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Calendar

KEY SCHOOL DATES

Term 2 2022

Week 10	Jun 20	Year 6 Camp Seaforth (all week)
	Jun 20	Cumberland (selected students) Track & Field Carnival @ARC
	Jun 20	Prep-Yr2 Parade 2.15pm
	Jun 21	Touch Football Gala Day – Year 1 & 2 (8am-9am)
	Jun 21	Choir 8.10-8.40am
	Jun 21	(6P & 6G only) Celebration Day
	Jun 22	Report Cards sent home
	Jun 22	Interschool Rugby League 3.15-5.15pm
	Jun 23	Celebration Day (all except 6P & 6G)
	Jun 23	Playgroup 9am-10am
	Jun 24	Under 10 Netball & Rugby League Gala Day
	Jun 24	MARS visiting Preps
	Jun 24	Last day of Term 2

Term 3 2022

Week 1	July 11	First day of Term 3
	July 11	Yr3-6 Parade 2.15pm
	July 12	Choir 8.10am-8.40am
	July 13	Interschool Rugby League 3.15-5.15pm
	July 14	Playgroup 9am-10am
	July 15	NAIDOC Activities Day
Week 2	July 18	Year 3 Beach Excursion
	July 18	Prep-Yr2 Parade 2.15pm
	July 19	Choir 8.10-8.40am
	July 20	Interschool Rugby League 3.15-5.15pm
	July 20	School Photos commence (July 20, 21 & 22)
	July 21	Playgroup 9am-10am
Week 3	July 25	Yr3-6 Parade 2.15pm
	July 26	Choir 8.10-8.40am
	July 26	MNBSHS to visit Year 6's
	July 27	Eimeo Pre-Prep Connect 9.15am-10am
	July 27	Interschool Rugby League 3.15-5.15pm
	July 28	Playgroup 9am-10am
	July 29	National Tree Day

Principal Message

Dear parents and carers,

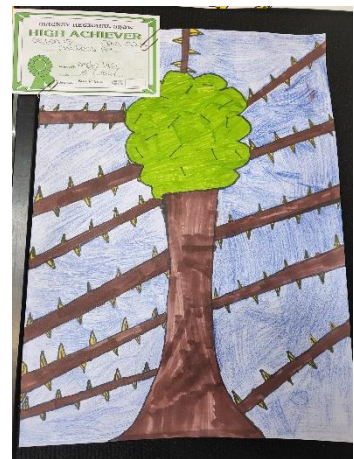
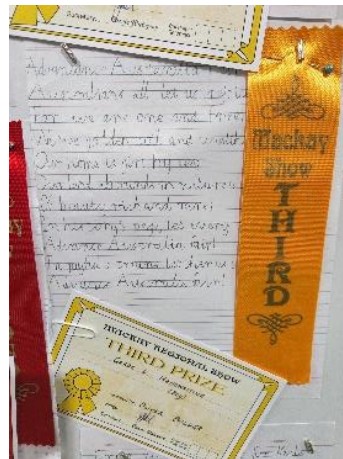
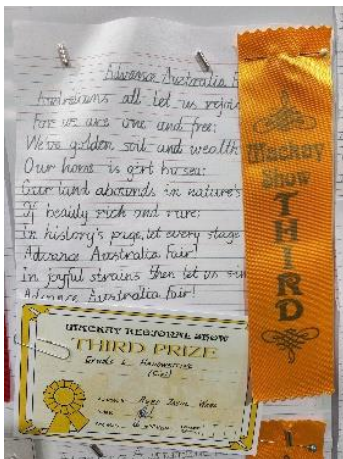
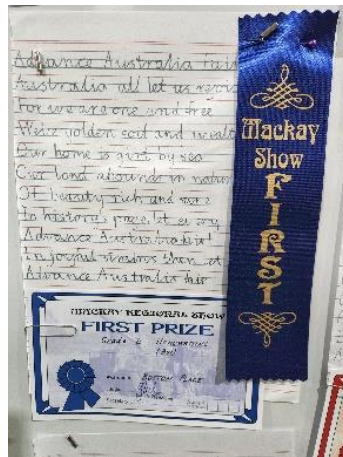
Today, our youngest learners enjoyed an afternoon of play and fun as our school acknowledged the importance of play in a changing world (as we celebrated Under 8's Day). Many thanks to the organising committee (Mrs Wimmer, Mrs Malouf, Mrs Dixon, Miss Hopwood, and Mrs Bray), staff, our P&C and community partners for making the afternoon highly engaging and enjoyable for our young children.

