Dear Parents

Planning for the 2017 school year is well under way. It won’t be long before 2017 book lists are distributed. Enrolment numbers for Prep in 2017 are very strong and there are virtually no vacancies in any year level.

Students who reside in our catchment and those with siblings currently enrolled are guaranteed a place at our school. Due to enrolment management we are only able to take students out of catchment if there are sufficient vacancies. If you have a student for Prep in 2017 and you have not completed the enrolment process please contact the office urgently. Prep Information Sessions will be held at 9:00am and 4:00pm on Wednesday 9th November.

If you know that your children will not be attending our school in 2017 we would appreciate your advice to assist our planning.

This week all staff were involved in Professional Development activities on the Student Free Day. Focus areas for the professional development centred on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) activities, collaborative curriculum planning and teacher professional learning through involvement in a number of research projects.

Congratulations to all the Year 3 students their teachers and our music teachers Ms Hari and Mrs Richardson on the performances of ‘We Are Monsters’ last week. It was an outstanding effort by all those involved.

The monthly meeting of the P&C will be held this Wednesday at 7:00pm in the staff room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Paul Campbell
Principal

We Are Monsters

What a wonderful evening of song, dance and drama we were treated to last week Tuesday and Wednesday as all of our Year 3 students took to the stage to present their musical. The students all enjoyed themselves up on stage under the big lights—and all looked fantastic in their costumes and all sang very beautifully. Thank you to all those who helped put the musical together and who helped our children shine!!
**Around the Classroom**

**PREP**
We are enjoying identifying and exploring, explaining and elaborating about why things move in the classroom and in our environment as part of our Science unit, ‘On the Move’ this term. As you move around your home and community it might be fun asking your child about objects and people moving and be ready for a discussion involving pushing, pulling, spinning, sliding, rolling and bouncing to help those little minds learn.

**Prep F enjoying their Brain Gym exercises**

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**YEAR 1**
All Year One classes enjoyed their first Art lesson with Rosie Miller who is our school artist-in-residence. Rosie is teaching the students printmaking over three weeks. Last week the students created their designs and etched them into their foam material, this week they will print their design and next week they will experiment with colour and shape with their design. All students are very excited about their upcoming lessons!!

**Year 1 Students of the Week**

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**YEAR 2**
Last week Year 2 were fortunate enough to listen to a guest speaker from the council who taught them a great deal about the water cycle and how to conserve water. It was an excellent presentation.
This week Year 2 is off to The Tanks to listen to another guest speaker. On Wednesday 2E, 2F and 2C are walking to The Tanks leaving shortly after the 9am bell and returning before first lunch. On Friday 2A, 2B, 2D and 2G will do the same. We will have lunch at school so picnic lunches are NOT needed.

**Year 2 Students of the Week**

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**YEAR 3**
Cattana Wetlands excursion is finally here. Please make sure that your child arrives at school by 8:30am. The students are also reminded to wear Aeroguard as it is a wetlands, there will be many insects around. If you wish to send the Aeroguard to school it must be roll on only.
The children need to bring two drink bottles, a hat, fully enclosed walking shoes and a suitable lunch for a warm day. Please be reminded that your child will not have access to a fridge to keep their lunch cool.
Parents if you are helping on the day please be remember that young siblings are not permitted on this excursion. We will meet volunteers at the front of Cattana Wetland toilets at 9:15am.
Students will return to school and depart as per usual school day. We are looking forward to the excursion and thank all of those who have volunteered their time in advance.
This excursion is a valuable learning tool to remind the community of the environmental impact that humans place within our wetlands.

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**YEAR 4**
The term is off to busy start. Our Kitchen Garden lessons are in full swing. Last week we harvested sweet potatoes from the garden which the children were particularly keen to do. In the Kitchen the children made Potato and Rosemary pizza from scratch. We are always looking for volunteers to help in both Kitchen and Garden lessons. If you are able to offer your time on Tuesday –Thursday mornings then please see the Year Four class teachers.

