

**21 July 2014**

**Dear Parents and Friends,**

Welcome back to another term of learning and wonderful opportunities. It is going to be a very busy term with the following activities:

Cumberland and Mackay & District Sports Days

Donut day – Red Food Day

Year 5 camp to Kinchant Dam

Year 4 Bike Education

P – 6 Life Education Van

Super Hero Fun Run

Year 6 Sovereign Hill / Canberra excursion

Father's Day P&C stall

Northern Beaches Community Fun Day

Multicultural Day

Concert Band, String Ensemble, Prep, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and senior choirs, drumming bands, fife band as well as the many other activities happening every week at Eimeo.

Parent teacher interviews will be offered to all families at the end of this term. Parents are very welcome, at any time, to discuss their child's learning / progress with teachers by making a time that is suitable to you both. Learning is our main priority and we want to see all children progressing and happy at school.

### **School Opinion Survey**

Each year, Education Queensland gathers data from parents, students and all staff about their school. This year the parent survey will be distributed to ALL families – the eldest child in the family will bring this survey home this week and parents are asked to use the details on the form to complete the survey on line. This survey will be conducted 21 July and 3 August 2014. All families (previously a sample of families), school staff, and a representative sample of students will be invited to take part. We encourage you to take this opportunity to have your say about what this school does well, and how this school can improve.

### **Attendance Data for Semester ONE**

This week, 370 children from Prep to Year 6 will be given a letter thanking their families for valuing education and inviting the children to a BBQ lunch Tuesday July. 285 children received certificates and a pencil for 100% attendance in Term 2. Parents can see the data below, and from last term's report card will know how many days their child has missed school. Parents, **EVERY DAY DOES COUNT** – the children can never make up the information they miss each day. Our goal for 2014 is 95% attendance for the year – please send your child to school every day so that they can be learning and achieving. Data will be monitored on a regular basis and families will be asked to explain to the school and Education Queensland why their child is not attending – **IT IS THE LAW** to send children of compulsory school age to school every day. If children are sick, then parents are to inform the school via phone, in person or via a note.

- 370 children have had 2 or fewer days absent.
- 341 children had 100% attendance in Term 1
- 285 children had 100% attendance in Term 2
- 130 children have had 100% attendance in Semester 1
- Our school has had 94.3% attendance for all students.
- 94.5% attendance for non – indigenous students
- 92.3% attendance for Indigenous students
- Our school would like to achieve 95% attendance in 2014

### **Teaching and Learning and Discipline Audit**

At the end of last term, we had 3 Auditors from Brisbane visit our school on Monday and Tuesday and visited many classrooms, talked to parents, teachers and community members about our school. It was a very rewarding and exciting time as the feedback from the Auditors was very encouraging, indicating that our school is a high performing school across the board. We have received the official documentation with commendations, affirmations and recommendations to make our school even greater.

#### **Lost Property**

**If you have lost something at school or at PCYC, we will be having a display of all lost property on Tuesday 22 July. Please come up to school and claim your lost goods, all items that are not claimed, will be taken to a charity organisation.**

### Before School Changes

All children who arrive at school before 8.30am are assembling at the library where they will participate in quiet study time.

There will be NO eating during this time, except on Tuesday's when Auntie Maud and Chappy will prepare breaky club.

The tuckshop will no longer be selling items before school, but will be taking orders. All tuckshop orders are to be taken to the tuckshop before school rather than placed in boxes within classrooms. Monitors will then collect the tuckshop at 11am and second break. This will be phased in during this term.

### Super Hero Fun Fun

Our annual fun run will be held on Friday 8 August in our school grounds. The children received donation cards on Thursday 17 July and all forms are asked to be returned to school with money raised by Wednesday 6 August.

If families do not wish to support this event, forms MUST be returned for auditing purposes.

A letter was sent home to all families explaining the fun run and listing the great prizes children can win. All money received will go towards purchasing a Big A fan for the hall when it is enclosed 2014 /15.

### Mackay Show Handwriting

Congratulations to the following students who have gained awards at the recent Mackay Show handwriting section.