Last week students and family who attend the Junior and Senior discos have communicated their appreciation of Student Council members, Mr Brown, and supervising staff for facilitating this wonderful social activity. It was great to see children and parents busting out numerous dance moves throughout the evening.

School Captains, Isabell and Flynn, and members of the ELT (Educational Leadership Team) had the immense pleasure of having morning tea with two descendants of Mr Alexander McColl this week. Mr McColl was the first principal of ERSS. He opened the school on Monday, 5 February 1934, with an enrolment of 23 children. The McColl family have gifted the school community a precious and significant piece of memorabilia – an autograph book, with student signatures which was given to Mr McColl upon his departure for a lengthy overseas trip in 1939. Mr McColl retired on 30 June 1947. The family will return to ERSS to formally present the historical gift to our school community on a whole school parade in October. The significance of Mr McColl's contribution to our community is acknowledged by having a sports house being named in his honour.



Congratulations is extended to the children who nominated handwriting samples and artwork for judging at the show. Well done kids!

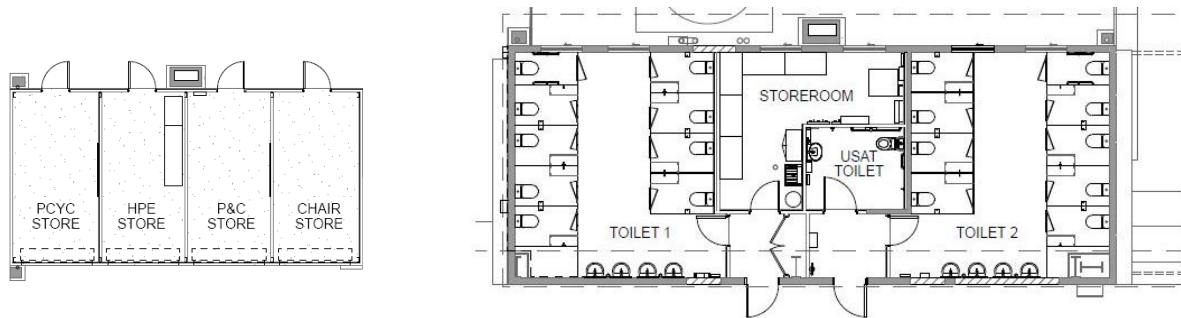


Six talented Eimeo Road SS senior instrumental students recently attended the annual District Instrumental Music Band Camp. The students gained new musical skills and techniques as well as valuable new friendships. Congratulations to Mary Briones for receiving one of the string awards for outstanding musicianship on the Violin. A special thankyou is extended to Ms Menzies and Ms Holdsworth, our amazing Instrumental Music teachers, who contributed to facilitating this event.



Congratulations to newly elected P&C President, Kerri Somerfield who has volunteered her expertise to the role during the P&C Meeting held on Tuesday night this week. The P&C are still seeking a volunteer to fill the Secretary position. Please contact pandc@eimeoroads.eq.edu.au if you are interested.

Hall amenities upgrade – the contract has been approved by the department of education and a contractor has been appointment. A plan of the work to be undertaken is shown below.



Next week is the final week of the school term. Our Year 6 students are looking forward to their Seaforth camp. Students not attending camp are expected to attend school. Cumberland District Track and Field is being hosted at the Mackay Aquatic and Recreation Complex (Ooralea) on Monday. We wish the team of 60 students the absolute best as they seek selection for representation at the regional level. On Wednesday families will be emailed Semester One Student Report Cards. The term will end with students who have received 200 beaus/20 bee certificates/2 happygrams (positive behaviour acknowledgment for the term) will be invited to a movie and popcorn session on Thursday or Friday. Thanks to the P&C for providing the popcorn.

