Thursday, 19 March 2015

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

We are well and truly in the ‘home stretch’ for Term 1 with students undertaking a variety of assessment tasks and end of term activities. We thank you for your ongoing support with classroom requests as we work together to help your child to reach their full potential as a learner.

Our School Captains Jordan and Thomas recently participated in the Regional Student Leaders Mayoral Summit in Springsure. Along with Student Leaders from other Central Highlands Regional Council schools, they participated in a variety of workshop sessions, listened to peers who made school presentations and participated in a keynote address from well-renowned Winter Olympian Steven Bradbury. The skills gathered throughout this day will assist them in their roles as 2015 BSS School Captains.

“Together may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly” – in the Office foyer students and staff have produced our 2015 learning tree. This tree symbolises the importance of the need for students, parents and staff to work together positively to achieve our goals. Next time you are in the Office see if you can find your child’s hand and help us to reinforce the concept that ‘many hands make light work’ and team efforts produce positive outcomes.

We look forward to you joining us on the next two Monday afternoons for P&C Meetings. From now on meetings will take place in the school Library. We encourage all parents to be active members of the P & C Association and join us for our monthly meetings and/or take on an Executive Role. Please note the following dates:

* Monday 23rd March – General Meeting from 5pm in school Library.

* Monday 30th March – 2015 AGM, all Executive positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) will be filled along with Uniform Co-ordinator and P&C Qld Rep. Parent Memberships for 2015 will also be taken during this meeting along with adoption of the revised 2015 Constitution.

Please note we are having a Free Dress day on Tuesday 24th March, instead of donating a gold coin for the privilege of wearing free dress we are asking families to support the Easter Hamper that P & C is organising. Please see the attached flier in this edition of the Newsletter.

Cheers
Rod Wood
PRINCIPAL
Mutual Respect Award
Congratulations
Brayden Conway & Morgan Rigby

School Photo Day
School photos are almost upon us again (Tuesday 31st March)!

On photo day, every student will be photographed regardless of whether you are purchasing or not. Students have brought home a personalised order envelope from the photographers. Please take care to read and follow all the instructions carefully. This will ensure your order is processed smoothly and efficiently and will help you to avoid any late fees.

For those ordering online, you will notice a new, improved version this year. Please take care to follow the instructions carefully and ensure you log onto www.msp.com.au to enter your child’s shoot key.

To order a sibling or friends photo, please collect Sibling and Friends Order Envelope from the school office on or before photo day, or order it online at least 24 hours in advance. Please note: Sibling photos are only for siblings within the school.

If your child has been photographed in a special group (ie sports team or leadership team), order envelopes will be available in the weeks following photo day. Please watch this newsletter for information.

As school staff are unable to help with photography enquiries or payments, please direct your questions and comments directly to MSP Photography by phone 4921 3355.

Your School Banking day is
WEDNESDAY

ADIDAS School Fun-Run

We will be holding an ADIDAS School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year. The event will be held on Wednesday 25th March, 2015 within the school grounds.

The School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase sporting equipment.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfunrun.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

Tuckshop News

Jade Fenner and Georgina Clarke for the donations of cupcakes.

P & C News

Blackwater State School P & C AGM will be held on Monday 30th March, 2015. The meeting will commence at 5.00pm in the library. We hope to see new and past member of P & C there to cast their vote for our 2015 P & C committee.

If you are undecided about nominating for a position at the upcoming AGM or are just curious as to how things operate within the P & C, our monthly general meeting will be held on Monday 23rd March at 5.00pm in the library. All are welcome!
On the last day of this term Mrs Angela Atfield, our Crossing Supervisor (lollipop lady) will do her last shift on the crossing. Angela has been helping Blackwater State School students to safely cross the road for 15 years and we wish her all the best with the move to Yeppoon. We are taking up a collection for Angela to present her with a farewell gift at assembly next week. Anyone wishing to donate for a parting gift can leave money at the tuckshop.

Goodbye

Emerald and District Athletics Association Inc

2015 Season Sign-On

Sunday March 22nd and 29th - 4.00pm - 5.00pm

Club House-Marist College Oval
New Athletes 5 years and over welcome
Sign up fee is $95 per Athlete

BIRTH CERTIFICATES ARE REQUIRED FOR NEW REGISTRATIONS ONLY
Season commences Sunday 19th April
with a come and try day
1.45pm 5 years to Masters First Club Day
on the 26th April 2015

For more information please contact Wayne Gakowski
on 4982 0746 or mobile 0411717477.

Emerald District Forum Seeking New Members

Are you like the majority of the population and lack confidence to speak in front of people? Would you like to know how to run and participate in correct meeting procedures? The solution is here! Take action today! Join the Emerald District Forum Group.

Emerald District Forum is an organisation that supports members on their learning journey into the world of public speaking and formal meeting procedure. Have fun and meet new people as you grow in confidences and learn new skills. For more information about joining Emerald District Forum, Phone Gai Sypher 0499322121.

Blackwater State High School — Art Competition & Exhibition

Blackwater State High School will be holding their 39th Annual Art Competition & Exhibition on Friday 22nd May. The official opening and award presentation begins at 7.00pm at the Blackwater Civic Centre.

Admission Costs: Adults $15.00, Students $5.00 and under 12 years are Free.

Student Entry Forms are available from the classroom teachers. Final date for the receipt of entry forms is 18th May.

EMERALD STATE SCHOOL
FETE
FRIDAY 27TH MARCH
5:30PM – 9:30PM
Cnr Anakie & Yamala St’s

RIDES & SLIDES
WIN A SAMSUNG TABLET
when you buy a pre-paid
Unlimited Ride Deal $30 per person
Drawn on the night!
email: Anne Self - anniegr@bigpond.net.au to arrange arm bands/or purchase for $35 at the FETE
NEW: Splatt Sponge Attack

International Food Court / Entertainment / Old McDonald’s Farm / Cent Sale / Home Produce / Coffee Shop / Multi Draw Easter Hamper Raffles / Class Stalls and much more.

LOADS OF FUN FOR EVERYONE!