Welcome Back
A warm welcome back to school to all parents and students.

Term 4 is always busy, with lots of learning, report cards, parent-teacher interviews, testing, presentation night and a few extra events thrown in. The staff are excited about the term and looking forward to promoting our learning agenda.

Central Downs Ball Games Carnival
This annual event will be held at Emu Creek State School on Friday 1st of November (week 4). All students are involved in various sports and activities. Parents and friends are welcome as always. Please find attached a permission form and tuckshop menu.

P&C Meeting
The October P&C Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 15th October, from 6:00pm -7:00pm. As always, we will do an order to Eagle Boys for dinner. Please have orders to the office by 12:00pm that day.

Jump Rope for Heart
Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Jump Rope for Heart ‘Jump Off’ during the last week of Term 3. The students put on a wonderful display of their skipping skills. We were able to raise $1044.00 for the Heart Foundation. Well Done!

Christmas Hamper
We are raffling a Christmas Hamper, with the help of our supporters, Rudds Pub, between now and Christmas. Please support this major fundraiser by donating items for the hamper. Types of items include non-perishable foods, ‘Christmasy’ things (bonbons, decorations etc.), toys, alcohol and appliances. These items can be dropped into the school office.

Central Downs Ball Games Carnival
This term we will be doing swimming for AASC on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please let the office know the day that you would like your child to attend. AASC will run from 3:00pm—4:00pm this term.

Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers Garden Competition
Nobby State School was awarded two prizes in The Chronicle Garden Competition for 2013. First Prize: School Student Garden 2013; Second Prize: School Student Garden 2013. Happy Pruning!

P&C Minutes
Did you know the P&C minutes are located on both the school website and the App?

Enrolments for 2014 are now being taken. Please contact the school office if you would like to enrol your child.

Attachments:
- Term 4 Tuckshop Menu and Dates
- Central Downs Ball Games Carnival Permission Form and tuckshop menu

Our 2013 Presentation Night will be held on Monday 9th December starting at 6:00pm. Information regarding the ‘new’ end of year awards can be found on the school website. Go to: Curriculum > Excellence Programs
Welcome back everyone! Thanks to children and parents for a wonderful response to the holiday reading program. Every book counts – the more you read the better you become at it! If your little one is struggling with reading – REMEMBER - support them by – reading with them; reading to them; reading by taking turns; looking at the pictures; finding something different to read that has more interest value! Well done families!

Country week
Thanks to those who have provided boots, hats and horse shoes. Thanks to the Torcetti family who have worked over the holidays to prepare much of the art work for the display. We are in the final preparation phase and the display will go up next Thursday afternoon (17th) after school. If anyone would like to help me please come and let me know. We are still chasing plastic containers/lids and a bale of straw if anyone has it – need to know ASAP. Don’t forget about the photography competition that was advertised in our last newsletter.

Ball Games
We only have 3 weeks until the annual competition at Emu Creek. Our team numbers require all children to be here. We are practising Tuesday to Thursday before school at 8:45am sharp. Please have your child here by 8:40am so they can set up school things prior to practice. We will also practise on Friday afternoons at 2:30pm.

Classroom notes
As each term begins we try and use new and interesting things to engage your children. The year 1 and 2 students will begin a Maths program called ‘JEMMS’. This program is a daily activity to strengthen instant recall, and make maths learning fun. Look out for Science notes from Mrs Field - the children have another wonderful unit to work on this term -about toys.

Swimming Program
During Term 4 the students do swimming for PE. They have been broken up into 3 groups based on ability. Each group will have a 1/2 hour swimming session. Swimming is mandatory (for PE lessons) and all students should swim every week unless a medical issue prevents it.

Please ensure that students bring the following items every Wednesday.
1. Swimming togs
2. Swim shirt
3. Towel
4. Swimming cap
Swimming will also begin for Active After School Communities in week 3.

NAPLAN Results
Our students in years 3 and 5 received some outstanding results from this year’s NAPLAN tests.

At a glance, we can see that numeracy is still a very strong area for our students, with 3 students achieving in the top 10-15% of students in Australia.

Of the 9 students who each completed 5 tests (total of 45 tests) there were only 6 instances of a student achieving below the national minimum standard. Additionally, there were 5 instances of a student achieving at the national minimum standard. This means that 34 instances (or tests) were above the national minimum standard.

Special mention goes to Scarlett Barwick, who achieved a result in the top band, meaning top 10-15% of students in Australia, in every test area.

Other notable performances were displayed by Tom Green, who was in the top 2 bands in every test area (meaning top 20% of students in Australia), and Jack Green who achieved a result in the top band in 2 areas.

Well done to all students!

Tuckshop
Our first tuckshop for Term 4 will be on Friday, 18th October. Please ensure all tuckshop orders are placed no later than Wednesday, 16th October.

Please find a revised Tuckshop menu attached to this week’s newsletter. Due to there only being 3 tuckshop dates this term, we will not be ordering any more tuckshop items and therefore may run out of items as the term progresses. Please keep an eye on the newsletter for any items that become unavailable.

School Banking
Don’t forget school banking is every Wednesday.

NEEDED!
Could you please bring in any boxes (cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, muesli bar boxes etc.) and recycled materials for the Junior Room. The students will be ‘building’ a house for a teddy bear as a Maths assessment piece.