



# **NEWSLETTER - 25 MARCH 2022**

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## From the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to term two, a forty-six-school day term with four public holidays (the three remaining public holidays are ANAZC Day Monday April 25, Labour Day Monday 3 May and Mackay and District Show Day, Thursday 16 June).

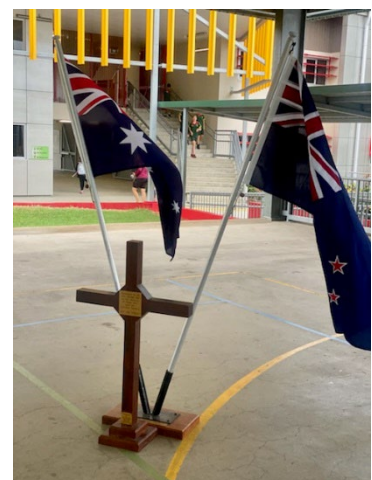
We extend a very warm welcome to our new families and staff (Miss Emma Hopwood 1T, Mrs Emily Bray 2D and Mrs Ashley Jager year 1 co-teacher) who have joined us over the Easter vacation period.

### Honouring our ANZACs

This morning we came together as a whole school community to respectfully honour the service, and sacrifice, of all service personnel in a special ANZAC parade led by our school captains. We thank Councillor Green (Mackay Regional Council) for representing Farleigh RSL Sub Branch as our special guest speaker.

On Monday students and staff are invited to partake in the ANZAC Community Commemorative Parades. Details have been communicated via letter and have been posted on our Facebook page. My appreciation is extended to families for supporting your children's participation in this community remembrance event and to the many staff who volunteer their time.

We will remember them. Lest we forget.







### **Every Lesson Counts for Learning**

It is pleasing to report the impact of COVID isolation on staff and student attendance is lessening. Currently our whole of school attendance rate is only 89%. With term 1 being eight weeks in length and reduced attendance rates it is important for children to be at school regularly this term.

Under the current QLD Public Health Guidelines staff, volunteers and contractors are still required to fulfil the vaccination requirements. Visitors to our school are welcome.

Classrooms open at 8.45am with instruction commencing at 9.00am and concluding at 3.00pm. From 8.45am to 9.00am classroom routines and expectations for the day are established and explained, and it is important for every student to be present to support learning success.

Voluntary supervision of students is provided from 8.15am. Before school supervision remains the responsibility and duty of care of parents and carers up until 8.15am each day. Dropping children at school or allowing them to arrive before 8.15am without parental supervision is placing children at risk. Parents and carers are asked to be

respectful of staff's right to be onsite to undertake teaching preparation or attend meetings before and after school without being responsible for the care of your children.

Also, at ERSS every teacher has the right to teach and every student has the right to learn without disruption from inappropriate and unsafe behaviours from other students. Quality differentiated teaching and learning practices, focussed and intensive supports assist children achieve the learning and behaviour expectations of our school. We thank parents for their continued support with making our school a safe and supportive environment for all. School disciplinary action will be taken if a student's actions impact the teaching and learning process or the safety of their peers, staff or their wellbeing safety.

We appreciate your continued support with being contactable and responding immediately to the request of school staff to collect your child if they are unwell or a disciplinary action has been administered. The school appreciates being notified of changes to contact details when they occur.

### **National Assessment Plan Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**

This year all students across Australia in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will participate in the online NAPLAN assessment program. The online assessment window will open on Tuesday 10 May and conclude on Friday 20 May. From next year NAPLAN assessment dates will change. Assessments will occur earlier in term 1 (March) to allow schools to receive more timely information on student's literacy and numeracy results. Parents of children in year 3 and 5 will receive further communication regarding NAPLAN timetable for our students.

### **Queensland Engagement and Wellbeing Survey (QEW)**

Next Friday all students in years 4, 5 and 6 will be invited to participate in the short confidential online QEW survey. The Department of Education survey gives schools the opportunity to hear the collective voice of their students. Survey results are intended to inform continuous improvement within the school and provide an evidence-based approach to support students' mental health positively and proactively, school engagement and wellbeing. De-identified student results are used internally within the school to support decision making. Results are not shared publically.

The QEW Survey measures wellbeing and engagement across 12 domains, including resilience, school climate, sense of belonging, motivation and perseverance, academic self-concept, personal social capabilities, general life satisfaction, future outlook and aspirations, relationships with peers, with teachers and at home, and general health.

The survey will be conducted next Friday by the class teacher during class time.

