deanne – 1E
04.09.14 Jane Stevens – 3F, Catherine Thompson – 1WB
05.09.14 Jodie Raine - 5G, Wendy Wight - 3J, Samantha McBrown - PV

WEEK 9
10.09.14 Kate Hucker 5A
11.09.14 Samara Whalley – 1S

Please contact the tuckshop convenor Amanda Martin on Ph: 4969 7115 (tuckshop phone) or Mobile 0439 762 369 ASAP if you are now unable to volunteer as rostered.

Thank you for volunteering ☺

P&C Meetings 3rd Tuesday monthly.
Next meeting 16th September 2014 @ 6pm in
The Admin Building Staff Room
EVERYONE WELCOME ☺

SAFE SCHOOL TRAVEL GROUP (SAFEST)

Some lucky students from Eimeo Road State School recently took the opportunity to participate in a Bike Ed program at PCYC to learn more about bike safety and injury prevention, bike handling skills, understanding the cycling environment, cycling and your health and cycling in your community. Here’s what some of them from 4CW had to say.

• “My favourite thing was the traffic lights and the emergency stop” from Chloe O
• “Bike Ed is lots of fun because it teaches you safety and all of the important signs to stop bike accidents from happening” from Jacob C
• “I really liked the slow race competition. We had to slowly ride our bike from one place to another” from Jackson M

For further information on road rules and cycling go to www.transport.qld.gov.au/cycling

The Eimeo SafeST group invites interested parents to a ‘meet and greet’ in Porter’s Coffee Shop located off Arana Drive on Tuesday 9th September at 3.15pm

Council works are continuing in Arana Drive along the school boundary fence, please follow the instructions of traffic controllers and drive with care.

Look out, look out, there are children about!

DISCO

Student Council Bright Colours Disco, Thursday 11th September.
Years 2 & 3 disco in the hall from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.
Years 4,5,6 disco in the hall from 6.45pm to 8pm, ($2 entry), chips and drinks available to purchase along with cupcakes and other goodies.

Prep and Year 1 will have a school time disco Friday afternoon

DATES TO REMEMBER
Fri 29 Aug – 5 Sept - Yr 6 Sovereign Hill/Canberra Excursion
Mon/Tue 1 & 2 Sept – Father’s Day Stall
Friday 5 September Teacher Aide Day
Sun 7 Sept Northern Beaches Community Fun Day
Wed 10 Sept Prep 2015 Information Session 1.45 & 6pm
Thurs 11 Sept School Disco – Bright colours.
Tues 16 Sept Multicultural Day
Fri 19 Sept Term 3 concludes

PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR PREP WEBSITE
We would like to remind Parents that Mackay Northern Beaches State High School Scholarship applications are due on Friday, 12 September. Scholarships will be offered to seven students moving into in Year 7 and four students from each of the other year levels. There will be one Academic, one Cultural and one Sporting Scholarship, with the additional scholarships awarded, according to the strengths of the applicants.

The Scholarships are to the value of $350 and will be used to pay resource fees, to provide uniforms and to cover other costs specific to the awarded scholarship. Application forms are available from our Website or from our front office. Phone: 48421333 for more information.

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