

8th December 2014

Dear Family and Friends,



Tuesday 27 January 2015: First Day of School

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. It has been a very successful year and I am very proud of our students' achievements throughout the year. None of this would be possible without a wonderful, hardworking supportive staff, parent body and community. We are very fortunate at Eimeo to have forged great relationships with our families and built many positive and rewarding partnerships. Best wishes to you all.

I am sad to say farewell to an excellent teacher, Mrs Sue Corley. Mrs Corley will be retiring at the end of this week after working at Eimeo for the past 16 years as an upper school teacher. We wish her all the very best in retirement.

Farewell and thank you to Emma Starkie and Kristian Wells who will both be taking leave for 2015. We wish them all the very best for their further teaching career.

Farewell also to Amanda Martin, tuckshop convenor. Amanda has been working in our tuckshop for the past 6 years on both a volunteers and an employee capacity. We wish Amanda all the very best in her new position as tuckshop assistant at the Northern Beaches High School.

Limited TUCKSHOP this week: There will be limited stock Wednesday and Thursday as stocks are being run down in preparation for the holidays. Can we ask parents to please put a 2nd option down and discuss with your child that they may not get exactly what they ordered. Many thanks for your support and co-operation and thank you for supporting our tuckshop and Uniform shop throughout the year.

AWARD PRESENTATION

Congratulations to the following year 6 students on receiving these prestigious awards on Assembly this afternoon.

Tony MacFarlane Award - Amber McGrath
Lions Seaview Citizenship Award – Aree Lude
Beaches Baptist “Consider Others” Award –
Kasmin Rand and Gurkirt Singh
Auntie Maud, Spirit of Eimeo Award – Connor Thurgood.



Thank you very much to Mr & Mrs MacFarlane and Seanna Tyler, the Lions Club, Beaches Baptist Church and Auntie Maud for taking the time to attend parade and present the students with their award.

Well done students!



SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2015

Congratulations to all students who applied and presented speeches to obtain a leadership position in 2015. We had an incredible number of very worthwhile students apply with 17 being shortlisted for school captain. Well done to all!

Our 2015 school leaders were announced at parade today. The students will be officially presented with their badges at a special ceremony in early 2015.

School Leaders for 2015 are:

Girls' Captain Ruby Mecoles
Boys' Captain Hyrum Oliver
Vice Captains Ryan Dennis
and Nikki Willmore

Sports House Captains are:

Green – Alana Gee and Dylan Breckell
Gold – Lara Burnett and Lincon Burnett
Red – Jaydah Dorante and Riley Powell
Cultural Captain: Emma Cobb
Concert Band Leader: Ella Phillips
String Leader: Morgan Thaker
Marching Band: Ramallah Ford-Mooney



REPORT CARDS

Student report cards will be sent home with your child on Wednesday 10 December. Please take the time to talk to your child about their results and especially the comments that teachers have made. It is very important that children are congratulated on their **effort** as this is a true reflection of whether your child is working to their full potential. If you have any concerns about your child's report card or would like to discuss aspects on the report card, please arrange a suitable time with your child's teacher before the end of this week.

Thank you to Dalrymple Bay Coal Terminal

The school has received a donation of \$500 to assist with the breaky program, our wellbeing program and the many lunches we provide to children throughout the school. This will enable us to continue supporting our students and families in need throughout 2015.





Cael Landt and Aiden Lean from Prep V receive \$5 from Amanda and Sharon, Tuckshop Staff.

Prep V Say's "Merry Christmas"

Prep V are sharing the joy of giving this Christmas by donating to the K-Mart Wishing Tree.

By saving the money they have collected by selling their garden produce to parents and the tuckshop, they have chosen to purchase two gifts for The Salvation Army K-Mart Wishing Tree Appeal.

During the year they have run a market stall outside their classroom and also delivered fresh lettuce to the tuckshop door. One 'boy' gift and one 'girl' gift will be purchased after the children have agreed on what to buy by choosing from the catalogue. It is truly heart-warming to see that even our preps can appreciate that sometimes giving, is more rewarding than receiving.



2015 School Book drop off,

Thursday 22 Jan (8.30am to 9.30am ONLY)

To assist families and students with transition, we are making available an opportunity to drop books and supplies off before school commences on Tuesday 27 January. If families would like to take advantage of this, especially Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students, books can be brought in on Thursday 22 January from 8.30am to 9.30am and left in their room for 2015.

When families arrive (**ONLY BETWEEN 8.30 – 9.30AM**) staff in the tuckshop area will assist with what class and where it is. All teachers will be in rooms for this transition.

As staff then have Professional Development at 9.30am– they will NOT be available for discussions or interviews at that time.

End of Year Concert

Thank you to all staff and students for the wonderful End of Year Concert held last Thursday evening. A huge thank you to Wayne and Sharon Roberts for building our stage in 2 days ready for the performance. We were unable to borrow the stage from MCC as in previous years and to hire one was going to cost in excess of \$1000. Now, thanks to Wayne and Sharon we have our very own stage which now can also be used for Eimeo's Got Talent and the Northern Beaches Community Carols which will be held in our hall on Sunday 14 December.

Thank you also to the Northern Beaches Lions Club for providing food and drinks throughout the evening. They will donate the proceeds of the evening back to the school to put a shade sail over the play equipment near the shed.

Many thanks to all families for attending. We had a huge crowd and the children looked wonderful and performed beautifully. Have a wonderful holiday and we look forward to working with all families again in 2015.

