Dear Parent / Caregiver

With less than a year to go the process for transitioning the Year 6 and 7 students from primary into high school is really beginning to take shape. Last week two representatives from the school staff attended the first Noosa Junior Secondary Network Meeting held at the Junior Secondary Pomona Campus. For parents and students involved in this transition it is a very exciting time and I look forward to seeing how the transition evolves over the coming terms.

The agenda at the school for the remainder of term is quite busy, so please keep an eye out for the following events which may involve your child:

- Parent / Teacher Interviews – Interviews will be held during week 9 and 10 at the school. All parents are encouraged to attend so that we have open and honest communication with parents and students in relation to academic progress.
- Year 5 Maranatha Camp – Monday 31 March – Wednesday 02 April.
- P-3 Easter Bonnet Parade – Thursday 03 April at 1.30pm in the school hall.
- Interschool Cross Country (Year 3-7 students) – Friday 04 April commencing at 9.00am on the school oval. Please come along and support your child and their house.

District Sport Consent Program
It has been great to see so many of our students recognised for their sporting prowess already in 2014. This year for students intending to trial and participate in current or upcoming district sports events a consent form must now be completed. These forms are available from the office and must be completed prior to attending trials or district sports events.

Reading Comprehension Focus
It is fantastic to see the children really starting to use the language associated with reading comprehension strategies. For parents to assist their children in this process, this week we will focus on finding the main idea.

Main Idea

The ability to extract the main idea, first of each paragraph of a text, and then of a whole text, underlies comprehension. The main idea of each paragraph is generally stated either at the beginning or the end of every paragraph, as topic sentences. This helps students to identify significant ideas and/or events, rather than focusing on detail that may sidetrack them. The main ideas of whole texts are clearly stated at the beginning or end of each text.

Once students have become proficient in identifying the main ideas of a text, they are able to summarize the text by reproducing them in order. This is one of the reasons why learning to exercise this skill greatly enhances their comprehension, as they have a clear grasp of the important aspects of the text. A very useful side effect of the specific teaching of main idea is that students are able to internalize an effective framework for their writing. That is if they first think of what they are going to write about and then list the important items, events, or ideas that support their topic, their writing will be well structured. The ability to reproduce this framework will be an asset to them throughout their years of education. (Extract from Springboards Reading Comprehension)

Keep up the great work everyone! Happy reading.
**Complaints Management**
During the course of your children’s school years, you may have cause to make a complaint about an issue with your child’s education. At Eumundi we are committed to ensuring that all complaints are dealt with in a fair and equitable manner. There are processes and support structures in place to enable parents/carers and students to work through any issues they may have with state schooling provisions.

When making a complaint, it is in the best interest of complaint resolution to ensure that you:
- provide complete and factual information in a timely manner
- deliver your complaint in a non-threatening and non-abusive manner and
- not make frivolous or vexatious complaints or include deliberately false or misleading information.

The following 5-step procedure may assist parents/carers, and school staff to reach an outcome that is in the best interests of the student.
1. Discuss your complaint with the class teacher or teacher concerned
2. Discuss your complaint with the principal
3. Contact District Office

Your efforts in following this process are appreciated.

**Child Safety - Recognise, React, Report**
With the need to keep our children safe never more prevalent in the media, parents are asked to please reinforce with their children the need to recognise, react to and report any potential child safety issues which they may be exposed to when travelling to and from school and during weekends. The safety of our children is very important, and it is hoped that by ensuring that all children understand how to respond to being approached by a stranger that serious incidents may be avoided.

**Out of Bounds Area**
Students and parents are asked to avoid walking through the trees located behind 'C' Block as they may possibly be diseased and potentially dangerous. The area around the trees has been fenced off to restrict access and alert pedestrians to the possible danger. We are hoping to have the trees examined and removed as soon as possible. Your assistance with this matter is appreciated.

**P&C Executive**
Congratulations to the following parents who were elected to the P&C Executive at last night’s Annual General Meeting. Chantelle Black, Shana Leather, Kelly Kruger, Michelle Bowden, Sue Creevey and Cat Richmond. I look forward to working with the P & C Executive in 2014.

Enjoy your week
Mick

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**AWARDS**
Catch a ‘C’ - Aimee & Rhys 2C, Bella 30, Lila 3J, Sophia 1N, Dorothy 2FS, Laura 2/3CP, Isla 4S & Sydnee 4/5D

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

Our school’s Maths Extension program has started again for students from Years 2-7. Students were chosen from all classes to participate in a maths screening so we could select the highest achievers for this program. These students are then taken out of class with Miss Fitzsimon (Years 1-3) or Mr Kross (Years 4-7) to extend their mathematical knowledge.

