30 October 2014

Principal’s Report

Dear Parent / Caregiver

A good news story to commence our Newsmundi this week with two of our Year 4 students Jannali and Sylvie being shortlisted for the Red Room Poetry Object Competition. Red Room Poetry Object is a free national poetry-writing competition for Australian students in Years 3-10. Created by The Red Room Company, the project invites young writers and their teachers to submit poems about objects that are special to them. Visit the Poetry Object Library to discover student and teacher poems. It is a fantastic achievement to have two of our students shortlisted as part of this competition and we all wish the girls the very best of luck!

Quadrennial School Review

With the QSR process now well underway we are seeking feedback from parents on a range of topics relating to the school.

Interested parents are asked to complete the brief survey found in this Newsmundi https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/0VpvedbEWtcQ4%2fSPcFwqkA%3d%3d on the school website. Your feedback is important to us and I hope that you might take the time to tell us what you think about the school. Information from this survey will be used to assist in the planning of the school Strategic Plan for 2014–2018.

Student Assessment

A reminder that for the next few weeks all classes will be involved in testing for Semester 2 reporting. Therefore it is extremely important that children attend school and arrive on time for class. Assessment results are used to assist in the formation of classes for 2015 and as such it is imperative that all children be in attendance during this period.

School Captain Election Process

The process for identifying and electing the new school captains for 2015 formally commenced today (Thursday 30 October). I am looking forward to working with the children interested in fulfilling these roles and encourage all students to consider taking part in this process.

Halloween Disco

We are all looking forward to tonight when the school will be hosting its Halloween Disco!

Times as follows:

- Prep - Year 3 6.15 – 7.15pm
- Year 4-7 7.30 – 8.45pm

Please come along and support the P & C and school. It should be a great night.

Day for Daniel

A reminder that this Friday we will remember Daniel Morcombe. To remember Daniel and to show our support for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, all students are encouraged to wear red on this day and remember the important rules of child safety. (No money involved)

Please take a moment to discuss these rules with your child.

Recognise

We want you to RECOGNISE that there are dangers out there, but you can help to keep yourself safe. Be alert for the clues that warn us when something is unsafe. These clues can be as simple as smelling smoke which warns us there is a fire or a lockdown alarm at school, or your BODY CLUES.

React

REACT by getting away from the danger. Remember to run to a safe location if you feel unsafe. React is also about the choices you make to keep yourself safe. You can often plan ahead or think about how you might react in an unsafe situation. Planning ahead means for example: working out the best way to get home when it is dark. You should stay in well-lit areas where there are lots of people around and not cut through a park or back lanes.

Report

This is a really important safety message. This means telling an adult in your life who cares about your safety when there is a problem. It’s adults who can keep you safe from harm and who can make a situation safe again for you. “I CAN GET HELP”.

Create a safety network of adults and organisations who you know will, LISTEN TO YOU, BELIEVE YOU AND HELP YOU.
2015 Class Formations

In case you missed this in the last Newsmundi the school administration will shortly be sitting down with our teachers to organise classes for 2015. These meetings are designed to ensure that each child is placed in a class which has a balance of gender, academic ability, behavioural and friendship/interest groups. Special consideration is also given to those students requiring learning support and those students identified with a disability. To assist in this process parents may request a particular educational setting and two social friendship groupings for their child. Please note parents may not put in a preference for a particular teacher.

This year request forms are available from the newsletter, the school website and from the front office for completion. Whilst your input is important to us it is essential to remember that decisions are made in the best interests of the child and that no guarantees can be made when allocating students to classes for next year. Forms must be returned to the school administration by Friday 14 November. Unfortunately late returns will not be considered.

Parents of children who may be leaving the school community in 2014 are also requested to inform the office so that we are not allocating students to classes who will not be with us next year. If you are in this situation please complete the attachment on the newsletter and return to the office as soon as possible or e-mail the office on admin@eumundi.eq.edu.au.

Staff Recognition Day

This Friday the school will recognise and celebrate the wonderful work that the entire school staff does in making Eumundi Primary a great place to come to learn, work and play. At Eumundi we are very fortunate to have a dedicated team of professionals who strive each day to ensure that the children get the very best from every teaching opportunity. I would like to thank everyone for their contribution in making our school such a successful one.

Have a great week
Mick

Awards

Catch a ‘C’ – Lilly 1L, Kirra 2FS, Zarah 3M, Marley 2/3CP and Coco & Aiesha 5C

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


Pink Day

Every day in Australia around 50 women are diagnosed with breast, or a gynaecological cancer. Thanks to everyone who joined in our ‘Pink Day’ on Monday. We raised over $500 which will go towards research in the fight against breast cancer.

Anastasia, Makie and Bella

The Big Journey

by Bailey 4S

“James Bailey, found guilty of stealing 6 shillings. You are sentenced to 7 years transportation!”

“7 years transportation,” I said to myself.

“I’m finished with you. Take him away!”

