Dear Parents

Paul Campbell—Our Principal, Paul Campbell, has been on sick leave for 2 weeks. He is currently in Brisbane where he has had surgery on his left bicep. He is now on the mend and we all wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him back on deck soon.

Dean Ashton—Our HPE teacher Mr Ashton is the proud new father of a beautiful baby girl. Congratulations to Dean and his wife Anya. Parenthood, as you all know, is one of life’s gifts.

P&C—Our P&C executive is a small group, but with the assistance of many volunteers throughout the year we are able to run many successful activities and events. We have a very large parent support base at Edge Hill. Our P&C meeting is this Wednesday at 7pm in the staffroom. Needless to say all are welcome to attend. Our P&C are a very vibrant group!

Interschool Sport—Our Year 6 students are participating in interschool sport starting this Friday. The boys have a choice of AFL or Basketball. The girls have a choice between Touch Football or Soccer. We have 140 students who will participate this week. It is a great opportunity to develop skills, work in a social group situation and make new friends.

Academies, Cross Country training, tennis and basketball sessions, bands, chess etc are all now in full swing. Please check days and times for these practises and events.

High School—It is now time for Year 6 students to consider 2018 high school enrolment. Trinity Bay State High are having their Information Session on February 22nd and Cairns State High are having theirs on February 27th. All Year 6 students will receive more detailed information.

Kev Holden
Deputy Principal

A Step Back in Time

Last week Year 2 students were visited by the Cairns Historical Society. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to see many historical items and to ask questions of the knowledgeable volunteers.
## Around the Classroom

**PREP**

All Prep children are settling into school life extremely well. Thank you for the great job you do in getting them ready for school each day. We would like all parents to check that their child’s lunchbox, hat and drink bottle are clearly marked with their name and class. Some students have also been bringing toys and valuables to school in their bag. It is very important to make sure all toys and valuables are left at home.

### YEAR 1

Hello families and carers的记忆 may be beautiful particularly when they are recalled by 6 year olds. Our Year 1s are sharing some important objects and presenting wonderful stories of their most precious memories as part of our History learning. While we are practising in the classroom, thank you for helping your child prepare for their oral presentation at home. Many children are participating in Religious Studies and in doing so, require a book. Children participating have been given a note which details how to purchase this item. Please check with your teacher if you're not sure.

Looking forward to a great Week 4 of learning fun.

### YEAR 3

In Year 3, the students are being very persuasive. Some argue that we do indeed need to complete homework - it makes us clever, our parents will be proud and we'll get a great report!! Others think that kids should be free to run about in the fresh air after school, clean up our rooms and watch TV. Our persuasive texts are starting to take shape. Well done!!

### YEAR 5

A huge thank you to all of the parents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend Parent Night. The response was overwhelming! Also last week we conducted our Student Councillor speeches. Everyone who participated spoke beautifully and should be very proud of themselves.

Congratulations to:

- 5A - Kaleb Fischer and Ava Barnes
- 5B - Albert An and Samaya Oakley
- 5C - Jessica Deane and Malakai Guivarra-Mamoo
- 5D - Andrew Fischer and Eva Wenitong
- 5E - Anessah Oakley and Jibril Auckbur
- 5F - Erena Moffat and Sha’adae Nintama Karo

Thank you to all the parents who have diligently been returning the camp medical and information consent forms. Congratulations to 6A for their successful 2nd win and 6B, 6C, 6D and 6E.

Congratulations to 6A for their successful 2nd win and welcome back from the Japanese teaching team. This year, Nono-sensei and I have been joined by a third Japanese Teacher, Osada-sensei. Osada -sensei will be teaching in the Year 2 and Year 3 Japanese programs this year. A focus across the school in Japanese this year is the introduction of Japanese hiragana script. Children in all year levels are learning about Japanese writing systems. To support the learning of Japanese script at home, there are many free and affordable apps available. Our App of the Week is called “Hiragana”. It can be loaded free of charge across a range of devices. This is its App Store Icon:

A number of students have asked me about plans for our next Japan Study Tour. As our current Year 6 cohort had the opportunity to participate in this wonderful learning opportunity last year, our next study tour will be offered in September 2018. Next year’s tour will be open to this year’s Year 4 and Year 5 students. I look forward to sharing more information with you towards the end of 2017.

Throughout 2017, we will host a number of visiting study tour groups at Edge Hill. Two of our groups will require homestay accommodation with EHSS families in August. In the past, our families have found that hosting students provides great opportunities for their whole family to share in a cultural exchange. Many of our previous homestay families have forged lasting friendships with the visiting students. Homestay is also a highlight of our school study tour program when we escort students to Japan. Hosting a student in your home is a great way to share in the study tour experience. If you would like further information about being involved as a host family in August 2017, please contact Mrs Richardson—srich261@eq.edu.au

## Sports News

### Cross Country

**Training:** Year 3-6 students
**Time:** Thursday 3:10-3:50pm
**Bring:** A hat, drink bottle and sports shoes. Please meet at the Green Shed.

