

Dear Parents and Friends,

TERM 2 COMMENCES Tuesday 22 APRIL FOR ALL STUDENTS

Thank you to the many families who have continued to send their children to school EVERY DAY. Currently the school's attendance rate is 94.9% for this term. Our goal is 95% for the year so keep up the good work and send your children to school. **EVERY DAY DOES COUNT.**

STUDENT ABSENCE LINE
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Harmony Day, Anti Bullying Day and gold coin for Chaplaincy in Mackay support day last Friday was a huge success. The gold coin trail was won by Gold House and the total raised by our school was \$916. Fabulous work EIMEO!. Chappy Linda was very excited when she heard how much was raised. Well done all.

Amazing Choral Festival Performance:

Wow, if you were present at the Mackay Entertainment Centre last Monday night you would have marvelled at the music making from all of the students. Congratulations to our 30 choral performers, Mr Covey and Mrs Teong for their contribution to this wonderful district event that culminated in 490 singers as part of a mass choir during the 22nd Annual KEMIA Choral Festival. The students committed to many lunch time practices and a weekend rehearsal. Our students demonstrated exemplary behaviour on the night and during all practices.

Do you know how your child is going in class?

I would like to encourage all families who have not made contact with their child's teacher to do so before the end of term or very early next term. This can be either in person or via phone. It has been proven that children perform much better at school if their family takes an interest in what they are doing and how they are going. It is essential that school and families are working together with students so that the best possible outcomes can be achieved. Eimeo School wants parents to be part of their child's learning journey, celebrate their successes and support them on this journey. This is achieved through regular, open communication.

Teachers are currently conducting parent / teacher meetings now before Easter and some classes after Easter. All students will receive a written report card at the end of Term 2, however I hope that families are working with their child's teacher before then to ensure that their student is working to the best of their ability.

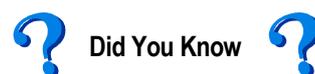
Remember that children need to be at school every day, in classrooms to be learning and achieving.

Anzac Day

The school will have an Anzac Day ceremony on Thursday 24 April in the school hall at 1.45pm. The school will be marching at the Mackay ceremony on Friday 25 April and also in the Northern Beaches ceremony. The school's fife and marching band will lead our school marches as they march down the streets of Mackay and the Bucasia Esplanade. Notes will be forwarded to families next week as we encourage all of our students to march at either or both ceremonies.

Holidays

This is the last newsletter before the school vacation. School finishes on Friday 4 April and recommences on Tuesday 22 April after a two week Easter break. Have a very happy Easter break and I look forward to working with all families again in Term 2.



Parents please support the school uniform policy and ensure your child is dressed in the correct Winter Uniform this year. All clothing should be clearly named so that we can return these items if lost.

- Our school's winter uniform is a bottle green jumper or sweat shirt, bottle green track pants or tights, green jacket.
- The Uniform shop stocks a school jacket and has a large selection of second hand jumpers on sale for a very reasonable price of \$2 so there should be NO Excuse for any child being out of uniform.

Newcomers to Mackay be warned; local shops can run out of these items quite early – even before the cold weather sets in! So now is a good time to pick them up at places such as Big W, K Mart, Best & Less

- We do appreciate your efforts in ensuring your children look smart and consistent in their uniforms.

Boardies Day Friday 4 April

Wear your boardies and bring a gold coin to support the Eimeo Surf Lifesaving Club.

Many of our students and staff are part of this club and every year do a wonderful job helping to keep our students and community members safe at our beaches and in the water. Please give generously.

Writers' day of Excellence



20 lucky Eimeo Road Students were fortunate enough to be invited to a Writing Day of Excellence held at Andergrove State School. The students who attended were mentored by acclaimed children's book authors Phil Kettle and Susan Halliday. The writers of the very popular "Too Cool" and "Marcy" series of books led the students through a number of activities designed to free up their creative juices and fuel their imagination. The students were complimented by the organisers for their cooperation, enthusiasm and talent. It will be great to see and hear what the students share with their classmates in the coming weeks.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Letting Kids be Kids

Perhaps the most serious and insidious harm done to children in the last 20 years has been caused by the way we have taken away childhood. This has been done through:

Exposing them to adult issues and themes

- **Media bombardment** – Many TV shows (including the news), and computer games focus on horror, fear, grief and pain, as well as sexual references beyond children's developmental years;
- **Family issues** – such as separation, divorce or bereavement although common occurrences require adults to take control of their own situation allowing kids to feel safe and loved
- **Substance abuse by adults** – put children in a role of helplessness, sometimes hopelessness, and often require the child to take on the responsibilities of the adult

Creating overly-busy lives –

- where evenings and weekends are spent away from home for activities. This combined with homework leaves very little time for the child to relax, play and enjoy just being at home with his family. It is though felt that busy children are less likely to get into trouble, but there has to be a balance with children learning to

relax, have down time to refresh the body and the brain.

