Dear Parents,

As part of settling back in to our school routine for 2016 teachers have been speaking to their classes about the procedures should an emergency evacuation of the school ever become necessary. A practice emergency evacuation will be held tomorrow. This provides an opportunity for us to make sure everyone knows what to do in an emergency. Our school also has a lockdown procedure and we will practise this towards the end of the term.

The monthly meeting of the P&C will be held tomorrow evening commencing at 7.00pm in the Staff Room. You are invited to attend. The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Wed 16 March. The AGM is an important meeting where members of the executive of the P&C are elected for the coming year.

This morning I joined in the excitement as students from Year 4E commenced their Kitchen Garden project. Mrs Fleming’s class was divided into 6 groups (Harvesting and Planting, Composting, Garden Maintenance, Propagating and Watering, Pest Control and Garden Media). Each group had a task to do and the students were enthusiastically participating. A number of parent volunteers were here to provide assistance. Mr Harris’s group were completing the irrigation system. Mr Harris has designed an automatic solar irrigation system that has a sensor to monitor moisture in the soil and automatically switch on the water system. The system is designed so that the watering happens in the evening after 8 o’clock.

Year 6 students will receive information this week regarding the enrolment process for High School. Trinity Bay High School and Cairns State High School invite parents to attend the Year 7 information sessions. Enrolment packages will be available at the meetings. I encourage you to attend the meetings and begin the enrolment process.

Paul Campbell
Principal

Happy Chinese New Year!!!
Lots of excitement last week with Lion Dancers and Fire Crackers to celebrate the Year of the Monkey!!

Prep Parent Info Session
Tuesday 16th Feb 5.00pm

Choir
Wednesday mornings 7:45am

Fun Run Training
Wednesdays  3:15pm – 4pm & Fridays  8:15am – 8:50pm

P&C Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 17th February
7pm, Staffroom

Come and Tri Triathlon Academy
Thursday 18th Feb  11am

Power of Positive Parenting
Monday 29th Feb
6:30pm, PAC

Contact Numbers

School Office  4037 9555
Student Absence Line  4037 9566
School Shop  4037 9512
Tuckshop  4037 9572
Outside School Hours Care  4037 9519
**Around the Classroom**

**PREP**

Hello families—just a quick note to remind you of the Information Session for parents this evening at 5pm in your child's classroom. We hope it's a really helpful meeting. Thanks again for your continued support of us and your child as we begin Week 4 of Prep!

**YEAR 1**

We are really enjoying our swimming lessons in Year One with Mr Ashton and Mrs Lu! We have been practicing sliding in and floating with a kickboard, which has been lots of fun and is keeping us very cool! Thank you for ensuring all swimming things are being brought in on the day your class has swimming. We are also having lots of fun in our Japanese lessons! We have been reading lots of Japanese books, singing lots of Japanese songs, practicing introducing ourselves, and counting. We are looking for more Japanese resources such as books, puzzles or games, so if you have anything at home you are no longer using we would really appreciate if you could bring them in to the classroom for us to use.

1D sharing their self portraits

**YEAR 2**

This week the Year 2 students have been busy investigating mixtures in Science, including how they look, feel and smell. While in Geography, students are identifying the difference between side view and aerial view. Oral language presentations have been delivered to a great standard and the next topic is on inventions so getting your ideas out there!

**YEAR 3**

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our Parent Information Evening. On Wednesday we were introduced to Mr Harris our new STEM teacher and we got to participate in some exciting STEM activities. Chinese New Year celebration was also celebrated on the same day with the children observing the dragon dancing and the fire cracker display. The children have been doing a super job with their home reading and would like to encourage parents to support their learning.

**YEAR 4**—Edge Hill Kitchen Garden

The Year 4 Kitchen Garden is kicking off this week! We are looking for anyone who may have some donations of spare fabric they do not want anymore as well as some volunteers to help sew aprons for the kitchen. We have a very simple pattern that we could send home with some fabric or we also have four sewing machines at school that could be used. Donations of fabric (one metre) can be given to your class teacher to pass on. If you can possibly do some sewing for us, email Marnie O’Neill (monei19@eq.edu.au) with your details. Lastly if any parents, grandparents, etc are interested in giving some time to work with students in the kitchen or garden, please again contact Marnie O’Neill. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

**YEAR 5**

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who were able to make it to our ‘Parent Information Night’ last Thursday. It was a huge success, if you couldn't make it please have your child collect an Information Sheet from the class teacher so you are up to date with all the wonderful things Year 5 are doing this semester. Talking about awesome activities….this Friday Year 5 start their ‘Leisure Sport’ so please be sure to bring a hat, water bottle and appropriate shoes…..it’s going to be fantastic.