### Triathlon Academy

A reminder for all Tri Academy members. Training will commence on Monday 20th February. Please meet at the school pool for a 7:45am Start.

## Musical Notes

Congratulations to our Music Captains this year. All music clubs and ensembles have begun. An updated timetable can be found on the music room window or on our school website. All instrumental lessons have begun and students should now have all equipment needed such as instruments and books organised. If there are still questions about books and accessories please do not hesitate to contact Miss Curtis at school. Forms please need returning to the office as soon as possible with the necessary payments.

This year with 3 fantastic music teachers we have split roles within the department. So if parents have enquires about Instrumental Music these need to be directed to Miss Curtis—rcurt35@eq.edu.au and enquiries about Choir and Music Academy need to go to Mrs Richardson—srich261@eq.edu.au.

Once students arrive for Music Academy Mrs Richardson gets very busy so can all questions please wait until the end of the sessions or be in email or written form.

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## Open the Box

Open The Box is a joint initiative of the Music and STEM Academies and aims to prepare young children (2-5 year olds) for school by giving them an early start to learning. Come along with your littlies for a fun time of songs, stories and STEM activities. Register your interest at the office or speak to Simone Richardson or Michael Harris.

Starts Tuesday 14th February, 9am, EHSS Innovation Centre

## Scholastic Book Club

Payment can be made online with Scholastic or send the money and order into the school. Please return orders and payment ASAP. Orders closing this week.

## Japanese News

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**P&C Corner**

**First P&C Meeting for 2017**
Wednesday 15th February, 7pm Staffroom

**P&C Levies**
Thank you so much to those who have already contributed to our fundraising levy or Building Fund for 2017. We are grateful for your contribution to our school. Levies can be paid at the school shop or office.

Our P&C is very proud of all the excellent resources we are able to provide our school. So far this year we have already purchased new *cellos*, a *trombone*, *flute* and *saxophone* for the Music Department, replaced a few *classroom fridges* and installed the *artificial turf around the new umbrella shade areas*. Please support our P&C so we can continue to improve our school.

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**Cairns State High School**

**Year 7 2018 Information Evening**
Monday 27th February
4:30pm—5:30pm Tour
5:30pm—7:00pm

Information Presentation
Please meet at Crosswell Hall

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**Around Our Community**

**Cairns District Junior Rugby League**
Combined Clubs Sign On Day
Saturday 18th Feb, 9am—12pm, Jones Park

**Free try out for Taekwondo**
Suitable for school age to adults of any fitness level. Tuesday and Thursday 6pm

Wear comfortable shorts and t-shirt and have some fun.

More Info—Contact Narelle—Taekwondo instructor 0408 77 0458

**The Cairns Junior Choral Society**
For children who love to sing — ages 8—18.
The choir meets every Tuesday evening from 5:30pm on Grove St. Reasonable fees, and family discounts apply.

More info: Mrs Toni Dunstan 0437 942 019

**North Cairns Junior AFL Tigers Sign On**
Sunday 19th Feb 10am—1pm
Boys & Girls ages 6—17.5
Watsons Oval, Behan St Manunda

**Netball**
Cairns Netball Association has our annual club Sign On Day on the Saturday 18th Feb 9:00-11:30am at the Martyn Street netball courts.

**Hockey—Come & Try at School!**
Prep—Grade 6 students
Tuesday 14th Feb 3pm—4pm EHSS oval

**Saints Soccer**
Club Muster Day—Saturday 25th Feb. 9am—11am, Endeavour Park

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**Cairns BMX COME n TRY DAY**
Where - Cairns BMX Club on Scott Street
When - Saturday 25th February from 5pm to 8pm.
Cost - FREE

From the age of 2 right through to however old you want to be you can all ride the track and experience what this great sport is all about.

Cairns BMX is one of the largest clubs in AUS that has produced many State / National and World champions, its a fantastic family sport to be involved with so don't miss this great chance to have a go.

For further information regarding what you need to bring see Cairns BMX facebook page with all the event details or you can ring our registrar Michelle AFTER 4pm on 0409 498 505.

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**Tuck Shop**

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

With all this rainy weather how about a yummy baked potato for lunch?? We are adding these back to our menu! Jacket potato with chicken/ ham/ Mexican beef/ garlic butter or baked beans—all topped with cheese for just $5 on our Friday special.

Complete your lunch order online via Flexischool to go in our weekly draw to win 2 of our new Juicy Iceblocks—one for you and one for a friend. Simply tear off your name label from your lunch bag and pop it in the Lucky Box at the Tuckshop.

Congratulations to last week’s winner Ava Pilot 3E
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