A competitive attitude –

- Life becomes a desperate race to get everything done, as well as keep up with academic requirements. Yes some children are born competitive but this coupled with a competitive push by adults creates anxiety. Children as early as prep start to become anxious about their performance.

Overworked or stressed parents –

- who may not have the time nor the energy to be available to their kids. Snappy, tense parents do not encourage children to want to spend time with them also.

Over-protection or under protection –

- With increase in traffic, stranger danger and crime, protecting your child is a must but balancing how this is done is equally important. It is our responsibility as adults to know where are children are, who they are with, what they are doing, who they are talking to (especially on the internet) and put in place guidelines for being safe.

A recent Qld university study asked kids what they need to be happy. Answers reported on TV stated 'to do well in school, space to play, to have no worries, to have fun.' Kids did not talk about money nor possessions. Kids with spiritual beliefs also faired better in coping with adversity.

Here are some tips:

- Limit the TV/computer. Have lots of time, space and materials for simple play
- Create healthy boredom – stop entertaining them. Let space and books do that.
- Play – it is the source of creativity and inventiveness. It comes naturally to kids, and with practise you (the parent) will remember how to participate
- Reconsider your own lifestyle – is it what you want, are you happy, what changes can be put in place. Do you need to 'wind down' a little.
- Limit the worries – Avoid undue pressure on kids. Take away adult stressors and adult responsibilities (news, family issues that only adults can 'fix')

The best thing you can do for your children is 'let them be children', be a part of their growing up and most of all enjoy them.

Aspects adapted from 'More Secrets of Happy Children' by Steve Biddulph

Auskick Monday afternoons



PCYC Get out of Jail day

Tuesday 29 April the children are invited to wear stripes and bring a gold coin to bail Mr Reynolds and Mrs Ralph (both PE teachers out of jail). During the lunch break, PCYC along with the Police will bring a portable jail into the school and lock up the PE teachers. The children are to raise a nominated amount of money in order to bail them out. Half of the money will be given to PCYC and the other half to our Student Council. This should be a fun event so please give your support on the day.

Safe School Travel Group (SafeST)

It is difficult to obtain a park on the school boundary at 3pm at any of the exit points.

- Parents with older children who can wait at any of these points can be collected a short time after 3pm and avoid the traffic and queuing.
- For parents of our younger students who are required to be at school to collect their child from a classroom think about parking in nearby streets and walking.

Local residents in the Arana Drive area do not appreciate vehicles parking on their front lawns or across their driveways, so please park responsibly at all times and observe the signage. Sometimes this may entail a short walk. Police have been notified and will take action for irresponsible parking.

By parking and calling, or gesturing, your young child to cross a busy road to your car, is unacceptable. At all times, get out of your vehicle and escort them safely across the road. Please remember to educate your children of the dangers of being a pedestrian by discussing with them the *Stop, Look, Listen and Think* routine

Children learn best in the real traffic environment under the supervision of a caring adult.

1. School Zone times are 8am to 9am and 2.30pm to 3.00m.
2. Our school zones are on Old Eimeo Road and Arana Drive.
3. The speed limit in these zones is 40kph.
4. Cahill Crescent is a one-way SHARED roadway with speed limit of 10kph.

Look out, look out, there are children about !

Stop, Drop & Go

Please do not get out of your car and hold up the flow of traffic. Cars are not allowed into Stop, Drop and Go until 3pm. If your child is not there you will need to do the loop again.

PE News

Congratulations to these students on being selected in the following teams:

Beau Milburn – Mackay Basketball Team
Hayden Wong – Mackay Rugby League Team
Mason Andrews and Bailey Wilkie – Cumberland Touch Football Team

Best of luck to the students trialling in the Girls and Boys Cumberland Soccer, Mackay District AFL, 11 and 12 years Mackay District Netball, Boys and Girls Mackay District Hockey and Girls Cumberland Touch Football. All the following trials are being conducted before the end of this term. Unfortunately the outcome of the trials was unknown before the time of printing.

Thank you to the Year 4, 5 and 6 students who participated in the Interschool sports competition for Netball and Soccer during the Term. In a somewhat wet weather interrupted draw ERSS had almost 60 boys and girls represent our school in the two sports.