**YEAR 6**

Thank you for all of the wonderful parents who attended parent night last week. It was fantastic to meet you all! If you couldn’t make it please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or just want to say hi. The Virtual Classroom on the Learning Place is up and running. Please try and log in at home to access extra learning material or any misplaced homework.

Year 6 students are well and truly into the rhythm of learning and are hum ming along very nicely. They should be congratulated for their preparedness, flexibility and behaviour. Well done! A huge congratulations to our newest leaders including Music and Language Captains and Class Student Councillors. It was fantastic to see so many motivated students with dynamic applications and inspiring speeches. A reminder that all Year 6 leaders will be inducted during Friday Parade of Week 5. Parents & guardians are more than welcome to attend.

**Sport’s News**

**Come and Tri**

Triathlon Academy

Thursday 18th February, 11am

Exciting news!!!! Edge Hill State School will be starting its very own Triathlon Academy in Term 1, based right here at the school!!! Prior to starting the academy, we are giving all interested children in Year 3 – Year 6, the opportunity to come and try Triathlon! On Thursday 18 February (Wk. 4) at 11am students can participate in a “Come and Tri” session under the guidance of professional coaches Bill Evans and Maryanne Elkington. Bill is the Director of Will Swim & Tri Coaching. He is an Ironman certified coach, Accredited Triathlon Coach, Level 2 Surf Swim Coach and a Level 3 Performance Swim Coach. Maryanne is a Junior Tri Stars coach and Level 1 Running Coach. Maryanne was also a gold medalist at the European Union Sprint Triathlon Championships and two time Queensland time-trial champion. So as you can see there is a wealth of quality and experience, for the students of Edge Hill SS to learn from, so come and TRI!!!!

**Fun Run Training**

Wednesdays: 3:15pm – 4pm & Fridays: 8:15am – 8:50pm

**Tennis**

Thursdays 7:30am Sports Shed $70 / term
Call Jaqui 0427 507 145

**Netball**

Wednesdays 3:15—4:15 Sports Shed $90

**Japanese News**

Congratulations to our Music Captains for 2016

Lian Walsh—Concert Band Captain
Eoghan Kuiper—String Orchestra Captain
Lachlan Harmer & Maddison Lawrence—Choir Captains

Congratulations to our Language Captains for 2016

Mirian Oh, Eliza Gardner & Abbey Duke. Omedetou Gozaimasu!!

**Change of Details Form**

If any of your family details have changed recently please fill in and send back to the school office.

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Cairns T Ball
Ages 5—8
Fun for all skill levels in an action paced environment
Brinsmead
Loridan Dr Reserve
Thursdays 5pm—6pm
Contact 0433 857 947

Chinese Classes
Starting Monday 15th April
3:20pm—5:00pm
RT room in E Block
$20 per class
Chinese language lessons will be offered by Julya Cai. Ms Cai is an experienced language instructor who has run successful Chinese lessons in schools in Darwin. For further information contact Julya on 0451018961 or cjulya@hotmail.com.

Cairns String Orchestra
Cairns String Orchestra sign on day is Wednesday 17th February at 4pm. If your child plays a string instrument and would like to extend their skills and join an orchestra made up from children from all over the Cairns District then come along this Wednesday to the Eisteddfod Hall on Greenslopes Street or contact us at cairnstringorchestra@gmail.com

Souths Hockey
Sign on Day
Friday 26th February
4pm—7pm Cairns Hockey Grounds
0438 557 380  jnrregistrar@southsidehockey.net.au

Help!! I’ve Got a Teenager!!
Course for parents UnitingCare, 188 Aumuller St
4 week course starting Tuesday 23rd Feb $40
Contact 4032 6800

Cairns Potters Club
Kid’s Pottery Classes
Wednesdays & Thursdays 4pm—5:30pm
Saturdays 12—1:30pm
$20 a class  Grove Street
Contact: Felicity 0434 047 974  felicity19@optusnet.com.au

Cairns P&C Corner
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Daphne’s Before and After School Care

* Will open on Saturdays in 2016!!
* Before School Care can start from 6:00am
* After School Care can go past 6pm
* Breakfast and Afternoon Tea included
* Can also pick up from home & drop off at home
* Full CCB and CCR available

Mobile: 0449 712 231

Christine Vernon
christinesclass@outlook.com

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AT EHSS GREEN SHED
MON + WEDS 5PM
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