From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents/Carers

2016 has started very smoothly and Term 1 is getting very busy with lots of things on. Please check the whiteboards in front of the classrooms for classroom events and the web site for school events. This one is not to be missed!

Chris Walker, the new Deputy at Embleton will be having his head shaved to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. We will be holding a Crazy Hair Day on Friday April 1st. Students will need to bring in a gold coin donation for the Crazy Hair Day and family members can get their hair sprayed in a variety of different colours on the day for a gold coin donation. If you would prefer to donate directly, please sponsor Chris on the Leukemia Foundation’s World Greatest Shave page http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/embletonps

We are having quite a lot of improvements to the school over the next few months. These include

- New ceilings, fans and lights in rooms 12 and 13.
- Carpets and paint in those classes who need them.
- Bitumen area redesigned and surfaced.
- Garrison fence for safety on the north side of the school.
- Staffroom and work areas refurbished.
- Installation of the latest networking system for computers.

Disruptions to the school routines will be kept to a minimum.

Thank you to the student councillors who did a great job conducting our first Assembly. The next Assembly will be held on 25th February and conducted by the Year 5/6 Class. Assembly’s start at 9.15am. Family and friends are always welcome to attend. Please join us for a bickie and a coffee afterwards.

Sheryl Pilkington

PRINCIPAL

CONTRIBUTIONS & CHARGES

Thank you to those families that have already paid their $50 Voluntary Contributions for 2016. These contributions allow the school to continue to provide resources for your children over and above the regular classroom programs.

Voluntary Contributions can be paid at the office at any time. We do not have credit card facilities but direct deposits can be made to:

Embleton Primary School
BSB: 016-363
Account Number: 340916795
(Please include your child’s name)
**P&C NEWS**

**Embleton Primary Parents and Citizens (P&C) in 2016**

Welcome back to the school year and a special welcome to the new parents and carers at Embleton Primary. For those that are not aware, the P&C is an association supported by the parents and citizens of Embleton Primary who seek to make our school a great place for our children to attend.

In 2015 the Embleton P&C was active in:

- Donating $5,000 to the school to install new sun shades over the 2 outdoor playgrounds. These will provide the students with valuable shade during the hot summer months.
- Providing 2 bright and vibrant sofas to the library as part of the “library activation plan” that started in 2013 - if you haven’t seen the library it is worth popping your head in.
- Purchased three sun shelters to use on sports day and other outdoor events.
- Provided Year 6 students with School Leavers Shirt.
- Other fun events including Easter hat parade and raffle, book week dress up, book fair, sausage sizzles, Mother’s and Father’s day stalls and the sports day café’ plus running the uniform shop.
- Supported the school with the garage sale held in Term 4.

We can only provide these activities and raise money for the school with your support. In 2016, the P&C looks forward to this continued support and would encourage parents to get involved.

The P&C is holding its **Annual General Meeting on Thursday 3 March 2016 in the Library from 6.30pm** with an opportunity to meet other parents and the Principal beforehand with a cheese and wine opportunity. Whether you want to attend meetings, assist with fundraising or be a member of the Committee (AGM will select a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising, Uniform representatives) we would love to see you come along.

**Thank-You!**

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**LIBRARY - BOOK CLUB**

Book club brochures have been given out to all students. Please have order and correct money to the office by Tuesday 1st March.

**LUNCHTIME IN THE LIBRARY**

**WANTED:** Games like UNO, Lego/Duplo or Connect Four - if you have any games you no longer need and would like to donate them to our Library to use during lunchtime, please bring them to the Library on Wednesday or Thursday.

Thankyou

Ms Letizia
Library Officer

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**CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS**

Student Update Forms have been sent home, please return to the front office with or without corrections so these can be updated.

It is essential that all parents and caregivers provide up to date details to the school.

Thankyou

Admin