Friday 11 September

Dear Parents and Friends,

Dates to remember:
Term 4 starts Tuesday 6 October

Tuesday 15 Sept – Multicultural Day
Tuesday 15 Sept – P&C meeting 6.30pm – staff room. All welcome
Wednesday 16 Sept – Year 4 parents – Laptop 2016 meeting – Library 6pm
Thursday 17 Sept – Twilight Concert – choirs, concert band, strings, drums – all welcome 6pm hall
Friday 18 Sept – dress like a Pirate Day – last day term.

Term 4:
Tues 13 Oct – strings, concert band and steel drums perform- Eisteddfod items
Mon 19 Oct – PUPIL FREE DAY
Mon 19 Oct – 6.30pm Show Choir perform Mackay Eisteddfod
20 Oct – Prep / Year 1 choir 1pm Mackay Eisteddfod / P&C meeting
Thurs 22 Oct – 1pm Year 4 choir perform
Thurs 22 Oct – 6.30pm Year 5/6 choir perform Mackay Eisteddfod
Fri 23 Oct – Grandparents Day
Fri 30 Oct – World Teachers Day

Fence across Arana Drive
Over the September holidays, a high fence will be erected across the back of our oval from the C&K kindy to the top Prep access gate in Arana Drive. The school’s Safe St Committee has been working with Council for a number of years to improve parking, access and safety in and around our school. When the drain was enclosed in 2014, this created more parking spaces but did not assist with the safety of our students crossing this road as students exit from many points.
Once the fence is erected, the school will ask all children exiting the school via Arana Drive to assembly near the Porters exit gate. Mrs Orchard, will be supervising the children at this exit point to ensure safety of all our students. Parents are asked to collect the children from this point. If parents delay their arrival at the school by 10 or 15mins they may be able to pull up immediately in front of that gate rather than parking and walking. Children will not be permitted to cross the road without an adult / older student.

The access gate near Manning Street, will still be available for Prep / Year 1 families to walk their child to Prep using the path leading to Prep.

Special Announcement
Keep your eyes out for our special edition Library Matters and Multi-Cultural Day Newsletter – lots of stories and pictures, being sent home on Wednesday.
Northern Beaches Community Day

Thank you to all who sent in items for the Community Day stall on Father’s Day. As you can see from the picture, the goodies were beautifully presented and labelled. Many customers commented on how great everything looked. A big thank you also to staff who sold items throughout the day. All proceeds will go towards “Clubs” at Eimeo. We have had a request from students to commence a Sandpit club and for more lego resources to be made available for the lego clubs. The $520 raised on this day will go towards assisting these clubs and the many other clubs at Eimeo. Well done and thank you Eimeo cooks.

Canberra. This dedication was seen in the past weeks when staff travelled to Melbourne, Sovereign Hill and Canberra with 85 Year 6 children for 8 days on an unforgettable experience. The feedback from all has been very positive and the children represented our school beautifully.

Last Friday, we had the bus driver call the school to say that he had never done this before, but this group of students were the best group that he has had the privilege to escort around Canberra. Very well behaved, well mannered, courteous and polite. WELL DONE Canberra travellers. Many thanks to the 8 staff who organised and prepared the children for this memorable trip.

Are you aware of the opportunities children are offered at Eimeo?

As students in Year 6 are writing their application for Scholarships at Mackay Northern Beaches State High School I am reading about the many opportunities they have had at Eimeo in academic, cultural and sporting. This list is some of the highlighted opportunities children are offered: Multicultural Day, Come and Try days for different sports, Bike Ed for Year 4, Swimming, Optiminds, Readers Cup, McDonald’s Maths, Stings Program, Woodwind Brass and Percussion, Chess Club, Student Council, Year 6 Leadership Program, Choirs for Prep, Year 1,2,3, 4,5,6, Fife Band, Steel Drums, African Drums, Guitar Club, Girls Choir, Year 6 self-esteem program for girls, bike maintenance lunch time program, AFL for Girls Friday, Sporty Schools, tennis, hockey, Year 5 Kinchant Dam Camp, Year 6 Canberra Excursion, lego club and many more. Most of these are run by staff during lunch break and before school. Our dedicated and hard working staff are committed to ensuring that children are equipped with not only excellent academic skills but also extra curricular skills. Thank you to all our staff for all that you do for Eimeo.
2016 Enrolments or Change of Schools

In the first week after the holidays, all children will take home a letter asking families to indicate whether they will be returning to Eimeo in 2016 or not. This information gives us an indication of classes and staffing for next year. It is vital that we have an accurate indication of numbers so that can ensure adequate classroom spaces and staffing is appointed.