Problem solving is a large part of this program and students really enjoy being challenged in their mathematical thinking. These groups may change throughout the year, as some extra students will be tested in Term 2 and Year 1 students will also be tested early Term 2. Prep Extension maths will be introduced in Term 4. Ipads are being introduced in the younger years this year to also engage the students. This has proven to be successful as well.

Don’t forget all students who have paid their levies have access to Mathletics (mathletics.com) at home and this is an excellent way to improve maths concepts.

Julie Fitzsimon
Pedagogy Facilitator

NAPLAN Testing

A reminder to all parents that this years NAPLAN testing will take place on May 13, 14 and 15 for students in Years 3, 5, and 7. The NAPLAN tests are designed to assess the skills of Australian students in literacy and numeracy.

The specific purposes are:
1. to collect data from the population of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students for reporting to parents/carers and schools for systematic reporting
2. to accommodate the assessment of students against national minimum standards.

All eligible students in Years 3, 5, 7 or Year 9 enrolled at State, Catholic or Independent schools must sit the tests unless they are exempt by the school or withdrawn by parents/carers. Parents considering withdrawal (an exemption of their children) from the tests should contact the school by the end of term. Information for parents about the tests is available on the NAPLAN website.

School Camps

Reminder- payment for Year 6/7 trip to Canberra - first payment is now due.

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:
1st instalment 14 March $200
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).

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 9:30 am.

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.

Next ‘Coffee with the Chappy’
Thursday 27 March 9.00
in Caplick Park
See you there (BYO coffee) - Sam
Levels of Representative Sport
I have noticed that students and parents often don’t understand the levels involved in representative sport. The levels in order are:-
1. Representing yourself, your class or your sports house at school level.
2. Being selected to represent Eumundi School at District Level.
   eg. Tara in Girls Soccer
3. Being chosen to represent the Noosa District (14 schools involved) at Sunshine Coast Regional level.
   eg. Troy in Boys Basketball
4. Being chosen to represent the Sunshine Coast at State Level (Other regions include Darling Downs, Wide Bay, Gold Coast, Metropolitan North, Met West etc, Far North, Capricornia).
   eg. Ella, Tane, Tenaya (swimming) and Adam (cricket)
5. Being chosen to represent Queensland at the Australian championships. Eumundi State School has had a few at this high level over the years including Isaak McLean last year in Rugby League, Stef Mabb in Swimming and Athletics and Mboya and Jumi Adams a few years ago in Rugby League.

Level one leads to level 2 which leads to level 3 etc.

Students off to State Championships
Four Eumundi students are off shortly to State Primary Championships.

Ella (200m IM, 50m Freestyle, and 100m Freestyle) Tane Carmont (50m Breaststroke and 100m Breaststroke) and Tenaya Carmont (50m Breaststroke) are all off to the Chandler Aquatic Centre in Brisbane from 24 March to 26 March for the State swimming following great qualifying performances at the Regionals. Amazing opportunities at such young ages. Mitchell also performed very well at the Regionals.

In cricket, Adam (emulating his brother’s feat of last year) has been selected in the Sunshine Coast Regional Team to contest the State Championships in Ipswich from 30 March to 03 April.

Best of luck, and enjoy the experience from everyone at Eumundi.

More District Success
The following students have gained selection in District Teams during the last few weeks:-

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It is especially pleasing to see these successes when I know many of these students have been striving for this for a few years.

Thanks very much to the teachers who found time in their busy schedules to conduct school based trials:- Mr Smith in League, Ms Fitzsimon in Netball, Mrs Carmody in Tennis and Ms Dunnett in Boys & Girls Basketball.

Thanks especially to Mr Nathan McLean (with assistance from Mr Glynn Williams) who have once again been running weekly sessions with the students in League. I hear that Nathan’s son, Isaak (Qld Primary School Rugby League Captain from last year), is gaining a bit of size. Could be a name to look out for in the future.

Students shortly trying out for District selection
The following students have been selected to attend District Trials in the near future:-

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All students (P-7) have now been allocated to a sporting house. Preps will be told theirs shortly. New students should ask their class teacher if they have not already been told.

**BANKSIA** has won the title for the last three years. I know the other houses will be doing their best to stop a 4th consecutive title.