*In conclusion families are reminded Monday is the ANZAC Day public holiday. We look forward to seeing families at one of the ANZAC Commemorative services.*

*Thank you for your continued support as we strive to empower your child, our students, to be good at learning and good at life.*

Mrs Cox

## KEY SCHOOL DATES

### Term 2 2022

Week 2	April 25	Anzac Day Public Holiday – March attendance welcomed Town & Bucasia March attendance welcome
	April 26	Choir 8.10-8.40am
	April 27	GRIP Leadership – School Leaders
	April 27	Interschool Rugby League 3.15-5.15pm
	April 28	Playgroup 9am
Week 3	May 2	Labour Day Public Holiday
	May 3	Choir 8.10-8.40am
	May 4	Interschool Rugby League 3.15-5.15pm
	May 5	Mothers' Day Stall
	May 5	Playgroup 9am
	May 6	Admin/Schools Officers and Cleaners Day
Week 4	May 8	Mothers' Day (Sunday)
	May 9	Prep-Yr2 Parade
	May 10	Choir 8.10-8.40am
	May 10	NAPLAN commences (2wks)
	May 11	Interschool Rugby League 3.15-5.15pm
	May 12	Playgroup 9am
Week 5		NAPLAN continues (all week)
	May 15	Concert Band Rehearsal 10am-12pm (Sunday) (Note – Fanfare is on May 31)
	May 16	Yr3-6 Parade
	May 17	Choir 8.10-8.40am
	May 18	Interschool Rugby League 3.15-5.15pm
	May 19	Playgroup 9am



## Deputy Notes from Mr Brown

### Sports Days

On the last week of school in Term 1 the Sports Houses competed in a fantastic competition. After three days of competing and trying their best the winner was announced and it was McColl house. Congratulations to the McColl team and their House Captains, Heidi Brayfield and William Knight, for their leadership and team building, it was a remarkable effort. It should also be noted the hard work by the teachers and teacher aides across those days to keep the events running smoothly. Well done to Mrs Green for all her dedicated work in ensuring the day was successful. At the end of the competition we were able to find our Age Champions.



### **2010**

Female – Jessica Otto

Male – Jay Moon

### **2011**

Female – Heidi Brayfield

Male – Lucas Watt

### **2012**

Female – Ayla Moon

Male – Jordan Menzies

### **2013**

Female – Sophie Mehaffey

Male – Byron Mackay

Congratulations to these students!

(one student absent for photo)



### Football Trials

On Thursday evening we have students attending the football trials. Congratulations to Heidi and Charlie for representing the girls, and Flynn, Reev, Ti-Carnis and Tyler for representing the boys at the trials. These students will compete against other districts in Mackay. The players will have the chance to be chosen in the Mackay team. We wish them all the best.

### GRIP Leadership

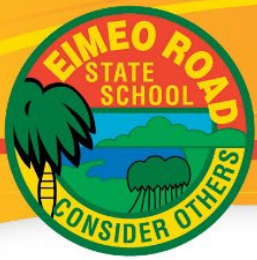
Next Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, the Student Leaders from year 6 will be spending the day at the MECC to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference. This conference has been taking place every year for a number of years and it has been immensely popular with all schools and student leaders. The students will learn about the responsibilities and opportunities for leadership. They will listen to speakers and take notes and hopefully bring what they learn back to Eimeo Road State School. This is one of the ways we can support and recognise the students this year.

### ANZAC Day

Eimeo Road State School is a proud supporter of the ANZAC Day tradition and we are supporting it over two days. ON Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, the whole school will hold an ANZAC Day service at 9:15am. Students will abide by the traditions of the occasion which will include the minute silence and the national anthems. Parents are welcome to attend.

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April the students are invited to march in both the Mackay Town march and the Bucasia ANZAC Day service. School Captains will stay in town with Mrs Cox and lay the wreath for the school, while the Vice Captains will attend the Bucasia service. Parents are asked to drop their children off on River street and pick them up again in Macalister Street near Mackay Central State School. Students are asked to wear full school uniform and a hat.





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**PHONE** (07) 4969 7111

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

### CASUAL GROUNDS PERSON

1 day (8 hours per fortnight) – 7.00am – 3.30pm

We are currently seeking to employ a casual Grounds Person with a main focus on mowing, whipper snipping and blowing for one day per fortnight. The successful candidate will need to be physically fit and have a love of all aspects of gardening and landscaping. Your casual pay rate will be between \$31.81 and \$34.39 per hour depending on previous experience. The day of the week can be negotiated with the successful candidate.