**YEAR 5**
Congratulations to our Bronze Award Winners

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**YEAR 6**
Interschool Sports began last Friday and from all accounts, the Year 6 cohort followed rules; supported their peers; showed quality sportsmanship to others; and demonstrated leadership to their Grade 5 counterparts. Well done! A couple of reminders: We have a No Hat-No Play policy at school, so please remember hats must be brought to school every day. Also, your child’s High School for next year should be organised.

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**Musical Notes**

**Congratulations to the Year 3’s on their musical ‘We Are Monsters.’ The singing, acting and dancing was fabulous! It was a great team effort and demonstrated what a talented and hard-working year level they are. Thank you to the wonderful team of Year 3 teachers for help at rehearsals and behind the scenes work. A big thank you to parents and teachers who assisted with ticketing, pinning costumes, dinner, hair and make-up at the shows.**

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**Reading Hint**
**A child who reads will be an adult who thinks.**

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**Book Club**
Oops!! Did you forget to put your name on your recent Book Club order?? If you did it is waiting for you at the school shop.

The current book club catalogue has been given to students. There are great books on offer at very reasonable prices so send your order?? If you did it is waiting for you at the school shop.

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**Corombank School Banking program is available at your school**

Ensure your child starts two great journeys at once.
For more than 85 years, the School Banking program has been teaching Australian children about the value of money and smart saving as well as the rewards they can bring.
It's also a great fundraising activity, as Corombank offers your school commission for your child's first School Banking deposit as well as deposits made as a part of the program.

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**Centrepay Deductions**

If you would like to start your Centrepay deductions now for 2017 booklist and uniforms please see Alison in School Shop for forms

Monday to Friday
8.15am to 9.30am
Monthly Meeting

Our monthly meeting of our P&C will be held on Wednesday the 19th October 7pm, Staffroom
At this meeting we will be discussing our operating plan for 2017.

Our next P&C event will be our end of year Scholastic Book Fair. This will be held Monday October 31st—Friday November 4th in the library Gallery 1.

It has been exciting to watch the progress of the new Technology Hub building over the holidays. Thank you to all those who have contributed to our Building Fund this year—this $ is being used to build the Technology Hub. Please consider contributing if you haven’t already. A tax deductible receipt will be issued. Single $60 / Family $110—however any amount will be gratefully accepted. Payment can be made at the school office or online: EHSS P&C DGR Building Fund Account BSB 064 804 Account # 1395 2953

Please use your child’s name and class as a reference.

Screen-Free Zones

*Before Bed
*Before School
*Dinner Time
*In The Car

Sit down with your children and discuss the reasons for the rule change. Highlight any negative consequences you have seen from the screen overload: lack of sleep or lack of time to talk together. Encourage your child's input. Expect a little pushback but have high expectations for your children’s ability to adapt. Enlist their help and brainstorm solutions together. Once the new rules are in place, do not waiver in your resolve.

School Shop

New school rashies $24.50 each
Sizes 6—14
Limited number of old style rashies available—$18 each

Around Our Community

Cairns Concert Orchestra presents

Classical Favourites

Saturday 26th November, 2pm St Monica's Cathedral
Also featuring Edge Hill State School Choir
Tickets available at the door
Adults $20, Child $10, Concession $15, Family $50

ZUMBA KIDS IN CAIRNS — FUN & FITNESS!!

When: Thurs 4:30pm to 5pm (5-7 yrs) & 5pm to 5:45pm (8-13 yrs)
Cost: 5-7 yrs $8 per class, 8-13 yrs $10 per class
Where: Edge Hill Jnr Eisteddfod Hall, 67-71 Greenslopes St, Edge Hill
Contact: Deb 0401 023 084

Tuck Shop

Orders must be handed in to Tuckshop before 9am—OR—you can order online at flexischool.com.au

Introducing Kids Roasted Fava Beans!!
Nut Free, Gluten Free, 100% wholesome
Just $1
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