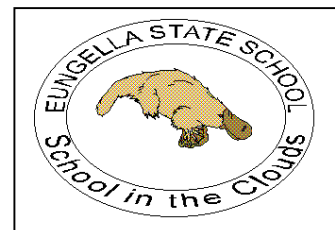


# THIS WEEK AT EUNGELLA STATE SCHOOL



12<sup>th</sup> October 2015

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**The best educational outcomes for each student**

## **ATTENDANCE – Every day counts**

2015 Year to date end Term 3 – 90.1%

**2015 school attendance target - 94%**

Actual attendance rate Term 4 – 91.2%

We aim for 0-5 day's absence each student **each semester** (95% - 100% attendance).

## **STAR ATTENDANCE STUDENTS – TERM 3**

Congratulations to the students listed below for their fantastic efforts towards attending school every day during Term 3. Each student received a star certificate on Parade today.

**100% attendance** – Annaka Fredrickson, Georgea Shrimp, Harry Shrimp, Kalea Stanieg

**99% attendance** – Anton Kay

**98% attendance** – Amelia Woodhouse, Blaise Davis, Edan Shrimp, George Fortescue, Gibson Muller, Harry Fortescue, Kyle Lambert

**96% attendance** – Blake Smith, Pixie Carretta, Lachlan Davy

## **ATTENDANCE CUP CHALLENGE**

Our Attendance Cup Challenge continues in Term 4, with the winner being determined over 9 weeks. The final week of 2015 will not be included as the kitchen will not be available for cooking on the last day of the year. The class with the most wins over the term wins a pizza lunch and will use the kitchen to make their own personalised pizzas.

Winner Term 4 Week 1: Prep – 3 with 90.4% ☺

## **STUDENT INTERNET ACCESS AGREEMENT**

Attached to last week's newsletter was a Student Internet Access Agreement. Both student and parent are required to sign the form before returning it to our office as soon as possible.

## **KEEPING ENROLMENT DETAILS UP TO DATE**

Attached to last week's newsletter was a print out of your current student's personal contact information. We ask parents and guardians to check all details carefully and note on the form any changes that need to be made. Please return all forms to our office, even if there are no changes required. Thank you.

## **PREP TRANSITION SESSIONS START THIS WEEK**

14<sup>th</sup> October 10.00 – 11.00am

21<sup>st</sup> October 10.00 – 11.00am

4<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 – 11.40am

11<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 – 11.40am

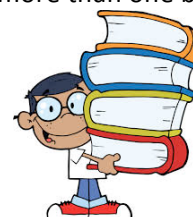
18<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 – 11.40am

25<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 – 11.40am

## **GREAT BOOK SWAP NOW WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER**

The Great Book Swap is a win-win. Not only does it help raise money to improve literacy levels in remote communities, but the excitement and fun that a book swap generates will help improve literacy levels in our school as well.

What to do? Choose a book from home that you love but can bear to part with. Bring the book in by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. On Wednesday, students donate a gold coin for the right to choose a new book. You are able to donate or purchase more than one book if you wish.



## **HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITIONS**

Year 6 students are reminded of the following dates for Mirani High Transitions:

- Parent Information Session Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 6.00pm
- YLead transition session for students Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, all day (requires permission and medical form to be returned)
- Orientation Day for students Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, all day

## **CURRICULUM SWIMMING LESSONS**

Swimming lessons will occur in Week 9 of this term, with students attending a lesson each day (5 lessons total, Monday to Friday). Final details are being organised with Mirani Pool and bus operators. Parents will be notified of schedule and costings as soon as possible.

### **HEAT-UP BY SCHOOL STAFF WILL CEASE THIS TERM**

At the P&C meeting last week, within my Principal's Report, I announced on behalf of our staff that we would no longer be providing 'heat-up' to students, ceasing at the end of Week 4.

The reasons behind this decision were explained fully at the meeting and I would like to reiterate the reasons in this newsletter so that all parents are aware of this change.

- The Department's policies and guidelines - 'It is not an expectation that paid school staff prepare/heat meals for students'
- The Department's policies and guidelines also includes 'any heating of food would have to be done by a suitable adult'
- Under the Awards conditions, all staff are entitled to a 30 min meal break. Currently, due to needing 3 staff for heat-up and cleaning (each day), staff on a number of occasions have not been able to have their meal break this year
- Our GRG Aide has finished her casual employment for the year and this means the loss of another staff member to assist with 'heat-ups' and playground duties
- I would like to offer the library to students at lunch times, however there currently are not enough staff to conduct both library and playground supervision
- If the school community would like the 'heat ups' to continue then it would require a roster devised by the parents to supervise the preparation or heating of meals at school

The staff will continue to provide the heat-up supervision until the end of Week 4, therefore providing the P&C time to decide and arrange alternative options following this change.

Alternatives were offered at the meeting by P&C members and at the time of printing this newsletter, the P&C have had discussions with 'The Eungella Shop' to provide a 'Snack Shack' once a week, commencing in Week 5, to trial for the remainder of the Term. Further details will be in upcoming newsletters.

It is expected that other options will be discussed for 2016 at the next P&C meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> November, commencing at 9.30am. You are welcome to attend the meeting in order to provide constructive options for the students for them to have access to alternative and regular lunch options.

### **SCHOOL CAMP UPDATE 3**

The next update will be sent home on Friday. All outstanding camp monies and requested forms are required this week.

### **ART CLASSES**

Art Classes commence tomorrow. Permission notes must be returned to the office. Please remember to bring old clothes to change into for the art class.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

A student has misplaced her bright yellow plastic watch at school on Friday. Could you please check your child's school bag and homework folder in case it has been mistakenly put there. Thank you.

### **UPCOMING CALENDAR**

13.10	Garden Class
	Art Class
	Principal Webinar
	Mirani High Parent Information Session 6.00pm
14.10	Cluster School curriculum planning day (Judy attending at Pinnacle School)
	Mirani High transition day for students
	Prep transition session
15.10	Kitchen Class
16.10	Playgroup
19.10	Pupil Free Day
20.10	Garden Class
	Art Class
21.10	Prep transition session
	Curriculum Planning day (Judy and Kirsty)
	Great Book Swap
22.10	Book Club Due
23.10	Playgroup
25 to 31.10	State Education Week
27.10	Mirani High Concert Band Tour
	Garden Class
	Art Class
28 to 30.10	School Camp
30.10	Halloween Disco hosted by Pinnacle School
	World Teachers Day
30.11 to 4.11	School Curriculum swimming
07.12	Yr 6 Graduation dinner
08.12	Movies in Mackay
09.12	School Concert
10.12	Swimming Fun Day
11.12	Last day of term

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK!!!!

Judy Atkins  
Principal