Thursday 12 May 2016,

Dear Parents and Friends,

I hope all our Mums had a wonderful day last Sunday and your children spoilt you.

A huge thank you to our wonderful P&C and the many helpers who displayed and sold gifts to the children last Thursday and Friday so that the children had something.

The Dark Side

The Light Side

Don’t Forget Cup Cake Day for Chappy

Tuesday 17th May

Come dressed in your rainbow colours -

Gold Coin Donation.

Cup Cakes will be on sale for $1.00
More children on the Light Side than the Dark side in the hall on Wednesday 4 May.

Enrol NOW for Prep 2017
Enrolments are now being taken for next year’s prep classes. Children born between 1st July 2011 and 30th June 2012 are eligible to enrol. If you know of someone who would like to enrol their child at Eimeo, please ask them to contact the school for an enrolment package and to arrange a meeting with us so that we can show them our great school. In Term 3 the school will be commencing transition and pre prep activities.

P&C Day Friday 13 May
Friday 13 May is P&C Day. This day, held each year during State Education week, is a chance for our school to recognise the contribution made by the hardworking volunteers on the P&C. Our P&C works very hard to provide wonderful facilities and resources for all children who attend Eimeo Road School and they always do it with a smile. A special thank you to our executive members, Chris Scott, (President), Jane Mc Nicole (Treasurer), Annette Barker (Secretary), Darryl Barker (Vice President), Amy Halstead (Uniforms Shop & Banking co-ordinator) and Danielle Tassan (tuckshop convenors) and the many volunteers who assist in any way to make Eimeo the very best school in Mackay.
Happy P&C Day Friday 13 May!

Safe School Travel Group (SafeST)
It is important that we use every opportunity to encourage healthy and safe behaviours in our students. To this end our school is supporting NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY : FRIDAY 20th MAY at no cost to you other than getting your walking shoes on and walking to school this Friday morning.

☐ SafeST is aiming to encourage safe pedestrian behaviour and promote the health and environmental benefits of walking by asking that our Eimeo parents and carers walk to school with their children on Friday (and whenever possible).
☐ If you can’t walk all the way, and you must use the car, try leaving it a good distance from the school and the walk the rest of the way.
☐ Come on, with the cooler mornings now here, get out and enjoy a bit of physical activity with your children.
☐ I have a limited number of stickers to give away to those children who walk to school this Friday so come and see Miss Sue at the library after 8.30am, or when you arrive to collect yours.

“Look out, look out, there are children about!”
Traffic Update

Please adhere to the road rules and road signs when entering and exiting the ‘slip road’ off Old Eimeo Road at the front of the school. A number of near misses have been reported.

1. **Bus Zone** – is only for buses, it’s not a waiting area
2. **Give Way signs** – mean give way to all traffic
3. **Supervised Crossings** – are there to assist pedestrians to cross the road. If you are crossing anywhere else you are endangering the lives of your children.
4. **Keep out of the staff car park** (front of school) is not a designated ‘pick up and go’ zone

Help your children develop the vital road safety skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians. Lead by example, you are their role-model.

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**Supervised Crossings Save Lives**

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**Dates to Remember:**

- **Friday 13 to June 2:** Life Education Commences
- **Tuesday 17 May:** Free dress for Chappy (rainbow colours)
  - Cup cake day -$1 money towards Chaplaincy
  - P&C Meeting 6.30pm
- **Wed 25 May:** Saving Li & Archie Show
- **Tues 31 May:** UNSW Science comp
- **Tues 7 June:** Fanfare
- **Thurs 8 June:** School Disco
  - Prep to Y2 – 5.30pm to 6.30pm
  - Y3 to Y6 – 6.45pm to 8.00pm
- **Wed 15 June:** Senior Sports Day
- **Fri 17 June:** Infant sports day (9am to 11am)

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**Uniform Shop**

**OPEN FOR NIGHTLY** Term 2 & 3
Every 2nd Tuesday (odd Term wks) 8am – 9.30am

We sell the following as shop sales only (not online)...  
Fleecy Jumpers $15 (limited stock)
Stockings $12
Band Shirts (White) $22
Band Pants (Black) $20
Rain Ponchos $20

Available online & from shop: Sports Jackets $37


Online orders are available on Tuesday of the week following placing the order, see ‘order due’ date on your confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email, your order has not been placed correctly.

