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Dear Parent / Caregiver

It has been a very busy week at the school with NAPLAN testing taking place and preparations for State Education Week well underway. With testing taking place in the mornings parents are asked to ensure limited disruptions to all classrooms where possible by ensuring that children arrive to school on time and are prepared for instruction with the necessary resources to complete the day's activities.

Congratulations to all students and teachers for the fantastic support shown to the P & C Mother's Day stall last week. It was wonderful to see the children so excited about buying a gift for their mum so I hope that every mum at the school enjoyed their special day with their family on the weekend.

### State Education Week

Next week the school will be hosting a number of activities and workshops as part of State Education Week. Please see the timetable below for more information. I am very interested to see how the students present their robotics program, and of course I am looking forward to celebrating Under 8's Day with the Prep to Year 2 classes.

	Tuesday 20 May	Wednesday 21 May	Thursday 22 May	Friday 23 May
8.45 – 10.50				<b>9.30 - 10.30am</b> Under 8's Day – all Prep to Year 2 students Venue: Eumundi Park Key Contact: <i>Margie Carty</i>
11.30 – 12.50				Robotics display from 4/5D Venue: LDC Key Contact: <i>Carly Dunnett</i>
1.25 – 2.50		<b>2.00pm</b> Italian and Choir performances. Venue: Undercover Area near tuckshop	<b>1.30pm</b> Prep to Year 3 Sorry Day Recognition Performances from the Choir & 1W Venue: Hall	
3.00 – 3.45	<b>3.00 - 3.45pm</b> Parent Workshop: ACARA Mathematics - Helping your child engage with the new mathematics curriculum Key Contacts: <i>Mark Kross / Julie Fitzsimon (GEMS)</i> Venue: LDC	<i>Parents intending to come along to our Mathematics Workshop are asked to contact the office to indicate their interest.</i>		

### District Cross Country

Next Monday the school cross country representatives will be competing at the district carnival at Kin Kin. As a school we wish all of the children the very best for their race and know that they will all represent themselves and the school with pride.

## Reading Comprehension Focus

On parade this week I spoke to the children about the importance of not simply being able to recall facts and information, but also the need to have the ability to understand, justify and reason from a variety of perspectives in relation to reading skills and strategies. It is very pleasing to see that the children are learning these skills through the Springboard Digital Reading resource. Last week I spent some time in the Year 6 and 7 classes where the discussion involved identifying bias and prejudice. This is quite complex and involved work, but it is very important that our older children have an understanding of this concept. Please find below information relating to this skill. Our world is full of examples of bias and prejudice. See if you can find any at home with your child.

*Bias is an opinion somebody has about something. It may show their like or dislike for a particular thing. It may be positive or negative. Prejudice is an intolerant opinion someone has formed based on irrational feelings and/or inaccurate stereotypes. It is usually unfavourable. Both bias and prejudice can be used to influence someone, sometimes without the sender or the receiver of the message being aware of it.*

*Students will encounter both bias and prejudice in their everyday lives. Students can find many examples of bias and prejudice in letters to the editor – for instance, in letters regarding asylum seekers. They may encounter bias and prejudice in advertisements, in the playground, in books, in films, and in their studies when learning about history, such as women’s rights and the treatment of indigenous people in their own country.*

*Bias and prejudice may be overt, as in reactions to people who are different, letters to the editor, and current affairs reports. They may also be covert, as in advertisements and main characters smoking or wearing brand-name clothes in many of the films students watch. Bias and prejudice are particularly well hidden in advertisements. They often involve stereotypes.*

*Bias and prejudice may be deliberate or accidental in many forms of persuasive writing. Both bias and prejudice may be presented as facts. Students need to understand that authors may have a particular bias that they use to manipulate or persuade. Students need to be able to debate a topic and look for bias and prejudice in narratives, recounts, expositions, and reports. (Extract from Springboard into Comprehension)*

## Assessment / Reporting

Formal testing of student achievement across the Key Learning Areas will be taking place over the next few weeks as the teachers look to gauge student achievement and progress for semester one. Parents are asked to please ensure that children are in routine attendance over this period and arrive to school on time.

## P & C Day - Friday 23 May

Next Friday the school will recognise the great work of the P&C and parent volunteer group as part of National P & C Day. At Eumundi we are very fortunate to have such a supportive and engaged parent volunteer group, and we will be recognising them with a morning tea Friday 23 May at 10.30 in the Enviro room.

