Dear Parents,

The calendar for the remainder of term still looks very busy. Most significantly, teachers are finalising assessment and report cards for the end of term. Please ensure that your child is at school every day otherwise they will miss important work and assessment pieces. This year we have been carefully tracking the attendance of each child and those with an attendance over 95% will be recognised and rewarded.

Building Resilience
You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:

1. **Having a positive attitude yourself.** Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child when s/he meets some of life’s curve balls.

2. **Look for teachable moments.** Many kids’ learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.

3. **Make kids active participants in the family.** Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.

4. **Build kids coping skills.** There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for a while, and normalisation.

Promoting resilience in kids is a not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in yourself, and your child’s ability to cope.

Teaching & Learning Audit and Discipline Audit
I would like to thank the staff, students and our P&C President Kristy for their involvement in the two audits. The reports can be found on our school website under the documents section. Please take the time to have a read of these. I will be discussing these further at the next P&C meeting and using the audit recommendations and discussions with staff and parents to develop a school plan.

Under 8’s Day and Small Schools Sports Carnival
Congratulations to everyone who attended Under 8’s Day or the Small Schools Sports Carnival. All children proudly represented our school and showed excellent sportsmanship. Special congratulations to Preston (Age Champion), Rory (Runner Up), Brock (Runner Up) and Bailey O (Age Champion). Well done!!

School Photos
School Photos will be taken on Monday 23rd June. All students are expected to wear their correct school uniforms. Please ensure that your child brings to school the completed order envelope on the day.

Book Fair
I would like to sincerely thank Georgina for all of the hard work that she put into organising and preparing for Book Fair. The amount of books sold was amazing and I have been looking forward to being wrapped in toilet paper as a reward. The school has received an outstanding number of books. Thank you to everyone who participated by purchasing books and making donations to the school library.
CARS and STARS
The strategy that we learnt about last week is understanding sequence. The order in which things happen in a reading passage is called sequence. Sequence tells what happens first, second, third and so on.

- Clue words such as first, next, then, last, finally, before and after often tell the order in which things happen.
- Clues such as times of day, days of the week, months and years tell when things happen.
- Sometimes, there are no clue words. Thinking about the beginning, the middle and ending of a reading passage will help you understand the order in which things happen.

RSPCA visit
Last Tuesday we had a visit from the RSPCA Education Van. The children were told lots of facts about animals and they got to participate in many activities. Some of the favourites were playing vets, comparing how humans see and how different animals see and standing in a chicken’s cage. We also learnt about the importance of microchips and never leaving a dog in the car.

Life Ed visit
Unfortunately we didn’t get a visit from Harold on Tuesday as the truck was delivered but not the van. The President of Life Education CQ has been in contact and has kindly offered the session for free. We will be having the Life Ed visit on Tuesday, August 12th. The $4 will be credited to your child’s account.

CQR Principal Conference
Two weeks ago I attended the Central Queensland Regional Principal’s Conference in Gladstone. We listened to many Education Department leaders and experts about being an Instructional Leader. Being a small school teaching principal, I am fortunate to have a very first-hand knowledge of what is going on in our classrooms and ensure that we are catering for every child every day. We also attended a number of workshops on topics such as differentiation, data analysis and cyber-safety. The conference also provided an excellent opportunity to network with principals from similar small schools, larger schools and high schools within Central Queensland.

Students arriving early before school
Students should not be coming to school before 8:25am. This is to ensure the safety of the children as there is no supervision of students prior to classes beginning. If your child needs to be at school prior to 8:25am they need to be sitting outside Miss I’s room sensibly and quietly. If your child has no reason to be at school early could you please keep them at home until 8:25am.

Sign in at the office
If you are coming into our school to assist in any way please sign in at the office. It is important that we know who is in our school at any one time. Thank you for understanding.

P&C Meeting
Our June P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 16th June at 3pm.

Date Claimers for this Term
More information regarding each event will be provided closer to the day.
Monday 16th June: P&C Meeting
Monday 23rd June: School Photos
Thursday 26th June: End of term excursion
Friday 27th June: School Jump Off Competition

Yours in education,
Elizabeth
Hayden has been working very hard with his English, while Charli has been applying new skills that she has learnt in class across all learning areas. Charlotte has done some awesome thinking about the letter ‘m’ in jolly phonics. Lexy has been working fantastically well with all classmates.

Students are well into assessment mode at this point in the term. Friday saw students make their science items (wind chimes, boats and lunchboxes), which will be tested for their suitability this week. English, Geography and Science assessment will all be completed this week, with final maths revision occurring in preparation for maths assessment. Please make sure that your child is at school every day, all day. Many students have missed the teaching of important concepts, revision opportunities and even parts of assessment. This makes it very difficult for your child to achieve a high result in subjects, especially those where assessment has started and students were or are not present.

Over the next two weeks, the students will be wrapping up units of work and completing many assessment items.

**English:** The children will be writing a character analysis of Matty or Bill from the book Matty Forever. They will use evidence from the text to support their descriptions.