One day later

I couldn’t sleep one bit last night. It smelt like rats’ guts scattered everywhere.

It was so cramped we must have been underground.

4 months later

“The waves are getting BIGGER!” a voice screamed from up above.

The thunder roared like the ‘Beck’ slamming down his hammer.

“I wish I was back on the streets of London. I was so stupid, but now I can’t get out of this mess.

“Watch out! Rocks ahead,” the lookout way up in the crow’s nest bellowed.

“Hoist the sails down,” the Captain cried.

The lightning was like it was attracted to the boat.

Lightning struck the mast and it fell to the deck.

“Fire!” yelled the convicts under the deck.

The waves were so big that some of the men were swept off.

The cells holding the convicts started to fall apart.

“Quickly, get out!” they called to each other.

Huge drops of ice fell out of the puffy clouds.

“Get under cover!” the Boson shouted.

“Check the convicts!” ordered the Captain.

“What is that?”

“I don’t know!”

“It can’t be,” said the mariner.
“It’s the convicts. They’re escaping!” yelled the sailor in the crow’s nest.

“Watch out!” the Captain barked.

He could see him but when he turned around, he got a big surprise.

The lightning struck him and he fell to the deck.

The convicts had just got on deck.

They were so scared that they ran down again so quickly that some fell overboard.

The rain and the hail slowly put the fire out but not before it had burnt lots of the Charlotte.

But it was still floating. Just.

3 months later

After 7 months I was trembling up the rugged steps. I saw a green speck of land on the horizon.

1 month later

CRASH!

“What was that?” I said to myself.

Gun volleys went into the air. I wondered what was going on. I saw a strange figure run into the forest.

5 days later

I am so excited to be here. I am safe here.

My new home is now here on the Great Southern Land.

Many thanks to Chantelle, Nicole, Sherryl, Michelle H and Kalina for your help.

Our motivational speaker Eric Bailey was a huge success with our Year 6/7 contingent last Thursday. Thanks to QT Mutual for providing us with this great opportunity.

Booklists will be out this week so please think seriously about choosing this system for your child’s stationery needs. We receive 12 ½ % of every booklist ordered, so not only is it saving you time and energy but benefiting our school with your support. All payments are required upon collection or via bank deposit or credit card.

Have a great week Eumundi

Your P & C team

### Chappy News

#### Parent Workshop

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Do you have a child who is anxious? Then this is the workshop for you. A kid’s guide to overcoming anxiety will assist you in helping your child to learn the strategies and skills to overcome their fears and anxieties. I have had a lot of success with students and families working through the book “What To Do When You Worry Too Much – A Kids Guide To Overcoming Anxiety” written by Dawn Huebner.

During this workshop I will take you step by step through the process of reducing anxiety in your child in a manner that is fun, informative and focussed on what works for children.

This will be a great night with a light supper supplied.

### Chappy Sam Fills Prep M Buckets with Friendliness!

Prep M enjoyed a session on how to fill each other’s buckets up and what happens to our own buckets when we share friendliness, kindness and helpfulness. Buddy Bee was a great role model demonstrating how he fills Chappy Sam’s bucket. The children did not hesitate when it was their turn to fill other peoples’ buckets; they had so many lovely things to say and were very kind and helpful to each other. Sometimes we can get a bit bossy and this empties peoples’ buckets so it was a great way to show how we can join in and play with others without taking over.
Chappy Sam’s next visit has the children decorating their own little bucket and putting some treasures such as stars, gems and special notes into each other’s buckets …. how much fun it is to put a smile on other people’s faces!

Library News

Book Club

Book Club #8 will be after the Book Fair. Thank you to all parents for supporting Book Club.

Library Bags

We have had quite a lot of wet and lost books this year. Please ensure that books are protected with a Library Bag and children have a safe place for the book between visits to the Library. If you have a lost or damaged book please see Library staff as soon as possible, to minimize the time you are restricted from borrowing.

Sport

Congratulations Solomon

Solomon competed in the Schools Karate Tournament in Gympie as Eumundi State School’s only representative and won Bronze in Kata.

2014 Billy Moore Shield Rugby League Team

Well Done Callum

Callum (7M) was one of 12 umpires selected to umpire the Primary School Girls Softball State trials in Bundaberg from 27th to 31st August. Callum was the only primary school student umpiring at the tournament, the other 11 all high school students. From those trials, only 3 were then selected to umpire at the National Primary School Boys and Girls Softball Tournament to be held in Toowoomba from 10th to 14th November. Callum was one of the 3 chosen.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

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Prep B Enviro Day

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Noosa District SHS Ski trip 2015

Applications for the Noosa District SHS ski trip are now open to all students enrolling in 2015.

Next year the ski trip will go to Perisher in the September school holidays for a week of fun in the snow.

Fill out the application form and return to your school office to secure your place on the ski trip.

Mr Adam Baker
Ski trip coordinator
Noosa District SHS

Community Notices

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