Clarissa Singh	-third place	Year 6
Riley Powell	-first place	Year 5
Jasmine Zammit	-third place	Year 5
Dylan Breckell	-high achiever	Year 5
Ashlee Edge-Williams	-third place	Year 2
Bobby Dodds	-first place	Year 2



### Staffing Update for Term 3

Welcome back to Ms Stacey Lockman (6L), Mrs Terri Le Page (2L), Mrs Nikki Chrzanowski (4CW and support). Great to have you join our team again.

Teachers on leave : (PH 4 weeks) Ann Hawkins– Annette Breckell, (PS 3 weeks) Jenny Smith – Josie Forsyth, (6C 3 weeks) Sue Corley – Hayley McLean.

### Resource Hire Scheme

This term, included in the Resource Hire Scheme is the Life Education Van visit, next term in October is Deadly Australians. Parents who have paid this fee will have their child attend both performances, however those needing to pay, please do so before Friday 25 July.

### Book Club

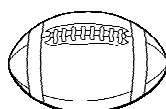
The next issue of Book Club will be coming home this week and orders are due back at school by Wednesday 30/7/14.

### AFL Girls Aus Kick

**STARTING Friday 25 July at Eimeo School. Price \$65**

**Prep to Yr 2 – 11 to 11.45**

**Yr 3 – Yr 6 – 1 to 1.40**



### Year 6 Sovereign Hill / Canberra Excursion

Students from Eimeo Road School will soon be undertaking an education tour of the National Capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the National Capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$120 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

### Learners' LAB: A fortnightly update on Literacy, Arithmetic and Behaviour (Weeks 1&2)

 <p>Literacy</p>	<p><b>Vocabulary</b></p> <p>Use the word of the week as many times and in as many different ways as you can.</p>
 <p>Arithmetic</p>	<p><b>Arrays</b></p> <p>Arrange numbers in arrays e.g. 2x7 could be two rows with 7 in each row. Egg cartons, cartons of soft drinks, tiles all exist in arrays</p>
 <p>Behaviour</p>	<p><b>Be safe:</b></p> <p>Wear your hat. Queensland has the highest number of sun cancers in Australia!</p>

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Mon 21 July	Year 5 camp – Kinchant Dam Outdoor Ed Centre
Tues 22 July	Donut Day
Mon 28 July	Life Education Van P – 6 class visits (2 weeks the van will be at Eimeo)
Mon 28 July	Year 4 Bike Education
Wed 6 Aug	All FUN RUN Money and forms back today
Fri 8 Aug	Super Hero Fun Run
Mon 11 Aug	Fun Run Draw at Parade 1.45pm
Tues 19 Aug	P&C meeting 6pm
Fri 29 Aug – 5 Sept	Year 6 Sovereign Hill / Canberra excursion
Mon/Tues 1&2 Sept	Father's Day stall
Sun 7 Sept	Northern Beaches Community Fun Day
Wed 10 September	Prep 2015 information session
Tues 16 September	Multicultural Day
Fri 19 September	Term 3 concludes



# Library Matters

The Whitsunday Voices excursion was a resounding success again this year. Our students were excellent ambassadors for the school and whole-heartedly embraced and enjoyed the experience. Presentations from authors Tiffany Hall, Morris Gleitzman and Jacqueline Harvey were particularly popular as was the session with Martin Chatterton the *liverpudlian* illustrator who produced caricatures of our student leader Matthew Munns and a certain Teacher & Librarian.

Congratulations to Year 6 student Dayna Thomason for achieving Highly Commended recognition of her story "The Legendary Pack" in the Year 5&6 category of this year's Whitsunday Voices Short Story Competition. We can all look forward to reading Dayna's story when it is published in the next edition of our Newsletter.

## Connect to READING... ...READ to Connect Children's Book Week 16 to 22 August 2014

During Children's Book Week (Week 6) we will be staging a "parade" of favourite characters from childhood stories for our junior school students in Prep to Year 2. Dressing up as a favourite storybook character is a great way for children to CONNECT with READING. So mark the week on your calendar and look out for more details in the next Newsletter.

