From the Principal

Parent Teacher Interviews
These will soon be taking place in classrooms before and after school. Teachers have made themselves available to inform you of your students’ learning strengths and focus areas for improvement.

I would encourage you all to take the time to meet with them. Letters regarding times available should be home this week. The individual approach we take with all of our students is what is distinctive about the way we teach and the way your student learns. By providing every opportunity for every child for every success, our differentiated curriculum seeks to ensure the needs of each student are met and our teaching and their learning leads to improvement.

NAPLAN results
It is therefore very rewarding this week to have been able to send home the individual reports for students from Years 3/5/7 who participated in the Naplan Tests this year. Our school wide results are outstanding, with performances well above the State and National Minimum Benchmarks. Individual improvements and improvements in the focus areas of the school have shown us that not only is our achievement at the highest standard but again this year, our Improvement from last year has continued.

We are not resting on our laurels – work and analysis of the data available to us has begun in earnest with the intent of making your child’s education at Eagle Junction State School, the very best available.

Opportunities to Shine
It has been a very busy week for our students this week with many of them leaving the school to compete in events that have challenged and extended them to reach new heights. The Track and Field Team is representing Metropolitan Region and is competing to a very high standard. The competition has been taking place over the last two days and will continue tomorrow. We wish all those still competing good luck.

Thank you to Mr Summers, Mr Ross and Mrs Hoskins who have all officiated at the Championships. Without teacher commitment to such events, students would not be afforded such opportunities.

Congratulations also to our Debating Teams who have been talking up a storm in their competitions over the last couple of months. Parent support for our debaters is what enables this completion to be part of our school extracurricular program. Thank you to all our parents who are giving their time and energy to our young arguers.

Thank you also Ms Rohweder who has co-ordinated the school debating team for us this year.

Monday our Maths Competition teams from Year 6 and 7 competed at Graceville State School in the City District Maths Competition organised by the Deputy Principals. Again a full report is contained in the newsletter. Well done to all teams
New Parents’ Survey Responses

Thank you to all new parents who responded to the school–based Survey distributed at the end of Semester One. I have enclosed some of the responses for your perusal. Suggestion for improvement, whether for the classroom, the Administration, Tuckshop, Uniform or Book Shop or Kids’ Care program are all taken seriously and have been passed to the people involved. It was wonderful to be able to read your affirmation of the work done each and every day for your students by our dedicated teaching staff.

Survey Results – Prep Parents

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If you are Leaving EJ at the end of 2014

Please notify the Principal in writing as soon as possible. We need this information to be able to effectively plan for 2015. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

A great week at EJ – with the ball and talent quest on the horizon Term 3 should end on a ‘high’. I hope you are enjoying this beautiful weather.

Best Wishes

Josephine Bottrell (Principal)
From the Deputy Principals

Maths Tournament

On Monday, 20 budding mathematicians from Years 5, 6 and 7 attended the Brisbane North Curriculum Leaders Maths Tournament.

The tournament was challenging and provided our teams with an opportunity to work cooperatively to solve maths problems and compete against students from other schools. Thank you to our parent helpers; Mr Dickson, Mrs Pomeroy and Mrs Crofton, your assistance on the day was greatly appreciated. Congratulations to our students on their participation, enthusiasm and team work.

Preparing for Puberty Information Session

Last night a number of families attended the Preparing for Puberty session provided by Family Planning Queensland. It was great to see the amount of families who attended and the positive and mature attitude displayed by students. An information session for Year 5 students and their parents / caregivers will be offered next term.

Reading

In line with our focus on the explicit teaching of reading, staff have been engaging in professional development and professional readings. Our recent professional development sessions focused on comprehension strategies, in particular the use of summarising. Summarising involves identifying and succinctly communicating the key ideas of a text, using your own words. Some prompts you could use to support your child to summarise a text:

- Find the key words and terms that connect to the topic
- Underline the important details
- Retell the main ideas of the text in your own words (make it brief!)

