Welcome to the final week of the 2016 Academic Year!

**Good Days and Great Year**
Thanks very much to all staff, students and parents for the way that 2017 has gone. There is no doubt that it has been a positive year, with many different successes and forms of progress for our students. This was clear to me when we reviewed the success of our 2013 – 2016 Strategic Improvement Plan. Again, we have seen successes academically, in School, Local, District and Regional Sport, Cultural Events, Musical Competitions and Performances, Debating and many other fields.

There is no doubt that the successes we provide here are a combination of:

- Teaching staff who ensure quality learning for every student, every day.
- Teaching staff who engage in activities to develop their own capability and share that with the community.
- Students who are willing to be challenged and engage in learning.
- Parents who ensure students are ready and able to actively participate each morning, and are supported to achieve by getting the work done in the afternoons and nights.

A wider community that supports the great educational service that we provide, and helps us get it right for the kids.

2017 will see a continued focus on students achieving A’s, B’s and in the Upper 2 Bands of NAPLAN (Literacy and Numeracy). All staff will be working to ensure that every child has the best chance of success. The work on Numeracy and Reading through the BMA READ Project will continue to be a focus for students and teachers.

**Classes for 2017**
Next year we have planned for 22 classes and around 477 students. These lists will be placed in the senior undercover area on Thursday 19th January, 2017. We do not put up classes at the end of the year as the population of our school can fluctuate quite a bit between when we form classes and when we actually start, requiring adjustments. These classes are based on best estimates and eventually we are staffed by DETE on our day 8 numbers. If you and your family will be leaving us and have not notified the office please do so, and if you know of people who are still to enrol please get them to contact our office as a matter of urgency. We try to get this as clear as possible to lessen the likelihood of class changes after the start of the school year.

**Staffing Changes**
Congratulations to the following staff who move regions for 2017:

- **Mr Wade Thompson** will be moving back to the Sunshine Coast. Mr Thompson has been instrumental in preparing our staff and school for the implementation of the new Digital Technology Australian Curriculum. He is well regarded by staff and students and will be missed.

- **Mr Joel Davis** has transferred to the Cairns area. Mr Davis has been a pillar for the staff in his organisation of social events and creating a supportiveness amongst the team here. Our children benefit from being able to participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities thanks to Mr Davis. He has given much of his own time to support children and staff and engage the community, ensuring that we provide a quality service to our community.

- **Mrs Elyse de Wever** has transferred to Brisbane to continue her career. I have really admired how positive Elyse is with her children and how she communicates effectively with parents and carers to ensure the best outcomes for her children. Elyse too has given much of her own time to support extracurricular offerings at Denison State School.

- **Mrs Julie Phelan** going on leave for 12 months. Mrs Phelan has been a most outstanding Business Service Manager. Her knowledge and application of a wide array of department policy and procedure have enabled this school to operate in a very effective manner. We will miss her dearly.

I know that you will join me in wishing these teachers all the very best for their future. They will all hold a special place in the history of this school and in the hearts of our children. I look forward to sharing our 2017 staff list with you at the beginning of the academic year.

**Year 6**
This is a challenging time for the Year 6 students who have come to the end of their Primary Years. To them, I would like to convey a gratitude for the way they have shown leadership as role models to our younger students. I wish you all well on your future schooling and educational endeavours. Emerald High schools are lucky to have you.

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**
With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Finally, thanks again to everyone for a fantastic 2017. I wish you and your families a joyous and restful Christmas/Summer Vacation, and look forward to bigger, brighter and better teaching, learning, results and events in 2017. Please stay safe. I look forward to (at least) 477 smiling faces, ready to attack 2017 and make it their own. Classes resume on Monday 23rd January 2017- see you then!

Have a splendid holiday in the company of family and friends.

**Troy Sanson,**
**Principal**

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**Notice Of Intention to Leave Denison State School in 2017.**

My child/ren will not be attending Denison State School in 2017.

**Student Name:**

**Year Level:**

**Reason:**
Classroom Bulletin

Prep A
Next Thursday Morning we will be having water play. Please send your children to school in their togs and thongs and pack their uniform and a towel in their bag.
Thank you all for a fabulous year. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you and your families. Your children have brought a smile to my face each and every day and their learning journey has been a pleasure to be a part of. I look forward to what next year brings for your children as I am sure I will be hearing great things in the future.

