Thursday 4 February 2016

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to 2016. We have had a fabulous start to the year with all 38 classes settling very well. This year promises to be a great year and I thank you for choosing Eimeo Road School for your child’s education. We take educating your child incredibly seriously and will continue to innovate our curriculum this year to ensure our school performance remains in the top bands.

Teachers are currently organising parent / teacher class meetings to inform parents about the year levels activities and to give parents the opportunity to discuss any concerns. Individual parent meetings will be offered in early Term 2, however teachers are very happy for parents to meet with them at any time once a suitable time has been discussed.

A huge welcome to all new students, Prep students and their families.

Class changes
Due to increased numbers which we did not predict, it may require us to change some year levels after Day 8. The year levels we may need to change are Years 2/3, Year 3 and Year 5. Minimal disruption will occur and we would be hoping to commence these changes as soon as possible after Day 8. Parents will be notified if changes are to be made to their child’s class.

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Did You Know

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
Prep Classes 2016

We welcomed 148 new Prep children to our school last Wednesday 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.

Prep H – Ms Hawkins

Prep C – Mrs Cahill

Prep S – Mrs Smith

Prep D – Ms Sinclair

Prep ED – Mrs Egerton & Mrs Dries

Prep J – Mrs Currie
Library Matters

“At the moment that we persuade a child, any child, to cross that threshold, that magic threshold into a library, we change their lives forever, for the better.”
Barack Obama

Hello everyone and welcome to 2016 at Eimeo and the fortnightly news from Our Library.

Every child, in every class will be ‘crossing that magical threshold’ into Our Library this week. This is a very exciting time for our students, particularly those in Prep who get to take a book home for the first time, in their brand new Library Bags.

Please make time to share excitement, the joy of reading and the books that your children bring home. Whether it be bedtime reading or simply talking about the books they borrow, the kids will love sharing their extra-special books with you, over and over and over again, for a whole week!

Our Library is also open for browsing and borrowing before school from 8:30 each morning. Please drop in when you have the time, say hello and check out what’s on display to inspire our young readers.

Things that may inspire our young readers in the coming weeks.....

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Our Library
Open Every Day from 8:30
First break 11:00 - 11:40
Second Break 1:00 - 1:40

BOOK CLUB

Book Club is a BIG deal here at Eimeo. Each year we earn lots of money to spend on Library books and classroom resources, thanks to the generosity of our families.

Your support helps us to get precious books into the hands, hearts and minds of our young readers.

Book Club brochures will be sent home seven or eight times throughout the year, with the first batch heading your way this Friday 5 February.

Simply ‘browse’ the brochures your kids bring home and fill in the attached order form if you wish to buy something.

We accept online credit card and cheque payments for Book Club. Cheques should be made payable to Scholastic Australia. All of the details are on the back of the brochures.

UNFORTUNATELY WE CANNOT ACCEPT CASH PAYMENTS for Book Club.

Issue 1 orders will be due back at school by next Friday 12 FEBRUARY. Please send orders with cheques or credit card payment receipt numbers to your child’s Teacher in an envelope or snap lock bag, with their name and class clearly written on the front.

Please remember that late orders can result in disappointment for you and the kids if Scholastic is unable to supply your items and issues a credit voucher instead.

Book Club is run by staff and community volunteers. If you have some time to spare to help us issue orders when they return to school, please let the Office know your contact details and they will pass them on.

Thanks again for supporting READING at Eimeo.

Sherie Carino

Regards
Helen & Sue
Welcome back to 2016!!!

A warm welcome to all of our new families. Eimeo Road State School hosts our annual Welcome Back dance on Thursday 18th February (Week 4) and our Prep and Year 1 classes are well under way learning and practising their moves for their 2 dances. Parents be aware that your boys and girls will be using you to teach their groovy moves to.

