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Dear Community,

This week it will be very interesting weather wise. We are currently tracking the tropical low/ cyclone moving around in the Coral Sea. When severe weather is expected, we work with our school district to determine whether school is open. If you are concerned regarding school being open or closed, please listen to 4TO in the morning with Pricey for a list of schools that will open. Of course the safety of all of our students and teachers are paramount, so if you feel it is unsafe to attend, please stay at home.

Thank You All For A Wonderful Meet and Greet Afternoon

Thank you everyone for coming along to our meet and greet afternoon last week. If you could not make this afternoon, you are very welcome to come up to school and catch up with your teacher. Also, early next term we will be holding individual interviews about your child's progress during term 1 and 2.

Our Years Goals on a Page

I am very pleased to attach to this newsletter our one page goals sheet for 2014. The goals sheet clearly outlines our four point plan which is based upon our outcomes from 2013. The goals include Reading and Writing for our students as well as Collegial Coaching and Faces on the Data for our teachers. These goals include-

- Reading- continuing our development of a clearly outlined reading program for all students.
- Writing- beginning the development of a whole school writing program from semester 2.
- Collegial Coaching- our teachers are now observing each other and giving each other feedback about their teaching.
- Faces on the Data is a theory written by Sharrat and Fullan which focuses upon high achieving schools and what they do well. The theory offers 14 parameters which we will work through as a school community over the coming few years.

Attendance

This year we are once again aiming for 94% attendance for our school. If your child is sick, please ensure you let the office know that they are sick. Thank you for your support in sending your children to school each day! As they say, every day counts!

Swimming Team

Our swimming team has been selected from our first swimming carnival. Students were selected based upon swimming times that were registered on the day. Permission notes were sent home on Friday.

Prep Photos

Our prep students once again have been photographed for the annual Townsville Bulletin Prep photo lift out. The lift out will be published in the Townsville Bulletin on Saturday March 29.

Have a super week,
Clayton and Sharon.

P and C News**2014 Easter Basket Raffle**

This year our P&C will be holding the annual Easter Basket Raffle. Tickets will be released next week for all students to sell (one book will be sent home to each family via youngest child). This year, the P&C will be raising funds to purchase early learning reading books as well as raising money to support our new 'Learning Connections Program'. In order for the P&C to make some spectacular prize baskets, we are asking students to please donate something to their classroom for an Easter themed hamper. Items could include: tinned food, Easter eggs, vouchers, sports equipment, etc. – be creative – and remember, it might just be you who wins a prize! Nothing is too small to donate – every little bit counts! We are hoping to make at least three super hampers for prizes.

Keep an eye out for the raffle ticket books that were sent home with your youngest child! Thank you for supporting the P&C in this endeavour.

Project Old Uniforms

Do you have any old uniforms you no longer need? The P & C would love to receive your unwanted items. These will then be sent overseas to a school community in need. Please drop your old uniforms to the office (any day) or uniform shop (Tuesday 2:45 to 3:30). Thank you for your generosity.

Electronic Newsletter

We will be sending our newsletter electronically later this term so if you are new to the school or have changed your email address since last year please email Karen Maher on kmahe31@eq.edu.au with your child's name and class so you can be added to our list.

Swimming Carnival Photos

Photos taken at the swimming carnival will be available for purchase. \$10-00 for a 5 x 7. A proof sheet will be available in the office from Tuesday 25th February – Tuesday 18th March. All proceeds will go to school projects.

Girls Soccer Team

Saints Eagles Souths Football Club is recruiting girls to join a very friendly under 9 girls team to play in a U9 girls competition in Townsville. The team is for girls turning 7-9 this year. This is a great age to begin playing. Training is on Wednesday at 5pm, at Marron Cres, Mundingburra. Games are at Brolga Park on weekends. For further information please contact juniorregistrars@sesfc.com or see club web site <http://www.sesfc.com>

Upcoming Dates

March 18 – Interschool swimming carnival
 18 – P & C Meeting

April - 1 – Inter house Cross Country
 4 – U/12 Bill Nettle Challenge
 4 – NQ Netball Cup
 4 – Last Day Term 1
 22 - First Day Term 2
 25 - Anzac Day Holiday