12 June 2014

Principal’s Report

Dear Parent / Caregiver

The fine weather continues to make this a really warm and enjoyable Term 2, but I am sure that colder conditions are just around the corner so keep those jumpers handy!

Student assessment and reports are being finalised this week with reports due to be handed out to students on Monday 23 June. In reviewing this semester’s academic and attendance data it is very pleasing to see that we have maintained our attendance rate of 93% over the semester. Well done to all of our parents and students on making sure that coming to school is a top priority. Special mention to our Year 5 and 7 classes who are showing very high attendance rates. Great work!

Well done to Ms Cross and Mrs Palmer in 2/3CP for organising such an informative and interesting CWA day at the school on Tuesday. The various 2,3 and 4 classes did a wonderful job of presenting lots of information and entertaining the students and ladies of the local community on the topic of Vietnam. This tradition is one of the schools most valued links and together we thank the Eumundi Branch of the CWA for their continued support of the children of Eumundi.

Reports

Many thanks to the teachers for their time and effort spent preparing the semester reports, which I anticipate you will find parent friendly and informative. Parents are encouraged to read the report with their child and discuss positive points and areas for consolidation. With the standard of work expected across all schools increasing with greater emphasis on literacy and numeracy skills in education , parents are reminded that a ‘C’ rating is a good result for the child as it means that they are working at the expected level in their grade. As a school we focus on the effort shown by the child along with the academic rating as children who are putting in the maximum effort are working to the best of their ability. Very High and High Effort ratings should be celebrated as part of the Report Card review. Parents are asked to check the “Parent Interview” section at the back of the report and ask for an interview with the class teacher if requested.

Interschool Sport

Last week I took the opportunity to attend interschool sport and it was great to see all of our Year 6 and 7 students participating in either netball, soccer, touch football or rugby league. From my perspective sport really is a great activity to get your children involved in, as it promotes self-confidence, team work / play and reinforces the benefits of living a healthy and active lifestyle. Thanks to Mr Smith for organising this year’s sport.

Market Mayhem

Next Tuesday the school will be abuzz with the Year 6 and 7 students combining to hold our annual Market Mayhem fundraiser. This year I am sure that the event will be bigger and better than ever, with both year levels being involved. To ensure the day’s success parents are asked to come along to support the children in the organisation of their business which will be open from 9.00am till 1.00pm in the afternoon. Lots of effort has gone into the planning, design and delivery of this year’s businesses and I wish the children every success for a profitable day!

School Photos

A reminder that school photos are being held on Tuesday 24 June. Parents are asked to please ensure that children attend school in full school uniform, hair is well groomed and that shoes and socks are clean and tidy in appearance for this day. For parents who have ordered sibling photos a reminder that these will take place at 8.00am in the library.

Finally this week, congratulations to Olivia and Madison who represented the school in last week’s Regional Cross Country at Buderim. Both girls ran strongly with Olivia being selected to represent the Sunshine Coast Region at the State Tiles in Brisbane after finishing 3rd in her race. Well done girls.

Have a great week

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**AWARDS**

Catch a ‘C’ – Molly & Demika 1L, Oliver 2C, Aleera 2FS, Belle 3M & Eddie 3O

Congratulations to the following students who have received awards on parade for special effort, achievement and co-operation in class.


**Out and about in the garden...**

The change of season has seen more activity in the gardens. The summer warm season green manure crop of cow pea and lab has been cut back. These crops have been instrumental in helping to build the heavy clay soil, adding nitrogen and organic matter to the soil. This week parent volunteers have sown winter green manure crops of lupins, clover and buckwheat. Again these crops will be instrumental in helping to build the soil, and in the process, when fully grown and flowering attract beneficial insects to the garden and its surrounds.

Parent volunteers are a vital part of the success in the gardens and can complete jobs that are often too difficult for the children to do. Volunteers do not need to have any gardening experience, only the willingness to get in and have a go, a chat and a laugh. For those who feel that they are not up to doing any physical jobs there are plenty of light jobs to be undertaken such as seed raising. This is one of the main priority areas for the garden at the moment and will continue to be an ongoing task for parents and students alike.

Plans for the chook pen are coming along with a student working group to be formed to assist with the design of the pen thanks to the help of dad and carpenter Brett Fewster from “On the Tools”. It sure is exciting, as we have not had chooks at the school for many years – bring on the fresh eggs!

Enviro day groups have been busy planting more citrus trees, sowing carrot seeds, tomatoes, potatoes, beans, peas, and a variety of green vegetables. To top the week off the gardening club members who come down each lunch time are doing a fantastic job making seed raising paper pots and mulching pathways. Who would have thought shovelling and wheelbarrowing could be so much fun.

Volunteers are always welcome on Tuesday mornings from 8:30-11:30. Morning tea and refreshments are provided.

**Upcoming project**

1 retaining wall to be built – 2 sleepers high and about 8 metres long.

Any help would be appreciated.

