Principal’s Report

Dear Parent / Caregiver

Welcome back everyone. Hopefully you took full advantage of the beautiful holiday weather and spent some time with your children in the great outdoors!

It is great to be back at school this term and I am looking forward to being a part of the Year 6/7 Canberra camp, starting Prep enrolment processes through our Prep Open Day, and of course seeing all of the wonderful visual and performing arts from the children as part of our annual Arts in Action day.

Lots of competing agendas to follow this semester but I would ask all staff, students and parents to please maintain the great work you have all been doing in relation to learning goals and class rules and routines. Last semester it was wonderful to see the children engaged in their learning goals in reading comprehension and spelling strategies so it is important we keep up the positive work in this area. In semester two the school will be moving into Design Question 5 – How will I engage my students?

Action Steps for this question include:

- Use games that focus on academic content
- Use inconsequential competition
- Manage question and response rates
- Use physical movement
- Use appropriate pacing
- Demonstrate intensity and enthusiasm for content
- Engage in friendly controversy
- Provide opportunities for students to talk about themselves
- Provide unusual information

The teaching staff will be working with their class on these areas over this semester and I look forward to seeing how we can improve the engagement of all students.

This Wednesday the teachers and I will be undertaking Epi-pen training. A reminder to all parents with children with serious health concerns such as anaphylaxis, asthma etc. that the school requires you to provide a management plan from your child’s doctor. These plans should be reviewed annually or when your child’s medication and/or health status changes.

Prep Open Day

REMINDER

A reminder to all parents that our Prep Open Day is being held

Thursday 07 August
9.00am – 10.50am in the school hall

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Best of luck to our Pomona King of the Mountain runners for this coming weekend’s event. Thanks to Mr Kiorgaard for training the kids and special thanks also to the team at the Original Eumundi Markets for once again sponsoring the schools team shirts for this event. It is much appreciated.

Also, best wishes to our Year 6 and 7 campers. I hope you all have a great week away. Remember to pack your winter woollies as it looks cold in Canberra. I look forward to seeing everyone back after camp.

Mick
Awards

Catch a ‘C’ – Campbell 1N, Nathan 1N, Ceana 2FS, Lachlan 2/3CP, Sydnee 3J and Charlotte 3J.

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


University of NSW Computer Skills Competition results

Earlier in the year six students from Eumundi State School participated in the above competition.

Special congratulations go to the following students who will receive Distinction, Credit and Merit certificates on parade next week:

Jessica 5C – Distinction, Eddie 3O – Credit, Aaron 3J – Credit and Callum 7M - Merit

Prep Wild Things

Something happened to our Prep children at the end of Term 2! They turned into WILD THINGS!!! Rah! After bravely reading ‘Where the Wild Things Are’ the children got very excited and decided they would like to be wild things. And why not! They set about organising a wild thing party and making a wild thing hat to wear. The parents of the Wild Things made some wild thing morning tea items for the party! It was a wonderful wild day full of WILD THING songs, dances and games. Rah!

Tiffany McCarthy

Parent School Opinion Survey 2014

Each year, Education Queensland undertakes a survey of student’s parents/caregivers (this year targeted towards Years 5, 6, 8 and 11) and staff to gauge their satisfaction with important aspects of schooling. We hope that parents/caregivers will take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire online.


Later in the year, Eumundi State School will receive a report outlining the results of the survey (for our school). The results will help us to evaluate and to reflect on how well we are going, and to identify areas for future development. The survey results are also an important part of our school’s annual report.

If you do not have access to a computer you are welcome to come to the school to complete the survey. Please come via the office to sign in and staff will direct you to an available work station.

Your response is completely anonymous and confidential. It is not possible to link you to the responses you provide in the survey.

The survey should be completed by Sunday 03 August 2014.

If you have any questions or concerns about the survey, please contact the school.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

P & C News

Hi Eumundi

Arts in Action News

Next fortnight’s newsletter will include all the information you will need for Arts in Action day on Friday 29 August 2014.

We still have a couple of things to confirm but the major news is all good to go. So please take the time to read the information which will be coming home in hard copy as well as attached to the next issue of Newsmundi.