Next week we farewell Mrs Papazian and Mrs Clacher as they access maternity leave. We welcome Mrs Catherine Thompsom, who will assume responsibility for 1P.

I invite all families to attend our school's NAIDOC celebrations on Friday 15 July commencing at 9.00am in the hall. Please save this date on your calendar.

Save the Date: School Photos will be held during Week 2 of next term, Wednesday July 20 to Friday July 22.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to empower your child, our students, to be good at learning and good at life. Enjoy the mid-year vacation. Classes will recommence on Monday 11 July.

Curriculum News

Inquiry learning @ERSS

ERSS Learning Partnerships

ERSS teachers encourage learning relationships that shift voice, control, and interactions as **students and teachers** become **co-designers** and **co-learners connecting with parents, experts and community**. The focus on new relationships accelerates the learning and gives new roles for students, families, and educators. This Term Year Three have actively been making learning partnerships with members of their community and learning lots along the way.

Woolworths Visit to Year 3

Our amazing Year Three students have learnt to write persuasive letters. These enthusiastic advocates for animal welfare wrote to the manager of Woolworths (Rural View), to action the **banning of the sale of cage eggs at Woolworths**.

We were fortunate to have Mr Peck, the store manager, visit our school and the Year Three Student Council members presented him with the students convincing reasons in their letters. Some of the students read their letters to Mr Peck and he was very impressed with their enthusiastic presentation and the quality of their arguments. He also stated that he looks forward to reading all of the letters that the children have written.

Our inspirational Year 3 students are deeply passionate about this issue and it is wonderful that the children see that **by using their words, they can make a difference**.



Mayor Greg Williamson Visit to Year 3

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Extra Curricula News

Performing Arts

Music Interview With Miss Lauren Menzies, the String Teacher

How many instruments can you play?

Piano, viola, cello, double bass, violin and vocals.

Who influenced you to become a musician?

I have had many influences over my 32 years of playing, but my first was, when I was a member of the Mackay Youth Orchestra and one year we had a "winter music school" and we workshops with guest conductors from Brisbane one of them being the late Mr John Curro. Another significant influence was seeing the Queensland Symphony Orchestra perform each year in Mackay.

Are you a member of a music group?

Many...I am a member of Mackay Choral Society, Mackay Musical Comedy Players, a string quartet and a vocal group called "Tutti". I am one of the founding members and conductors of Mackay City Strings.

What type of music do you like?

My absolute favourite is Classical and I also enjoy early Jazz music - Ella Fitzgerald etc.

What do you love about your job?

Seeing students' faces light up when they achieve a new technique or have learned a new piece.

Library News

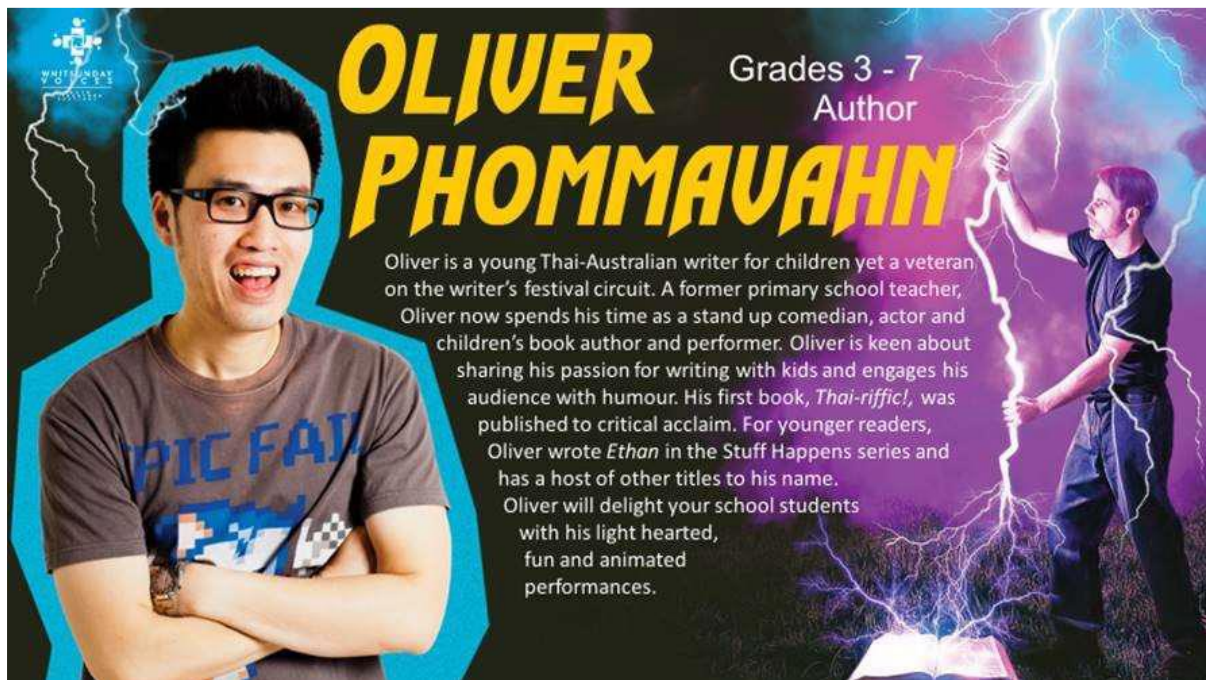
Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival - Excursion