Phone Flexischools for any issues on 1300 361 769.

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**Dollarmite Banking**

**EVERY TUESDAY** 8.30-9.30am

**TERM 2 PRIZE!!**

Bank at least FIVE TIMES during Wk 3 to Wk 8 of Term 2 and you’ll be in our draw for a $20 GIFT CARD! Wow!

**WIN!**

Don’t forget, you can also go into the 2016 National Draw for a trip to **Australia Zoo**...all you have to do is bank with us 15 times before the end of Term 3, & you automatically have a chance! It’s not too late to join & get started!!!

Remember, we also have prizes for **two of our lucky Dollarmites who bank EVERY WEEK during the Term**, so don’t forget to bank!

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**~ NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WEEK ~**

THANK YOU to all our lovely volunteers!!

These services can not operate without your help which is greatly appreciated!
Did you know?

May 5th is ‘Kodomo no Hi’ or Children’s Day in Japan. It is a special day when parents pray for the good health of their children. The celebration began as a day for BOYS and the customs still relate mainly to boys. However, it is a national holiday for all children in Japan.

On May 5th, Japanese families erect a tall bamboo or wooden pole outside their houses and hang banners, and paper or cloth sock kites in the shape of carp fish (koi) on them. The kites, ‘koinobori’, fill with wind and the carp appear to be swimming.

In Japanese folklore, the carp is a symbol of determination, strength and good health, overcoming all obstacles to swim upstream. Parents in Japan hope their children will grow up to be strong and healthy like the KOI.

Come and check out our ‘koinobori’ (fish kite) display in the library.

To celebrate Children's Day, students in Japanese Club made their very own ‘koinobori’ last week. With help from the wind, our carp kites were a kaleidoscope of colour, ‘swimming’ down the pathways of Eimeo, much to the delight of onlookers!

Debbie Weatherley, Christina Harkins
(Japanese Teachers)

Pictured: Japanese Club students displaying their ‘koinobori’ kites!
Library Matters

DO THE WRITE THING
Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival

By now our parents and carers of Year 3 to 6 students should have seen the notes for this year’s Whitsunday Voices excursion. Don’t let your kids miss out on this valuable learning experience.

The cost of our excursion on Thursday 14 July is $25, which includes 3 sessions/performance and bus fares. The closing date for permission forms and payment is Friday 27 May.

Please join with us in encouraging the kids to check out the work of the authors and illustrators we will be visiting at the festival, in Our Library.

The full festival program, including bios and information on presenters can be found on the official festival website www.whitsundayvoices.com.au

Hey kids...

Whitsunday Voices Short Story Competition

Entries must be delivered to Whitsunday Anglican School by 3:00pm on Friday 27 May. Please ensure that you get your entry to Ms Taylor in Our Library by Wednesday 25 May.

Family Reading Month in Australia is celebrated in the month of May. Take (more) time this May to celebrate the joy of reading with your family.

Readers’ Cup is an initiative of the Children’s Book Council of Australia. The cup is a nationwide competition for young readers. Teams of four students, working together, read a set of five titles and then compete with other school teams to answer quiz questions from the books.

Eimeo Road has a proud and successful tradition in this competition. So successful in fact that, as reigning champions for our region, we are hosting the local competition here, in Our Library, on Monday 23 May.

Good luck to this year’s team: Joe Brooks, Chloe Chase-Hodgson, Lara Edge-Williams, Leila Lawson and Kelsea Thomson who have put in a lot of hours with Ms Lockman, preparing for the big day.

National Simultaneous Storytime will be happening in Our Library, like many others around the country on Wednesday 25 May at 11:00 am.

The picture book, “I got this hat” is this year’s story and is familiar to many of our younger students. It featured in our Storytime visits with the ‘Kindy Kids’ in 2015 and was a huge hit.