### **About the Position**

Although this position will focus mainly on mowing, whipper snipping and blowing of grassed areas, you may at times be directed to complete a mix of any of the following:

- A range of day to day activities that include maintenance of school grounds through regular mowing, watering and soil maintenance (refer to Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) guidelines and procedures); lawn and garden maintenance, including regular weeding and the use of appropriate insecticides and fertilisers where necessary (refer to WHS guidelines and procedures); plant, water and care for trees, shrubs, gardens; and undertake general maintenance of grounds care equipment such as mowers, brush cutters, tractors (as per manufacturers' service manuals) and arrange regular services.
- Ensure compliance with WHS requirements including maintenance of a safe work environment; safe storage and handling of chemicals, fertilisers and fuels.
- Assist with a range of duties that include coordinating the removal and/or disposal of rubbish as required (does not include emptying of bins in agreed eating areas).
- Other duties, consistent with the duties and responsibilities of the position as directed by the Principal, Business Manager or nominated delegate.

### **What We Are Looking For**

The ideal applicant will:

- Have a passion for gardening and grounds keeping, with an attention for detail.
- Have the ability to obtain an understanding of the work environment of a school, along with an awareness of the need for security in relation to buildings, grounds access, personal property and equipment.
- Possess good interpersonal, communication and negotiation skills.
- Be highly self-motivated, organised and enthusiastic with a great sense of humour.
- Be a team player – Although you will be working autonomously you will be required to communicate and structure your work in and around our full-time Schools Officer.
- Have the ability to rapidly acquire knowledge of departmental administrative policies, practices and procedures used in schools.
- Have a demonstrated knowledge of vegetation, power tools and equipment. Knowledge of and ability to apply workplace health and safety standards especially on the use, application, and storage of petrol, LP gas, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizers and chemicals and knowledge of other legislation relevant to the undertakings of the role.



## Conditions

- The successful applicant must hold a current Working with Children Check (Blue Card) - In accordance with the [Working with Children \(Risk Management and Screening\) Act 2000](#) a person is prohibited from working in regulated child-related employment unless the person holds a current Working with Children Check clearance (blue card) issued by Blue Card Services. Further details regarding this may be obtained by accessing the web site of the Public Safety Business Agency at the following internet address: <http://www.bluecard.qld.gov.au/>
- Provide evidence of your COVID-19 vaccination prior to commencing. As outlined in the [vaccination requirements for workers in high risk settings Direction](#), it is a mandatory condition of employment for Department of Education employees that you have received your prescribed number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine. Please visit the [Department of Education COVID-19 website](#) for further information and the [Department of Health information page](#) for further information about obtaining your COVID-19 vaccination certificate.
- A criminal history check will be initiated on the successful applicant.
- A non-smoking policy applies in Queensland government buildings, offices and motor vehicles.

## Application Process

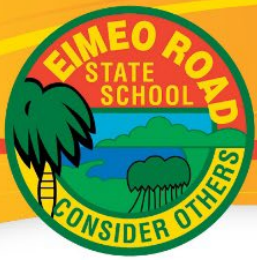
Applications are to include:

- A current resume (maximum of 3 pages in length) and contact details for two referees
- A copy of your current Working with Children (Blue Card)
- Proof of your COVID-19 vaccination status

Applications are to be directed to:

- Via post: Belinda Allen  
Business Manager  
PO Box 425  
RURAL VIEW QLD 4740
- Via email: [balle114@eq.edu.au](mailto:balle114@eq.edu.au)
- **Closing date** - Close of business on 4.00pm 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022





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## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

### **CASUAL CLEANER**

We are currently seeking expressions of interest from persons interested in forming part of a casual pool of relief cleaners. Work hours and shifts vary but are generally performed between the hours of 4.00am to 8.00am and/or 3.00pm to 7.00pm depending on the total hours for each day and your availability. The successful candidate will need to be able to work independently, be physically fit and have an eye for attention to detail. Your casual pay rate will be between \$32.15 and \$34.39 per hour depending on previous experience.

### **About the Position**

As a relief cleaner you will contribute to the efficient and effective operation and environment of the school by providing a high level of cleaning support. You will ensure that a high standard of hygiene and cleanliness is maintained whilst carrying out the duties prescribed and approved by the school cleaning program. The position of cleaner reports directly to the school Business Manager.

The duties of a cleaner may include a mix of any of the following activities.

