24 April 2015

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 2
Welcome back to a very exciting and full term and extend a special welcome to the families who have joined our lovely school this term. It is only 4 weeks till our bi-annual fair. Many thanks to everyone who has been working behind the scenes getting donations, organising tickets and prizes and stalls. We are well on the way to having a fabulous fair with lots of fun for all.

Term 2 is going to be an extremely busy term with plenty of school activities and extra-curricular events. **Term 2 Highlights:** Some of which include: Anzac Day School ceremony (school represented in both the Mackay and Northern Beaches marches), Cross Country, school photos, Naplan testing for Years 3 & 5 students, Mothers’ Day stall, sports days, report cards, Twilight Concert performances and our School Fair.

The first of these will be our annual Anzac day commemoration ceremony being held today, Friday at 1.45pm followed by the students and staff marching at the Mackay and Northern Beaches Commemorative Services. Thank you to Mr Covey and Mrs New for preparing our students for the Anzac Day services. The Concert Band and choir will both be performing at the ceremony. On Anzac day our school will be led by our Marching Band. This year the band consists of the steel drums and the marching drums. The children will march through the streets of Mackay then lead the Northern Beaches March at 10.20am. I am very proud of our school’s cultural groups and our students and parents for their continued support and participation in events such as Anzac Day. Thank you to all who have nominated to participate in these marches. A special thank you to all parents and staff for your continued support for our school. Eimeo again will have a great response at both of the marches.

**National Testing - Naplan**
Students in Years 3 & 5 will be undertaking the National testing on Tuesday 12, 13 and 14 May. The children have been working very hard in preparation leading up to these tests. Parents, before the test, we ask that you ensure your child has a good night’s sleep and a good breakfast before school on each of these days. Parents will receive their child’s report in September and our school’s results will be published on the My School website as well as our school website in Our School’s Annual Report.

If you would like to know more information about these tests please contact the school on 49697111.

**School Attendance**
Well done Eimeo on achieving an attendance of 94.4% for Term 1. We were travelling very well in Term 1 till the final week of school. Parents, the children have 2 weeks holiday, to remove them early does affect their learning and these opportunities can never be made up. The last day of school only saw 71% of students attend. Let’s all work together this term to reach our Goal of 95% for TERM 2.

Congratulations to 295 children for achieving 100% & 99% attendance in Term 1. These children were recognised for their super effort by being presented a certificate and a pencil. Thank you to parents for recognising that School is Important, and for sending
Healthy Eating: While focussing on higher attendance we are also looking at ways to make the most of school. This includes healthy eating. For students to function at their time best they need to have had a good breakfast and have food in their lunch box that will sustain them throughout the day. Some of these foods include fruit, sandwiches etc with a reduction in the number of packets of chips, shapes and sugary foods.

I would ask parents to help support healthy eating for their children by providing a well-balanced lunch box and minimising the amount of other foods bought to school. Please note that the tuckshop food is highly monitored and all foods sold at the tuckshop are based on a rating system of green, amber or red, so a pie purchased at the tuckshop is of possibly a higher nutritional quality than elsewhere. We do not sell foods in the red category.

Parents, please remember to name student lunch boxes, containers and water bottles.

Winter Uniform (policy on Page 11 of the student’s communication book)

Green jumpers or green trackpants are to be worn — all clothing is to be clearly marked with your child’s name. Layer dressing allows for the removal of warmer clothes due to weather conditions or physical activity. The school has a green jacket with emblem which is available from the Uniform Shop. Students are able to wear tracksuit pants and jumper over their school uniform during colder weather. Tracksuit pants and jumpers should be of a green or black colour ONLY. Jeans and / or hoodies are NOT to be worn.

Stop Drop & Go

If you use the schools Stop Drop & Go please let the office know your child’s surname and class so the P&C can make up a sign like below to be placed on your cars front dash to assist teachers/staff with calling children to your car. These will be delivered to your child’s class.

Please Remember!

THIS IS A NO STANDING ZONE. PARKING OR LEAVING YOUR VEHICLE IN THIS ZONE IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME.

Stop Drop & Go is from 8am—9am then from 3pm ONLY> Please Delay by 10 mins

Staff supervision till 3.20pm

To ensure student safety, especially from 3pm when 950+ students are trying to leave school grounds:

ROAD RULES APPLY TO ALL! BREAK THE LAW, YOU’LL BE FINED.

BE SAFE, BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL.

- Do not get out of your vehicle except to open a child-locked door.
- Please ensure your child gets into the car promptly and puts their seat belt on before driving off.
- If your child is not ready for collection, move along and loop around Cahill Cres, or you will hold up the flow of traffic.

Also please don’t block the flow of traffic in Cahill Cres or pull up in front of or park in residents driveways. Mackay Police will be monitoring this.