The PE Department would like to introduce the sports House Captain leaders to our Eimeo community:

Red (Keim) House – Sybrandt and Emily

Green (McColi) House – Lucas and Bailee

Gold (Edmonds) House – Mathew and Tahlia

AusKick is starting at ERSS

**Starts:** Monday 8th February  
(Week 3)
**Where:** Eimeo Road SS Oval 
**Time:** 3:15pm – 4:15pm 
**Cost:** $75 (6 week duration) 
**Contact:** Matt Bateman 0749510622 or matthew.bateman@aflq.com.au

Register and Pay online at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au) (online registration form must be printed and handed in on the 1st session)

Please make sure all boys and girls have closed in foot wear (laces or velcro) and a water bottle every day, especially important on their PE lesson days. 😊
P&C News

Email: pandc@eimeoroadss.eq.edu.au

Did you know we have a Facebook Group?

 Handy reminders & documents at hand!!

 Request to join today! Invite your ERSS friends!
 It’s easy.

Search for:

Facebook

P&C Meetings: 3rd Tues monthly 6.30pm
Staff Room All Welcome.

NEXT MEETING: 6.30pm Tues 16th Feb 2016 - AGM.

Hope to see you joining us! 😊

Make a difference & join our P&C.

Membership is FREE!

Even if you can only attend some meetings, it’s a great way to learn what’s happening at school, to participate and have a say.

Agendas and meeting minutes are emailed to members each month.

We need you - your ideas/skills!

Membership Application Forms are available at the school office, on the school website, at the Tuckshop, on our Facebook page or contact us on Email: pandc@eimeoroadss.eq.edu.au

Thank you

Eimeo Road State School
P&C

P&C News

Email: ersstuckshop@gmail.com
Ph. 0749 697 115 Or Danielle on 0416 592 406

OPEN EVERYDAY in 2016

Online Ordering for Tuckshop:

www.flexischools.com.au

Online ordering is quick and easy..... It also helps our staff in processing many lunch orders each day.

Please encourage your children to drop their tuckshop orders directly to the tuckshop BEFORE class.

“All” orders to be in by 9am at the latest please!

Please direct ALL queries regarding menu items, ingredients, orders to be cxxl’d due to a sick child or refund of flexi orders required to the tuckshop staff.

Lunch Times: 1st Break is 11am—11.30am
2nd Break is 1pm to 1.45pm.
Prep & Year 1 eat at 11am then play at 11.15am
Year 2 to 6 Play 1st then Eat 2nd

If your child runs out of time to come back and get their ice block or cold “collect from the tuckshop” item then please reassure them to bring their order bag back at 2nd break for collection. Service cuts off at the 5min bell before class resumes.

We need volunteers please! If you are able to help out this term, please contact our Senior Convener Danielle on the above contacts.

Big School
Lots of mouths to feed.

Thank you to our wonderful Volunteers!

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~ Uniform Shop ~
E: erssuniformshop@gmail.com
OPEN WEEKLY  Term 1  Tuesdays  8am – 9.30am
Online ordering vix: www.flexischools.com.au

HELP NEEDED!  Volunteers are vital to this service. Please be in touch if you have a few hours free regularly on a Tuesday morning (fortnightly or weekly).

Mental Maths  Yr 1 - Yr 6  $15 ea

~ Dollarmite Banking ~
EVEry TUesday
@ Uniform Shop 8.30–9.30am

We kick off again in Week 3!

Returning? Please update your ‘Class’ on your wallet so we know where to return it!

New? Please tell us when you drop wallets off so we can add you to the system.

Interested? Sign up at a Commonwealth Branch. School banking is a great way to teach students the importance of saving - earn a point each week you bank, 10 points can earn you a reward! Non-ERSS siblings are welcome too!
Porters Markets
Saturday 6th February 8am to 2pm in Porters Northern Beaches car park

Porters Northern Beaches hold market stalls every first and third Saturday of each month. This week they will have fresh organic fruit, vegetables and meat included in their stalls.

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 12th February 2016. 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.