- Cleaning windows, pictures, doorknobs, taps, sinks, lavatory basins, glassware, glass doors and cupboards etc.
- Cleaning and sanitising toilet facilities and sick bays.
- Cleaning sinks and drinking fountains.
- Cleaning and maintaining equipment.
- Cobweb and mildew control, utilising extendable equipment as necessary.
- Cleaning of concrete; bitumen; asphalt and paved surfaces.
- Disposal of rubbish and litter control including removal of material from drains and gutters between and/or surrounding buildings.
- Dusting including student and office furniture, equipment and fans.
- Hosing.
- Removal of graffiti.
- Sweeping.
- Vacuuming.
- Vinyl/timber floor maintenance including buffing, stripping and polishing.
- Other appropriate cleaning duties as directed by the principal/Business Services Manager.
- Activating and disarming school security systems as required.
- Locking and unlocking buildings.

### **What We Are Looking For**

The ideal applicant will:

- Have an eye for detail with the capacity to fulfil the duties as described above to achieve quality outcomes.
- Possess strong interpersonal, communication and negotiation skills.
- Have the ability to perform under direction and the capacity to work in a team or independently.
- Be highly self-motivated, organised and enthusiastic with a great sense of humour.
- Have to ability to rapidly acquire knowledge of departmental administrative policies, practices and procedures used in schools.

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# Money Matters

## *From the Office*

Term 1	Date Due	Amount
Student Resource Hire – Full & Term 1 Instalments	Overdue	\$ as invoiced
Instrumental Music Levy & Kit – Full & Term 1 Instalments	Overdue	\$ As invoiced
Term 2	Date Due	Amount
Student Resource Hire – Term 2 Instalments	30/04/2022	\$ 40.00
Instrumental Music Levy & Kit – Term 2 Instalments	30/04/2022	\$ 40.00
Year 6 Camp – Seaforth	1/06/2022	\$220.00



## Reducing Cash in Schools

### **Available technologies to limit the acceptance of cash:**

- ☐ **BPOINT** – accessed via a link on your invoice or through Interactive Voice Recognition (IVR) telephone payments (1300 631 073) or eDDR (electronic direct debit payment plans) from bank accounts and credit cards. Please see administration if you wish to set up an eDDR.
- ☐ **EFTPOS** – in person at the administration counter. We do not accept over the phone credit card payments.
- ☐ **QParents** – a direct link to BPoint. The easiest way to pay multiple invoices in one transaction. If you aren't already a member of QParents and wish to be please contact Administration.
- ☐ **Centrepay** – allows for parents who receive a Centrelink income to make regular direct deposit payment amounts to the school. Please see administration if you wish to set up a Centrepay deduction.
- ☐ **Direct Deposit** – into school bank account. (Eimeo Road Primary School – BSB 064707 – Account Number 00090570 – Reference: Invoice Number or Name and Activity Paid)

Through the QParents App you can securely pay multiple invoices or part pay invoices with the click of a button. You can also view your history of payments and outstanding amounts. If you would like to join QParents please contact our Administration Office.

**Please see Sam at the Office if you need to set up a Centrepay Plan or an Individual Payment Plan”**

## **PE NEWS**

### **Cross Country**

Speedy running wishes to Jay, Flynn, Ayla and Tahlia at the Mackay District Cross Country trials next week. We wish them the best of luck.



### **Mackay District Softball trials**

Any softball players interested in attending the MD Softball trials, need to see Mrs Ralph as soon as possible to collect paperwork and nominate. Players must have their own glove and equipment, as well as a thorough knowledge of the rules of the game. They must also be able to bat to a pitched ball.



### **Interschool Rugby League - John Paap competition**

Any players born 2010 or 2011 need to see Mrs Ralph regarding paperwork for the Inter School Rugby League competition during Term 2 on Wednesday afternoons. A fee of \$20 per player will apply - covers the cost of ground fees, referees, First Aid and nomination to Gala days later in the year. Players must have a mouthguard and headgear. Games will be played at the Junior Rugby League fields, either a 4pm or 4:45pm start, until the end of Term 2.



### **Mackay District Tennis Trials**

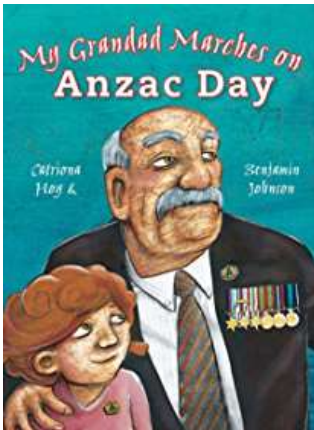
Any player wanting to express interest in attending the Mackay District Tennis trials on 5<sup>th</sup> May, must see Mrs Ralph for further information. Players must possess a solid forehand, backhand, volley and overarm serving skills. Players must also have a solid knowledge of the rules and scoring to be considered.