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

Students will walk the course before the day. Competitors are encouraged to wear their colours (Banksia - green, Bunya - blue, Cedar - red, and Wattle - yellow).

For those who would like to try to go down the representative pathway, the Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series is a great help.

The 1st race is on in Buderim (Elizabeth Daniels Park) on Sunday 30 March. Eumundi students who have joined this series in the past have done really well at district level.

The dates and venues of the races are listed below but go to [www.sccrosscountry.org](http://www.sccrosscountry.org) for more information.

- **Race 1** 30 March Buderim
- **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

**Table Tennis Squad**

As in previous years we will be forming a squad of about 10-16 players to get ready for the Sunshine Coast Schools Table Tennis Championships (28 April at Meridian State College near Caloundra) and States (20 May in Brisbane).

I anticipate the squad will train at Eumundi School on the following Mondays from about 10.50am until 1.20pm:- 31 March, 05 May, 12 May & 19 May.

Those involved will be given more information shortly.

**Community Kickbacks Program**

I have joined Eumundi State School in the **Amart Community Kickbacks Program**. Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as instore credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join **Team Amart**. When you shop at Amart Sports Stores (you will get a card), select our school from the list of participating groups, and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports. You’ll receive access to great member prices and other initiatives and the **school will receive a 5% credit**. It does not cost you anything. All credit gained will be spent on sports equipment.

Anyone (staff, students, parents, friends) can join and help us. The more loyalty members who nominate Eumundi State School as their preferred choice, the more we earn for the school.

**Up and Coming Events**

- Friday 21 March - **Noosa District Tennis Trials (boys & girls)** - see Mrs Carmody & Mrs Donald
- Wednesday 26 March - **Noosa District Boys Football (Soccer) Trials** - Eumundi representatives have been selected
- Thursday 27 March - **Noosa District Girls Football (Soccer) Trials** - Eumundi representatives have been selected
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- 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) go to [www.sccrosscountry.org](http://www.sccrosscountry.org) for more information
- Monday 28 April - **Sunshine Coast Regional Primary Table Tennis** (at Meridian College, Caloundra)
- Sunday 04 May - Third race of the **Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series** (at Maleny) go to [www.sccrosscountry.org](http://www.sccrosscountry.org) for more information
- Sunday 18 May - Fourth race of the **Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series** (at Corbould Park) go to [www.sccrosscountry.org](http://www.sccrosscountry.org) for more information
- Monday 19 May - **District Cross Country**
- Tuesday 20 May - **Queensland Schools Table Tennis Championships** (Windsor in Brisbane)

Regards

Gary Kiorgaard
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Hay Ewe!

Dress up as a farmer or farm animal on Wednesday 26 March and "Help an Aussie Farmer" through the drought. The Student Council will be collecting your gold coin donations and your entries for the drawing competition (P-2) and creative writing (Years 3-7). Funds raised will be donated to the Aussie Helpers Charitable organisation.

To help raise awareness, the Student Council has decided to run its own fundraising activity based on a Writing Competition (http://www.write4fun.net/competitions). In addition to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for the best entries in each category (500 word Short story and a 16 line Poem), there is a special prize of $1 per entry to the school with the most entries. We hope to win this, but we need your Sizzling Starts and Dynamic Dialogues, so ban the boring bits, tighten tension and start planning for success!

The first prize of $1000 plus choice of Xbox 360 or Ipod Touch, is to be shared. $500 will go to the student and $500 will go to the school. The school component of any prize monies will be retained by the student council, and spent as per student body needs.

The P-2 Drawing competition has the theme of "Help an Aussie Farmer". Prizes will be presented on Parade in Week 10.

All entries, for both competitions, need to be ready for submission by Wednesday 26 March. So get writing and drawing! … and remember to dig deep, dress up and do a rain dance for Aussie Farmers next Wednesday!

Casual Position available

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Eumundi State School. If anyone is interested in applying for the position or would like more information please contact our Business Services Manager Anna on 5472 6333

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
Friday afternoons at Eumundi State School
$20.00 per 1/2 hour
For more information please call Ebony on 0402 750 784

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Cooroy Family Practice celebrates four years of bulk billing care!
It’s the only medical centre that offers 100% bulk billing for Medicare patients in the Cooroy and surrounding area.
You are invited! FREE community BBQ at the clinic to celebrate our four year anniversary. All welcome. Friday 21 March 5pm. Please phone Kathy to

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