Term 1 has been a busy and fulfilling start to the school year. Next term all classes will be participating in an Athletics unit during lessons. The students will use this as preparation for the Inter-house school carnivals – **Thursday 12th June (Prep, 1 and 2s – 9:00-11:00 am); Friday 13th June (3, 4, 5 and 6s – Full Day).**

Music Notes

Congratulations to the 30 students of Eimeo Road State School who participated in the 22nd annual Mackay Choral Festival. These students rehearsed all Sunday afternoon at Mercy College Hall, and all day Monday at the Mackay Entertainment and Convention Centre in order to put on a spectacular evening performance. Many thanks to Mrs. Orchard who was the Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening, and the members of the Community Choir which consisted of Mackay locals and some boys from St. Lawrence College in Brisbane. Please check out the photos attached. Also a reminder that Drumkit Club and Guitar Club are still running on Tuesday and Wednesday second breaks respectively. Students from year 3 and above are all welcome to attend, guitars are provided for student usage. Fife band are currently training to participate in 2 Anzac Day Services, Mackay City and Northern Beaches. This year marks the centenary of the commencement of WWI, so these parades will be an extra special ones requiring many participants. African Drums are played each Friday morning. All students are welcome to participate, and as of next term African Drummers will meet in the year 1 eating area in order to encourage younger students to participate. On the subject of guitars, I have 1 preloved ¾ size guitar for sale, which comes complete with a bag, and is sky-blue in colour. The previous owner has grown into a full size instrument and is selling this one for only \$70.

In addition a family is selling a Melophone from a previous Eimeo Road School student. Please contact me if you are interested in any of these instruments so I can forward contact details on to you.

Eisteddfod rehearsals will commence next term, please keep an eye out for contract forms which will issued then.

Many thanks for our interest in the music programs of Eimeo Road State School.

Rob Covey.



P&C News

Email: pandc@eimeoroadss.eq.edu.au



Uniform Shop & Banking Days.

Fortnightly ONLY!

April 22nd 8am - 9.30am

May 6th 8am – 9.30am

Uniform online ordering processed weekly:

www.flexischools.com.au



See flyer going out today re: Online White Polo Special & Dollarmite Colouring Competition !!!

P&C Meetings 3rd Tuesday monthly Next meeting 22nd April 2014 @ 6pm in the Admin Building Staff Room ☐

Thanks for your support this term! Have a safe holiday break and we look forward to some new and exciting things next term!

Dates to Remember

Thursday 3 April – Easter Bonnet parade for Prep 1.45pm
Fri 4 April – last day of Term / Boardies Day – gold coin for Lifesaving TERM 2
Tuesday 22 April – 1st day of school
Tuesday 22 April – School Photo notes to go home
Tuesday 22 April – P&C meeting 6pm office area
Thursday 24 April – 1.45pm School Anzac Day ceremony
Friday 25 April – 8.30am Mackay Anzac Day March / Ceremony
Friday 25 April – 10.10am Northern Beaches Anzac Day Ceremony
Tuesday 29 April – PCYC wear stripes to get out of jail day
Mon & Tues 5 & 6 May – Mothers' Day stall
Thurs 8 May – Years 3 to 6 School Photos
Friday 9 May – Prep to Year 2 school photos

HAPPYGRAMS

This huge number of wonderful students have earned 10 "Beaut" certificates

Prep

Lyric Cross	Tajquazha Kris
Oliver Wilkie	Kai Boreham
Riley Campbell	Ryan Fraser
Eva Hankinson	Charlotte Higginson
Jak Hucker	Zehn McKay
Nate Smart	Olivia Turner
Riley Dries	Dakota Edge-Williams
Katiah Marriage	Shaeleigh Poulton
Alicia Prout	Flynn Robbins
James Scobie	Michaela Tappert
Macy Trembath	

Year 1

Bryce Cummings	Jessica Armstrong
Clinton Hutton	Cooper Jacobson
Jordan Port	Keira Whitley
Mignon Wienand	Ava McCaughey
Riley Mcintyre	Charlie Myers
Summer Roberts	Ella Wilkie
Benjamin Folgin	Kyle Gribben
Lachlan Hansen	Ollie Lucas
Tiffany Lumsdale	Aedan Marsh
Chloe Robertson	Taya Rush
Lytrell Dennis	Amelia Clancy
Georgia Day	Talia Kocour
Lachlan Laird x2	Olivia Leigh
Hannah Reid	Baylee Stevens
Madeline Taylor	Nash Walton
Ruby Gardner	Anton Papoulis
Tayella Silveira	Annabelle Turner
Cali Wright	Madilyn Bryant
Brandon Davis	Olivia Grieve
Isabella Shuttlewood	
Shayla Thomas	Jacob Tickle
Jack Yelaska	Napairie Boah
Sharlett Burrows	Layton Curtis
Kassidy Davis	Brianna Duncan x2
Felicity Harris	Eva Jackson
Stathi Kypridis	Izabella Nunn
Royston Parter	Grace Ridge
Sarah Smith	