Regards Helen

### Adrenalin Cheer & Dance Workshop Open Day

Adrenalin specialises in training local athletes ages 5yrs+ in the disciplines of competitive cheerleading and hip hop. Once a year our club hosts a workshops day that is open to the public that gives locals a chance to come along, try our sport and meet our championship coaches.

Students can choose from an array of activities such as learning to stunt, jump or try some gymnastics or participate in one of our dance workshops teaching choreography for either pom dance style or hip hop (for all ages).

The workshop will run for the day on Sunday 3rd August, exact workshop times and details will be given out to students on enquiry as we have a lot of different sessions being hosted. It's a great way to have an introduction to the sports and our club and hopefully students who enjoyed their time may consider participating in try outs in the following weeks.

For further inquiries please contact  
Kelly Tandy Head Coach PH: 0417750532.



### PE News

Welcome back!! We trust you have all had a wonderful, restful holiday, and have come back ready to go! Although it is the cooler part of the year, the days are still very warm and we ask you to remember to check your student has a water bottle and hat ready each day for school and PE lessons.

We have a number of exciting and fun filled activities planned this term. On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 81 of our students – ranging from Year 3 to Year 6 – will travel to Pioneer SHS to represent Eimeo Road SS in the District Athletics carnival. Best of luck to our athletes, you will do us proud.

Coming up in week 4 the Super Hero Fun Run will be held for the entire school. After a fabulous beginning in 2014 we look forward to not only seeing the wonderful, colourful costumes out on show; but also if we can top our funds raised last year! Remember there are plenty of prizes on offer in draws for our fund raisers, so get collecting. PE classes will also incorporate some extra running into our lessons in preparation. You may see this as motivation to add some distance training to your own training regimes at home.

As new sporting units start during lessons, we will be inviting some of the knowledgeable development officers in Mackay to 'Guest Star' during class lessons. These fantastic sportspeople also mentored our students during our hugely successful 'Come and Try' Gala sports days during Term 2.

On the last day of Term 2, ERSS sent a team of boys to an Under 10s Grant Rovelli Gala Rugby League day. Mr Reynolds co-convened the carnival and Mr Giddings guided the team on the day. Well done to all of the boys whom took part, you represented the school in the high standard we have come to appreciate and expect of ERSS students.

### Safe School Travel Group (SafeST)

*Reminder to drivers accessing our school along Mackay/Bucasia Road that changed traffic conditions near St Brendan's Church are still in place and will be for some time.*

*Observe the lower speed limit which is now 60km/h along one section and 80km/h in others.*

Roads and vehicles are an everyday part of life for parents of school age children and we all must negotiate the road traffic environment on a daily basis, either as a driver, a passenger, or as a pedestrian.

Children are especially vulnerable around vehicles and roads due to their size and capabilities.

Be aware of the opportunities to teach children to become safer road-users.

- Walk or ride to Eimeo school with your children when you can.
- Park the car and walk from Keim Street, Porters or Driftwood Court (use the supervised crossing), on the way explaining the observations and choices you make to get there safely.
- Talk about the importance of wearing seat belts (wear appropriate restraints for age and size.)
- Point out rules of the road when driving.
- Demonstrate responsible and safe driving behaviours at all times, don't forget, you always have an audience!
- Remember children learn good habits by modelling behaviour from adults.

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

### St Joseph's Catholic Parish of North Mackay & Northern Beaches - Sacramental Program - Preparation for the Sacraments of

\*Reconciliation (First Confession)

\* Confirmation

\* First Eucharist (First Holy Communion)

Will commence with Parent Information Night

**DATE:** Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2014

**VENUE:** St Joseph's School Hall, Canberra Street, **TIME:** 7.00pm  
Parking available behind St Joseph's Church & St Joseph's Parish Centre Car Park, 21 – 23 Grendon Street North Mackay. For further details, contact Parish Office 4957 4855 Monday to Friday 9.00am to 2.00pm