Multicultural Day

Next Tuesday, 15 September, our school will celebrate Multicultural Day. It is a time when we recognise the many cultures we have within our Eimeo School community. The day will commence with Year levels talking about one culture in each room. We have many families and invited guests leading these sessions for teachers. At 11am the children will participate in a lunch of Aussie sausages, Mexican Nachos, Italian Spaghetti Bolognaise and Chinese fried rice (this is always a hit with the children). In the afternoon the school will participate in a concert in the hall. Many thanks to the guests and artists who have willingly given their time to share their culture with our children. Parents are very welcome to join us for part of the day or the concert at 1.45pm

Traffic Around the School

It is very disappointing to see that parents are NOT keeping the safety of our children and courteous behaviour towards the residents around the school in mind when they come to drop off and pick up their children. Cars in Cahill Cres are parking in driveways, driving on footpaths and over gutters to escape the traffic. Commencing today, we are going to shut the gate leading into the school and open it at 3pm. Parents are asked NOT to come to the school before 3pm – school finishes at 3pm.

Cars will be asked to do the loop until the gates open. If you have older children, please do not arrive at school till 3.15pm – all the children are supervised in the Stop, Drop, Go area till 3.30pm.

Porters have kindly offered for families to park in their car park while they pick up and drop off children. Slow Down and park in correct zones.

Safe School Travel (SafeST) Group

School holidays are upon us. Please take care on the roads and highways if you are on the move. Travel safe, survive the drive and see you back at school in Term 4.

Over the two week break a new fence will be constructed along our boundary in Arana Drive. One main exit and entry point opposite Porters will facilitate a safe and orderly movement of children to cross Arana Drive at the concrete median island provided or continue along the footpath.

This will assist the safety and protection of our students as they enter and exit our grounds in the morning and afternoon. Remember 40 km/h in a school zone 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Mackay Regional Council and Transport Main Roads have recommended this ‘single’ gate approach since a road safety audit was conducted and council improvements were made to fill the open drain in this area.

At this point in time a supervised school crossing is NOT planned for Arana Drive. Responsibility for personal safety rests with each and every one of us.

“Lookout, lookout, there are children about…”

Money Matters

Friendly reminders

- **Student Resource Hire Fees** – Full Payment – Past Due 24/07/15
- **Canberra Excursion 2016 Deposit** - $100.00 - Past Due 22/08/15
- **Netball Gala Day** - $3.00 per week – Due 11/09/15
- **Steve Jackson Gala Day** - $3.00 – Due 11/09/15
- **Swimming** - $30.00 – 15/09/15
- **Year 5 Laptop Repayment** - $240.00  – Sem 2 – Due 20/11/15
- **Year 6 Laptop Repayment** - $100.00  – Term 3 – Due 18/09/15
- **Instrumental Music Levy** - $120.00 or $60.00 – Past Due
- **Eisteddfod Choirs** - $10.00 per choir  - Past Due

We have introduced a new payment method called BPOINT to make paying your accounts easier. It is one of our preferred payment methods and encourage you to participate. BPOINT is available for parents to make credit card payments from the comfort of their home or from their smartphones. All the information required to make a BPOINT payment will now be available on invoices and debtor statements. Parents can visit [www.bpoint.com.au/payments/deter](http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/deter) and enter the details and make payments online. Please save this web address to your favourites for future use. It really is a quick and convenient method of payment that I hope you find useful.

Thank you to all the families paying their accounts through BPoint.
Congratulations to the following student/s:
  • Ziggy Hamilton – Mackay District Cricket Team

Term 3 saw an introduction to Sporting Schools at ERSS. The school applied for and received a grant to run lunch time activities with our students. Rugby League has been conducting 3 clinics a week for the duration of 4 weeks at ERSS. All of our boys and girls, from Prep to Year 6 had the opportunity to participate. Coaches Renae and Jim were fantastic, taking the children through lots of drills, games and obstacle courses during the time. As a special bonus, the children whom participated received a free footy!!

