Welcome back to all of our students and families!

I’d also like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff (please see their profiles inside this newsletter).

The beginning of the school year is always a busy time and we also have a number of exciting new programs that have been introduced.

The first of these is Smart Moves which starts at 8:45 am and runs for 15 minutes each day. Students participate in physical activities and games which prepare their minds and bodies for optimum learning across the rest of the day. Parents are most welcome to come along and join in! We have also noticed an increase in appetite of some students, so please check with your children that they have enough food for the lunch breaks.

Yumbin from 9:00 am to 9:15 am students are divided into 5 groups consisting of students from Prep to Year 12. These groups rotate through a different activity across the week; LOTE, Rock and Water, Stronger Smarter, Peers Skills and Leadership, and Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL). The aim of each of these groups is to teach students social skills and resilience to help them succeed at school and in the community.

All students are invited to nominate for student leadership positions and were issued with nomination forms today. Please discuss the meaning of leadership with your child and support them to make a decision about their eligibility to apply. The forms explain the leadership positions, application process and timelines.

We are all looking forward to a very positive and productive year ahead with every student succeeding!
From the Deputy Principal
Mr Preston Parter

What a wonderful start to 2017. It is great to have our new teachers on board and actively getting behind what Eidsvold State School will have to offer this year. I have had a chance to visit the classrooms regularly in the last week and they are bursting with excitement. Our attendance for the first week of school has been amazing! If we keep this up we are going to have to get two buses for our rewards day. Well done everybody for getting to school and being a learner!

Our ‘Meet the Teacher’ afternoon will be on the Tuesday 21st February, but will be a bit different this year. We will hold a round-robin style touch football afternoon and barbecue to follow. Students, teachers and parents are able to nominate to play and we look forward to having a great afternoon of food, fun and laughter. Flyers with more information went home with students yesterday. If you missed out on receiving the flyer, please visit the office to collect one. They will also be on display around town.

I am particularly excited and optimistic around the skills that all of our students will gain from our Yumbin groups. We anticipated that the program would be an exciting change for the school and all the feedback that I have received this week has been extremely positive. Both Carole and I have been able to watch the Yumbin groups in action and they have been very engaging.

Our school FaceBook page is active – if you would like to follow all the great things happening within our school then please join our page. We have had a few photos from our staff induction days uploaded and we plan on sharing a lot more in the future. Please follow us on:

https://www.facebook.com/Eidsvoldstateschool/

North Burnett Summer Sport Trials

On Thursday 2nd February the North Burnett Summer Trials were held in Monto. Miss Highet took six students on the day, who represented Eidsvold extremely well by displaying our four behaviour expectations throughout the day. We had lots of success as five students made it onto North Burnett teams. In Touch Football Tate Boyle and Jared Polzin both made the open boys team, and Tianna West and Skye Pope made the open girls team. Shakira Beezley made the under 15 girls Volleyball team. The Wide Bay Trials will take place on February 16th. Well done to all of our athletes who participated in the trials, and congratulations to those moving on to Wide Bay!

Returning Teacher in 2017

Hi there!

My name is Miss Highet and I am happy to be back for my second year at Eidsvold. I am still the Secondary Sport Coordinator this year, as well as teaching Health and Physical Education, Careers, Hospitality, Recreation and Science 21. Being from Canada, my favourite sport is Ice Hockey, which is not often played here, so I am happy to say that I have learned to love the sports of Touch Footy and Rugby League over my time here in Australia. I was lucky enough to go home to Canada to visit my family and friends over the holiday, but the cold Canadian winter made me appreciate the Queensland heat so much more. I am looking forward to another year of sport carnivals and seeing our students succeed in their school sports. I can’t wait to see what this year will bring!
Lesleigh Dwyer

Hi! My name is Lesleigh Dwyer. I am excited to be at Eidsvold State School this year as the Prep/1 teacher. I am currently living in Mundubbera, where my partner David is working at one of the local Citrus farms. Two of our children, Tegan (22) and Jess (11), have also moved here with us. Tegan is currently working at another local school as a teacher’s aide and Jess is attending year 6 at Eidsvold State School. We have two other adult children, Ashleigh (20), who is in the army and Jamie (26), who is a mechanic. Jamie along with his fiancée, Lauren have just given me my very first grandchild, the beautiful little girl named Aliyah who is almost four months old. I have been a teacher for over 20 years, mostly within the area of Special Education at schools around Mackay, Rockhampton and Gympie. I look forward to meeting all the parents and working within a team to achieve the best possible educational outcomes, for our wonderful students.

Aaron Bernard

Hi I’m Mr Bernard, I am a secondary teacher from Caboolture. I consider myself to be a calm, friendly and approachable teacher who will always strive for student success. Since I moved to Eidsvold 2 weeks ago, I have been very impressed with the strong community spirit of the town and the school, and am looking forward to making my mark in this tight-knit community. I will be teaching a combination of Math A, Science, SOSE and English classes to the junior secondary students here at Eidsvold State School. Before teaching, I worked in a gym for 5 years, where I helped run PT sessions and group fitness classes. My passion lies in the health and fitness area and I am keen to share my knowledge of this to the community through school activities such as Smart Moves and other carnivals.

Louis Fielding

Hi, I’m Louis Fielding and I’ll be teaching the year 4/5 and 6 class this year. I’m from the Sunshine Coast, where I previously taught year 5. I am an avid surfer who loves to play sport, especially Rugby league. However, teaching is my biggest passion. To see students grow and be inspired is the main reason why I’ve come to Eidsvold. I was an active member of the community on the Coast and I aim to do the same whilst I’m here. I’m always up for a chat, so if you see me, don’t hesitate to come say hi.

Jack McNeale

Hi, my name is Mr. McNeale and I am new to Eidsvold State School, I will be teaching Mathematics in the secondary school. I have moved to Eidsvold with my family from the Sunshine Coast and have found the town to be very friendly. I am really looking forward to seeing more of the area and would love to hear recommendations for good camping spots.

Joanna Pickham

My name is Joanna Pickham and this year I am teaching English and the Arts at Eidsvold State School. I have been teaching in Logan for the past 12 years and have moved to the country with my little family for the rural lifestyle. I love my job and I am thrilled at the prospect of getting involved with the community to create even more opportunities for our young people. This year I would like to facilitate arts events and activities which engage students and help encourage self-expression in a variety of ways. We are looking forward to introducing a vocal group, dance club and producing a live performance for the community.
Bari Bari Playgroup

At the Eidsvold State School
Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays
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Australia Day Awards

Eidsvold State School Teacher Aide Trudie Roth is the Eidsvold Citizen of the year. Trudie was instrumental in the organisation of the Eidsvold State School Colour Fun Run. She also worked tirelessly in the set-up and running of the Great Eidsvold Cattle Drive and the Santa Fair run by the school P&C.

Year 11 student Jamie Hartwig was awarded Junior Sports person of the year for 2016 Jamie has excelled in equestrian events since she was a little girl. Her excellence in pony club events has taken her all around Australia competing against the country’s best.

Nikita Kyle was surprised to be the first student in 2017 to receive several awards on the first parade for 2017. Nikita received five Vivo awards for her excellent behavior at the end of 2016. Congratulations to Nikita for a great effort.

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