The next edition of the Newsmundi will be published in a new format. Those of you who have chosen to do so will still receive an email linking you to the school’s website and printed copies will continue to be available in the office.

Finally, welcome back this week to Mrs Donald who has returned from her leave. Great to have you back at school Janet.

Enjoy your week

Mick

## AWARDS

Catch a ‘C’ - Kipp & Maggie 1D, Demika 1L, Dorothy & Billy 2FS, Bella & Pip 3O, Leila 4M, Joanne 5C, & Zoe 6C  
Congratulations to the following students who have received awards on parade for special effort, achievement and co-operation in class.

Craig & Yasmine Prep B, Jayci, Matthew & Chloe Prep C, Rahni & Sarah Prep J, Alex & Maggie 1D, Lilly & Evie 1L, Addison & Emily 1N, Ella & Ruby 1W, Clancy & Ella 2C, Kirra & Huntah 2FS, Nathan & Daniel 2/3CP, Mia & Charlie 3J, Kiara & Joel 3M, Angus & Roy 3O Jarred 4M, Hunta 4T, Talia 4/5D, Sylvie 5C, Jesse 6C, Tarryn 6S, Kiarra 7G and Jaz 7M for Music

## Calendar of Events

Wednesday 14 May	NAPLAN - Years 3, 5 & 7	Friday 30 May	Year 6/7 Interschool sport
Thursday 15 May	NAPLAN - Years 3, 5 & 7	Friday 30 May	Auskick on the school oval
Friday 16 May	NAPLAN - Catch-up day		3.15-4.15pm
Friday 16 May	Auskick on the school oval	Friday 30 May	ARL Development Cup for
	3.15-4.15		selected students
Mon. 19 - Fri. 23 May	Education Week	Monday 02 June	Prep - Year 3 parade
Monday 19 May	District Cross Country	Monday 02 June	Active After School Tennis
	Carnival - Kin Kin		3.15-4.15pm, Eumundi Tennis
Monday 19 May	Prep - Year 3 parade	Tuesday 03 June	Club
Monday 19 May	Active After School Tennis	Tuesday 03 June	Active After School Golf
	3.15-4.15pm, Eumundi Tennis		3.00-4.00pm, school oval
	Club	Tuesday 03 June	Regional Cross Country,
Tuesday 20 May	University of NSW Computer		Maroochydore
	Competition	Wednesday 04 June	University of NSW Science
Tuesday 20 May	Active After School Golf		Competition
	3.00-4.00pm, school oval	Thursday 05 June	Year 6/7 Interschool sport
Tuesday 20 May	P & C Meeting - 7.00pm in the	Friday 06 June	Auskick on the school oval
	Arthouse		3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday 20 May	State Table Tennis	Monday 09 June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Championships (selected		Queen's Birthday
	students) in Brisbane	Tuesday 10 June	CWA Day in the hall,
Tuesday 20 May	Parent Workshop:		9.00am-11.30am
	ACARA Mathematics -	Tuesday 10 June	Active After School Golf
	Helping your child engage		3.00-4.00pm, school oval -
	with the new Mathematics	Thursday 12 June	LAST LESSON
	curriculum - 3.00pm-3.45pm	Friday 13 June	Year 6/7 Interschool sport
	in the Library		PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Wednesday 21 May	Italian & Choir performance	Monday 16 June	Nambour Show Day
	Performance - Undercover		University of NSW Writing
	area, 2.00pm	Monday 16 June	Competition
Thursday 22 May	Sorry Day Recognition Choir	Monday 16 June	Whole school parade
	& 1W Performances -	Monday 16 June	Active After School Tennis
	Prep-Year 3 in the hall 1.30pm		3.15-4.15pm, Eumundi Tennis
Friday 23 May	Under 8's Day, Prep-Year 2,	Tuesday 17 June	Club - LAST SESSION
	Eumundi Park, 9.30-10.30am		University of NSW Spelling
Friday 23 May	Robotics Display from 4/5D in	Thursday 19 June	Competition
	the Library 11.30am		Year 6/7 Market Fair
Friday 23 May	First Year 6/7 Interschool	Friday 20 June	9.00-1.00 undercover area
	Sport for the Term		Year 6/7 Interschool Sport -
Friday 23 May	Auskick on the school oval	Friday 20 June	LAST ONE for the Term
	3.15-4.15pm		LAST SESSION Auskick on
Monday 26 May	Whole school parade	Monday 23 June	the school oval 3.15-4.15pm
Monday 26 May	Active After School Tennis	Monday 23 June	<b>NO PARADE</b>
	3.15-4.15pm, Eumundi Tennis		Semester 1 Reports sent
	Club	Tuesday 24 June	home today
Tuesday 27 May	Prep-Year 3 - Bravehearts	Thursday 26 June	School Photo Day
	Performance		Junior Sports Day - Prep &
Tuesday 27 May	Year 6 Sausage Sizzle -	Friday 27 June	Year 1 in the morning,
	Morning Tea (more	Monday 14 July	Year 2 & 3 in the afternoon
	information soon)	Thursday 24 July	LAST DAY TERM 2
Tuesday 27 May	Active After School Golf	Friday 25 July	FIRST DAY TERM 3
	3.00-4.00pm, school oval		Year 4-7 800m races
			Year 4-7 Sports Day

