Principals Note
Well the year is off to a flying start and our calendar is filling up fast (-web site calendar & events). Just a reminder that students are not expected to be at school until around 8.20am. Please arrive and exit through the front main gate NOT car park gate. I will be attending a Principal Conference in Brisbane on the 27th, 28th Feb. and 1st March. In my absence Miss I will be in charge.

Working Bee
A big thank you to Trina & Troy, Jake & Mel, Jo & Darren, Heidi, Kyleigh, Kristy and kids, for cleaning up the front of the school last Sunday it looks fantastic!

Another Teacher
I was officially notified on Monday that we are eligible for a third teacher. We are optimistic that the break up and commencement of the new classes will start next Monday 26th of Feb. The breakdowns of classes were established simply by the numbers. The classes will be as follows;

Prep/1 – 18  2/3/4/ - 16  5/6/7 – 19

As you can see it will be fantastic for our students learning. If you have any questions or concerns about any changes please come and see me.

School Activities
Next Tuesday the 19th our year seven students are going to Emerald to a leadership conference. The bus is leaving a 7.45am and will not be returning until around 3.30pm.

Swimming again this Friday, please remember to label all of your child’s clothing. This will stop any mix ups. Have a chat to your child about how they may organise their belongings.

The school leaders will be attending a Mayoral’s Lunch in Blackwater on the 5th March.

Student Banking
Student banking has started for 2013. Any student with a Commonwealth Bank Youth Saver account can deposit their money through the school. Starting a new account is also easy, the paperwork required is available in the office. Bring your deposit book and money to Mrs Ohl on Mondays.

Get involved with your P&C
Getting involved with a Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) can be a rewarding and enjoyable experience, but many people may be unsure of how it works. If you’ve never been involved in a P&C before, the Quick Guide for P&C Executive officer is a great way to get familiar with what they do, and how you can help out. The guide sets out the roles and responsibilities of members in an easy to read format. The Quick Guide for P&C Executive officers has been produced by the Queensland Council of Parents’ and citizens’ associations and Education Queensland and is available for download from the Department of Education And Training website at http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/pdf/quickguide-pc-executiveofficers.pdf.

Our first P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 19/2/13 in the upper classroom. We would love to see as many people at the meeting as possible.

Have a great fortnight!
Week three, and students have all settled in well to school and to the new routines, rules and expectations. Prep students are focusing on number recognition, counting, sequencing and writing of numbers. This week we have been exploring the numbers 1 and 2. Lots of hands-on activities, as well as some book work has seen students grasping these concepts quickly. In English, prep students have started an oral language program as well as a phonics program. The content in these programs focuses on both literacy and numeracy concepts and is reinforced daily.

The 1/2’s are busy bees and are deeply involved in their learning. In Maths, students are working on skip counting and place value. We had a light-bulb moment this week, with one student applying their skip counting skills in another activity. In English, we have been focusing on emotions that characters experience in picture books and how images, words and pictures tell us about these emotions. Students have also been working on identifying nouns and adjectives in books. Over the coming week, students will be applying their adjective knowledge to talk about character traits.

Where possible, we are displaying work around the room. Please come in and see what your child is working on. This will provide opportunities for your children to show off their work and will open discussions at home that can reinforce things learnt at school.

Student Council News

A quick reminder that every Friday after school this term, student council will be selling icy cups for 60c each. Student council will also be selling Pucker Powder at the Bluff Races next weekend. Parent helpers at the races would be greatly appreciated. If your child is in student council and you’re able to help please see Mrs Clanfield or Miss I if you haven’t already.
HELP REQUIRED

As mentioned earlier, our new teacher will be arriving shortly. Staff need volunteers to help prepare the room. Things will have to be cleared out and tidied so our kids in years 2,3 and 4 can move in comfortably.

If you can give any time at all please let us know

School Camp

This years camp is currently being considered and information is already arriving via email and post of some very awesome looking destinations. Please keep in mind that school camp is an annual event that tends to ‘sneak up’ rapidly! As soon as the destination is selected we shall advise you all.

TOUCH FOOTBALL TRIALS

**SPORT:** TOUCH FOOTBALL – U12 YEARS BOYS AND GIRLS

**DATE:** THURSDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2013

**VENUE:** EMERALD TOUCH, PIONEER PARK, HOSPITAL ROAD, EMERALD

**TIMES:** 9:30AM TO 2:00PM

Please contact the office ASAP for further information

Blackwater Tennis Assoc. Inc

Senior Social Night - $5 to play

Every Monday night from 7pm

ph: 0419785781

for more information

Upton’s Signs and Frames

Presents

The Clermont MADFISH, Fishing Competition.

Fun for the whole family, 23rd and 24th of February, this weekend, at Theresa Creek Dam, Clermont. You will need a smart phone or digital camera. We will supply you with a bragmat to measure your fish.

Plenty for the kids to do, markets, casting competitions, pro fishermen

Cliff from Northern Conquest Fishing Charters, teaching kids how to fish, cast and tie knots, plenty of giveaways and prizes for the whole family, camp at the dam, food and drinks all weekend. Come and meet TV fishing Star, Scott Hillier From channel 7s creek to coast, Prizes for best Australia day outfit, or fishing team, Kids $25 Adults $55, you will need a fish permit, which you can buy online or purchase from cool autos Clermont,

Thousands of dollars, worth of prizes in the Sunday multi prizedraw

You must be there to claim your prize.

CASH Prizes for biggest Barra, Yellowbelly and Redclaw,..

For more information please call Paul on 0427234993, or email madangler@bigpond.com.