

EMU CREEK STATE SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 3

Monday 7th August



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Ball Games—Tuckshop pre-
order (orange) —Monday
21st August (Black P&C Box)

Ball Games Permission Note
(orange) —
Monday 21st August



Parade

Friday afternoon 2:45pm

Playgroup

Friday mornings
9-10am
(Starting Fri 21st July)

PLAYGROUP
Starting Friday 21st July 9-10am

Athletics

Congratulations Shamilla! Shamilla came first in discus at the recent Central Downs Athletics carnival. She was selected to represent Central Downs in the Southern Downs Athletics carnival last Tuesday. She placed 4th in discus for her age group and threw a PB (personal best). This was an excellent effort that we are all proud of! Well done!



World Friendship Day

On Monday 31st July we celebrated World Friendship Day. Emu Creek is a lucky school—with students of all ages able to play and build friendships. Our students created a friendship string, complimenting their friends on their friendship qualities.

School Tree Day

On Tuesday 1st August, we enjoyed an hour in the warm winter's sun for School Tree Day. Not only did we plant two small trees outside of B Block, we also planted our next round of seedlings in the vege garden. We have some corn, snow peas, lettuce and red spinach that we are hoping will thrive and grow! If we get a good harvest, our student council will again host some vege garden sales after school, for a gold coin donation.

Staff Absence—Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th August

Both Mrs Middleton and Mrs Schmidt are attending professional development (PD) in Toowoomba on these two days to learn about the upcoming changes in English and Maths for the new version of the Australian Curriculum. This PD will support both teachers to develop inclusive assessment pieces, aligned to V9 of the Australian Curriculum. There are significant changes to Maths in V9, with some content moving year levels. For example, learning times tables will be moved forward to Year 2. Over the next 18 months, our school will be working towards implementing V9 Maths and English. We will be planning things carefully and systematically, so that all students have been taught the content they need to be successful in their learning journey.

P-2 Show and Tell

A reminder that this week and next week P-2 students will be assessed as part of their English on their Show and Tell. Information was sent home in relation to this at the start of term. An SMS reminder was also sent home last week.

Staffing

Mrs Murphy will be returning in Term 4 and replace Mrs Hammermeister on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for Term 4. She is looking forward to returning and working with the students on drama, with plans for an end of year play!

Congratulations Mrs Middleton and Mrs Schmidt

Congratulations to both Mrs Middleton and Mrs Schmidt who have been selected to present at the i-Educate conference on Sep 11 and Sep 12. Both Mrs Middleton and Mrs Schmidt will be showcasing our school's journey using assistive technology to support students in their learning. Whilst we both feel that we are in the early stages of our journey, we have been selected for the inclusive way we use technology to support students, particularly students with a disability. On these two days, Mrs Rohrlach will be teaching P-2 and Mrs Harris will be teaching 3-6.

Student Awards

Congratulations to our student award winners in Week 2, 3 and 4.

Max W, Finely, Arly, Hudson, Lillyth, Henry, Max J, Nisi, Moriah, Issy, Locke, Harrison J, Shamilla, Lacey, Connor.



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CALENDAR:

Wednesday 9th August	Friday 11th August	15th and 16th August	Friday 25th August
Tuckshop P&C 3:15pm	Playgroup Red Nose Day—Gold coin donation	SLP Visit OT Visit—Supporting staff to use assistive technology	Book Week Dress-up Parade Playgroup (Book Week Dress- up)

School Pick-up and Drop-off

Recently, there has been a large increase in the number of students that arrive at school before 8:30am and students waiting after 3:15 and beyond. We appreciate that many families are working families with little to no support from extended families. For this reason, we always put the safety and comfort of your children as a priority, and provide supervision and calm activities in a warm classroom before school. Many other schools clearly state that students who arrive before the given time will need to wait outside, unsupervised. Our staff do go above and beyond the standard requirements both before and after school. Whilst staff make every effort to be here early in the morning, there is no requirement for teachers to be here before 8:30. Time before 8:30 is a teacher's planning and preparation time. Currently, our staff are also dealing with ill family and/or family needs. There are many days when we need to get our own family to medical appointments before and/or after school, and arrange these times so that we are still here to teach our class. There have been times when we have had to cancel both professional and family appointments to support school families. We hope that you can also understand and appreciate that we are also working parents, and we have our own children and families to support.

It is important to note the following:

- ♦ Students who arrive before 8:30am should speak with the class teacher and arrange this. We like to know in advance so that we can make sure that two staff members are on site. We are concerned that there will be a day when we may be short-staffed, and all staff members have a family commitment that morning ... and a child arrives early to no staff member. That is why we ask that you speak with a staff member first if your child needs to be at school before 8:30am. It also means that if something does go wrong, we can contact you and let you know that we are running late.
- ♦ There are times when we arrange staff meetings and or parent-teacher meetings between the times of 8am—8:30am. These meetings, held in the classroom, have been interrupted by students who arrive early and have not let the class teacher know in advance.

P&C News

Please see the attached page for further P&C News and a survey for future meeting times.

Red Nose Day

The P&C is donating a jam drop biscuit to each child to raise awareness for Red Nose Day. If you would like to donate to this charity, please bring a gold coin on the day – Friday 11th August.