**WeDo Robotics**

**Kasey 4/5D**

Eumundi State School is “SUPER” lucky to have an exciting new resource at our school. Lego WeDo Robotics is up and running and my class, 4/5D were the privileged bunch who were the first to learn and construct with it. We have learnt lots of things with this program. We learnt about motors and how they work, battery packs and how they can power the Lego, robots and sensors for movement and mobility. We also gained experience in problem solving while building and trying to make our creations work.

4/5 D presented a showcase with the robotics for Education Week at Eumundi State School in May. The entire school was invited to come and see, and participate in the wonderful building and working process of the WeDo Robotics. Fellow class members and I were able to present the Robotics to each class where we explained the construction process and then they were able to play and touch the robots. All children were able to see firsthand, the programming, movement and experience the noise in our school library. I can’t wait to do it again!

**By Kasey 4/5D**

**Sports Report**

**Olivia off to State Cross Country**

Olivia is off to the State Cross Country Championship at John Paul College in Brisbane on 18 and 19 July following her 3rd place at the Regional Cross Country at Buderim last Tuesday. Maddie also did Eumundi proud finishing in the middle of the field.

Olivia’s 3rd place was all the more impressive when you consider that just 2 days earlier she ran the race of her life at Ben Bennett Park in Caloundra. She inadvertently missed the start of the under 12 2kms race in the Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series. Everyone’s heart sank, as Olivia was holding 2nd place in the Series but had to finish high up the field in the race to maintain her Series place. Indeed not running the race would have made her ineligible for a place in the Series.

Someone called out ‘run anyhow’ and without hesitation and at least 200m behind, she set out after the field. Olivia not only caught up to the field but finished only 60m behind the winner in 2nd place. A mammoth effort!

Eumundi has had runners in the Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series over the last 12 or more years but 7 runners at Ben Bennett is definitely a record with all runners going well. Eumundi runners were Olivia and Cameron, Amali and Lucia,
Mia, and Billy and Kipp. Cameron once again gained 1st place.

Cameron after his run in the Sunshine Coast Cross Country

King of the Mountain Primary Relays
This event is approaching quickly (Sunday 27 July) and once again the Original Eumundi Markets have generously agreed to sponsor five Eumundi State School teams.

I will soon be asking students to register an interest in running in one of our teams, but places in the team will be largely determined by times in the Year 4-7 Inter-House 800m which will be held 2 days earlier on Friday 25 July. I will be keeping a few spots for (possibly younger) students who have been keenly supporting our Running Club. At this stage we are restricted to 5 teams.

Unfortunately Year 6 students will be on the Canberra Camp at the time.

Boys Softball Trials
The Boys District Softball Trials were scheduled for Tuesday 10 June but we have not yet gained the services of a coach/manager. There is still time on our side before the Regional Trials. I will try to keep you informed.

Rugby Union Trials
I believe that Doug and Latrell will be flying Eumundi colours at the District Rugby Trials this Thursday 12 June. Best of luck!

School Running Club
Needless to say, all of the above mentioned runners are keenly involved in the “School Running Club” which runs each Tuesday and Thursday (right on the 1st bell at 2nd break). We have been regularly getting 50-60 runners.

Students have been asking me, “Can I join the Club”? and “How much does it cost”? Anyone from Year 3 to 7 can join the Club (and even some Year 2’s if they have the ability) and the cost is nil.

Bunya continues to hold a lead in the “Training Trophy”.

Junior Sports Day – Thursday 26 June
Due to the large number of students in the lower grades we have split this year’s Junior Sports Day into Prep and Year 1 which will begin at 9.00am and finish at approximately 10.50am with the Year 7 students running activities, and Years 2 & 3 which run from 11.30am until approximately 2.30pm with the Year 6’s running activities.

Finally, the nice story of the week
Being the father of boy/girl twins, I thought this was “nice”. Both Tane and Tenaya have made the Noosa District Touch Teams and are off to the Regional Touch Trials which will be held at the Glasshouse Sports Club on Sunday 15 June and Monday 16 June 2014. Best of luck to both of them! They are proving to be multi-talented sports stars - swimming, table tennis, rugby, football (soccer) and touch...

Up and Coming Events

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P&C News

Uniforms
Our new design zip jackets have arrived. There is a slight price increase, they cost $42, and look great. The Uniform Shop is open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am–9.30am or you can email or text Karen your order and card details and she will deliver the item/s to your child.

Tuckshop
We received absolutely no responses to our tuckshop questions last News mundi so we can only assume everyone is happy with our tuckshop operation. Keep an eye out for the weekly specials throughout winter.

Outside School Hours Care
Our winter vacation care program is now available, so have a look and secure your booking as soon as possible.

Herbs for Sale
You asked for it, and we provided - our greenest ever fundraiser. We have 144 herb seedlings for sale from the Arthouse at $5 each. All funds are going towards the Enviro Centre so please help us support our school. We have a great selection, so get planting now.

