Dear Parent / Caregiver

It is pleasing to come to the end of another very successful term at the school. I mentioned to the children on parade that from the perspective of the school administration the focus on teaching and learning in each classroom has been tremendous in term one and the students progress as a result of this is very much a reflection of the hard work and dedication that the teaching staff put into ensuring that every child has a quality educational program and experience.

The combination of ‘awesome’ teachers, enthusiastic, focussed and well behaved students and parents who support the school and take an active role in the education of their child has resulted in many positive outcomes for us at Eumundi. Communication has been the key and it has been very encouraging to see the number of parents attending the recent Parent / Teacher interviews.

Thanks to everyone for making a huge effort to make our school the best it can be!

Regular student attendance is a component of the school data which we have been working on improving this year. As such I am very pleased to announce that the percentage of children attending school regularly this year has increased to 94.1% over the term. We still need to do a little bit of work on making sure that children come to school on Fridays, as this is by far our lowest day for attendance. Congratulations to Year 5 who had the highest attendance levels – great work Mrs Carmody, Mr Smith and Ms Dunnett!

Generally speaking this is a good result, and I hope that this trend of increased attendance continues into the future.

Congratulations to our Student Council and Mr Scott on a very fruitful first fundraiser for the year. With your help the children raised over $600.00 to support our local farmers which was a tremendous effort. Well done!

**Reading Comprehension Focus - ‘Springboard Success’**

I cannot speak highly enough of this program and the potential benefits for all of the children who access it. This week for parents to assist their children in understanding what they read we will focus on the third skill in reading comprehension, compare and contrast.

**Compare and Contrast**

Comparing and contrasting the features, events, and other content of a text involves identifying similarities and differences. As students mature, this skill can be extended to comparing and contrasting differences across texts or specific subject matter across a range of texts.

The ability to recognize words that signal comparisons and contrasts is very important. Some signal words and phrases are: different from, same as, like, alike, unlike, similar, both have, on the other hand, some, others, compared with, just the same, they both, neither. Familiarization with these words helps students recognize comparisons and contrasts. This increases students’ understanding.

The application of this skill is important throughout life, as it enables people to make decisions that are well-informed, and choices that are based on sound reasoning rather than whim. From childhood onwards, viewers and readers are bombarded with advertisements that need to be evaluated, and they constantly need to make comparisons between wide ranges of products. The intelligent reading of newspapers and magazines also involves readers in comparing, contrasting, and evaluating different reports of incidents and events. (Extract from Springboard into Comprehension)
Year 5 Maranatha Camp
At the time of writing this Newsmundi the Year 5 campers were very much enjoying their first camp at Maranatha. Thankfully the weather has been fine which has enabled the children to fully participate in the range of activities on offer. I look forward to hearing more from the guys upon their return.

Ignite English
Last week I took the opportunity to have a close look at the work of the Ignite English team and was truly amazed at the standard of work produced by the children. Thanks to Kym Trewick, Mrs Kathleen Lamarque and Ms Sacha Cameron for their time and expertise in working with the children. It is certainly making a difference.

Connect Program
It is very exciting to see our ‘Connect’ Program up and running at the school. Big thanks to those parents who have returned their permission forms for their child to be involved. If you have not completed this form please do so as soon as possible. Keep an eye out for up and coming parent reading workshops to assist parents when working with their child at home which will be occurring early term two.

Arts in Action Committee Meeting
With our Arts in Action annual fundraiser only 6 months away it is already time to start making plans for this year’s event. I will be meeting with the P&C early next term to discuss the program and ideas for 2014, so if you have any ideas or suggestions as to how to enhance this already very successful day we would be very happy to hear from you. Please send any ideas or comments to Karen Allen, the schools P&C Operations Manager, so they can be brought forward at this meeting.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call School Watch on 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy - 13 17 88 - and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Enjoy your holidays and I look forward to seeing you at the Easter Bonnet Parade and the school Cross Country.

Mick

AWARDS
Catch a ‘C’ - Max, Finn & Zach 1N, Dorothy & Huntah 2FS, Charlotte 3J, Bella 3O, Cassie 4M, Jessica 6S and Elliot 7M
Congratulation to the following students who have received awards on parade for special effort, achievement and co-operation in class.