Mrs Katelyn Poole

Prep B
Well, it is the end of 2016 already. Where has the year gone? I would like to take a moment to thank all of our students and their families for making my third year of teaching a truly enjoyable and rewarding experience. I feel honoured to have been with my students for the past 39 weeks. I am both saddened and proud to be watching them go on to Year 1. We can honestly say that this past year has only seen the students grow into independent learners but also afforded me the opportunity to learn how to be the best teacher I can be too. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate every one of the students and express how proud we are of each and every one of you for the effort and determination you have shown in improving your individual learning over the last 4 terms.
We wish you well for 2017 and remember, "If you always give 100% then you can truly say you are a champion!"
Thank you again.

Mrs Sam Patterson

Prep/1C
It is that time of year again where we are starting to wrap things up in the classroom. Student books will be coming home over the next few days as will all their artwork. If you could please send in a large bag for the children’s artwork that would be great. It needs to be able to fit an A3 sizes piece of paper in it. We will also be having a water play morning next Thursday so please send your child to school in their swimmers, thongs and with a towel. They will be getting changed just before first break so pack their uniforms (don’t forget the shoes socks and undies) into a separate bag. Lastly I would like to thank you all for your support over the last 12 months. You have made settling in to Denison and my new home just that little bit easier. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching your children and watching their personalities develop. I wish you all a safe and merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Regards, Miss Amanda Potter

1B
As the 2016 school year comes to an end it is an excellent opportunity to reflect back on the progress 1B students have made. I have very much enjoyed getting to know each and every one of the students in 1B and wish them great success in Year 2. Thank you for supporting your children on their learning journey and I hope you are as happy with their success and improvements as I am. A big thank you to the many parents who have volunteered their time to support our school in the classroom and at community events. Also a big THANK YOU to Mrs Rapmund and Mrs B who have spent a lot of time working with the students on their sight words and writing. The students and I really appreciate the support. I wish you all a safe and happy holidays and I hope Santa finds you all! See you all next year!

Mrs Lauren Laws

2A
What a wonderful year we have had in 2A! I have absolutely loved teaching every one of my 24 students, helping them to grow, learn and become more confident individuals. I am over the moon with the gains year 2 have made over the year, especially in Maths and Reading. Well done to those students who doubled their reading levels and worked hard to achieve their learning goals. Thank you to parents and caregivers for assisting your little ones with homework, reading and sight words. I know it can be a tedious task, and even a battle at times, but it makes a huge difference. Thank you to those parents that volunteered their time to come in and help, a special mention to Kerry Warcon, Anita Moore and Wendy Green, whom came in weekly to assist students with reading, spelling, comprehension and maths tasks. We were lucky to have the bubbly Mrs Kate H as our class Teacher Aide. Her great sense of humour and fun teaching style really helped our cherubs to grasp tricky concepts and enjoy their learning. Finally, I wanted to mention how proud I am of how kind, gentle, caring and compassionate your children are. It makes me proud to be a part of such a strong community of fantastic families and dedicated teachers and staff. Have a wonderful Christmas and relaxing break!

Miss Amanda Poolman

2B
What a semester it has been! All of the children in 2B have come such a long way in the past six months! It has been a one of a kind journey for me and the students I’m sure! I would like to say a massive thank you to all of the students in 2B for putting in such a BIG effort this semester! Each one of them should be very proud of how far they have come! There have been some very impressive improvements both with behaviour and academically! Thank-you to each of you, the parents and carers too! For your help, support and encouragement towards your child in helping them grow! We have had some up and down moments in our classroom, but we have also made many happy and fun memories along our short journey together! 2B students, I wish you all the best for next year as you go into year 3! Wishing everyone a happy, safe and very enjoyable Christmas and New Year!

Rachael Williamson

4C
The end of the year is nearly here. It is a time of mixed feelings: exhaustion after a busy term working, marking and reporting; happiness for the up-coming holidays to rest and relax; and sadness at the thought of saying good-bye to this year’s group of Year 4s. When I look back to the start of the year I can see that the students have all grown a lot in the last year, and they have soaked up a lot of learning and knowledge. It has been great to see their progress throughout the year. I hope that all students and their families have a Fantastic Festive Season and have a safe and happy holiday.

Merry Christmas, Mrs Jane McColl
3A
Wow, how time flies! I cannot believe that I walked into Denison State School almost four years ago as a graduate teacher. My time here has been an incredible experience and I could not have possibly asked for a better school to begin my teaching career in. I have grown and learnt so much and I must sincerely thank everyone in the Denison community for making Denison State School the great school that it is. I have made memories here that will last a life time and I’m sure that it will not be easy to find another like Deno. It has been a difficult decision to make but it is time for me to take the next step in my life journey. Next year I will be moving to London to teach and travel Europe before moving back closer to home in Cairns to be closer to my family. Thank you for entrusting me to play such a vital role in the lives of your children. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with and getting to know them throughout the last few years and hope that they have too. I wish them all the very best for their futures!

