

3 February 2014

Dear Parents and Friends,

PLEASE NOTE THAT EIMEO SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Our first days back to school have been very smooth and the excitement of students, parents and staff has been very uplifting. A big welcome to all new families who have joined our wonderful school in 2014 and a special welcome back to existing families, we look forward to working with you throughout the year. I would also like to welcome all staff and thank them for their efforts in ensuring the classrooms were ready for the commencement of school.

Have you noticed how wonderful our school grounds and gardens look? A big thank you to Mr. Wayne Roberts, our Grounds person, for the enormous work and effort he puts into our grounds to ensure they are clean, tidy and always looking great.

Many thanks also to our cleaners for having our school so clean and fresh after the holidays. They had a huge job cleaning rooms after they were locked up for 5 weeks. We are certainly lucky to have such a dedicated and hard working group of people looking after our facilities.

Wednesday 5 February the school will celebrate 80 years of Quality Education. The school opened on 5 February 1934 and has continued to build positive and rewarding relationships with students, parents and community.

Staff will be organising parent / teacher discussions in the coming weeks. Class meetings will occur early in February then all families will be given the opportunity to meet individually with your child's teacher before Easter so that information can be shared to ensure best outcomes for students. Notes will be sent home by your child's teacher in their communication book. Children will bring their communication book home each night, Monday to Thursday and parents are asked to check this book for notes. Parents are asked to use this book if wanting to communicate with their child's teacher. The communication book has been issued to all children as part of the Resource Hire / student fees for the school. If your child misplaces or loses this book, it will cost \$8 to replace it.

With increased class numbers in the lower school, we look forward to welcoming two extra teaching staff to form a year 1/2 and Year 3/4 composite. This will enable us to have lower class numbers in these classes, so that maximum learning and teaching can occur. Letters will be sent home to families regarding the formation of these new classes this week and classes will commence in week 3 to allow for maximised learning for the next 38 weeks of 2014.

If the weather is kind to us, we are planning to hold a **Welcome Back Fancy Dress Dance and BBQ** on Thursday 20 February. This will give all staff and families the opportunity to meet and enable the children to show off their costumes and dances. All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Mark Thursday 20 February in your diary.

Don't forget to get involved where you can in our school. Class activities, school functions, uniform shop and tuckshop duties are some of the ways that you can be a part of our school community. The first P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 February at 6.00pm in the office area. It would be good to see you there.

Best Wishes, Mary



Did You Know



School Bell Times:

8.30am	Doors Open
8.50 am	Class Starts
11.00 – 11.45am	First Break (The lower school's big lunch)
11.00 – 11.30am	First Break (The upper school – Years 3 – 6)
1.15 – 1.45 pm	Second Break (The lower school's little lunch)
1.00 – 1.45pm	Second Break (Upper school – Years 3 – 6)
3.00pm	End of School Day

If your child is late to school (after 9.00am) they must be signed in at the office.

If you are picking your child up early they must be signed out at the office

Parking Areas around the school:

Please make sure you are aware of these **No Parking** areas as we would not like parents of our school to be fined.

PLEASE DO NOT park on driveways of residence around our school.

Reminder:

At the front of the school...

- Students should **not** be dropped off or picked up in the Staff Car Park as it is not a Stop Drop Go area because it is unsafe;
- There is no parking in front of our front fence (or up the hill) as the school bus needs all that space to make a safe turn into our Bus Stop.

At the Cahill Crescent car park...

- There are marked parking spots;
- If you join the Stop Drop Go line parents are asked NOT to hold up the movement if there children are not there. Please rejoin the back of the line of cars for a second loop. This is currently working very smoothly. Children are supervised while waiting for parents and when they see parents' cars, will walk to the pick up area. Please note that parents must not park in the wheelchair access park if they do not have a disabled pass.

At the back of the school...

- There is plenty of parking in Arana Drive which is only a short walk across the oval. Note that Council have placed 15mins and 30mins park only zones outside the school fence – this will be Policed regularly so please do not park for longer periods. Porters, have kindly allowed parents to park in their car park while taking children to and from school. Stop now and then to have a coffee while the children play in their playground.

ANAPHYLACTIC REACTIONS

Children's Food Allergies

The welfare, health and safety of the children at our school is paramount at all times. With the start of the new year we need to raise awareness amongst the school community that we have a number of existing and new enrolments who have allergies to certain foods. These allergies range from very mild with the consequence being a rash to an anaphylactic reaction where the child can have loss of consciousness and/or collapse and need rapid medical intervention. To minimise the risks to these children and raise awareness in the school community we undertake the following strategies

Whole School

- we have a strict no food or drink sharing policy at our school,
- we promote hand washing before and after eating
- we inform parents of children in the classes of food allergy children not to bring in certain foods
- ensure that your child's lunchbox is well named and could not be mistaken by another child
- raise awareness of these issues with the school community In the classroom
- review material and resources are used in the classroom
- beware of craft items that can be high risk