Parent Reading Workshop

Following the successful evening workshop ‘Reading with children in Prep’ a second session will be offered to parents of Prep and Year 1 students –

When: Thursday 4 September
Time: 8.45am – 9.45am

To register you attendance please email – admin@eagljuncss.eq.edu.au by the 1st September 2014

Susie Randel-Kneip and Fleur Provost

Please return orders to your teacher or the office (NOT the library). No cash please.
Library News

Introducing Dolor Milford
Dolor Milford is a teacher-librarian who came to join our school community this term. Her role is to support Kellie, Chris, Jean and all staff. Unfortunately she is here only one day a week. While here though she wants to meet as many teachers, students and parents as possible to talk about her favourite topics of books and reading and information literacy, the way of accessing, analysing, recording and creating new knowledge.

Book Week
The Children’s’ Book Council sponsored book week has come and gone. Here at EJ the library celebrated by holding a display of as many shortlisted books in all categories we have. This gave the children a chance to handle and familiarise themselves with the books which are now available for loan.

While the display was on, we ran a competition. Students were asked to nominate the book for each category they thought would win the overall awards. They were also invited to complete postcards for display. On the postcard they wrote the name of the book they are currently reading.

Through the week, staff members were invited to read their favourite story book to the students during break time. Thank you to all staff who participated. This activity was certainly popular with the students, once again reinforcing the importance and pleasure to be gained from reading and discussing books.

What the Postcards told us
Below is a selection of books the preps are reading:

- The Highway Rat
- My Nana is a Ninja
- My Wobbly Tooth must Never, Ever, Never Fall Out
- Where the Wild things Are
- There was an old lady who swallowed a shell
- Elephant Mountain
- Andy and the Alaskan Tale

Some books being read by 4KW:

- Tom Hawk Lives to Skate
- The 39 Story Treehouse
- The Hobbit
- How to Train Your Dragon
- Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Chinese Cinderalla
- Make Way for Ducklings

If you are ever in a book shop and wanting to choose a book as a gift, any of the above would be a good starting point.

Best wishes from your library staff.

Sports Report

Basketball Competition: Thank you to all the teams who entered this year three on three basketball competition. Eight teams entered the competition with all teams having at least three games each. After the completion of the group stage the final four teams played off in the semi-final and grand finals.

Final Standings:
Third - Harry Coorey, Tomas Gregory and James Carey
Second - Daniel Gabatan, Max Day, and Tanishq Sakhla
Champions - Cameron Rogers, Eddie Miles and Harry Lin

Thank you to all the teams that entered this year and we look to forward to seeing more teams enter next year.

Mr. Mark Summers - Physical Education Teacher
Music News

Singfest 2014

Members of the Eagle Junction Senior Choir recently had the opportunity and privilege to work with leading Queensland conductor and composer Stuart Gillard at Singfest 2014. A total of 460 students from twelve Brisbane schools formed a massed choir and workedshopped at The Old Museum, refining their skills in musicianship, vocal technique and choral presentation.

The massed choir presented an impressive concert for parents at the conclusion of the day which included two of Mr Gillard's compositions, "Three Blind Mice" and "Calling Me", performed complete with dark glasses and accompanied by the 'whirli' played by one of our E.J. students, Emma Rafter.

Junior Choir performing at local preschools

The Junior Choir will perform a fun repertoire of songs at two local preschools next week.

Half of the choir - the Red and Green groups - will perform at Clayfield Pre-Prep on Monday 1st September from 10.45 to 11.15am. The other half of the choir - Blue and Yellow groups will perform at Goodstart Early Learning on Wednesday 3rd September from 10.45 to 11.15. Parents are welcome to attend.

Excursions/Activities

Semester 2 excursions and activities and Camps for Years 4 and 6 are being finalised and families will be receiving invoices and/or Statements for these events. To confirm your child’s participation please ensure all moneys outstanding are paid. Please phone the office (3637.1111) if you would like to discuss a payment plan.