All excursion positions have now been filled.

For those who are attending, here is a reminder of the days' events...

There has been a change to the program which affects our excursion to this year's festival. Unfortunately, Peter Carnavas is recovering from illness and will not be able to travel to Whitsunday Voices as planned. We wish him well with his recovery and hope to see more of his tremendously moving and enchanting stories.

The good news however is that another delightfully funny man and brilliantly entertaining writer is able to step up to fill the vacancy...



OLIVER PHOMMAVAHN Grades 3 - 7 Author

Oliver is a young Thai-Australian writer for children yet a veteran on the writer's festival circuit. A former primary school teacher, Oliver now spends his time as a stand up comedian, actor and children's book author and performer. Oliver is keen about sharing his passion for writing with kids and engages his audience with humour. His first book, *Thai-riffic!*, was published to critical acclaim. For younger readers, Oliver wrote *Ethan* in the *Stuff Happens* series and has a host of other titles to his name. Oliver will delight your school students with his light hearted, fun and animated performances.

Our program still includes the presentation with Lucas Proudfoot, a talented First Nations performer and author and a presentation from the enormously popular Shake & Stir Theatre Company.

Shake & Stir Theatre Company

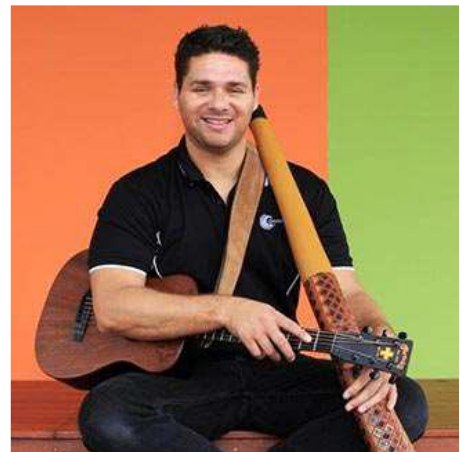


Strap yourself in for the dahliciously delightful, Roald Dahl's DIRTY BEASTS. Roald's rhymes leap off the page to entertain your students in this action-packed, side-splitting, verse extravaganza. Featuring all nine poems from the book including The Tummy Beast, Sting-A-Ling the Scorpion and The Porcupine plus a few fairytale favourites from Revolting Rhymes thrown in for good measure.



Lucas Proudfoot – Performer, Musician, Author

Lucas is a talented storyteller and songwriter, who plays guitar, didgeridoo and stomp box! A crowd favourite, known for his fast wit and cheeky humour, Lucas Proudfoot has been entertaining young audiences across Australia for over 10 years, he's even been a special guest on ABC's Play School! Lucas' high energy musical performances will have kids jumping and laughing and dancing in no time. His latest venture is the creation off the Proud Feet series which introduces us to Pat the Wombat, Koolaz Koala and Billy Blue Tongue.