Year 6 Eimeo Road Student nominated for Australia Day Award

Eleven year old Kelsea Thomson is a student and School Captain of Eimeo Road State School. Nominated this year in 2016 for an Australia Day Award in Mackay, Kelsea was one of the youngest Junior Sportspersons nominated to attend the awards ceremony at the MECC. Kelsea is tenacious, committed and constantly working on improving her skills to achieve higher levels in her chosen sports areas. Kelseas' aspirations, apart from her educational goals, include the desire to gain enough knowledge through training and meeting inspiring athletes and coaches to become a Sporting Coach one day herself. Baton Twirling, one of Kelseas' sporting prowess is a remarkable yet different athleticism she easily adhered to. Kelseas achievements and successes gained her outstanding results for somebody in her level of competition. Through training hours and a desire to gain a firm balance on the epic competitiveness installed in champion athletes, Kelsea has made strong headway by always giving her best in all her sports. Valuable, your time is important and beneficial to the Sporting Bodies you have supported. Thankyou for the opportunity to be a part of the admirable Mackay Junior Sportspersons Awards Australia Day.

Dates To Remember:
Tuesday 16 February – P&C meeting 6.30pm staff room
Thursday 18 February – Welcome Back Fancy Dress Dance
Tuesday 23 February – Year 3 Safety Circus
Monday 29 February – Year 6 leaders Badge presentation – Jason Costigan

Child and Adolescent Oral Health Services Mackay
(School Dental Service)
Dear Parents,
The School Dental Service is now offering services to students enrolled at your school. Medical/ Consent forms will be sent home and need to be fully completed and returned to the school office by: 12th February, 2016
The School Dental Service will contact the parent/guardian to make an appointment at Eimeo Primary School in Van 33
Further enquires please phone 0417 077 256
A parent /Guardian must transport and accompany their child to all appointments at this clinic.
For further information on this service, please visit our website: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/services/school.asp
Safe School Travel Group (SafeST)

The start to any school year at Eimeo Road State School can be hectic when it comes to the morning drop off and afternoon pick-up of your precious cargo. 2016 has been no exception.

Sadly we are an old school with new estates all around us. Parking continues to be an issue and we acknowledge the frustration this causes. The flow of traffic and access to parking around our school environs is essentially self-managed. As drivers and parents, we are the key to making it work. Be patient and courteous.

Let’s work together to lessen the problem by utilising the three access points on the school boundary with some sensible ideas.

✓ Arana Drive has 15 minute parking spaces along the fence line
✓ Porters car park is available for short term parking
✓ Keim Street has unlimited parking with a short walk to school
✓ Cahill Crescent has parking to suit the Prep parents and Year 1’s with a “shared” lane provided for walking or prams
✓ Stop-Drop-Go operates in the top carpark accessible off Cahill Crescent but NO PARKING
✓ Old Eimeo Road has parking in the ‘slip lane’ right down to Marlin’s Swim Centre
✓ Parking is allowed off the side of Old Eimeo Road on the grass verge in suitable weather
✓ Driftwood Court has parking with a laneway to access the supervised crossing
✓ Paddock parking is available at the sharp corner off Wallman’s Road right near the supervised school crossing on Mackay/Bucasia Road
✓ Delay your pick up by a few minutes and give the traffic time to clear
✓ Always, always, always let your children know what the pick-up arrangements are so they know when and where to be collected
✓ Staff supervise 3 exit points until at least 3.15pm
✓ Consider using the bus service if it suits your needs
✓ Organise to share being ‘mum’s taxi service’ with a friend or neighbour
✓ Observe the 40km/h School Zone and times
✓ Obey the Crossing Supervisors at all times

Set a good example for your children, they are going to grow up and drive just like you!

“Lookout, lookout, there are children about !”

Eimeo Road School Hockey
SIGN ON DAY

DATE:  Saturday 13th February 2015
TIME:  10.00am to 1.00pm
WHERE: Eimeo Road School Hall
AGE:  Prep 5years old to Year 6’s 12 years old
BOYS and GIRLS

Phone Michelle Friese for more information on 0413147464