School Camps
Reminder - payment for Year 6/7 trip to Canberra - second payment is due 23 April.
Yr6 Trip to Canberra
Dates: Sunday 27 July – Friday 01 August
Yr7 Trip to Canberra
Dates: Sunday 03 August – Friday 08 August
Payment instalments are as follows:
2nd instalment 23 April $200
3rd instalment 23 May $200
Final payment 18 June Amount to be advised.
(Amount of the final payment is dependant on fundraising).
If you would like to organise payment options please see Anna (Business Services Manager).
Hello Eumundi

P&C would like to say a big thank you to the 7 mums who have been helping to wrap Mother’s Day gifts for our stall. Your help is so very much appreciated.

**CANBERRA CAMP CHOCOLATE DRIVE**

Our Year 6 & 7 families received 2 boxes of Cadbury chocolates to sell over the holidays to help us raise $6000 to assist with the Canberra camp. This will most likely be the last year for a chocolate drive as P&C funding must go directly to the school to assist every student therefore Camps do not qualify under our constitution. Canberra camp is an expensive yet extremely worthwhile camp and every child should be able to experience this great learning opportunity, so we thank Year 6 & 7 families in advance for your support with this fundraiser. All monies are to be returned to the Art house before the 24th April. The first 90 children to return money will receive a block of Cadbury marvellous creations chocolate. This is a very easy product to sell and most neighbours, business owners etc look forward to our kid’s chocolate drive. Chocolates are not permitted to be sold at school but most families have great success in their own neighbourhood. Happy chocolate selling.

Any families unable to sell chocolate please don’t stress, just return them to Karen in the Art house.

**TUCKSHOP**

Thanks to everyone who supported our St Patricks day sausage sizzle. Not only did this improve sales for a usually slow Monday but we all enjoyed something a bit different for lunch. Thanks also to our regular Tuckshop volunteers, your help really does not go unnoticed.

**OSHC**

Considering we are now licensed to care for 45 children a few changes to staff are needed. Please see below for our latest job vacancy. Also don’t forget to book for Vacation Care. Due to having difficulties with staffing some days we are only able to take 30 children, so please be patient with us during the transition and get those bookings in as soon as possible.

**UNIFORMS**

All sizes of our new style polo shirt are in stock. The children are really liking them so thanks for all your purchases recently. A new style winter jacket will be delivered soon. We will be showing it off on parade when they arrive.

**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE POSITION VACANT**

Eumundi State School P&C Association are looking to employ an Assistant Coordinator for our OSHC service. The successful applicant will have one of the following –

- A Teaching degree
- A Nursing degree or a
- Diploma or Advanced Diploma in childcare.

They will also have a certified supervisor certificate. A clear knowledge of National Quality framework, education and care services national law and regulations and My Time our Place. A working knowledge of Qikids system will also be very beneficial along with a working history of at least 3 years in an OSHC environment.

Please send your CV to Karen Allen. Operations Manager Eumundi State School P&C Association. essopsman@bigpond.com Applications should be in by close of business Friday 11 April.

This is a permanent part time position of 25 – 30 hours per week.

**ARTS IN ACTION COMMITTEE**

We are looking for at least 5 committed parents who would like to be part of the Arts In Action organising committee. If you are interested in actually being physically involved in the planning, set up and cleaning up on the day please let Karen know via txt msg on 0468 683 129. We will have our first organising committee meeting in week 3 term 2. Stay tuned.

Happy Easter Holidays Eumundi Families

*Your P&C Team*
School
ANZAC DAY SERVICE
IN EUMUNDI

The students of Eumundi State School will be conducting their school ANZAC Day service at the Eumundi Town Square (under the big fig tree) on Thursday 24 APRIL 2014 commencing at 9:30am.

An invitation is extended to members of the Eumundi community to participate in this service.

The service will be conducted by the school’s student leaders. The laying of wreaths will form part of the ceremony.

PLEASE COME ALONG AND JOIN STUDENTS IN REMEMBERING ANZAC DAY.

LIMITED SEATING IS AVAILABLE – PLEASE BRING A CHAIR. In the event of wet weather, the ceremony will be held in the school hall.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE
CLASS WREATHS

During the school ANZAC service Thursday 24 April, two representatives from each class will come forward and lay a wreath at a memorial to remember the men, women and children who have died during wars.

