

Monday 2nd February 2015

Dear Parents and Friends,

PLEASE NOTE THAT EIMEO SCHOOL IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Welcome back to 2015. We have had a fabulous start to the year with all 39 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.

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

Prep Classes 2015

We welcomed 136 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.

Prep S



Prep P



Prep ED



Prep C



Prep K



Prep H



Regards, Mary

Our School Goals

Every year we choose to shine a spotlight on certain aspects of our school. For this year we will be focusing upon Reading, Writing, Number concepts and Attendance. For our teachers, they will be focusing upon Collegial Coaching and Faces on the Data (focus on 5).

In the coming newsletters I will outline our targets and aims. Last year we reached a total of 93.5% attendance, just a little short of our 94% target.

Uniform

Our uniform looks absolutely fantastic! Thank you to our hard working P&C and uniform shop volunteers who have worked over the holidays and first few days of school to ensure that everyone has a uniform. Please ensure that the children's hats are all named very clearly so that we can return them if they are misplaced.

Parent Information Session – “Who’s Talking to Your Kids”

Parents are invited to attend a parent information session on Thursday 5th February at 6pm in the School Library. The session will be conducted by Sgt Nigel Dalton and he will talk about cyberbullying and keeping your kids safe while online. The Year 5 & 6 children will be having a session on Cyberbullying during the day and this is a session for all parents who allow their children to use the internet, mobile phones and work online on social networks.

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

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 6th February 2015. 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

Before and After School Playground Rules:

The Playground Area (fort and swings) is out of bounds to all children before and after school. This is for the safety of all children and is a requirement of the Workplace and Safety school policy. Please ensure your children do not play in these areas.

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.
- Please do NOT park in driveways of residence.

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 their 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. Porters car park is only for short parking stays not for school functions where parking may be for over an hour.



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.

PE News

Welcome back to all our sporty Eimeo Road children!! In these hotter months we would like to remind everyone to have their water bottles at school every day. The students will bring them to PE classes, to enable them to get a quick drink during our active lessons. Can we please remind all families that all children need closed in shoes – Velcro or laces – for PE lessons. It is a safety issue during lessons, if inappropriate footwear is worn. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding.

To all our shoppers out there, the Amart Community Kickback program is still running throughout 2015. If you are already an Amart team member you can link your card online to automatically choose Eimeo Road State School as your chosen community group. The school account number is 0705001067, if you would like to link your cards.

Our school Welcome Back dance will be held on Thursday 19th February. Our Preps, Year 1s and 2s are conscientiously practising their dances during PE lessons, in preparation for the night. Feel free to question your child/ren to show you the moves, so you can join us on the night also. The 3s, 4s, 5s and 6s will be using either their Monday (Year 3 and 4) or Friday (Year 5 and 6) afternoon sport sessions to get themselves dance ready.

We hope you are having a fantastic beginning to the 2015 school year, and look forward to keeping you updated throughout the year on all the ERSS sports news.

Library Matters

Welcome to our 2015 Prep students and their families and all of the other new members of our Eimeo community.

Your child will have their first class visit to Our Library this week. This is a particularly exciting time for the Preps who get to take a book home and share it with their family, for the very first time!

Please take the time to ride their wave of enthusiasm by showing interest in the book your child brings home.

READ it again and again and again and...

Talk about the characters, what happens to them in the story, and the bits your child enjoys the most. Show your child that you value reading and books by setting aside a special place for them to keep their library books (and Library Bag) out of harm's way while they are at home.

Why not drop in before or after school and let your child show you around Our Library. We are open from 8:30 every morning and till 3:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and would love to meet you.

"Children are made readers on the laps of their parents" - Emilie Buchwald

Regards Helen

Dates To Remember

Thurs 5 Feb	Parent session "Who's talking to your kids" 6pm in Library
Tues 10 Feb	Parent session Born Survivors Prevention and Resilience 6.30pm library
Tues 17 Feb	P&C Meeting 6pm
Thurs 19 Feb	Welcome Back Dance
Tues 24 Feb	Year 3 Safety Circus
Tues 17 Feb	Cyber Wise Arts Council Visit
Sun 22 March	Choral Festival practise
Mon 23 March	Choral Festival Mackay Entertainment Centre
Fri 27 March	Fair – bring a bottle receive points
Sun 29 March	Instrumental Music Camp
Thurs 2 April	P – 2 Easter Bonnet parade
Thurs 2 April	Last day Term 1
Holidays 3 April to Monday 20 April	
Term 2 commences Monday 20 April	



P&C News

Email:

pandc@eimeoroadss.eq.edu.au

Term 1 - Week 2 - 2015

Joined our Facebook Group?? Invite your friends...



Eimeo Road State School P&C Noticeboard
Closed Group

TUCKSHOP

Email: ersstuckshop@gmail.com

New Menu and price list went home last week along with our NEW MONDAY MUNCHIES flyer. Copies at the office & online.



Note, correction on page 2 of the new menu sent home stated the Rainbow Quiche was DF (dairy free) & V(meat free) allergen labelled. The DF listing is incorrect as it does contain cheese. The P&C & Tuckshop staff apologies for this error.

Volunteers appreciated please, forms have been sent home, or contact P&C or Tuckshop.

www.flexischools.com.au

Online Ordering for Tuckshop or Uniforms: UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform Shop opens Tuesdays Term 1, 8am - 9.30am

A BIG THANKYOU to the mums & dads who helped during Uniform Shop back to school rush! It was very, very busy & your time was greatly appreciated.

Karen, Amy, Annette, Wendy, Lydia, Mr Chris, Marnie & Vick.

Dollarmite Banking starts Week 3 - Feb 10th



P&C Meetings - 3rd Tuesday monthly.
The next meeting will be February 17th @ 6pm in the school staff room.
EVERYONE WELCOME
😊

MEET THE PLAYERS AT THE NRL BRISBANE BRONCOS KIDS CLINIC

NRL Development in conjunction with the Brisbane Broncos are hosting a fun coaching clinic for kids aged 6 - 14yrs.

Participants who participate in the clinic will have an opportunity to meet, greet and gain autographs from the 2015 Broncos Trial Team.

**VENUE: MACKAY JUNIOR RL GROUNDS
CASEY AVENUE, MACKAY**

DATE: FRIDAY 6 FEB, 2015

TIME: 4:15PM - 5:45PM

FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
RENAE KUNST ON 0417068132 OR RKUNST@NRL.COM.AU

Eimeo Road School Hockey Sign On & information Day

DATE: Sunday 8th February 2015
TIME: 10.00am to 1.00pm
WHERE: Northern Beaches Bowls Club
AGE: Prep 5years old to Year 6's 12 years old
BOYS and GIRLS

Invitation for Parents

Born Survivors
Prevention and Resilience.

Sadly suicide impacts many thousands of Australian families every year.

The government and health sectors have developed programs and resources aimed at reducing suicide particularly amongst young people and there has been some success.

Nevertheless people are still taking their own lives.

Suicide Prevention

Australia FOCUS ON THE FAMILY

Next Training:
Tues 10 Feb 2015
6:30-9:00 pm

Eimeo Road State School

Contact Jabin
jmusicworks@gmail.com

Or
Sgt Nigel Dalton
4968 3560



Sign on dates for Northern Suburbs Junior Rugby League Club.

There will be representatives at the Mackay Regional Sports Expo Sign On Day at the MECC on 8/2/15 (9am-1pm) as well as a 'Come and Try Day' on the field at Mackay Norths Leagues Club on 28/2/14 (10am-2pm).