**Maths:** We will be revising topics and learning about these new ones;
- Year 3: Angles, equivalent values of money, tendering cash and giving change
- Year 4: Angles, money review, purchases and giving change
- Year 5: Measuring angles, backtracking and flip, slide and turns
- Year 6: Properties of angles and measuring angles, backtracking and transformations

**Science:** This term all students have been learning about matter. We will be undertaking scientific experiments.
- Year 3/4: Complete an experiment about ice and chocolate melting.
- Year 5/6: Complete an experiment about reversible and irreversible changes

Please continue to work with your child on quick recall of times tables facts!
Student Council News

Student Council is making plans for our 80’s themed disco. Start planning your outfits (1980’s, 1780’s, 2080’s... any 80’s will do!) Stay tuned for information about this fantastic event to be held in week 10.

L & F Mine Transfers

Supporting Bluff State School in 2014

World Dingo Trap Throwing Competition & Annual Race Day

Saturday August 23 2014
Age limitations are as follows:

- 400m: 10 yrs
- 800m: 8 yrs
- 1500m: 10 yrs
- 3000m: 12 yrs
- Long Jump: No Limit
- Triple Jump: 12 yrs
- High Jump (Scissors): 7 yrs
- High Jump (Flop): 11 yrs
- Shot Put: No Limit
- Discus: No Limit
- Javelin: 12 yrs
- Hammer: 14 yrs

Carnival Rules

1. Athletes must be registered with Athletics North Queensland/QMA/QA/QLA. Athletes not affiliated with any Athletic Club will be required to complete a Day Registration Form on arrival to cover them for insurance for the weekend, and pay a fee of $20.

2. Athletes must compete in correct club or school uniform. Temporary numbers will be provided for unattached athletes. These must be worn on the front and back of the athlete’s shirt.

3. Athletes compete in age as at 31st December 2014, except for Masters. Masters weights are based on age on day. Athletes may compete in the next age up if an event is not offered in their own age group and in open events if they feel they have the ability to keep up to open standards. In all cases age limitations will apply.

4. Minimum age of athletes is 4 years, having turned 4 by 31 December, 2014.

5. Nomination fees:
   - General Athlete - $5.00 per event.
   - 9 yrs & under - $10.00. Athletes receive a participation medal and place ribbons.
   - Masters - $20.00. Athletes receive a participation gift.

6. No late nominations for any track events will be accepted after 11:00am Saturday 21st June.

7. Nominations close Friday, 6th June. Late nominations will not be included in the programme. Send nominations to:

   The Treasurer,
   PO Box 871
   EMERALD 4720

8. For enquires phone
   President (Wayne) 0411 717 477
   Carnival Coordinator (Sherryle) 07 49 876 813

9. All prices are GST inclusive and non-refundable.

Accommodation in Emerald

Book early!

Contact:
Central Highlands Visitor Information Centre
3 Clermont St, Emerald
(07) 49 824 142

C.H. Games
Track and Field
Emerald
21st-22nd June 2014

2014 C.H. GAMES

Hosted by
Emerald & District Athletics Assoc. Inc.
www.emeraldathletics.org.au

21st - 22nd June
Marist College Oval
Jeppeson Drive, Emerald
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## C.H. GAMES 2014

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### PLEASE NOTE:
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### Nominations close
Friday 6th June.

### Contacts

- **Club President**
  - Wayne Gakowski
  - Ph 0411 717 477

- **Carnival Coordinator**
  - Sherrylo Noian
  - Ph 49 876 813

- **Club Secretary**
  - Melissa Chick
  - Ph 0429 793 110

Send nominations by post to:
The Treasurer
PO Box 871
Emerald, 4720.

**Cheques payable to:**
“Emerald and District Athletics Assoc.”

No direct banking available

### Office Use only:

- **Receipt No.**
- **Paid - Cash / Cheque / Money Order**

## Program Costs

- Programs: $5.00 each
- Athletes 9 yrs & under only pay: $10.00
- Masters Athletes: unlimited events: $20.00

All other athletes _______ events: $5.00 each

Day Registration for unattached athletes: $20.00

Total: $………..

All nomination fees are non-refundable.

Athletics North Queensland Age Limitations and Event Specifications apply.

Competition will be conducted according to the IAAF and WAMA Rules and Regulations.
Central Highlands Regional Council is pleased to advise that work to address Blackwater and Bluff water issues is proceeding according to plan. Please refer to the Zone Map and schedule to see when your area may be affected.

Water supply should not be affected during reservoir cleaning, but minor water supply disruptions will occur when water mains cleaning is taking place in your area.

Reservoir cleaning will take place from Tuesday 13 to Saturday 17 June. Water mains cleaning will occur as per the following schedule:

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These Services will give you a minimum of 24 hours notice prior to your area being affected. They will also be in direct contact with essential users to ensure their needs for water continue to be met throughout the process. Please remain prudent with water use during this period.

Thank you for your patience. Council is working hard to deliver on our commitment to improve water quality for all Blackwater and Bluff residents, and will keep you informed about our progress.