A great, big smile, a word of cheer, a little love from someone near, a little gift from one held dear and best wishes for the coming year. The holiday season is upon us already and I hope that you spend it well with your family and friends and have an extra-special Christmas. Best wishes for the New Year and everything that 2017 has in store.

Kindest Regards & Sincerest Thanks, MR Joel Davis

3B
A PRIZE CAN BE WON! Reading has developed over the year at Denison State School through the introduction of BMA reading and comprehension strategies. As teachers we’ve seen growth in our students’ ability to engage with a variety of texts and become fond of reading. Students can submit 50 words or less on how a teacher or librarian has helped them love reading and go into a draw to win a prize. Follow the link: http://www.bigthankyou.com.au/how-to-win.php. I will truly cherish these last 5 days at Denison State School. 3B will be at the pool on Monday morning to participate in various fun water activities organised by dedicated Miss L, then the fun, learning will most definitely be happening amongst all. What a week this will be to remember! It has been a pleasure teaching your children, I’m proud of the growth they have made over the year and I wish them all the best as they move into Year 4. Wishing you all a safe and happy holiday!

Mrs Elyse de Wever

3C
It has been a great pleasure teaching 3C this semester. I have enjoyed getting to know everyone and being part of their learning journey. During the semester in English, students developed their narrative and poetry skills and utilised this learning to produce some amazing writing. I have seen progress made in all areas of maths and students have worked very hard on their individual goals. Students have enjoyed an excursion and learning about our community in Geography and History and participated in some interesting experiments in Science. It was also lovely seeing the student’s creative side during Art and Technology lessons. It has been an amazing semester! 3C will be cleaning their desks on Wednesday the 7th of December so students will need sun smart clothes to get wet in and a uniform for after. We will also be having a break up party on Thursday the 8th of December. I hope everyone in 3C has enjoyed their year and is excited to start next year in grade 4. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Miss Nikita Maiden

4A
I’m sure everyone will say it, but it is hard to believe it is our last week of the year. Time has flown so we must have had some fun along the way! It has been a very busy year, jam-packed with story writing, poetry and advertisement analysis, fractions, algorithms, data, scientific reports, bag designing and tree drawing, to name just a few areas we have studied over the year. On top of this, we have enjoyed a school camp and swimming and athletics carnivals. Boy, it’s exhausting just thinking about all we’ve done over the year. Portfolios and report cards will be sent home on the final Thursday of the year. I’m sure most parents will be happy with the work samples and grades received by their child. I have seen many improvements over the year and am proud of each and every child as they have grown in their own way. Have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy a well-earned rest, ready for a new year.

Regards, Diane Waine-Barclay

4B
Well, we made it! A whole school year has flown by and what we see in front of us is no longer a group of ‘fresh faced’ year 4s, but students ready to face the challenges that year 5 has to offer. We feel we have been really lucky this year to work with such a wonderful group. Each one has their own special little personality (which we will remember fondly), but we can easily say that kind-heartedness is one attribute that all of them possess in spades.

Thank you to all the 4B parents, as your support and understanding has really help to make our jobs a lot easier. Also, we would like to offer special thanks to those parents who have assisted in the classroom and for various other activities (like camp) throughout the year. These would not have been possible or successful without your help.

Thank you for a great 2016, Brooke Raine and Lisa McHugh

5A
The last week of school….. the closing of one door and the opening of another. I want to thank each child for all the memories and learning we have shared together this year. To my students, I want to say THANK YOU, for when I teach, I also learn from you. A little bit of each of you will always be with me. Always strive to be the BEST that you can be!

To the parents, I say THANK YOU for allowing me to be your child’s year 5 teacher and supporting me along the way. It has been a wonderful and rewarding year for me. These are just a few memories of the experiences we’ve had during the year – 1770 Camp, parade performance, swimming lessons and carnival, decimals and fractions, Solar System and the technology that helps us now in everyday life, art activities, Leadership skills with Mr G, Storm Boy, being film critics, drilling and remembering multiplication and division facts, Eureka Stockade and explorers research, analysing poetry, Song of the Week, using technology to present our English tasks.