Outside of Eimeo Road school grounds is not the responsibility of school staff. All roads, street parking, bus stops, lollypop areas & road markings are under the authority of Mackay Regional Council &/or Department of Main Roads.

Thankyou.
Friendly reminders

Student Resource Hire Fees $40.00 - Term 2 Min payment – Due by 01/05/15

Life Education $6.00 – Due by 26/06/15 – You may have already paid for this when paying your Student Resource Hire Fees last term.

Year 5 Laptop Repayment $240.00 – Sem 1 – Due by 26/06/15

Year 6 Laptop Repayment $100.00 – Term 2 – Due by 26/06/15

Instrumental Music Levy $120.00 or $60.00 – Past Due

Canberra Excursion All families should have paid at least $700 by 27/03/15 or have contacted the school to make arrangements. A further 500.00 is due by 26/06/2015.

Rugby League $30.00 – Past Due – Please ensure these fees are fully paid prior to the next game.

School Photos School Photos will be conducted on 28th and 29th May. All orders and correct monies for this are to be sent to school on the day of your child’s photo. The school does not store the envelopes and or money for school photos as the envelopes are given directly to the photographer on the day of your child’s photo.

News – This year we have introduced to new ways to help busy parents pay their accounts.

Centrepay – Minimum payment of $30.00 per fortnight required. Please see administration for an application. Pay by phone – Pay by phone using your visa or mastercard.

STORY ABOUT ANZAC SPIRIT

By Charli 6P

I believe ANZAC spirit is a short word for a number of qualities which all of us, not just men and women serving in the Navy, Army and Air Force, can use in our everyday lives. The ANZAC spirit represents a sense of purpose and direction. The original ANZAC’s knew what they had to do, they knew of the dangers and the difficulties but they got down and did not let those difficulties stop them from obeying their orders. It is true that the whole campaign did not achieve what was hoped for. But the soldiers on the ground stayed until their leaders decided it was time to withdraw. The Australian soldiers had an incredible determination and zest for life. These ANZACs fought as they lived – bravely, openly and independently. They continuously displayed an immense amount of courage and compassion. But above all, the ANZACs valued mateship. This quality was so important to the ANZACs that a man would die for his mates.

Get your family active and eating well

Local families can now sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are now open for a group to commence in Mackay in term 2, 2015. There is a few places available but get in quick, the group is filling up fast!

The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of everyday life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight their age.

It consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each. The first 9 sessions are held weekly within the school term. Ongoing individualised family support is offered through the second half of the program ending with one final group session.

Some of the topics covered include nutrition skills, relationships with food and eating, changing family lifestyle behaviours and making healthy eating affordable. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.

The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered by the Queensland University of Technology.

If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au
P&C News – Term 2

Online Orders for Tuckshop & Uniforms:
www.flexischools.com.au

**UNIFORM SHOP**

FORTNIGHTLY Tuesdays
(ODD weeks of Term 2) 8am – 9.30am
Runout skorts & mesh shorts $5 ea.
Sz 16 White Polos $5 (limited stock)
Jackets $35 ea.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

EVERY TUESDAY at the Uniform Shop
8.30am – 9.30am

**MOTHERS DAY STALL**

Wed 6th, Thurs 7th & Fri 8th - Week 3.
3pm-10am
@ the Uniform Shop.
Plenty of gifts from $1 to $8 each.

If you’re able to assist on the stall, we’d love your help. Please let the P&C know.

**P&C Meetings - 3rd Tues monthly.**

Next meeting: Tues, 19th May, 6pm
@ school staff room – all welcome!

Hope to see you joining us!

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Tuckshop News

**Term 2 - Week 2**

E: ersttuckshop@gmail.com Ph: 0749 697 115

**Under NEW Management**

Please welcome our new Tuckshop staff:
Senior Managing Convenor Danielle Tassan
Assistants Hana, Jessica & Maria

All orders to be in by 9am at the latest please.
Please ensure you fill out your brown paper bag orders correctly, as new staff may not be able to process your order correctly.

See Example >

At this stage,
TERM 2 ONLY
OPEN
WED, THU, FRI
(Mon operation being reviewed)

Come on in and rub shoulders with our qualified chef, pastry chef and friendly assistants — they’re a wealth of valued experience.

They’re excited to meet our wonderful ERSS community!

A flyer is coming home, asking for volunteers, feedback & other assistance — your help will be greatly appreciated.

Thank You 😊

**Tuckshop Volunteers Roster:**

**Week 2**

Wed 29th: Wendy Dodds
Thur 30th: Jill Rod
Fri 1st: Bianca York, Chris Scott, Leanne Camilleri

**Week 3**

Wed 5th: Michael Frenk
Thur 7th: Jane McNichol
Fri 8th: Nicole Hehir, Chris Scott (2a), Nicky Haig

Thank you to our wonderful Volunteers!

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