



Message from the Principal



Dear Parents and Carers,

Safely transporting children to and from school is an ongoing challenge in schools and Elimbah SS is no exception. I am pleased to share that Moreton Bay Regional Council are responsive to our community's needs and will be upgrading infrastructure around Elimbah State School to improve safety for children and improve parking efficiency.

Work will be delivered as part of Council's Accessible Schools Program (ASP). Please see attached factsheet for more information on the ASP.

The ASP is currently completing works on Smiths Road to install a new 'Park and Go' area and footpath facility along Smiths Road to increase safety and improve parking efficiency around the school. Additionally, in the next 12 months the ASP plans to upgrade the existing zebra crossing on School Road directly outside of the school. Further information will be provided closer to the delivery of this project.

Winter Uniform: With the cooler weather upon us, students have begun wearing jumpers to school. We would love to be able to reunite every jumper with its owner and ask that parents support us in this endeavour by clearly naming your childrens' jumpers please. While you have the pen out perhaps consider renaming your child's hat too 😊. Just a reminder that all school jumpers must be bottle green and hoodies are not a part of our school uniform. For further information please access our uniform policy via the school website.

Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC) Update: Thank you to the 43 families who expressed an interest in utilising an OSHC facility on the Elimbah State School site. The application process is now being progressed to the viability stage. I will continue to keep our community informed as more information comes to hand.

Connecting with our families...

Parent Learning Week: It was a pleasure to share an evening with a dozen of our families recently during an opportunity for our community to learn about 'Cyber Safety'. The feedback regarding this session was overwhelmingly positive, and by popular demand, it will be offered again during Term 3 Parent Learning Week. Next term we continue our focus on student safety by offering

families an opportunity to learn about the dangers and prevalence of vaping. More information will be communicated about this shortly. I invite you to have your say in how we deliver Parent Learning Week and potential content via the survey below.

<https://s.surveypal.com/o46tahyz>

Message from the Deputy Principal

Prep Vision Screeners: Prep Vision Screener online consent was emailed to parents last week. Please check your emails and complete the consent online. This requirement is in line with government policies and only one parent is required to give consent.

Extra-Curricular Activities: You may like to remind your children of the opportunities for them to connect with extra-curricular activities on offer this term:

Activity	Year Levels	Days
Choir	3, 4, 5 and 6	Wednesdays Before school
Art Club	5 and 6	Tuesdays
Recorder Club	1 to 6	Wednesdays

We are COVID Safe: As you are likely aware, the Elimbah SS community continues to be impacted by COVID. We thank our parents and carers for your continued support to ensure that any child with the below symptoms remains at home and gets tested.

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever
- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Fatigue
- Vomiting or nausea
- Loss of smell and/or taste
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Headache
- Diarrhoea

Other symptoms people may experience include muscle or joint pain, and loss of appetite.

Calendar



Please find attached the calendar for the next 5 weeks of Term 2. You may like to pop this on your fridge as a reference.

Messages from the Guidance Officer

Concerns regarding young children with difficult and defiant behaviours? The Management of Young Children Program (MYCP) is now available for Elimbah SS families in 2022.



Elimbah SS is now supporting this program along with Beerwah SS and Landsborough SS (where the facility is based) and therefore, there is no cost for our families. It is a practical and individualised behaviour support program for parents and carers of young children aged 2½ to 7 years and their families.

MYCP is a well-established and evidence based early intervention program targeting children who display defiant or oppositional behaviour with the aim of reducing such problematic behaviours in primary school and beyond. Other families/ schools outside of this catchment area have the option of accessing the 'user pay' option which is currently \$750 for 6 x 1 hour, individualised sessions. For more information or interest in participating in the program, please contact your child's teacher.

Helping families through life's ups and downs

Family and Child Connect is a free, confidential service that can connect families to the practical support they need to bounce back in tough times. Family and Child Connect can connect you to local services that help with:

- managing your child's behaviour
- building better family relationships
- stopping violence at home
- budgeting and managing money
- alcohol, drug or gambling problems
- accessing housing, health care or other community or government services.

Family and Child Connect services are provided by trusted, local organisations who are experienced in working with families.

To find out more about Family and Child Connect, call 13 FAMILY (13 32 64) or visit familychildconnect.org.au. Access to interpreters is available.

Curriculum Capers

SEMESTER ONE REPORT CARDS

Students and Teachers have been working hard all Semester and are looking forward to sharing their progress through Semester One Report Cards. These will be

emailed out to parents on Wednesday June 22nd. Please make sure if you have changed your email address that you let us know so we have your up-to-date email address on the school system.

If you have any questions about your child's report card, please contact their Classroom Teacher.

NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



On Wednesday, May 25 at 11 am it's [National Simultaneous Storytime](#) when all primary school students of Australia can participate in what constitutes a warm hug for your ears – they have a story read to them! This year, the chosen book is the heart-warming 'Family Tree' by Josh Pyke.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Family Tree is a sweet book written by Josh Pyke and beautifully illustrated by Ronojoy Ghosh

It started with a seed, and that seed was me.
And, over time, laughter filled my garden...
A heartfelt celebration of family, community and the seasons of life to cherish and to share.



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 22nd successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum.

Elimbah State School classes will take some time out on Wednesday to read this lovely book and to explore some of the ideas around the importance of family and community.

If you'd like to continue this at home, perhaps you could create your own family tree, or why not help your child to watch their very own seed grow into a plant by creating their very own mini greenhouse?!

Explore the use of greenhouses and how they help plants grow. Explore what plants need to grow and then create your very own mini greenhouse.

What you'll need:

- plastic water bottle
- seeds
- soil
- gardening gloves



It's as simple as cutting the water bottle in half and then putting in some soil and planting your seed. Then, popping the top half back on and placing the mini greenhouse on a ledge that will get enough sun. Don't forget to water it!

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



9th May to 26th August

The Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge students are given an opportunity to develop their appreciation of the English language, and additional languages, and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts.

Students who complete the challenge have their efforts recognised through the receipt of a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland.

PREMIER'S CODING CHALLENGE

Looking for something extra to keep your budding tech guru in year 3-10 busy over the coming months? They may be interested in joining the:



The Premier's Coding Challenge is an annual state-wide initiative for all Queensland students in Year 3 to Year 10. The Premier's Coding Challenge aims to encourage an interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in Queensland students.

The theme for 2022 is #digitalfuturesqld.

Students may address digital futures topics such as:

- predicting jobs of the future
- how future technology may change our lives
- the importance now and in the future of:
 - personal security and safety online
 - adhering to social media ethics and protocols.

Entrants can develop an app, game, animation or website, and they must submit a short video showcase with their entry.

Students can enter as individuals or as a pair, in one of 8 categories.

Further information can be found at <https://education.qld.gov.au/about-us/events-awards/awards-competitions/premiers-coding-challenge>

Book Club Semester One

A MASSIVE thank you for your support of Book Club this Semester. Every purchase you make supports our school through Book Club Rewards points.



We have been able to purchase some fantastic resources and books to support student learning at Elimbah State School.

Message from the P&C

Term 2 is off to a big start with two exciting changes in the Tuckerbox:

1. Tuckshop is now open on Tuesdays. Ordering closes at 8:50am every tuckshop day to allow time for food to be cooked and orders prepared.
2. Children can now use cash to buy treats over the counter after the play bell has rung during break times. Please note that all lunch orders must still be placed via Quickcliq – lunch orders cannot be placed in person at the Tuckerbox using cash. Tuckerbox Tokens are still available for purchase via Quickcliq for those parents who would prefer their children not bring cash to school.

If you would like to volunteer in the Tuckerbox on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday please contact Miss Sam.

The Junior and Senior Sports Days will be Meal Deal Days (menu attached). In addition to the attached menu, **the Tuckerbox will operate as a pop-up stall on the oval with drinks and delicious treats available for purchase by students and parents.**

Thursday 16 June is the Senior Sports Meal Deal Day and the Tuckerbox will only be available to students attending the Senior Sports Carnival. There will be **NO NORMAL TUCKSHOP ON THIS DAY.**

Wednesday 22 June is the Junior Sports Meal Deal Day and the Tuckerbox will only be available to junior students. There will be **NO NORMAL TUCKSHOP ON THIS DAY.**

The weather is cooling down and our delivery of jumpers have arrived and are available for purchase in the Uniform Shop. Purchases can be made via Quickcliq or in person between 8 - 9am on Friday. Please note, the Uniform Shop does not sell winter bottoms (e.g., tracksuit pants). These can be purchased from various other retail outlets.

The annual Mother's Day Stall was run throughout Week 3 and raised just over \$2000. Many lovely gifts were purchased and we hope all the recipients of these gifts had a wonderful day!

With the Mother's Day Stall, we have reached our fundraising goal for 2022... 6 months early! We have a few other fun fundraisers already planned for this year. Proceeds from these will go towards our 2023 fundraising goal.



Message from the office staff

Student Absence Process: Parents have the option of informing the office via phone, email, QParents or in person.

- Please phone 54321333 and follow the prompts
- Email – absent@elimbahss.eq.edu.au
- Create a QParents account to advise
- OR just pop into the office to let the Ladies know - day and reason of absence.

Absences of more than 10 days require an exemption from the principal. Please contact the school in these cases.

For general school inquiries please contact admin@elimbahss.eq.edu.au or phone 54321333.