Regards,
Mary



Uniform Shop opening dates: 2014 / 2015

Tues 9th Dec – Uniform Shop & Dollarmites 8am-11am
Wed 10th Dec – Uniform Shop 3pm-6pm
Tues 20th Jan – Uniform Shop 8am-11am
Wed 21st Jan – Uniform Shop 3pm-6pm
Thurs 22nd Jan – Uniform Shop 3pm-6pm
Tues 27th Jan – Uniform Shop 8am-11am
Wed 28th Jan – Uniform Shop 8am-11am



2015 Classes.

- 6 Prep classes: Teachers: PED Jacque Egerton & Sue Dries, PH – Ann Hawking, PP Teighan Payne, PS Jenny Smith, PK Ruth Kumar and 1 teacher still to be confirmed
- 6 Year 1 – 1C Julie Currie, 1CK Sherie Canino & Marilyn Kidd, 1LR Lisa Laird & Patsy Ritchings, 1P Stacey Potts, 1H Angela Heal and 1L Catherine Layton
- 6 Year 2 classes – 2F Therese Fricke, 2S Demelza Sinclair, 2M Naomi McIntyre, 2HR Tiffany Reynolds & Andrea Hutton, 2A Patricia Arthur, 2K Karen Roberts 2/3TW – Miranda Wesche and Cherie Tickle
- 6 Year 3 classes – 3A Vicki Ayre, 3F Tessa Flynn, 3C Cindy AhQuee, 3J Hayley Johnson, 3K Joanne Kennedy, 3H Naomi Hodgson
- 5 Year 4 classes – 4LR Judy Lansbury & Kirsten Reid, 4CW Anne Wesche & Nikki Chrzanowski,, 4CR Karen Crowley & Kirsten Reid, 4K Elissa Kocour, 4P Hayley Perkins
- 4 year 5 classes – 5W Jenny Whelan, 5H Rhonda Harris, 5A Joanne Anning, 5G Joe Giddings
- 5 Year 6 classes – 6C Jenny Cooper, 6L Stacey Lockman, 6P Terri Le Page, 6V Domenica van der Drift and 1 still to be advised.

NEWS FROM TUCKSHOP

NO FLEXISCHOOLS online orders this week. Stock is limited, please list a 2nd option & make your child aware they may not get their exact order.

Tuckshop is closed Friday 12th Dec The P&C and Tuckshop employees thank all who volunteered their time this year. It is greatly appreciated!



Safe School Travel Group (SafeST) –

Update for Arana Drive:-

Work in Arana Drive will recommence in January to complete the construction of a pedestrian island near Porters car park and line marking to provide safer conditions for all road users. The filling of the drain by Mackay Regional Council has provided our school and the C&K kindy with extra road side parking, kerbing, drainage, extended footpaths and lighting improvements. The traffic cones will be removed from the area once the watering of the new turf ceases and the water truck no longer needs access. Please note that a zebra crossing or a supervised school crossing are not a component of these council works.

Best wishes to our Eimeo "lollypop ladies" who will be taking a well-deserved break from traffic duties over the summer holidays.

To our community, if you are out and about on the roads over the silly season, buckle up, take care, travel safe and happy holidays.

Look out, look out, there are children about!!!



News from PCYC

Dashing into town
In a psycho hectic rush
Kids are really bored
Christmas is a fuss
Whether only one day
Or if you need it all
Bring your kids to PCYC
They will have a ball
Jingle bells jingle bells
It's not too late to book
Lots of things to play and do
Come and have a look
It's a busy time of year
Take a moment just for you
We'll entertain your kids
We have so much for them to do.
Jingle bells jingle bells
It's not too late to book
Lots of things to play and do
Come and have a look
Have a happy break
Stay safe and healthy too
Enjoy your family time
Merry Christmas to all of you
Merry Christmas and all the best for 2015 from all the staff at
PCYC Mackay – Eimeo Road



The talent 'pool' was deep and the standard high. A big congratulations to GOLD house on their victory. Special mention to our fantastic Age Champions:
9 Years – Lucas Clarke and Leila Lawson
10 Years – Leo Cruickshank & Dane Larsen, Jordan Denham
11 Years – Cody Poole, Nikki Wilmore
12 Years – Lachlan Ramsamy, Shae Clarke(See Pat for a picture!??) Be sure to keep up your fitness regimes over the holidays. We will see you in 2015 fitter and stronger!!

CASUAL POSITION VACANT – CROSSING SUPERVISOR

2 x casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Eimeo State School

The School Crossing Supervisor **may** be required to work five days per week in all *weather conditions*. The hours of work for School Crossing Supervisors are 1 hour and 30 minutes a day and usually comprise of 1 hour in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon. Commencement date (to be advised) with a Pay Rate of \$27.49 per hour. The successful applicants will be dependent on:

- The suitable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a GP of your choice according to the guidelines in the "Notes for Medical Practitioner" on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme – Health Assessment Form; (this is paid by the Department)
- A Positive Blue Card Notice (This is also paid by the Department and means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

If you are interested in the position please collect an application form from the School administration or contact Karen Cantoni (Road Safety officer) on 49 518331.

The School Crossing Supervisors Application is to be returned to School for the school Principal's recommendation.

PE News

Happy holidays everyone!! As the year comes to a close, the PE department would like to wish you all a restful and relaxing holiday. When considering Christmas shopping, please remember to nominate Eimeo Road State School as your school of choice for the Amart Sports Community Kickback recipient. Our last school sporting event took place on Wednesday 26th November – the twilight swimming carnival. Thank you to all the students, family members and staff for their support on the night.

