



10 June 2014

Dear Parents and Friends,

Uniform

Does your child have their own hat?

It has come to my attention that students without hats are taking others and then writing their name on it or just wearing it. Can all parents please check their child's hat and ensure that names are written clearly. If your child has someone else's hat please return it to the school.

All possessions **MUST** be named especially hats and jumpers. Your cooperation to ensure that all personal property is named would be appreciated.

Attendance

2014 Target is Year 95%

To date 94.6% down on Term 1 which was 94.9%

Thank you to the many families who value their child receiving an education. Days absent this semester is displayed on your child's report card.

Children, who have had 100% attendance this term, will be presented with a certificate and pencil next term. Students with less than 2 days absent for the semester will be treated to a special lunch next term.

It is very disturbing when I receive emails from staff saying that some students are having large amounts of time off. If students are so sick, then medical certificates should be provided. It has been brought to my attention that in one class a student has had over 64% of this term off. Attendance at school is compulsory for all students over the age of 6. Parents are asked to provide information to the school if their children are absent. If they have regular absences, medical certificates **MUST** be presented to the school. **EVERY DAY COUNTS**

Report Cards

Teachers are currently discussing their classes data with either the Deputy Principal's or myself and it is very pleasing to see how hard most students are working and the progress they are making. Teachers are also finalising the end of Semester 1 report cards which will be distributed on Friday 27 June.

If your child is away on the last day of term, then reports will be held till Term 3. Families leaving Eimeo will have reports mailed to your forwarding address or school. I ask families to look towards the Effort Rating. This tells how hard children are working in these subjects.

Parents are always very welcome to make an appointment with their child's teacher to discuss the reports or their child's progress.

Sports Day

This year, sports day will be another very exciting day for all as every child will participate in a rotation of sporting activities. Parents are very welcome to attend these days and cheer on their children. Students are encouraged to wear their sporting house colours on the days they are competing. Participation ribbons will be given to all students at the Infant Sports Day and Senior students will compete for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place ribbons and aged champion. Best wishes to all participants. Program included in this newsletter.

Athletics events - Wednesday 11 June. These events are being held from 8.40am to 12pm. (800m events, high jumps for girls and boys) all other events for students from Y 3 – 6 will be held on Friday 13 June.

Infant Sports Day – Thursday 12 June from 9am to 11am on the oval.

Senior Sports Day Friday 13 June – all day

Tuckshop.

Tuckshop will operate as normal for next week (sports days). Thursday the P&C will be selling cakes, slices, sandwiches, tea, coffee and drinks from the oval for parents and students wishing to purchase.

Friday – BBQ sausage sizzle, cakes and drinks will be selling from the oval.

CQ Sporty Schools' Conference

On Monday 26th May, Mr Noel Reynolds, our PE teacher and I attended the CQ Sporty Schools Conference in Gladstone. The Sporty Schools Project is a project in which our school is involved with the view to reducing the level of adult obesity by having children involved in sport at a young age and then carrying that love of participation in sport through to their adulthood. At the conference we heard from a number of internationally acclaimed speakers, including Dr Ben Williams from the Australian Council for Health on international trends of HPE delivery. We also heard from medical professionals about the obesity epidemic that is becoming part of Australian society.

Over the next twelve months we look forward to putting in place some of the ideas learnt at the conference in order to engage young children in sport participation.

Prep Enrolment for 2015

Enrolments are open for students commencing Prep in 2015. Children born 1st July 2009 to 30th June 2010 are eligible to commence Prep in 2015.

Again, in Term 3 & 4 we will commence our transition program from Kindy to Prep every Wednesday to visit our library.

If you know anybody who has a school aged child starting Prep in 2015, please encourage them to enrol and we will discuss our transition program.

Learners' LAB: A fortnightly update on Literacy, Arithmetic and Behaviour (Weeks 5&6)

 Literacy	Power Pairs Add a word to a word from the vocabulary wall to make a dynamic combination e.g. the elusive player, an elusive prey, or an elusive score
 Arithmetic	Time What time are you doing things each day? When do you have breakfast? When do you go to bed? How long does it take you to get ready? Are you faster or slower than mum?
 Behaviour	Be respectful: Speak respectfully to adults, also known as, no back chat.

Safe School Travel (SafeST) Group

Reminder for drivers on Cahill Crescent

- Cahill Crescent is a "shared" roadway that flows in one direction only, and loops from Keim Street back onto Keim Street.
- The speed limit is **10kph**.
- Cahill Crescent is also the access road into the schools **Stop/Drop/Go zone** in the staff car park on school grounds.
- The lane for vehicle traffic on Cahill Crescent is on the right hand side.
- The lane on the left is for parking and pedestrians.
- Car parking is provided in **marked spaces**.
- **Pedestrians** must also use this lane and stay inside the unbroken white line.