This year, our local Kindy groups have been invited to share this special occasion with our school. Check out our next Newsletter for some great pics.

New Books

150 new books have been added to our Picture Book, Fiction and Nonfiction collections this week. The display has been catching the eye of more than a few of our avid readers. These New Books will be available for borrowing from Monday 16 May.

Please note: our students must have a waterproof, sealable Library Bag to borrow New Books.

Regards, Helen and Sue
Congratulations to the following students for making the following teams:

- Balin and Regan – Made Mackay District Rugby Union team
  All the best to Regan and Zac for making the Mackay/Whitsunday Team at the club district trials. The boys will play at the U12 State Championships at the Gold Coast.

- Cumberland Cross Country Team – Kai, Nik, Kaleb, Mitchell, Bohdee, James, Logan, Tahlia, Jemima, Mathew

**FREE Lunchtime AFL at ERSS!!!**
Free lunchtime AFL sessions are underway at ERSS. Please encourage your child to come down and HAVE A GO! Everything is provided and our boys and girls will be taken through a number of fun games, drills and skills related to AFL by the Mackay AFL Development Officers.

- Tuesday 2nd break – Year 2
- Wednesday 2nd break – Year 3 and 4
- Thursday 2nd break – Year 5 and 6

The school is currently in training for the school sports days. We will be running, throwing and jumping during our PE lessons. Please ensure appropriate footwear, hats and water bottles are coming to PE lessons each and every week.

**Come and Try Days – Wednesday 1st June and Thursday 2nd June**

- Wednesday – Years 4, 5 & 6 will have 14 different sports/activities on offer for the entire day.

- Thursday – Years 2 & 3 will have 12 different sports/activities on offer during the day.

Friday – Year 1 and Prep will have their own special morning sessions of fun activities run by Mrs Ralph and Mr Reynolds

This is the third year the school has run these days. The days are designed to offer our students a taste of various activities available in Mackay, with the ultimate goal that they may sign up for the sport/s. They always prove extremely popular with our boys and girls and also the wonderful Development Officers and Sporting Officials whom come and take the sessions. We look forward to providing our students with all the contact details from the sports on offer, should they wish to extend their knowledge and participation at a club level.
P&C News

Email: pando@eimeoroadss.eq.edu.au

Join our Facebook Group?

Search for: Eimeo Road State School P&C Noticeboard

Handy reminders & documents at hand!
Request to join today! Invite your ERSS friends!
It’s easy.

Make a difference & join our P&C.

P&C Meetings - 3rd Tues monthly 6.30pm
In the school staff room. All Welcome.

NEXT MEETING:
6.30pm Tues 17th May 2016

Membership is FREE!
Contact the above email for more information.

Hope to see you joining us! 😊

What’s coming up!

Wk 5 - Naplan Week (years 3 & 5)
- Life Education Commences

Wk 6 - Chappy Week
  Chappy Cupcake & Free Dress Day on
  Tuesday 17th.
  - P&C Meeting *Tues 6.30pm

Wk 10 - Sports Day (Wed & Fri)
P&C will run a sausage sizzle for the senior
sports day on Wednesday the 15th of June.

If you can help please let P&C know via email above
or leave your name & contact details at the office.

We need Help to:
Set up in the hall that morning @ 9am
Cook sausages & onion on the BBQ’s
Pack drinks into eskies
Stack bread & serviette layers
Serve the kids/parents during the day
Pack up at approx. 1.30—2pm.

Even if you can only help for a short time.
It makes a world of difference.

Wk 11 - P&C Meeting *Tues 6.30pm
Mackay Show Holiday—Thurs 23rd June
Friday 24th June—Last day of Term 2.

Tuckshop News

Email: ersstuckshop@gmail.com
Ph. 0749 697 115 Or Danielle on 0416 592 406

OPEN EVERYDAY!!

Order Online via: www.flexischools.com.au
Which is super quick and super easy.

Or via Brown Paper Bag. PLEASE NOT BOTH!

ALL ORDERS TO BE IN BY 9AM EACH DAY!
Tuckshop has 2 collection counter lines.
Cash or Paper Bag orders.