You may have noticed our little ‘cotton kids’ Maureen and Kevin helping us out in the school driveway lately. They are there to remind you to drop children off safely in our Napier Road carpark. It is just not safe to have 4 cars deep in the school
Preps Love Casey Caterpillar

Our 2014 Preps have been introduced to a new and fun way of learning correct letter formation through Casey Caterpillar. The Magic Caterpillar story introduces the letter shapes by comparing them to things in the environment. In every lesson the children draw a tree trunk and three branches on their chalkboard with chalk or whiteboard on the reverse side with whiteboard markers. In the very first lesson a butterfly lays an egg on the branch right next to the tree trunk and out hatches a very hungry caterpillar with his mouth open ready to eat all the leaves on the branch – this reinforces left to right sequence. Once the caterpillar reaches the end of the first branch she builds a cocoon around herself. When the butterfly hatches she looks for a nice safe place to lay her egg and the second branch next to the tree trunk is perfect. There are plenty of leaves for the caterpillar to eat along the branch when it hatches and so the cycle continues, reinforcing left to right. In follow up lessons, other shapes are introduced such as, Sammy snake (s), gumnut cup and short stick (u), tall stick and twig (t), wide open mouth and possum tail (g), feeler, twig (f), tall stick, curly twirly vine (k), etc….. The children love learning letter formation, it is fun and effective!


Upcoming FREE Performances and Presentations

Sing a Rainbow

Katie Noonan and Zac Hurren (parents of our school) have very kindly volunteered to present their wonderful ‘Out of the Box Children’s Festival’ concert item ‘Sing a Rainbow’ to the Prep and Year 1 students on Thursday 26 June. Children will be encouraged to “Sing a colour … Hear a feeling and … Be a Rainbow.”

The free concert will take place in the school hall from 11:30am to 12:15pm – immediately after the P-1 Junior Sports Day. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Lissa and Nee Nee’s Library Adventure

Best friends Lissa and Nee Nee have journeyed to the library to get lost in stories and discover the magic of imagination. Building from the humble humber, to the humorous word, to the almighty story, this dynamic duo use song and dance to unravel the secrets that bring stories to life through language. Featuring catchy tunes, heaps of audience interaction and live music making, Lissa and Nee Nee’s library adventure will ignite the imagination and entertain the senses.

Prep to Year 3 children will attend a free Lissa and Nee Nee performance in the school hall on Monday 28 July – parents are also most welcome to attend. Times are as follows:

- Year 3 - 9:00 to 9:45am - to be confirmed
- Year 2 - 10:00 to 10:45am - to be confirmed
- Year 1 - 11:30am to 12:10pm - to be confirmed
- Prep - 12:15 to 12:50pm – to be confirmed

Author of ‘Funkybooks’ Chris Collin Presentation

Author of ‘Funkybooks’ Chris Collin will present 2 shows to the Year 4-7 students on Tuesday 12 August. Chris presents a fun and funky learning experience with a strong emphasis on audience participation. During the presentation he taps into the students own creativity as readers, writer and illustrators.

The shows will take place in the school hall and parents are most welcome to attend. Times are as follows:

- Year 6/7 - 9:00 – 9:45
- Year 4/5 - 10:00 – 10:45

Ignite English

New Building in Full Swing

Jessica and Lateisha, Year 6, Ignite English

After the end of year arrival of the new outdoor science building in 2013, 2014 has seen it transform into a productive learning space. The building has been a hive of activity with children conducting exciting science experiments, tending to the already lush green leafy gardens, creating gardens, cooking using harvested produce and just having fun learning about science and gardening.

Each week a class makes their way down to the building for their Environmental Day, a full day of fun and learning exploring seed germination, swales, looking at and drawing pictures of leaves from under a microscope, testing soils, cooking, creating gardens, craft and much more.
From the outdoor science building, the children not only learn a range of scientific concepts, they will also develop their knowledge on gardening and where some of their foods come from.

Mr Gemmell’s future plan for this area is to have an abundance of different types of fruit and vegetable plants, build up clay soil with rich organic matter and to help kids understand how science can impact on their daily lives.

Each Tuesday parent volunteers assist Mr Gemmell in creating a wonderful, productive place for the students to learn in. If you want to volunteer your time in the gardens, then head to Eumundi State School and get in touch with Mr Gemmell.

Under 8’s – A day of fun for everyone

Ebony, Year 6, Ignite English

Colour, laughter and screams of happiness and delight filled the air around Eumundi Park on Friday 23 May as the Under 8’s in the community enjoyed a morning of fun filled activities.

From physical tasks to just plain fun, there was something for every interest. A range of activities from dance, to arts and craft were held around the area. Some appealing stalls were noodle hockey, box construction, sensory feet and rope balancing.

Under 8’s Day was organised by the Prep teachers of Eumundi State School to coincide with Education Week. Providing a range of diverse opportunities for children to learn through play is a feature of Under 8s Day.

As Under 8’s Day came to a close and all was packed away, the only remnant left was the colourfully painted faces. It was a simple reminder of the day that was held to acknowledge the importance of play.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

DEMONS Football Club Fundraiser Trivia night

Saturday 14th June at the COOROY RSL CLUB - Start at 6.00 pm
ENTRY IS $20 PER PERSON, MEAL INCLUDED.
To book a table ring Alicia 0409 632 860 and leave a message