Term 4 will see the continuation of the lunch time activities for our students. Starting Week 4, Basketball will be held, with 2 coaches coming to take our students through fun games and drills in the Hall area. These clinics will run for 4 weeks. Due to space and eating area constraints, this will can only be run for our Year 2 – 6 boys and girls. The Prep and Year 1 boys and girls will be participating in a basketball unit during their PE lessons. We look forward to seeing lots of boys and girls take advantage of such wonderful in-school, free of charge, clinics.
Many of our boys and girls from Years 2 upwards are in the middle of preparing for Gala Days to be held in Week 10 of Term 3.

Our girls will be participating in the Netball Gala Day on Thursday 17th September at the Mackay Netball courts in Casey Avenue. Last year was the inaugural Competition, ERSS fielded 2 teams (1 Junior, 1 Senior). This year ERSS will be taking 4 teams (2 Junior, 2 Senior). Up to 40 girls will be participating from ERSS. Good luck to our Netball players – have fun!!

The U11 Steve Jackson Gala Rugby League day will be held on Friday 18th September at the Abbot Park football grounds. The boys have been training in readiness for the day. ERSS have been keen participants in this Day for more than 5 years running. We wish all our boys luck!

Any girls whom wish to take part in a Rugby League Come and Try Day on Friday 18th September (last day of school) need to see Mr Reynolds for more information. This competition is restricted to Year 4, 5 or 6 girls only.

These Gala days are an excellent opportunity for students to trial a sport, with the hope they may sign onto future club competition.
2015 Eisteddfod Dates

Concert Band: Tuesday October 13, 8.30am, session.

Beginner Concert Band: Tuesday October 13, 8.30am, session.

Primary String Ensemble: October 13, 1pm session.

Senior Ensemble; African Drums; Steel Drums: October 13, 1pm session.

Show Choir: Monday October 19, 6.30pm session.

Grade 1 and Prep Choir; Tuesday October 20, 1pm session.

Grade 4 Choir: Thursday October 22, 1pm session.

Grade 5/6 Choir: Thursday October 22, 6.30pm session.

Grade 3 Choir: Friday October 23, 8.30am session.

Grade 2 Choir: Friday October 23, 1pm session.

Hymn and Folk Choir: Friday October 23, 6.30pm session.

Music Notes

The following ‘clubs’ have commenced in the music room during second breaks: Monday- Marching Band; Tuesday- Drum Kit; Wednesday- Guitar; Thursday - Steel Drums; Friday- Marching Drums. African Drums will take place each Friday Morning under the Music Room at 8am. All are welcome to participate in these groups.

Congratulations to those choir students who participated in the Big Sing at Fitzgerald State School. These 3 day workshops concluded in a concert which was a delight to attend. Well done everyone.

This Thursday evening at 5.30pm, a Twilight Concert will be held in our school hall, featuring some of our Eisteddfod Items. All are welcome. Please bring your own seating.

Mr. R. Covey.                                                         Mrs. C. Teong.
Has your child wanted to learn to draw and make cartoons?  
If so then this Vacation Care is for you!

Does your child love skating, but the thought of sitting at the MLC for 3 hours bring you to tears?  
If so, then this Vacation Care is for you!

Do you work really hard and are worried that your child is going to be bored over the holidays?  
If so, then this Vacation Care is for you!

Does your child thrive nature and animals and would love getting up close and personal with of Australia’s finest?  
If so, then this Vacation Care is for you!

Does your child enjoy cooking and would enjoy making their own pizza in a REAL pizza shop?  
If so, then this Vacation Care is for you!

Does your child love going to the movies but if you have to sit through one more kids movie you will fall asleep?  
If so, then this Vacation Care is for you!

Does your child get bored at home and sometimes you just need a day to yourself to do chores?  
If so, then this Vacation Care is for you!

It’s not too late to enrol your child in what will be an action packed, exciting Vacation Care program.  
Booking forms are now out, please feel free to drop in and see the staff at PCYC Mackay-Eimeo Road,  
call us on 0418631432 or the main branch on 49423296, or email us on eimeosac@pcyc.org.au

UNIFORM SHOP - HELP NEEDED!
~Volunteers are essential for this service to be open~

* Do you have a regular Tuesday morning available to give a few hours of your time to help your school? (fortnightly or weekly)

* Can you reliably help from 7:50am until just 10am?