Year 2

Eliana Atkinson	Katie Purser
Danielle Brockman	
Shayella Heath	Thomas Dennis
Ashlee Edge-Williams	
Ryan Kross	Jazmin Mills
Mackenzie Crichton	
Benjamin Dingle	Saxon Fatnowna
Keegan Hutton	Harry Laing
Luke Marwick	

Paige Susdorf	Zebulaon Boah
Ruby Kirk	

Year 3

Maddy Adams	Brooke Aitken
Makayla Davis	Alayna Marshall
Tahlia McKinlay	Kai Norton
Tess Smith	Connor Spark
Lara Taylor	Emma Trevor

Year 4

Sydney Booth	Cayleb Buckley
Lucas Clarke	Abbi Lownds-Hall
Jamie McNally	Ella Philips
Scott Thomson	Shelby Young
Makayla Anderson	Matthew Donaldson
Jackson Mulitalo	Chloe O'Loughlin
Mia O'Loughlin	Cooper Philps
Emily White	Johl Barron
Orion Benfield	
Chloe Chase-Hodgson	
Cory Cowan	Lara Edge-Williams
Tamika Jose	Zack Simpson
Madison Tisdell	Hayden Wong
Bailee Day	Declan Moore
Tyler Barratt	Bodee-Ace Skinner
James Webb	Jayde Britt
Shakira Mills	Oliver Rule
Jai Cross	Logan Hamer
Daniel Pamikov	

Year 5

Dylan Breckell	Tessa Donovan
Ruby Mecoles	Brodie Evans
Tullah-Marie Boah	Kelsey Chapman
Tanaya Corowa	Itay Folgin
Clair Kellion	Mikaela Laguda
Jacob Thorn	

Year 6

Michael Bowen	Courtney Mitchell
Maddison Potter	Michael Bowen
Beau Milburn	

Girl Guides

The Northern Beaches Girl Guides Unit now has vacancies for girls from the age of seven.

Come along, have some fun and meet new friends.

WHEN: Mondays, 5.30pm-7pm

WHERE: Girl Guide Hut (next to the kiddy), Fisher St, Bucasia

For more information, please call Lyn on 0407 658 042 or Lauren on 0412 226 901.



OneSight
FAMILY FUN RUN ... OR WALK

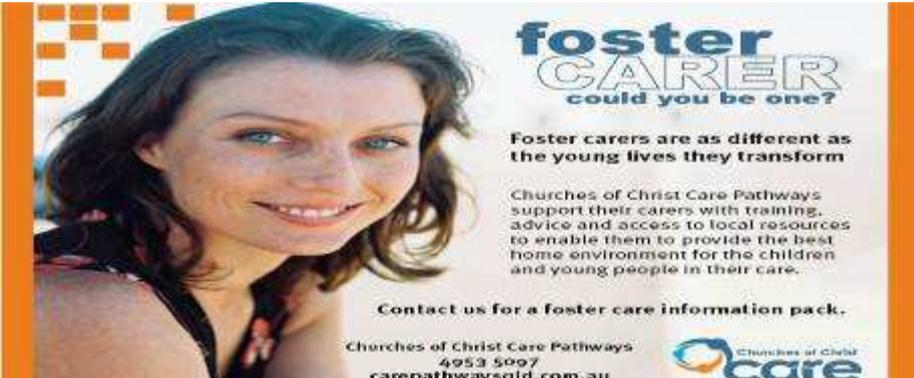
WHERE: John Breen Park
WHEN: Sunday 27th April
TIME: 08:00 am

COST: \$10 per adult
\$5 per child (under 13)

HOST: Anne Marie Pisani
0419285539

So ... Come along, bring your family and friends and enjoy a walk in the park and support this fantastic charity.

Because they lack vision care, millions of children are losing educational opportunities, and adults are excluded from productive working lives, all with severe social and economic consequences. Through our partners, volunteers and advocates, OneSight has the expertise and ability to restore clear vision for millions of people who need our help.

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