# LIBRARY MATTERS



**ANZAC DAY**  
*Let's Not Forget*



## ANZAC Day...

"My Grandad Marches on ANZAC Day" (Catriona Hoy) perceives ANZAC Day through the eyes of a young child and the history she has learned from the conversations and storytelling shared with her grandfather.

The book is a gentle telling of the terrible ravages of war, the importance of remembering the sacrifices of those who go to fight and respecting the memory of those who never returned home.

Our junior school classes will be sharing this story in the lead up to our ANZAC Day observance on Friday 22 April.

## Book Club is back...



Book Club brochures will be coming home this week with orders closing **FRIDAY 6 MAY**. Please place your child's order through The Loop by the closing date to avoid disappointment.



## National Simultaneous Storytime...

Josh Pyke's celebration of 'family', community and the wonders of nature is an excellent read-aloud book to share when we observe National Simultaneous Storytime this year on Wednesday, May 25. "Family Tree" is readily available at local book suppliers and through our Book Club if you would like to obtain a copy for your family to share.





## WELCOME TO **Book Club**

The latest issue of Book Club brochures  
are being sent home today.

Closing date for orders is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Payments can only be made online via Scholastic.

Thank you! Mrs Canino  
ERSS Book Club Co-ordinator



**ERSS TUCKSHOP**

## **CURRENTLY SEEKING VOLUNTEERS**

If you can spare a couple of hours a week/fortnight, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please email - [ersstuckshop@gmail.com](mailto:ersstuckshop@gmail.com)  
or call 49697115.

**\*COVID VAX & BLUECARD REQUIRED\***  
**\*PLEASE NOTE BLUECARD CAN BE ARRANGED BY ERSS**



## **Mother's Day**

Pre-Order Form



**\*\*\*8 Gift Packs available @ \$10 each\*\*\***

Pre-orders can be placed via [Flexischools.com](https://flexischools.com)  
by 3pm on Tuesday 3rd May

**OR**

Return your COMPLETED Order Form with correct money in a sealed envelope or ziplock bag to the TUCKSHOP by Tuesday 3rd May

**\*CORRECT MONEY ONLY AS NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN\***

All students that pre-order will go to the Uniform Shop on Thursday 5th May during class to select the pack/s of their choice.

\*Sibling packs will be noted to avoid double ups\*

Childs Name	Childs Class	No. of Packs	Cost
<b>Total No. of Packs and Total Cost</b>			<b>\$</b>

We are also holding a **CASH ONLY** Mini Stall during 1st and 2nd break at the Uniform Shop on Friday 6th May where your child can purchase any excess gift packs or choose a small gift from our stall selection.  
Individual items range from \$1-\$6.



## From Vision to Inclusion: Advocating for your child at school

# MACKAY

## SOUTHS LEAGUES CLUB

**Thursday 19th May, 2022**  
9:15AM - 2:30PM

**This free workshop will help you become more confident in advocating for your child in the education system. Come along and learn about:**

- The benefits and features of authentic school inclusion
- How to share and maintain a positive vision with the school
- Setting high expectations for your child
- Effective communication skills and navigating challenges in the school system
- Policies and legislation that can support you in your advocacy

There will be opportunities to meet other families, get more informed and develop skills to communicate with the school.

**To book your place or find out more go to [cru.org.au/events](https://cru.org.au/events) or call (07) 3844 2211**

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# Event Details

**DATE:** Thursday 19th May, 2022

**TIME:** Sign in from 8:45AM for a 9:15AM start.

Concludes at 2:30PM. Morning tea & lunch is provided.

**VENUE:** Souths Leagues Club

181 Milton St, South Mackay

**BOOK:** Register by Tuesday 10th May 2022 via this link [cru.org.au/events](https://cru.org.au/events) or contact CRU.

## Who is CRU?

Community Resource Unit Ltd. (CRU) has an over 30 year track record of working throughout Queensland to promote positive change so that people with disabilities can belong to and participate in community life.

The Families for Inclusive Education workshops are delivered by CRU to assist families of students with disability to be clear, informed, confident and connected so they can work as respected and valued partners in their children's education.

## Assistance to attend:

There is a small amount of funding available to families who need to travel to attend workshops or who require other support. If you require any assistance to attend or participate in this event please contact CRU to apply for this assistance.

For more information **call CRU on (07) 3844 2211** or **email [educationproject@cru.org.au](mailto:educationproject@cru.org.au)**



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