It’s been a busy and fulfilling year! Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please stay safe during the holiday period and enjoy the time you can spend with friends and family.

Leigh Robinson
5B
Well it is the last week of term and we have very busy week of activities planned. Tuesday night is the school concert. On the night of the concert, students are to be dropped off at the 2B classroom at 6.00pm and picked up from the same place at 7.30pm. Girls are to wear the skirt and ribbon provided, together with a black or white t shirt. Boys are to wear a black or white t shirt with jeans. A scarf will be provided for boys to wear in their pockets.
5B will be having their class party on Thursday. Could you please send a plate of food with your child to share with their class? On Friday, students will be cleaning their desks. Your child may bring spare clothing which can get wet, to change into on this day. Have a wonderful holiday.

Mr Wade Thompson

6A & 6B
Now that we have completed our assessment, we are eagerly awaiting our graduation ceremony and our celebration at the Capella Pool and we are busily practising for our End of Year Concert and our graduation song.

We have recently completed our technology assessment task. In our unit “Quench” we were required to make an original drink at home, following kitchen safety and hygiene rules. We were required to present a video of our drink production, including being safe in the kitchen and following safe hygiene practises.

Term 4 has flown by so quickly and we are looking forward to Term 5. Thank you again for your support. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Mrs Kayleen Esmond and Miss Pauline Dunn

2C
What a year! 2C has been amazing this year with lots of learning, love and laughter! It only feels like it was yesterday that 2C was created and I was opening my door to 25 smiling faces, some have gone and new ones have come but they are all still smiling. It has been my absolute pleasure teaching 2C this year. We have come a long way. Every day I am blown away by how far they have come, how they have matured and how excited I am to see them move into Grade 3. Thank you also to my wonderful parents who have been supportive this year and have trusted me to teach their child. I look forward to celebrating our achievements this last week and hearing all about holidays in January. Don’t be a stranger next year, pop in and say hi. Have a safe and happy holiday.

Miss Rachael Tulloch

Mobbs Manifest

During week 8 our transition for 2017 Preps was supported by a great team of parents from our P&C. I want to acknowledge the help of Anita Moore, Stephanie Laws, Lisa Toole, Codi Hoy and Rochelle Stokes who gave their time over 4 days to make our new Prep families feel welcome and organised for the start of school in 2017. During the last weeks of school we are collating student results for reporting, teaching concepts so that students are 2017 ready and finalising the year with various celebrations.

Last Friday our year 5 Leadership nominees finalised their speeches and student leaders for 2017 were elected. The badge ceremony for these students will occur in the new year. On Concert night each class will present an item for your entertainment and teachers will present a Citizenship, Effort and Academic award to the most outstanding in their class. A huge thank you to Ms Podolak for organising the concert. Finally on Thursday we congratulate our year 6 students on completing their Primary schooling phase and wish them all the best for High School and their future beyond school. Report cards and portfolios will be going home on Thursday. If students are not able to collect these items on Thursday you may request for the report card only to be mailed to you. Portfolios not collected will be available to pick up from the office at the start of the 2017 school year. Congratulations to all students for a successful year of learning and a huge thank you to all of our teachers for their continued teaching for student success. Thank you also to the efforts of our support staff who contribute so much to our students. Finally, well done to our parents for getting our students here ready to learn every day. An achievement not to be ignored. Reflect on your successes of 2017, ensure the holidays give you time to relax and we look forward to seeing you back at Denison in 2017.

Amanda Mobbs
Deputy Principal

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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop will be open on the Student Free Days of 19th & 20th January 2017, 9am to 12 noon for families to purchase their 2017 back to school requirements.

Orders can also be placed online by visiting www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au. Collect on one of the above days or alternatively items can be delivered direct to the student at the beginning of Term 1, 2017.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas.
YEARS 1-3 FUN SWIM CARNIVAL
A huge thank you to all the volunteer mums and
dad’s who helped out in the pool during swim lessons
throughout the term. Please thank these people when
you see them because they helped ALL STUDENTS in
the swim program which includes your children.
Christine Joass, Mr Ross Grierson, Sharon Morris,
Beverley Forbes, Kay Esmond, Christine Ramphun,
Bonnie Walsh, Charles and Michelle Goodwin, Kelli
Fuller, Paul and Michelle Simpkins, Raelene Bock, Holly
Weaver, David Hudson, Kylie Jackman, Ben Tyrrell, Haydn and
Karen Leonhardt, Suzette Van Whyte, Emily Cotter-Drape, Doug
Gray, Emalie Berthun, Jodie Lowther, Te Aue Stalatty, Sharin
Chandler, Amanda Mobbs, Brendan Clinch, Daniel Symons,
Matthew Garner, Paul Simpkins, Deanne Mc Donell, Tina
(Eboni’s Aunt), Sam (student teacher)
I hope I have not forgotten anyone! Please forgive me if I have!
Also thanks to all those parents and helpers who came on Monday
for the morning of the Fun Swim Carnival! It was terrific to see parents come and help out when they were free to do so. The
students and teachers, as well as Miss L, really appreciate having your help. We could not have done it so well without you.
Also a HUGE thank you to the P&C for continuing to support our
program too!

