Thursday, 05 March 2015

Parents, Students, Staff and Community Members;

It has been a very busy last two weeks and this edition of the Newsletter finds us more than half way through Term 1. It is pleasing each day to see lots of parents at our school and we look forward to this positive interaction with school continuing throughout the year.

We have been able to finalise our staffing for 2015 over the last two weeks with the help of our Regional Office.

- **Nathan Donnelly** will join us from Monday 9th March and will be working with Lauren Mudge and our Yr. 5/6 students who will be split into two classes from this date. Yr. 5/6 A will remain upstairs E Block with Miss Mudge whilst Yr. 5/6 B will be downstairs with Mr Donnelly.

- **Annette Marxsen** has joined us from this week and is working two days each week (Tuesday & Wednesday) in Prep with Miss Crombie. This team-teaching model will complement the Teacher aide support already provided to this class.

  Please help us to make these newly appointed staff members welcome in our school community.

- **Megan Rauchle** has her week finalised, working two days each week as School Improvement Co-ordinator (part of the school leadership team), ST; L&N (Learning Support) two days each week and one day each week in our Library with Teacher Aide Lillian King. Thank you to Megan who was Acting Principal whilst I was at the state-wide Principals Conference in Brisbane last week.

We are very happy to announce our Student Leaders for 2015:

**School Captains** – Thomas Haigh and Jordan Jackson

**Arts/Music Captain** – Tennille Remnie

**House Captains:**
- Bradman – Jordan Jackson and Tom Denniss
- Fraser – Gabby Morris and Thomas Haigh
- Jackson – Leah Reid and Kiera Scales

**Library Monitor** – Kirra Flanagan

We look forward to having these students assist with weekly assembly and a variety of other leadership activities throughout the year.

Our students in Yr. 5/6 have a unique opportunity to participate in the **Troop Train Competition** that is being held by the three Blackwater Schools. Students will have an opportunity to receive a place on the Troop Train that is running from Blackwater to Duaringa on 22nd April along with other community ANZAC Day activities in this the 100th anniversary year. Students are required to complete a project on a World War I theme that can be presented in a choice of medias. Entries close on 27th March and we encourage our students to participate.

Last week I joined all state School principals across the state at the **Principal Conference** in Brisbane. We had the opportunity to work with some internationally and nationally renowned speakers. A number of new initiatives have been announced and I look forward seeing how they can best help our school community throughout 2015 and beyond.

This week all three schools in Blackwater are working with **Yvana Jones** Educational Consultant. Yvana has been working closely with all three schools over the last few years, initially with Explicit Instruction and now our focus area of Writing. We really appreciate this great opportunity with our students being the beneficiaries.

Cheers
Rod Wood
**PRINCIPAL**

Visit our website at www.blackwaterss.eq.edu.au
Mutual Respect Award
Congratulations
Grace Chandler-Ashe
& Brayden Conway

Library News

Book Fair - The Library at Blackwater State School held its first Book Fair for 2015 last week. Thank you to everyone who supported it. We sold approximately $2300.00 worth of items and hence we were able to select a variety of books from the book fair for the school. This is a great fund raiser for the school and our next Book Fair will be held in October this year.

As part of our Book Fair, Scholastic kindly donates money towards our promotion of this school event. To promote reading at Blackwater State School anyone who purchased items from Book Fair went into a “Lucky Door” draw. Four names were drawn out and these students then selected items to the value of $15 each.

Prize winners were:-
Hayley Doyle  5/6A
Elle Turner    3/4B
Jack Clayton   3/4A
Sophia Bond    Prep

We would like to thank our wonderful helpers; Rhonda, Kristy, Maree, Bettina, Georgina and Jade with the setting up and selling of the Book Fair. Thank you everyone for your support in fundraising for our school library and we look forward to seeing you again next year. Thank you — Library Ladies

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.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the School Fun-Run event day at the school on Wednesday 25th March to help cheer on the students. Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

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 met new people as you grow in confidences and learn new skills. For more information about joining Emerald District Forum. Phone Gai Sypher 0499322121

Tuckshop News


Melinda Low, Chrissy Dimitriou, Jade Fenner and Kelli Willmott for the donations of baking.

P & C News

A huge thank you to all the members of the P & C for their hard work and dedication they contributed to the Cent Sale. Also, a huge thank you to Jade Fenner for all her assistance with prize gathering.

A fabulous morning was had by all who attended!

School Banking

*** WEDNESDAY is our school banking day ***

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 band/s
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!
**Dates to Remember**

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**School Photo Day**

Please note that our photo day is Tuesday 31st March. Spare envelopes and Sibling and Friend Photo envelopes are available from the office.

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**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 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 0411 717 477.

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**Birthdays**

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**Footy Doubles - Blackwater Junior Crushers U17**

The under 17 Blackwater Junior Crushers will be selling footy doubles for the 2015 rugby league season. Cost will be $2.00 per double with the weekly winner collecting $200.00. Registration for weekly tickets can be made commencing on Monday 23rd February by contacting Estelle Williams on 0487 612 929.

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We wish to say a huge THANK-YOU to WEST AUTO ELECTRICS for their kind donation of hats for all the students at our school. All students will receive a hat this week which has been labelled with their name and will be kept in the classrooms. This is to ensure that all students have a school hat for playtimes and P.E. lessons.

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**St Brendan’s College Year 7 2016 Discovery Day**

St Brendan’s College invites all Year 6 boys to come and experience a day in the life of a Year 7 Student

Where: St Brendan’s College

When: Year 7 2016 Discovery Day

will be held on Wednesday 18th March 2015 from 9.00am to 2.30pm

For more information please contact Kylie Hedges on 49 399 485

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**Emerald Eagles Football Club**

**Youth & Junior Soccer Sign On**

**Saturday 14th March 9am - 12 noon**

**Tuesday 17th March 4.30pm - 5.30pm**

Please complete self-registration online BEFORE these dates. Fees are structured so those who pay and register online receive a discount. Go to our website page at emeraldeagles.com.au to download the registration pack with instructions on how to register.

**Soccer Canteen Co-ordinator**

(approx 10 to 16 hrs per wk/soccer season only)

Qualities required include: Pleasant/outgoing personality; good organisational skills; budget & money handling skills; RSA & Food Safety Certificate (training provided); Blue Card for working with children; good customer service; ability to co-ordinate volunteers; own transport.

Previous Canteen OR experience in a similar role beneficial.

If this sounds like you, please email your resume and experience including names and contact details of three professional referees to emeraldeagles@hotmail.com

**Coaches and Sponsorship**

We’re always looking for more of both! If you are interested in either sponsoring the club or coaching a team please email emeraldeagles@hotmail.com

Training and support is available to all prospective coaches.