TIP: Paper Bag is quicker & easier for littlies.
(Even if it’s just for an ice-block.) 😊

Please direct ALL queries regarding
menu items, ingredients, orders to be
caxxl’d or refund of flexi orders to the
tuckshop staff.

Forgot the Super snack 🍌
Tuckshop can help you out.
Fruit, healthy snack packs and more.
Pay & collect then take to class.
Open at 8am everyday! It’s that easy!

Lunch Break Procedures.

Prep & Yr 1 eat lunch 1st then play after. Years 2-6 play 1st then eat
2nd at both breaks. This leaves less time to eat tuckshop hence
splitting orders up between 2 breaks can help.
Please direct concerns/questions directly to the office.

We love volunteers!
Join our fabulous tuckshop team! How?
Contact our Senior Convenor Danielle on the
above contacts.
Thank you to our wonderful Volunteers!

School Brekkie!

It’s something we are considering, would you use it?
If so what would you like available for your child?
Needs to be healthy, yummy, doable for 1-2 people to
prepare and serve. Please tell/email tuckshop staff.
To be a better softball player than you've ever been, you have to do something you've never done.

So what are you waiting for?

We are wanting players' Boy's and girl's ages 11-14 years to come and join a club for C-grade comp and play the best game invented.

Contact

Hawks Cheryl-0428182248
Train Thursday

Angels Chubb- 0416432988
Train Tuesday

Dragon Jodie-0403398472
Train Wednesday

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COME PLAY FOOTY AND HAVE FUN!

Is your child interested in playing rugby league? Would they like to meet new friends and be part of a team?

Sign them up with the family club today! We are currently chasing players for our under 6 and under 7 teams. Come and play in a friendly environment with dedicated, experienced coaches. Register online at playnrl.com or Contact our registrar Kim Wilson on 0411 042 556.
**Queensland Schools 2016**

Queensland’s Premier School Table Tennis Event

**Be part of it!**

All ages and abilities welcome to participate

www.tabletennisqld.org

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**Details**

**Event Information**

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**Divisions**

1. High School Boys
2. High School Girls
3. Primary School Boys
4. Primary School Girls

The State titles will consist of 3 age divisions (Under 12, Under 15 and Over 16)

**PLEASE NOTE:** There is also a PBA Schools event on 17 June at the Gold Coast.

See TTQ website for entry form if your school has any students that would like to participate.

**Who Can Play**

The championships are open to all students from State, Independent, Religious and Home School in Queensland. Ages determined by the competitors age at the end of 2016.

**Timetable of Each Event**

- 8:00am: Registration and Welcome
- 9:00am: Competition starts
- 1:00pm: Presentation

**Uniforms**

Players are asked to compete in their school’s official sports uniform.

**Prizes**

1. Trophies: Winning schools in each Section
2. Medals: Gold, Silver and Bronze (subject to numbers)
3. Certificates: All participants

**Cost**

$35 per team (Inc. GST) for all events (additional $35 per team for State Final)
**TALKING ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S TALKING!**

A FREE session for all parents and caregivers of children from birth to five

**Presenter:** Dr Pam Bargett, An experienced Early Childhood Practitioner

**Venue:** South Suburban Bowls Club, 39 Wardrop Street, West Mackay

**Date and Time:** Thursday 16th June 2016 9.30am to 10.30am

**RSVP:** CQEarlyYears@date-qld.gov.au

NB: Please write in the subject line:
- Parents/caregivers Oral Language Workshop - Mackay
- Also include names of participants attending.

This workshop session is aimed at increasing knowledge for educators about how children develop oral language and how we can help support this process. It will cover how the brain develops language understanding, how children's vocabulary increases and simple steps educators can take to help. Several resources will be shared and demonstrated.

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**EXTREME GREEN ROLLER DISCO**

Wear our team colours Green and Black! Best dressed wins a prize!

14th May 6:30 - 9:30pm
At Mackay Leisure Centre 95 $4 skate hire
Broadsound Rd Paget

$10 to skate

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**ZINC 101.9**

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**Play Toyshop**

Premium Toyshop