## P & C News

Hi Eumundi

The P&C would like to say a very big heartfelt thank you to our extremely supportive families who helped make our Mother's Day stall a huge success. By success we mean your children experienced so much joy choosing their own gifts with their mum in mind it was a pleasure to help them. Many thanks also to our volunteer mums who gave their valuable time for the day. We have such a big school now we had to stay open until 2.30 to get all classes through. Again, thank you for your support on every level.

### OSHC

You will notice OSHC has a brand new entry gate. We have installed a child safety gate to ensure we can keep the door of the hall locked enabling us to monitor unauthorised entries or exits. It looks great and much more like the child care facility it is. Thanks to all for your patience during our changes. Hopefully they wont be too big of an interruption to daily operations.

### Tuckshop

We are still desperately seeking volunteers to help out on Fridays. If you can spare an hour or more please pop into the tuckshop and have a chat to Carolyn or Sherryl.

### Uniforms

The new jackets have still not been delivered. We will let you know as soon as they have arrived.

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Last fortnight we introduced you to our executive to help you understand our roles and who we are. This fortnight we would like to introduce you to our staff.

Our **Operations Manager** is Karen Allen. Karen is mother to 3 daughters who have all attended Eumundi School. She has been a volunteer P & C President in the past and applied for the job of Operations Manager when it was first introduced in 2006. Karen's role is to ensure all of our business runs effectively and according to department regulations. Karen is a fulltime employee, and apart from selling uniforms we have to manage her time and accessibility to our community in a way that ensures Karen can complete her jobs within tight deadlines. She is also responsible for our fundraising events, volunteering a lot of her time. Outside of her role with us she is a qualified beauty therapist and is renovating her home.

### Tuckshop

Our **tuckshop convenor** is Sherryl Davis. Sherryl is a qualified childcare worker and worked with our OSHC service for many years before graduating to tuckshop. Sherryl is also part of our vacation care team. Outside of tuckshop Sherryl has a busy family life along with helping with a local cattery. She also makes a mean quiche.

**Our Tuckshop co-convenor** is Carolyn Robins. Carolyn is a Eumundi student's mum and is a qualified scientist who likes to study the behaviour of turtles. Carolyn is also a qualified dog trainer specialising in calming dangerous dogs. We are very grateful for our tuckshop team who work very well together.

### Our OHSC Team

**Co-ordinator** – Kalina Fowler. Kalina is a past Eumundi student who is in the final year of her nursing degree. Kalina has worked with us for the past 4 years and has a love of working with children. Kalina keeps herself busy with studying, playing netball and touch footy.

**Educational Leader** – Shyra Chapman. Shyra is also a past Eumundi student with a teaching degree and has worked in childcare for the past 8 years. Shyra has a love of travel and working with children and has managed to combine both of those when working in summer camps in the United States.

**Childcare Assistant** – Georgia Walter. Georgia is another past Eumundi Student who is currently studying her diploma in childcare and is hoping to commence drama studies at university this year. Georgia also loves working with children and has lived in Eumundi all of her life.

**Childcare Assistant** – Melina Philpot. Melina is new to our team. She has a huge energy that makes working with our kids so much fun. She is an active employee who is still deciding what to study at Uni and will head off to summer camp in the United states this year to increase her working with children skills.

**Childcare Assistant** – Savhanna Fowler. Savhanna is yet another past Eumundi student who is currently in Year 12 at St Theresa's High School. Savhanna has volunteered with our service since she was 16 years old and has proven to be a great asset to the team, especially when we have so many active children in vacation care.

### Carpark

**Carpark Attendant** - Saturday - Bill Magin. Bill has worked for us for 15 years and is a local Eumundi legend because of his role with our carpark. He remembers everyones regular Saturday carparking spots and loves a chat. Bill also has a fulltime job with Cooroy school as their groundsmen which he takes great pride in.