The message is simple....slow down, give way to pedestrians, park in designated parking spaces and be respectful of the local residents who need access to their driveways at all times.

To those parents of our younger students who are parking in Keim Street and taking the walk to the school entrance near Prep, you are helping ease the traffic burden around our school. Well Done! Thank you also to members of staff who are leaving Cahill Crescent clear all day and parking in other areas.

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



Dates to Remember

Monday 9 June	Queen's Birthday holiday
Tuesday 10 June	Fanfare
Wed 11 June	Athletics events
Thurs 12 June	Infant sports day (P – 2)
Fri 13 June	Senior sports day (3 – 6)
Tues 17 June	P&C meeting
Thurs 19 June	Show holiday
Fri 20 June	Under 8's day celebrations
Mon & Tues 23 & 24 June	Teaching, Learning and Discipline Audit
Fri 27 June	Report Cards distributed / last day Term.
Fri 8 August	Super Hero Fun Run

Term 3 commences Monday 14 July

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Options for dealing with children's behaviour

Many problems with children can be avoided completely if parents remember four basic ideas

1. Give children positive feedback when they do the right thing.
2. Encourage children to share their experiences with you.
3. Create lots of opportunities for children to be involved with interesting and engaging activities.
4. Show a genuine interest in what they are doing.

There is a wide range of options for dealing with children's behaviour. Here are some general principles on dealing with misbehaviour in children. If you follow these general ideas, many headaches over children's behaviour can be avoided.

- ⇒ Do set limits (... "no swearing"; "ride only up to the sign then come back")
- ⇒ Do praise your child for behaving appropriately (... "that's good setting the table"; "thank you for helping")
- ⇒ Do respond to misbehaviour immediately, consistently and decisively
- ⇒ Do respond to misbehaviour by describing what the child has done wrong (... "you ran over Johnny's leg with your bike")
- ⇒ Do respond to misbehaviour by telling the child what would have been more acceptable (... "next time use your words to tell your sister that she hurt you. Do not push her.")
- ⇒ Do back up your instructions or reasonable requests by using natural or logical consequences, quiet time or time out (... "you didn't put the rubbish out like I asked, you will miss out on 5 mins TV")
- ⇒ Do remain calm when speaking to a child who is upset or who has misbehaved
- ⇒ Do speak calmly but firmly to your child when they misbehave
- ⇒ Do act quickly. Don't threaten to act.
- ⇒ Do deal with the problem yourself rather than threatening with someone else's action
- ⇒ Do try to prevent problems by ensuring that your child has plenty of interesting and engaging things to do
- ⇒ Do discuss rules with your child and give him a chance to be involved in deciding on family rules or punishments – this will give them more ownership over decisions and consequences
- ⇒ Do expect reasonable behaviour from your child but don't expect perfection

(Adapted from *Every Parent - A positive approach to children's behaviour* by Matthew Sanders)

Music Notes

This Tuesday at the Mackay North Community Hall, our school Concert Band and String Ensemble will be competing in the state wide 'Fanfare' Band competition. **Concert Band** will perform approx. **9.25am**, and **String Ensemble** at **11.25am**. Please come and support this event which only occurs every 2 years. All families and friends are welcome. Students who are performing are again reminded that they are to be attired in their **white long sleeved collared shirt, long black pants, black shoes and socks**, and are expected to be at school no later than **8am**. Rehearsals have also commenced for choirs for the 2014 Eisteddfod. Should you wish for your child to participate, please collect a permission form from the music room. Many thanks for your support of the music programmes at Eimeo Road state school. **Rob Covey.**



INSIDE FUN, OUT OF THE SUN

For primary school aged boys and girls

(children aged 5—12 years)

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admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au

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9.30am to 11.00am

**WHERE: Our New Gym!!! 5 Snow Wright Court,
Beaconsfield**

WHEN : Wednesday 2nd July 2014

Friday 4th July 2014

Wednesday 9th July 2014

Friday 11th July 2014

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

MR MAGIC



Children from Prep to Year 7 are invited to attend a magic show presented by local magician Mr. Magic. It's a wonderful, magical and unforgettable day for magic tricks and illusions. Parental supervision is required.

Monday, July 7
Winton Community Hall (11am - 11am)

Wednesday, July 9
Gordon White Library (10am - 11am)

Friday, July 11
Gordon White Library (10am - 11am)

Tuesday, July 8
Mackay City Library (10am - 11am)

Thursday, July 10
Mackay City Library (10am - 11am)

Bookings are essential and will open on Monday, June 16.