All students are therefore asked to bring in some flowers and/or greenery on Thursday 24 April before school so that the class wreaths can be made. It would also be appreciated if some parents could assist in the making of the wreaths (please see your child’s teacher if you are able to help).
Thank you teachers and students for your support of the Free Dress Day, the writing and the drawing competitions. We raised just over $600 for the Aussie Helpers Charity, specifically to help Aussie Farmers. Better still, our rain dance has proved to be liquid gold for the farmers!

We have submitted 104 short stories and 18 poems to the Write 4 Fun competition. Fingers crossed for winners there. The deadline has been extended until this Friday, so for anyone still wishing to send in an entry, please pass on your story or poem to Mr Scott by Thursday. The entries will be judged over the holidays and we will hopefully have a positive result to report early next term.

The Student Council were extremely impressed with all the drawings from P-2 students. WOW! It was very difficult to pick out winners!

But... the winners are:

First (prize is the Cow puppet) Indigo 2C, Second (two movie passes) Harper - Prep M and Third (two movie passes) Oscar 2FS

Well done to everyone for participating.
INFORMATION RE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
THIS FRIDAY

VENUE
School Oval

THOSE INVOLVED
All year 3 – 7 students

PROGRAM (Approx. Times)
8.50am Assemble in House areas on the oval
9.00am Final instructions & war cries
9.10am 8yrs (born 2006) Boys/Girls (1000m)
9.20am 9yrs (born 2005) Boys/Girls (1000m)
9.30am 10yrs (born 2004) Boys (1200m)
9.35am 10yrs (born 2004) Girls (1200m)
9.45am 11yrs (born 2003) Boys (2000m)
9.50am 11yrs (born 2003) Girls (2000m)
10.10am 12/13yrs (born 2002/2001) Boys (2000m)
10.15am 12/13yrs (born 2002/2001) Girls (2000m)
10.35am Presentations

DRESS CODE
Shorts, t-shirt (house colour), SHOES, hat and sunscreen

SAFETY
1. Students unable to participate because of medical conditions should bring a note from their parent/guardian. This note should be presented to the classroom teacher on the day of the carnival.
2. Asthmatic students who choose to participate are encouraged to carry their medication with them.
3. Students suffering from colds & similar conditions should not participate.
4. All students should consume water before and after the event (during the event is optional).
5. A staff member will be the First Aid Officer.
6. On course marshalls will carry mobile phones.
7. A count will be made for each age group when they are lined up. This will be checked when they return.
8. As much as the weather has allowed, students have done preparation with PE teacher and/or class teacher.

Remember that everyone who finishes gets a point for their team and a little training beforehand makes a big difference on the day.

Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series
I was at the first race of the Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series on Sunday and was a little disappointed that for the first time that I can remember (I have attended these since 1998), there did not appear to be any Eumundi students running.

Then I hear some enthusiastic little voices calling out “Gidday Mr Kiorgaard”. It was Year 3 students Amali Oliver and Mia Morrissey and Amali’s little sister in Year 1, Lucia. I tried to warn their parents that the competition is usually pretty tough with the best runners from all over the Sunshine Coast and even further afield involved when the race started. They all ran in the Under 10 event even though Lucia should have been in the Under 8’s.

I was very impressed when Mia finished a very creditable 6th in a large field and Amali not far behind in 7th. But Lucia was probably the most impressive. She matched her much older rivals finishing the one kilometer event full of running and with a big smile on her face. I’m sure they will be back on 13 April at Caloundra for Race 2. Hopefully this time with older brother, Mitchell.

The dates and venues of the races are listed below but go to www.sccrosscountry.org for more information.

Race 2 13 April - Ben Bennett Park Caloundra
Race 3 04 May - Maleny Golf Club
Race 4 18 May - Corbould Park
Race 5 01 June - Ben Bennett Park Caloundra
Race 6 15 June - Buderim

State Swimming Championships
Tane & Tenaya Carmont and Ella Honeysett have just come back from the State Swim Championships.

Simone Carmont reports. “Just a quick update re state swimming for the kids. As usual they worked hard over the three days. They swam 2 relays each and both did well with Tenaya’s team doing a several second PB which included her own PB of one second for the 50m freestyle. She also managed a PB in the 50m breaststroke.