Payment can be made by
- Cash, cheque or credit card details to class teacher in sealed named envelope on Wednesdays & Thursdays
- BPAY – information on the foot of the invoice/statement. (Please note: BPAY payments will be credited against the oldest dated unpaid invoice of the family.)
- Direct deposit to school account – BSB 064-206 / account 00090196. Include family name in reference

Greatly appreciated if all amounts, including those owing from previous Semester could now be paid!!

A website parents may like to check out www.howtohelpchildren.com
What is How To Help Children - Over 300 simple and straight-forward videos teaching parents and children. Full of “how to” and practical demonstrations, covering everything that children really need to know in Primary School - all the basic essentials in English and Mathematics.
EAGLES NEST SPECIAL – Its’ TOASTIE Week
Cheese Toastie only $2.50
All other Toasties only $4.00
Ham & Cheese
Ham, Cheese & Tomato
Chicken & Cheese
Chicken, Cheese & Tomato
We have a new Nudie Juice! –
Apple & Blackcurrant $2.20
Kerri White

Prep G Science: Earth and Space Sciences
Trees and Seasonal Change
The science unit we are working on currently is Weather Watch. We have been observing the weather using our senses. We have been recording the weather daily in our Weather Journals and we have been discussing how the weather affects what clothes we wear and our choices of activity.

We have been learning about the four seasons and discussing seasonal change. We looked at deciduous trees and noted the changes to this type of tree throughout the seasons. We each selected two seasons and represented the same tree during those two particular seasons using drawing materials. We labelled each season. We highlighted and shared our understandings about the seasonal differences and change in a whole group discussion.

TARTAN TRADER
Opening Times
Monday 8.00am to 9.15am
Friday 8.00am to 9.15am
STOCK RUNOUT!!! $5.00 RASHIES!!
Need a spare rashie or do you have an older brother or sister who needs one? We have an oversupply of rashies we need to sell. They are a few years old so we can’t guarantee the SPF factor but they are still good quality.

Navy body with Red, Yellow or Blue short sleeves.
Mostly larger sizes available but there is also a limited number of smaller sizes.

Come and see us in the Tartan Trader and snap up a bargain before our new ones arrive and the price goes back up!
**PARENT NETWORK**

Amanda Russell, Parent Network Co-ordinator  
arussell@westnet.com.au, 0459 401 255

**SOCIAL SIDE**

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| Year 5       | 7.00pm             | Siam Pagoda Junction Road | Dinner  
               | **Thursday 28 August** |                           | RSVP to class rep by Monday 25 August |
| Prep G       | From 3.00pm        | Melrose Park              | Park play                                               |
|              | **Friday 5 Sept**  |                           |                                                        |
| Year 3       | 2.00-4.30pm        | Stafford Skate Centre     | Skate Afternoon  
               | **Saturday 6 Sept**   |                           | Parental supervision will be required. Please RSVP to your class representative by 31 July if you would like your child/children to attend. We require minimum numbers of 10 to book a table. |
| Year 1       | Straight after school.  
               |                           | Play dates  
               | **Tues 9 Sept,**  
               |                           |                           | Siblings welcome. Please bring a plate to share should you wish |
|              | **Thurs 6 Nov**    |                           |                                                        |
|              | **Thurs 4 December** |                           |                                                        |

**FATHER’S DAY STALL – THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2014**

REMINDER TO DROP IN YOUR FATHER’S DAY GIFTS ASAP. There is only 1 weeks left before we have to wrap them and the donations received to date are very slim.

Idea for donations but certainly not limited to these, can be along the lines of: sports drinks such as Gatorade/Powerade, chocolate, socks, stubby coolers, chocolate, coffee cups, shaving cream, tools, car products, fishing, sport, magazines, stationery, chocolate, Tim Tams and chocolate!