A team effort by the Denison staff for making swimming
possible in 2016!

2017 SPORT DATES!
Below are the current Denison, Emerald District, CH and CAP
dates that have been set for 2017. Please be aware that some
sports may be made in the course of 2017 in unforeseen
circumstance. Also some sports dates have unavoidable clashes
with other sports and school camps so students will need to make
a choice about which sport they trial for/ or attend camp.

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A Note from the Guidance Officer
Hello everyone,
As I write this, Psychology Week is being celebrated by the
Australian Psychology Society. The society has 6 tips for a
healthy lifestyle change (https://www.psychology.org.au/
psychologyweek/healthier-lifestyle/):

IDENTIFY THE BENEFITS OF CHANGE
Think about how your lifestyle is affecting your health and
happiness: Is your current lifestyle costing you your health?

THINK ABOUT BARRIERS TO CHANGE
Identify the barriers to change and evaluate how you could overcome those barriers.

MAKE A PLAN OF ACTION
In order to make change you must plan. Change will involve
new actions, new routines and forming new habits. Recruit
family, friends and colleagues as your support team, or find
other ways of ensuring you have support for your changes.

TAKE ACTION
Start your new regime and gradually make lifestyle changes to
support your goal. Start with small changes that are easier to achieve.

REWARD SUCCESS
In order to maintain your new lifestyle, you must reward your-
self for reaching your goals.

Manage Any Relapses
It’s quite normal to find yourself lapsing into old habits. Don’t
despair or get too down on yourself. Try to return to your
healthy behaviours as soon as possible.

While you may not necessarily work through the steps, they
are a great framework to use when reflecting on our own and
our family’s mental well-being and resilience, along with our
approach to parenting.

I have enjoyed working across the different
schools and communities this year and
wish those of you moving on all the best.

Enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday,

Regards,
Marietta Sedgwick, Guidance Officer
Denison, Tieri, Anakie, Alpha and Emerald State Schools
Base school phone 07 49807333, Email msedg1@eq.edu.au

Tuckshop Changes for 2017
We would like to advise that as of next year
our tuckshop will not be opening
for 2nd lunch over the counter purchasing
except for Friday’s.
Both lunch breaks can still be ordered through
online or cash ordering systems and
will be delivered at 1st lunch to the classroom.

Fun Friday’s
Open both lunches for over counter purchasing

School Banking Program
The Commonwealth Bank gave a prize pack to
our school for consistent bankers who barked 3
times in Term 4. The lucky winner was drawn on
parade Friday December 2nd. Well done on your
consistent bankind!!
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Prep B Asa M
All your hard work and focus to ensure all work tasks are completed and your work is to a high standard.

Prep/1C Cooper W
His fantastic behaviour in class. You have come a long way! Great work!

1A Sophie I
Your fantastic reading! Your comprehension has improved and you are reading well. You are a superstar!

1B Lachlan B
Your improvement shown in reading. You have gone up FIVE reading levels! You are a superstar!

2A Zane D
Zane’s awesome effort when learning the time. He is a time warrior!

2B Tira KD
Your beautiful classroom manners and improved effort in completing class tasks! You have strived to be the best that you can be and have done it!

2C James H
The outstanding behaviour you display at school. You are respectful and responsible. Keep it up!

3A Connor B
His improved confidence in class when making presentations and joining in discussions. Connor actively listens to others and speaks clearly when presenting.

3B Laine F
Laine’s improved attentiveness. You have been listening to the teacher, following instructions straight away and finishing activities by yourself.

3C Jake P
Making huge improvements over the semester on your reading. Well done!

4A Jordyn M
The quiet, yet diligent manner in which you conduct yourself. You always try your best and give everything a go!

4B Charlotte S
Your persistence when completing your number facts. You never gave up and now you have moved up to the next level. Well Done!!