We are asking families to donate 1 small toy item (new, not used) for our lucky dip stall. If these can be brought to school over the next 2 weeks we would be very grateful. In the coming weeks we will be asking for some tinned food items and things for the BBQ to help reduce the cost of food this year enabling us to keep our prices affordable.

If you have a business, or know of one that would like to support our raffle or silent auction we are very happy to advertise support on our facebook pages and in our school newsletter.

So a big thanks in advance for your help.

Ride bands will cost $25 until Thursday 31 July. We hope our families with more than 1 child will take advantage of this offer as it is a great saving. These can be purchased by popping into the arthouse during the mornings or sending a text, email or note to us via the school office.
**Tuckshop**

Every Friday this term beginning Friday 01 August will be a ‘meal deal’ day. The monthly meal deal special for August will be a chicken or bean burrito for $4. If you would like a popper with that it is $5. Morning tea items on a Friday will remain the same but big lunch is burrito’s only.

**OSHC**

Many thanks to the many families who supported our vacation care. It was a big one. We have also now completed our assessment and are waiting eagerly to find out our draft rating. Thanks for everyone’s support and patience during this very stressful time. We know how awesome our OSHC family is, so whatever the rating we will work at making it greater over the years. Don’t forget to provide us with feedback on the parent communication diary. It is very helpful to us and was positively received during assessment.

**Uniforms**

Our new jackets have well and truly arrived and are being quite well received considering how different they are to the old style. We are modernising Eumundi and the kids are certainly helping us do that.

A reminder that term 3 is a hugely busy one for P&C and our Operations Manager Karen can be run off her feet, so we appreciate your patience. It really helps if you can stick to uniform days for uniform purchases and any other day for Arts in Action issues.

Have a great fortnight Eumundi

Your P&C Team

Chantelle, Kelly, Shana, Sue, Catt & Michelle

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**Sport Report**

The Junior Sports Day was held on the second last day of last term and the weather was perfect. For the first time, due to increasing numbers at Eumundi, we had to split the carnival into 2 groups - Prep and Year 1 in the first session and Years 2 and 3 in the second.

After the first session Wattle had a 1 point lead over Bunya who had a 1 point lead over Banksia who had a 1 point lead over Cedar. And this is the way it stayed into the 2nd session.

**Final points were:**

- Wattle – 46, Bunya – 42, Banksia – 37 and Cedar - 36

Interestingly this continues the pattern over the last few years of **Banksia** winning the last 4 Cross Countries, **Bunya** winning 6 of the last 8 Senior Athletics, **Cedar** winning the last 4 Swimming Carnivals, and **Wattle** winning 3 of the last 5 Junior Athletics.

Congratulations to Wattle. Congratulations also to the Year 7’s who set up at the start of the day and ably ran the 1st session and to the Year 6’s who ably ran the 2nd session and packed up. A special mention to Ruby who did a great job setting up. Thanks also to the large number of parents who attended and supported the children.

The Sprints were the only individual event on the day and the results of the finals are listed below:

**King of the Mountain Primary Relays (Reminder)**

The Original Eumundi Markets are once again sponsoring our Eumundi Teams in this event. This year we are trying out a light weight polyester shirt. Just to clarify for newcomers, the Relay is not up the mountain as the individual race goes, but rather a 700m circuit around Stan Topper Park at the base of the mountain.

**Up and Coming Events**

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**Stop Press**

Congratulation to Olivia who gained a very creditable 17th out of 60 competitors at the State Primary Cross Country at John Paul College in Brisbane on Friday. Olivia’s team also gained the Bronze medal in the relay event.

Also congratulations go to Josh who placed second in the 10 years Juni Jitsu Queensland Championships held at the Gold Coast during the June holidays.

Regards,
Gary Kiorgaard

**Chappy’s Chat…..**

Welcome to term 3.

This term I really want to meet some more parents, and hope some of you can join me for a coffee at Berkelouw Café next Thursday 31 July at 9.00am. Just ask at the counter and they will show you to the table… first 4 parents to arrive get a free coffee!!

This term I will be running two parenting evenings. I was originally planning on three but with a busy term I have decided that two would be more appropriate.

**Date:** Tuesday 12 August  
**Time:** 6.30pm – 8.30pm  
**Where:** The Art House – Eumundi State School  
**Topic:** Ten Things Kids Need Most and how to implement these in your family.