Pat, Koolaz and Billy are all surfers and perform together in the Proud Feet Band. Pat plays guitar and didgeridoo and sings lead vocals; never seen without her phone or surfboard, Koolaz plays funky bass; and Billy Blue Tongue is a chill, joke-telling lizard who loves banging the drum with his big, fat tail.

"All the experiences I write about are drawn from my own interactions and the strong friendships developed during my travels as a cultural dancer, musician and surfer. My ultimate goal is to have The Proud Feet on screens and in bookshops everywhere, so that young audiences have access to cultural education tools that inspire them to learn more about Indigenous cultures."



News from the Office

Money Matters

Term 2	Date Due	Amount
Student Resource Hire – Full & Term 1 & 2 Instalments	Overdue	\$ as invoiced
Instrumental Music Levy & Kit – Full & Term 1 & 2 Instalments	Overdue	\$ as invoiced
Whitsunday Voices Yrs 3-6 (not invoiced)	20/06/2022	\$ 25.00
Term 3	Date Due	Amount
Life Education	12/08/2022	\$ 7.00
Bike Education	12/08/2022	\$ 30.00
Swimming Lessons -Yrs Prep & 3	9/09/2022	\$ 23.75



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

P&C

Uniform Shop





EVERY WEEK

Monday - 8:15am to 9:30am
Thursday - 2:30pm to 5.00pm

Uniform samples are available out of Uniform Shop opening hours by contacting the Uniform Shop Managing Convenor directly to organise a convenient time.
Online orders can be placed at www.flexischools.com.au
Orders can be delivered to class; collected from the Uniform Shop or School Office.
Please sign in with the Qld Check In app and wear a mask when on school grounds.

For all Uniform Shop queries, please contact the Convenor via Email:
erssuniformshop@gmail.com or message the ERSS P&C Facebook Notice Board.

Cookie Dough



Thank You Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our Eimeo Road State School community is truly amazing! It is wonderful to share that our **Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough** fundraiser was a huge success!

It is fantastic to see the spirit and enthusiasm that was displayed in supporting our school. Of course, the true highlight is the feedback that everyone is loving their cookie dough!

We raised \$2156 (\$4 x 539 tubs sold), which will go toward our school. Your incentive prizes and cookie dough is expected to arrive in Mackay between 9am-12pm on Thursday 23rd June, so PICK UP will be AFTER MIDDAY, until 5pm.

Again, our most sincere thanks for your support and fundraising efforts. We couldn't have done it without you!

Kerry Mehaffey

Fundraising Coordinator

URGENT UPDATE – due to ingredient supply issues and staff shortages, Billy G's has advised a delay with orders. **Cookie Dough orders are now due to arrive early Term 3!** We will update you as further information comes in. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Community News

Mackay Gymnastics



MACKAY GYMNASTICS INC
GYMNASTICS HOLIDAY CAMP

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
2 Days FOR \$80 per MGI Member
2 Days FOR \$100 per Non Member
Early Bird ends 24th June 2022 at 5pm

PREP - 13 YEARS
MGI Members \$50/Day
NON Members \$70/Day
Payment required at time of booking

9AM - 3PM
Week 1 - Mon 27th, Wed 29th June, Fri 1st July
Week 2 - Mon 4th, Wed 6th, Fri 8th July 2022

5 Snow Wright Crt Beaconsfield
To book call 49420032 or email
admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au



MACKAY GYMNASTICS
SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN DAYS
INSIDE FUN, OUT OF THE SUN

2 - 4 YEAR OLDS
for younger boys & girls
9.15am - 10.00am
COST \$16.50
WHEN :
Wed 29th June &
Wed 6th July 2022

5 - 12 YEAR OLDS
primary school aged boys and girls
9.00am - 10.30am
COST \$27.50
WHEN : June & July 2022
Mon 27th, Wed 29th June
Fri 1st, Mon 4th & Wed 6th &
Fri 8th July

COME AND HAVE FUN IN THE GYM
WHERE: At our facilities
5 Snow Wright Court,
(Off Beaconsfield Road)
Bookings Required
Phone: 07 4942 0032
or email: admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au