You or the kids can drop donations in the baskets at Admin (Monday - Friday), at the Tuckshop (Wed-Friday) or in the baskets outside all the prep classrooms – including Prep G, under the Admin office (Monday - Friday). You can even drop them to us at 22 Keith Street, Clayfield or 12 Jackson Street if that is easier for you.

The stall will sell gifts ranging in price from $3 - $10.

If you are free on Thursday 4th September to volunteer to help on the stall and/or wrap on Monday 1st September please let us know.

Michele Pink  
michelepink@goodhealthnutrition.com.au  
043-300-1231

Amanda Russell  
alrussell@westnet.com.au  
0459 401 255

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**YEAR 6 & 7 SKATING NIGHT!**

**When:** Thursday 18 September, 6.30 – 8.30PM  
**Who:** Year 6 and 7 students. Siblings most welcome.  
**Cost:** $9.00 entry plus $2.50 skates/$3.50 blades hire pp. – on entry.

- We require a minimum of 80 children for this booking. Siblings are most welcome.
- Please RSVP your acceptance to [brigette.tilley@optusnet.com.au](mailto:brigette.tilley@optusnet.com.au) by MONDAY 8 SEPTEMBER.
- Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children (or arranging accordingly with other parents/guardians), including transportation to and from the venue.

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**
Vacancy – School Crossing Supervisor

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work up to 5 days per week in all weather conditions.

The hours of work for the School Crossing supervisor are 1.5 hours a day and comprises 60 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon.

The current rate of pay is $26.90 per hour.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a Government Medical Officer
- A positive Notice Blue Card (this means you do not need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

Completed applications should be returned to:
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2014 ANNUAL SCHOOL BALL
MAIN AUDITORIUM, BRISBANE CITY HALL, GEORGE STREET, BRISBANE CITY

THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2014
6pm for 6.30pm

“VIP / HALL OF FAME”

Tickets on Sale Now!

The School Ball is an EJ tradition that has been conducted annually since 1929. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children of EJ and the community to celebrate together.

The theme for this year’s ball is “VIP/Hall of Fame”. The theme was chosen by the Student Council and is aimed at having a broad appeal for boys and girls. Some children choose to hire costumes while others use their own imagination and skill. Costumes will range from very elaborate to very simple. Anything goes really! Parents dress casually – jeans are fine.

The children remain in the care of their teachers and in their class groups for the formal part of the evening when they march in the Grand Parade and then perform the dances they have been learning in PE. A disco takes place immediately after. This will run for the remainder of the evening and the children will be in their parents care.

The Ball is conducted from 6.30pm to 9.15pm. If you are a family with younger children, you are welcome to leave after the formal dances conclude.

A bar is available for you to unwind and catch up with friends from 6pm. It will close during the formal dances however, will re-open when the disco commences at 8pm. There will be no food for sale for the children. However, you are welcome to bring packaged food for them to eat. The children will eat where they sit with their Class Groups. No messy food please as we will be charged a cleaning fee.

Younger non-school age siblings are welcome to dress up and join in the festivities too! Guests are also welcome to attend.

Tickets are now on sale www.ejshoponline.com or
Cash (correct money – no change given) - pick up an order form at the office
Closing date Friday, 5 September

The prices have remained the same as last year.

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Tickets will be distributed to the classroom on Monday, 8 September.

Parking is available at the Myer Centre at $10 per entry after 4pm.

We look forward to a fabulous night and hope to see you there!
-90 Seconds of Fame @ EJ 2014 -

Do you have any talents?

If you do, come and have your 90 seconds of fame!

Every act will raise money for the Vallore Hospital in India to help sick kids and adults.

Weeks 7 & 8 - Classes will hold the trials in their own rooms.

Your teacher will help the class select 3 acts to go to the Finals.

Week 9 - Your teacher will then send the names of the finalists to the Student Councillors.

Week 10 - FINALS!!!!

Entrance Fees

To compete - $2 for one person

$4 for a team or group

Entry forms available from Student Councillors

To be in the audience for the finals in Week 10 - $2 for a two day ticket.