**Carpark Attendant** - Wednesday - Lance Suttie. Lance joined our carpark team 18 months ago and does a great job managing busy Wednesdays, ensuring parents have access to dropping off students safely. Lance is also an extremely talented guitarist and does private lessons for some of our Eumundi students with an interest in guitar.

As you can see our staff love Eumundi school so much they stick around or come back. We are very grateful to have such dedicated and reliable people who help make the business of the P & C that much easier on our voluntary workload.

### **Arts in Action**

Don't forget if you would like to be involved in the organising of our Arts in Action Day (Friday 29 August) please come along to the arthouse at 9.00am this Friday 16 May to have a chat.

We didn't receive any questions over the last fortnight but if anyone would like to know about anything relating to P & C please do not hesitate to email [essopsman@bigpond.com](mailto:essopsman@bigpond.com)

### **P & C Meeting**

Our next P&C meeting is next Tuesday 20 May at 7.00pm in the Arthouse. All items for the agenda must be emailed by this Friday 16 May.

We look forward to seeing you around our school.

Your P & C Team

## Under 8's Day 'Everyone Can Play'

At the beginning of the week students from Prep to Year 2 received letters regarding our 2014 Under 8's day. Please complete the permission and medical information slip at the bottom of the letter and return it to your child's teacher by Wednesday 21 May. These slips must be returned in order for your child to attend.

Friday 23 May 2014  
Caplick Park, Eumundi  
9.30-10.30am

All Prep - Year 2 classes  
Students will be involved in a range of activities including art, craft, dance and other creative pursuits.

Parents and younger siblings welcome.



# Enviro Day

By Ginger 4M

There were eggs being cracked, flour being sifted and bananas being mashed; it was Environmental Day, and we were making banana muffins. We poured and stirred and mashed and pound, forming the muffin mixture. While the muffins were cooking, we scribbled down the recipe as the delicious odour of banana started to fill the room. I looked around, the kitchen was a square room with white cupboards all around, two ovens and two sinks. I gazed into the oven, the muffins were turning into a golden glow. "Time to change groups" the teacher called.





“Everyone follow me, and put some gloves on” called Mr Gemmell. “Today we’re going to be planting orange trees”. We dug holes and arranged hay and compost, as I worked away with my sweaty hands. The garden was a huge green mess, with eight worm farms and heaps of sun. After planting oranges, Mr Gemmell brought us down to the tomato patch. “You have to put them in lying down, and make sure the hole is nice and deep. When we finished the teacher declared it was time to rotate, and I said goodbye to the green mess.

“Please grab a stocking each” said mum who was helping out for Enviro Day. “We’re going to be making grass heads,” she said. We filled our stockings with dirt, followed by grass seeds, tied a knot at the top, soaked them in water and put them in cups. There were pom-poms, pipe cleaners, ribbons and paper, scissors, glue and goggle eyes to decorate our grass heads. We were on the verandah, and gum trees swayed behind metal bars, my grass head was almost finished. When we had completed, there was a hustle and a bustle; it was time to change.



Polyester sprayed the floor as we sawed, cut and stuck; we are making insectariums. After we finished it was time for the fun, finding the caterpillars. There were small trees after small trees crawling with black and white caterpillars. We picked them up one by one until we had about seven little creeping insects. We carried our insectarium back to the science room as the groups started to change.



Carrying our books and pencils into the classroom we sat down at the orange and green tables. The screen ahead flickered to life, watching seed videos and doing an exam was the most boring activity. We watched seeds germinate, travel and burst out of pods as well as being propelled to the ground. I wrote on my sheets as we started to finish; just then, we did. The end of Enviro Day was coming closer and closer, as we ate banana muffins and starfruit. The end of the day came and we trudged back to the classroom.



## REMINDER

The third payment of \$200 for Year 6/7 trip to Canberra is due next week - 23 May

### Yr6 Trip to Canberra

Dates: Sunday 27 July – Friday 01 August

### Yr7 Trip to Canberra

Dates: Sunday 03 August – Friday 08 August

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).



**Thursday 22 May  
1.30pm**

As part of Education Week activities join us in the hall for the Prep to Year 3

### Sorry Day Recognition

Performances  
from the Choir & 1W



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Nambour State High School

# Raising the Bar!



## Enrolment Information Evening for Year 7 & 8 for 2015

21<sup>st</sup> of May at 5.30pm in the auditorium

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Entry - \$10:00

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