Unfortunately Tane was sick for the whole meet. He was disappointed but tried hard and swam his best, managing to swim within a second or so off his PB’s for both the 50m and 100m breaststroke. Overall I think they did a great job, they had fun with their regional team mates and once again it was a terrific school experience for them.”

Lisa Honeysett also reported that Ella continues to do big PB’s and was 14th fastest qualifier in the 100m Freestyle.

District Soccer Trials Postponed
The District Soccer Trials scheduled for last week have been postponed to Wednesday, 23 April (term 2, week 1) due to the weather. The venue and times will be the same.
District Tennis
I neglected last Newsmundi to acknowledge Jet Bouzanquet who was chosen as Eumundi’s sole representative in the District Tennis Trials. Thanks to Mrs Carmody for running this.

Table Tennis Squad
Members of our table tennis Training Squad are(all members should have received a permission note):-

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Up and Coming Events
- Friday 04 April - Eumundi State School Inter-House Cross Country (Years 3-7)
- Sunday 13 April - Second race of the Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series (at Caloundra)
- Wednesday 23 April - Noosa District Boys & Girls Football (Soccer) Trials - Eumundi representatives have been selected (Postponed due to the rain)
- Monday 28 April - Sunshine Coast Regional Primary Table Tennis (at Meredian College, Caloundra)
- Sunday 04 May - Third race of the Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series (at Maleny)
- Sunday 18 May - Fourth race of the Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series (at Corbould Park)
- Monday 19 May - District Cross Country
- Tuesday 20 May - Queensland Schools Table Tennis Championships (Windsor in Brisbane)

Regards,
Gary Kiorgaard

District Softball
Over 16, 17 and 18 March, the Primary School Girls District Softball trials were held at Noosa District Softball Association. Twelve teams of juniors and seniors participated over the three days. The Noosa junior team won their final, making them the best junior team overall. The best overall senior team was Glasshouse. The performance from these girls was amazing considering the tremendous heat. Three Eumundi girls participated, Kabora, Sophy and Rebecca.
Thanks to Mr Connors for allowing me the opportunity to umpire many of the games over the three days.

Callum Thiess
School Garden Project

Garden help required for Term 2 – every Tuesday morning 8:30 – 11:30am

Any parents who have Tuesday mornings free please come up to school to help get some projects up and running. There are many jobs that require adult labour to complete.

Term 2 promises to a very big term on the garden front. I am sorry there has not been activity on the volunteer front for the gardens but I have been waiting for some rain to kick start things – and the recent rain we have had has helped tremendously. The gardens survived quite well over the extremely hot and dry Christmas holidays, with the cover crops of jap millet, cow pea and lab lab hanging in there – not dying but surviving -just. They are now ready for digging in and preparation for winter green manure crops. We have had a real bonus for the gardens thanks to the generosity of a local farming family (the Grevits) who have kindly donated two tipper loads of cow poo. Thanks also to Shane Betteridge who picked it up in his tipper and delivered it – about 8m3 of it. Most of this is now being composted ready to go into the gardens.

There are many jobs to be completed during the cooler months if anyone has any free time.

Jobs to be completed -

Digging green manure crops in –

This is a priority at the moment - each garden bed needs the green manure crops to be dug in with an overlay of cow manure to go in as well. Six of the beds will be planted up for winter crops and the other six will be replanted with a winter green manure crop to keep building the soil.

Construction of kitchen garden near Science room –

A small kitchen garden close to the classroom is planned – mainly to grow herbs and quick pick greens.

Composting

I am looking for anyone who has free time to come up to school to get their hands dirty and help with making some large compost piles. These will take a bit of building and then have to be turned every 2 days once completed. It is great exercise – smells a bit, but not for long, and when it is done is a great for the garden – this will go into preparation for the fruit trees. If anyone has loads of lawn clippings bring them up to be added to the mix.

Digging of fruit tree holes –

In preparation for the arrival of fruit trees to be located in the swales, holes need to be dug and backfilled with coarse sand and then compost. This is necessary to give the trees a real head start in what is a very heavy and difficult clay soil. Fruit trees hate to be water logged and by preparing the holes early, we help to ensure a healthy future for them.

Construction of shade house and seed raising stands -

I have begun to construct a shade house using metal frames that are left over from years gone past. If anyone is keen to let their inner builder come out give me a call – the shade house requires some minor modifications and additions. I have a large amount of recycled timber waiting to be used for this purpose or for the chook house.