If you would like to attend you can come into the office or give us a call and we will put your name down. If you would like more information please contact me and I’d be happy to have a chat. I think you will find some very inspiring ideas that will impact your family wonderfully. I am so looking forward to meeting you all.

Samantha

**Sing a Rainbow With Katie Noonan & Zac Hurren**

On Thursday 26 June our Preps, Year 1 children and their parents were treated to a free concert by Katie Noonan and Zac Hurren. They are favoured musicians who appeared in Brisbane’s Annual Out Of The Box Festival during the July school holidays. Katie, Zac and bass player Owen kindly presented their wonderful Out Of The Box Children’s Festival Presentation – Sing a Rainbow. “Sing a colour … Hear a feeling … Be a rainbow”! Woven through a world of glorious singing by Katie, children were encouraged to discover sounds while imagining rainbow colours and the feelings they bring. We all used our voice and bodies as our instrument and Katie created lyrics with the children’s ideas magically coloured into every song.

The Eumundi State School sincerely thank Katie for 2 years of fundraising for our school. 2013 saw the purchase of some wonderful instruments for the Instrumental Program, and in consultation with Katie and Zac, it was suggested that ALL children should benefit from 2014 fundraising. Two excellent visitors to the school were booked and 15 ukuleles were purchased for classroom music lessons.
Lissa and Nee Nee’s Library Adventure

Lissa and Nee Nee’s Library Adventure ignites the imagination and entertains the senses. Children can get lost in stories and create magic using song and dance. Four performances will be provided for Prep to Year 3 on Monday 28 July.

Noosa District SHS Junior Secondary

The Junior Secondary Team from Noosa High recently visited the school and spoke with the Year 6 and 7 students about their transition into high school for 2015. As you know next year is a big year with both cohorts leaving us to head to high school; with the Year 6’s to become the first Year 7’s at high school.

Noosa District State High School has been working tirelessly for the last 2 years to get the school ready for the first intake of Year 7’s in 2015, and after a lengthy and comprehensive community consultation the Minister for Education gave approval for Noosa District State High School to have all Year 7 and 8 students at the Junior Secondary Campus at Pomona with Year 9–12 located at the Cooroy Campus.

The school is very excited about being able to offer this unique opportunity to the local community, and know that the Junior Secondary students will be well suited to a spacious campus, new and upgraded facilities and a dedicated staff. Our Junior Secondary philosophy “FLYING” underpins all that Noosa District State High School does, and they believe that the time your child is with them should be Fun, Limitless, Inquisitive, Innovative, Nurturing and Genuine!

Students were encouraged to speak with their parents and jump on the Noosa District State High School website (https://noosadistrictshs.eq.edu.au) to have a look at the huge variety of educational and extra-curricular programs that are offered at the school. It is important to look at the entire school (7–12) and what it offers when choosing the best school for your student. Noosa High has a strong commitment to the academic, cultural, sporting and citizenship development of all students.

Parents and students are encouraged to complete the Noosa District State High School Junior Secondary “Registration of Interest” form and return it to the school so that you can receive regular updates about what is happening at Noosa District State High School, important dates regarding School Visits, Parent Information Sessions, and Enrolment Interviews etc. A parent information session for enrolment at Noosa District State High School in 2015 will be held on Thursday 31 August with sessions available from 3.00-4.00pm, 4.00-5.00pm or 5.00-6.00pm. Tours of the campus will also run each half hour during the afternoon.

We would like to extend an invitation to all interested parents of Year 6 – 7 students who will be attending Noosa District State High Pomona Campus in 2015, to our P&C meeting to be held on Monday 11 August at 6.00 pm in the Pomona meeting room.

We would like to make the focus of the meeting around the Pomona campus so items for discussion and information sharing will include;

- Uniform
- Transport
- Canteen
- New buildings and classrooms

We are also hoping that some parents will be interested in joining the P&C, if not as committee members then as members attending the meetings on a regular basis. Our meetings are always informative and enjoyable; we try to keep them to a reasonable time and make sure there is a positive outcome! We would welcome any interested parents or members of the community who would like to be proactive in making Pomona Campus an effective learning centre.

Hoping to see you there
Terri Anne Harris
NDSHS P&C President