4C Jordan S
Congratulations on your huge improvement in maths results from beginning of the term to this week. You have reached your goal with ease.

5A Ethan J
Your use of expanded noun groups to make your film critique sound convincing. You carefully reviewed parts of the film that make it most appealing!

5B Corben L
Conscientiously applying yourself to your explorer research in history. Well done!

5C Emilee E
Her efforts and perseverance in maths inquiry tasks this term.

6A Jade M
Your thorough explanation of how to manage kitchen safety and hygiene in our technology unit. You produced an original drink and applied your knowledge of safety and hygiene practices. Bravo!

6B Ethan E
Your caring and thoughtful nature. You are a good friend to your peers and a joy to have in class.

Prep A Lane L
His learning progress! Lane knows all his number names, numerals and quantities to 10!

Prep B Phoenix H
All your hard work on mastering your sight words and building your reading skills. You have jumped 5 reading levels this term! CHAMPION!

Prep/1C Cooper R
For your improvement with your reading and speaking. You are becoming more and more confident each day.

1A Charlotte M
Your strong work ethic in class and your willingness to have a go!

1B Odin B
Your excellent effort and achievement in math this term. You blow me away with your mathematical thinking!

2A Lane W
Lane’s persistence and accuracy when sliding and flipping shapes. He dedicated time to checking his answers were the best he could do.

2B Hayden A
Your improved effort and behaviour in the classroom. You have continued to show great improvement in all areas! Well Done!

2C Baylee K
The amazing attitude you have for learning. You are always enthusiastic and put in 100% effort. Well done!

3A Jazmika T
Your new and improved approach to reading. You are more confident and enthusiastic and as a result of this I’m sure your ability will continue to grow.

3B Howie W
Howie’s improvement! You demonstrated the most growth from your pre to post numeracy diagnostic. Super effort math guru!

3C Ashton P
The growth evident in your Term 4 Diagnostic Maths Test. You have made lots of progress!

4A Dusti S
The effort and persistence you have shown to improve the presentation of your work. Keep it up!

4B Logan W
His awesome Health assessment result. Listening intently in class and contributing to discussions has really paid off. Well done, Logan!

4C Harrison CD
Your creativity and commitment in making props for both our class parade item and the Christmas Concert item. Super Job!

5A Caitlin E
Being an awesome, friendly and cooperative class member. It has been a pleasure to teach you this year. Keep being awesome!

5B Lockwood P
Your excellent efforts in maths. You have worked very well when learning number facts. What a great effort!

5C Lawson W
His effort in our math inquiry tasks. Lawson always contributes to his group’s ideas and helps to justify their finished product.

6A Bailey S
Your well-written and entertaining “Year in review”. You have written a comprehensive overview of your final year of primary school. Awesome Work!

6B Shaylah Y
Your impressive improvement in your maths diagnostic this term. You listened, practised and applied what you learnt and achieved 100%. You are awesome!
Holiday Fun
@ Emerald Library

Central Highlands Regional Council
Emerald Branch
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Facebook: chrclibraries

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To avoid disappointment please
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Activities will commence promptly at the
nominated times and we encourage
parents/caregivers to join in.

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the activity has finished.

Candle Printing
Thursday 5 January 2017
2.30pm - 4.00pm
Cost: $5.00

Stained Glass Holders
Wednesday 18 January 2017
2.30pm - 4.00pm
Free

Cup Ornaments
Monday 12 December 2016
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Gold Coin Donation

Popsicle Stick Ornaments
Wednesday 21 December 2016
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Gold Coin Donation

Sphero - Obstacle Course
Monday 16 January 2017
2.30pm - 4.00pm
FREE

Robotics - Beebot Coding
Friday 6 January 2017
2.30pm - 4.00pm
FREE

Sea Creatures
Tuesday 17 January 2017
2.30pm - 4.00pm
FREE

Robotics - Ozobot Coding
Friday 6 January 2017
2.30pm - 4.00pm
FREE

Spiral Trees
Friday 16 December 2016
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Gold Coin Donation

Wrist Bands
Thursday 19 January 2017
2.30pm - 4.00pm
FREE

Sea Creatures
Tuesday 17 January 2017
2.30pm - 4.00pm
FREE

Mindstorm Coding
Monday 9 - Friday 13 January 2017
2.30pm - 3.30pm
FREE

Kids Time!
Storytelling, songs
and craft
activities for the children
from 0 - 5.
It’s a great morning of fun
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:30 - 11:30 am