27 November 2014

Principal’s Report

Dear Parent / Caregiver

With student assessment and reporting now finalised our attention turns to the host of end of year activities for students and parents as a means of celebrating the learning which has occurred across the school in 2014.

With the hot weather continuing to make its presence felt, parents are reminded that it is a good idea for children to apply sunscreen prior to leaving for school, ensure that students attend school with a hat and water bottle and encourage regular hydration throughout the day. At the schools recent Workplace Health and Safety meeting the participants endorsed the issuing of shaded play days when the heat was considered too extreme for oval play, and cancelling parades if necessary. Hopefully these steps will assist everyone in managing to deal with the early summer temperatures!

Unfortunately we had some unwanted visitors around the school on the weekend which is very disappointing for us. Whilst the damage to the school was limited, the time and effort to clean the school up by the cleaning staff prior to school commencing this week cannot be underestimated. To assist the school in managing its grounds and buildings out of hours all parents and local community members are asked to keep an eye on the school and report any suspicious activities to the police (School Watch Program) on 13 17 88. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Quadrennial School Review

With the review process now complete the Strategic Plan for 2104 – 2017 has been developed. Major areas of focus for the school over the coming years are as follows:

- Maintain focus on what is important – student outcomes in literacy, numeracy and science.
- Promote strong foundations for learning through the schools continued involvement in the Early and Flying Start initiatives and Connect Program. Build relationships with pre – Prep and junior secondary providers to improve transition to primary and high school.
- Explore opportunities to further develop the use of technologies to enhance student outcomes.
- Continue to identify opportunities to promote the excellent work of teaching and non-teaching staff. Build capacity of staff to lead in their preferred areas.
- Continue to explore links / opportunities for the school to work with local business, including the Eumundi Markets.
- Strengthen the schools relationship with Noosa District State High School as its major feeder primary school. Look for opportunities to enhance this partnership.
- Maintain high expectations for students’ academic and behavioural outcomes.
- Plan to deliver effective teaching and learning for all students through clear and systematic processes for curriculum planning delivery, assessment and reporting.
- Improve communication strategies between the home and school to ensure parents are active participants in their child’s learning and development. How can technology assist in this process? What is the most convenient means for parents to access information in the modern world?
- Extend the school’s volunteer base to assist in classroom instruction for students requiring extension / support programs.

School Captain Election Process

Shortlisting of the applicants for the school captain positions occurred this week and I am very pleased to say that the candidates’ field for this year’s elections certainly is a very strong one. The quality of the students looking to play a leadership role in the school in 2015 appears very high, and I look forward to the election speeches which will take place in the hall next Friday 05 December at 1.30pm. All Year 3, 4 and 5 students will listen to each candidate’s speech prior to voting. Interested parents are most welcome to come along. The 2015 School Leaders will then be announced on the final parade for the year in Week 10. Best of luck to all involved.
Reports

As mentioned earlier, reports are now being finalised and will be sent home with each student on Monday 08 December. Please take the opportunity to read through this report with your child. When going through your child’s report I would ask all parents to focus on the effort result and discuss how their child’s effort is assisting in improving academic progress. From my perspective the children have really improved in terms of their commitment to their own learning in the past two years as a result of ASOT, and it is important that children’s efforts be acknowledged by their parents. Interviews can be arranged for those parents wishing to speak with their child’s class teacher in the last week of school. Please contact your child’s class teacher to make an appointment.

Year 6 and 7 Graduation

Next Friday morning, 05 December, our Year six and seven students and their families will attend their graduation ceremony. This year’s graduating students have been a wonderful group of children to work with, and personally I have really enjoyed watching them grow and develop as young adults over the past seven / eight years. As a school we wish all of our graduating students the very best for their future and trust that they will have happy memories of their time at Eumundi primary.

Calling All Sponsors!

One of the goals for the school over the coming years as highlighted in the new Strategic Plan is to improve communication techniques and strategies with the local community. One strategy which many schools are now implementing is electronic signage. At Eumundi we are hoping to install electronic signage in 2015, but to do this we are looking for any sponsors who may be able to assist financially as the cost of these devices is quite expensive – approximately $25 000 - $30 000 for a suitable sign. If you are a local business owner or have contacts with local business we would be very keen to outline the proposal with you and discuss ways in which you may be able to assist. If you are in a position to offer ideas, suggestions, or support the project financially please contact the school on 5472 6333 and ask to speak with Mrs Anna Williams the school’s Business Services Manager.

Prep – Year 3 Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert is coming together nicely with each class performing a song or dance on Tuesday 09 December from 1.00pm in the school hall. This promises to be a great afternoon so please come along, support the children and join in the fun.

Volunteer Morning Tea

I would like to take the opportunity this week to congratulate the many parent and community volunteers who give up their time each week to come along and work with a broad range of students across the school. At Eumundi we are very fortunate to have a solid base of volunteer support, and as a community we thank each of them collectively for giving their patience, time and skills in supporting the students over 2014.

Year 4 Camp

Best wishes to the Year 4 students who will be attending their camp at Maranatha next week. Hopefully the weather will stay fine and sunny, but not too hot, so that the teachers and children can enjoy all that the camp has to offer.

Have a great fortnight

Mick

If your child will not be returning to Eumundi State School for the 2015 school year please notify the office as soon as possible. (No need if students are in Year 6 or 7 this year)

Awards

Catch a ‘C’ – Piper 1N, Hazel 2FS, Mia & Coco 3O, Vincent 4M and Liam 5C

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


2015 CLASS LISTS

Class placement for 2015 will be available for viewing on the school’s Website from Thursday 11 December 2014.

Year 6, 7 International Expo

Calling All Sponsors!
Australia is a multicultural society made up of a variety of people from other cultures.

The Year 6 and 7 students showcased many countries at their International Expo providing the younger students with a tour of the world experiencing cuisine, culture and entertainment. The aim of this unit of work was to demonstrate the impact these countries have had on our lives in Australia.

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

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Noosa Gift Athletics Carnival

On Saturday 15 November, Eumundi State School entered a team into the 4 x 400m relay for the Noosa Gift Athletics Carnival. The team consisted of Latrell, Aston, Loccy and Nick. Although the boys missed out on a win, they put in a tremendous effort to come home with second place and each of the boys received a medal. There were 11 teams in the relay and Eumundi was the only state school to be represented for the area. Congratulations Boys!

Year 6 & 7 Celebrate Cup Day
SCHOOL DENTAL VAN
Due to electricity supply issues the Dental Van has re-located to Noosaville State School.
Dental van staff are in the process of contacting parents/carers of children who still need to have dental work completed. New appointments will be offered at the new location.

Bus Transport to Noosa District State High School in 2015
Students that are enrolled (or intending on enrolling) at Noosa District State High School in 2015 should contact the Queensland Transport Department for a Bus Travel Assistance (BTA) Form or go to the Translink website at http://www.support.transport.qld.gov.au/qt/formsdat.nsf/Forms/QF2208 and download a form.
Completing this form as soon as possible with your details will assist QT and the bus operators to finalise their transport details (ie pick and drop off times) quickly for dissemination to families.
If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Marilyn or Michelle at Queensland Transport on 5452 1811.

Community Notices
Lost on Thursday 13th November at Eumundi Park iPad mini in a purple case with keyboard. Belongs to a school child.
$50 reward offered. Please text/call 0477 083 111 or hand into the school office.