* Are you friendly, positive and helpful? 😊

* Capable of completing an invoice & handling cash/Eftpos?

Training provided! Volunteer work looks great on resumes!

If you can help, please contact the P&C via either a note at the school office or to email: pandc@eimeoroadss.eq.edu.au
FREE Kids Cooking Classes at Porters Northern Beaches!

What: Kids Kitchen Wizards Cooking Classes
When: Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th & Saturday 19th & 20th September
Time: 1pm-2pm
Who: Children aged 4-10 years
RSVP: By Wednesday 9th September (for 11th & 12th classes) and Wednesday 16th September (for 19th & 20th classes) to Cherelle Whitaker on 48416015 or Lauren Reck 49673378

- Bookings are essential
- Class sizes are 15 children max.

Get ready to cook up a storm with Donna Ryder, author of Kids Kitchen Wizards Cookbook!

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LOCATION: Bluewater Lagoons, Mackay
DATE: 22nd September - 28th September
CONTACT: Jess Kostin 0415 643 486
5 Tips for Helping Students Stressed by Tests!

Nineteen year old best selling author of the book ‘You Shut Up!’, international speaker and certified coach Eva-Maria is living her dream: she is on a mission to help improve 10 000 000 relationships between adults and teenagers around the world. Here Eva shares her tips for teachers from a teenager’s perspective.

1. **Acknowledge that exams are stressful**

   When I was studying for exams, as I’m sure many teens can relate to, I thought the teachers were out to get me and wanted to push me to watch my brain start oozing out of my head. Reassure them that you’re really on their side. You are there to support and encourage them to achieve their potential. You want them to achieve their best.

2. **Chocolate has been scientifically proven to increase brain productivity**

   Depending on school rules, surprise the students in the class by buying them chocolate one lesson, or another small gift to help them study, in turn showing them you truly appreciate their efforts. Everyone loves unexpected gifts!

3. **Share your own stories of what helped you pass your exams**

   Was your secret Baroque music? Enough sleep? Supportive peers? Colourful mind maps? Give them a way to learn from your successes and failures. Take care to keep the exam in context - don't blow it out of proportion. Whilst exams are important and we want them to achieve their best, there are more important things in life. Exams are NOT life or death!

4. **Support the learning process**

   If you can see a student really struggling, offer one-on-one mentoring or extra time outside of class for students to work on the areas they need help with. The significance of this exercise is highly underestimated and rarely practised.

5. **Prepare them for all circumstances**

   Give tips such as to bring a water bottle, extra paper, stationery – anything that will help them study and go to the exam. Better to be safe than sorry. Better to over-prepare them so they don’t under-deliver!

   And finally, wish them luck on the actual day! You adults are the coolest!

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**Eva-Maria**

She travels regularly around New Zealand, Australia and Russia coaching families and running workshops and speaking to groups, schools, parents and corporates about the importance of inter-generational relationships, offering the understanding from ‘the other side’. Join Eva-Maria on her journey to bridge the gap of misunderstanding between teenagers and adults around the globe!

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TICK OFF EACH ITEM ON YOUR ACTIVITY CARD AND ANSWER THE HIDDEN QUESTION TO WIN A PRIZE.

BUCASIA is an important turtle nesting beach for the flatback turtle (Natator depressus). An average of 16 flatback turtle nests have been recorded each year along Bucasia beach. The beach itself is threatened by a number of pressures including weed invasion, the impacts of coastal development and recreational use. Coastcare aims to address these impacts through volunteer based action.

DID YOU KNOW?...
After hatching on beaches around the world, turtles undertake multiyear, epic migrations at sea. Then, these amazing creatures return to the exact spot where they were born to mate and lay their own eggs.

DATE: TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2015
TIME: 9:00AM -11:00am
COST: FREE
MEET: Seaview Park, Bucasia. Please bring a water bottle and wear enclosed shoes and sun smart apparel.

To RSVP contact us at: jessica.berryman@reefcatchments.com.au or 0429 155 841

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