Construction of Chook House and fences –

If anyone is interested in getting this going please contact me – the chooks are waiting to come back – the kids love looking after these wonderful animals.

Moving of galvanised garden beds from Prep areas to new classroom –

I would like to relocate the garden beds to the front of the new science classroom – this will involve removing the soil from the beds and then transporting it to the new location.

Native tree planting/camphor laurel removal/ steep slope regeneration -

Noosa Landcare has kindly donated 50 tube stock to be planted on the steep slope uphill from the gardens. The greatest obstacle at the moment is the removal of the camphor laurel in order to let the tube stock get a go on.

If you can help with any of these jobs it will be greatly appreciated. Please email me at jgemm3@eq.edu.au

Thanks,

Jon
As some of you may have heard, the Australian Government has phased out the Medicare Teen Dental Voucher scheme. As some of you may not have heard, it has been replaced by something bigger and better, referred to as the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS). The new scheme entitles your child to $1000 worth of general dental treatment over two calendar years, and will be available to Medicare eligible recipients of:

- Family Tax Benefit A
- Youth Allowance
- ABSTUDY
- Disability Support Pension
- Carers Payment/Parenting Payment
- Double Orphan Pension
- Veteran’s Children Education Scheme, if the child is 16 or over
- Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme, if the child is 16 or over

The new scheme will now be available to children aged between two and seventeen years to decrease the chances of children growing up with limited knowledge of dental hygiene practices, as instilling this information in young children is critical for oral health throughout their lives. Included in the CDBS are an increased range of both preventative and restorative services including:

- Examinations
- X-rays
- Cleaning
- Fissure sealing
- Fillings
- Root Canal Therapy
- Extraction

If you require more information regarding eligibility and services, contact Medicare general enquiries on 132 011. When booking an appointment with your dentist, be sure to mention that you are CDBS eligible to ensure that you will be covered for the visit. Your dentist should discuss the treatment and associated costs thoroughly with you before asking you to sign the CDBS consent form. Eumundi Dental will be bulk billing Child Dental Benefits Schedule patients, however some dentists will require you to pay the account upfront and claim it through Medicare.

**Did you know?**

A reminder to all parents that students and parents from the school are again invited to show their support for ANZAC Day by attending the 2014 ANZAC Day Commemoration being held on Friday April 25. The school will be marching as a group with all children attending wearing full school uniform including hat.

The parade will assemble near the playground in Dick Caplick Park, Memorial Drive at 7.30am for a 7.45am start. Eumundi school has a proud tradition of honouring our soldiers past and present and I hope to see as many of our students in attendance as possible.

- 7.30am Assembly Dick Caplick Park rotunda
- 7.40am Welcome and introduction to commemoration
- 7.45am Community walk led by returned service personnel and distinguished guests
- 8.00am Post Office assembly and laying of wreaths
- 8.20am Service at Amphitheatre
- 9.00am Refreshments

**ANZAC Biscuits FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

When students return to school on 22 April after the Easter holidays, 100 students will receive brown paper bags with the ANZAC biscuit recipe. We ask that those families contribute biscuits to the Eumundi Community ANZAC Day Memorial on Friday 25 April. The biscuits will be collected from the school office Thursday 24 April. They will be served at Morning Tea after the community service.

**EASTER BONNET PARADE**

**TOMORROW**

**THURSDAY 03 APRIL**

1.30PM IN THE HALL

**Year 6 & 7 students**

All money and/or unsold chocolates must be returned to Karen in the Arthouse before Thursday 24 April. (The first week back after the Easter holidays).
Kids Helpline counselling centre operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
To contact a counsellor call 1800 55 1800 or visit the website: kidshelp.com.au

Burlesque L'amour

BURLESQUE DANCE CLASSES IN EUMUNDI FUN FUN FUN!!
HELD AT THE CWA HALL ON WEDNESDAYS $11 A CLASS
Beginner class: 6.30-7.15pm
Performance troupe: 7.15pm-8.15pm
LADIES OF EUMUNDI AND SURROUNDING AREAS WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF OUR GROUP.
CALL JORDYN ON 0413 687 741

Booin Gari
“Come This Way”
Tuesday 8th April 2014
10am - 2 pm Tewantin
See back for directions
Free Event
Booin Gari

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Dance Centre

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