In the tuckshop

- have a close look at the tuckshop menu for any allergy issues
- make sure the risk of cross contamination in preparing foods is eliminated
- make sure children with allergies are served by the convenor only, so that the child is only attended by someone who is well informed about the situation

The foods that are a risk to some of our children are nuts (peanuts walnuts tree nuts), seafood (fish crustaceans), eggs and dairy products (milk, cheese). While it is very hard for everyone not to bring these items to school, we can all play a role in limiting the risks to the children with allergies by being aware of the situation and considering what you are sending along in your child's lunch. We thank you in anticipation of your support and cooperation in ensuring the safety and welfare of all children and our school

The Mackay Foundation

I would like to acknowledge The Mackay Foundation for their generous donation of sixty \$50 vouchers to our school to assist with the 2014 Back to School Program. The national program has been supported by various trusts and foundations, particularly the Sidney Myer /Fund whose generosity, together with with FRRR, The Stan and Maureen Duke Foundation, BMC, Carroll's News and Hastings Deering have donated these vouchers to Mackay schools to assist families get equipment and resources for school. This program is very much appreciated by our school and we would like to thank The Mackay Foundation for including Eimeo School in this initiative.

School Dental Service

The School Dental Van will be visiting Eimeo State Primary School in the near future to conduct examinations and treatment on site. Medical/Consent forms have been handed out and must be returned to the school office by Friday 7th February 2014. Once examinations have been done a letter will be sent home to parents advising them of required treatment and parents will need to contact the Dental Van to arrange for the follow up treatment to be done

Prep Classes 2014

We welcomed 148 new Prep children to our school on Tuesday morning. It was wonderful to see how quickly the children settled into the routine of school, with only a few tears from both mum and preppie. Their teachers and teacher aides have been very impressed and are looking forward to a great year. Thank you parents for ensuring your child/ren were prepared for school – they look great in their new uniforms.

PE News

Welcome back to the new school year! The PE department is starting off the school year with a fun filled dance unit in preparation for our Welcome Back dance on Thursday 20th February.

Amart Community Kickbacks – please remember to nominate Eimeo Road State School as the community group you wish to support, when shopping. If you are already a Team member you can link your card to the school online at teamamart.com.au and select Eimeo Road State School your preferred group on your member account profile. The school account number is 0705001067. Every dollar spent will earn credit towards to school to purchase sporting equipment.

We look forward to keeping you up to date on what is happening in the sporting department of the school. We hope your new school year has started on a positive.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Parade is every Monday, .45 – 2.15pm. .
Tuesday 18 February – P&C Meeting, 6pm
Tuesday 18 Feb – School Leaders Leadership Conference
Safety Circus – Year 3 (11.30 – 12.45pm)
Thursday 20 Feb – Welcome Back Fancy Dress Dance
Tuesday 18 March – P&C Meeting
Wednesday 19 March – Pass the Poetry – Arts Council Performance
Friday 21 March – Harmony Day
Friday 4 April – Last Day Term 1 – Easter Holidays



SIGN ON'S

NORTHS NETBALL CLUB

Registrations are now being taken for the 2014 Winter Season

Junior Teams - u9, u10, u11, u13, u15

Senior Teams - 15 & over, Ladies

SIGN ON DAYS

Sunday 2nd February @ Norths Netball Courts
Wallace St, Bucasia (9:00am – 1:00pm)

Wednesday 5th February @ Eimeo Road State School
Tuckshop area (3:15pm – 5:00pm)

**Training held at Wallace Street, Bucasia courts
(near Dolphins Soccer Grounds)**

To enquire email: northsnetball@hotmail.com

Or phone: Tina 0414 590721, Sharon 0400 246900 or
Leanne 0433 270666

MACKAY TOUCH

Mackay Junior Touch are running a Junior Touch Competition on Friday afternoons, for Boys and Girls in U6 through to U16. For more information go to www.mackaytouch.com.au under Junior tab.



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: 2013 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!! Your local AFL club affiliated to your school is the Mackay City Hawks with juniors from U7s to U18s.

Eimeo Road SS NAB AFL Auskick Centre

Sign on & 1st Session: Monday 10th Feb, 2014

Time: 3.15pm – 4.15pm (every Mon for 8 weeks)

Venue: Eimeo Road State School Oval

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. For the first time, Preps will have their very own introductory Auskick group (spaces are limited)! Also, students in year 3-6 can join the advanced AFL group.

Eimeo Road School Hockey Sign On & information Day

DATE: Saturday 8th February

TIME: 10.00am to 1.00pm

WHERE: Northern Beaches Bowls Club

AGE: Boys and girls aged from prep 5 years old to year 6's 12 years old.

All new and existing members welcome.

Come and join the fun of an Olympic sport.

For further information contact: Vicki Spyve on 0429 660 569.