From the Deputy Principals

"Mummy this book is easy for me"

As we progress through the school year our eager readers are building their confidence and capability all the time. As parents it is one of the most rewarding experiences to watch your child put the literacy jigsaw together.

We acknowledge the commitment and support of our EJ parents on this reading journey and their focus on wanting their child to improve quickly. To this end parents often express concern when the texts children bring home appear easy or they believe they lack sufficient challenge. Take home readers fulfil a specific function in children's reading development.

The intent of books that are sent home as part of a home reading program is to increase the opportunity to build reading mileage and allow children to build confidence and automaticity with reading strategies taught in class on more complex texts and with greater teacher support. These easier texts allow children to see themselves independently as a 'meaning maker'.

When children's focused attention goes to continually decoding and problem solving new words they are less able to work at the skills of applying expression and active comprehension strategies that easier texts lend themselves to.

"We have read about Tom before, do you remember why he was grumpy after the fishing trip?"

The Author was telling us he was disappointed about not catching fish."

"Daddy, this is too hard?"

Children choose books and reading materials that appeal to them for a variety of reasons - a topic they love, illustrations that have caught their eye, reading material they see their peers with. In some instances these texts may be too difficult for children to access independently. A great way to build children's confidence and allow them to navigate harder books is to become a 'reading partner'. Share the job. Allow children to read the parts of texts they recognise and pick up the reading when problem solving becomes a challenge and meaning is lost.

Shared reading is an excellent way to reinforce comprehension and draw children's attention to the clever work authors do with words, unlocking some of the mysteries of reading while supporting and encouraging their early attempts.
From the Deputy Principals (cont’d)

"OK, what else can I read?"

Once the busy life of a student really takes hold many families concentrate on the reading material sent home from school to develop reading behaviours and reinforce the learning of the day. If the take home reader is finished and children are still hungry for more reading time encourage them to practice on familiar stories or texts of their choice from home. Our 21st century students are surrounded by print everywhere both in traditional text types and digital platforms. Reading is reading no matter what form it takes and our youngest students need to know this skill is not just a school based knowledge used for learning but that reading is very much part of how we make meaning from the world in general and also a source of enjoyment.

Please be conscious of offering children more than just the books sent home from class. Commercial early reading schemes are only a small part of their reading diet. When we continually add to children’s reading experiences we allow them greater access to the world of print and the critical role it plays in life.

Parent Teacher Interviews Term 3

Face to face parent teacher interviews will occur in the last weeks of term 3. We encourage all families to make a time with your child's classroom teacher to share the learning journey and discuss successes and challenges of the last term and help to share goal setting for students for Term 4.

If you have not received a timetable to nominate a convenient time please check your child's school bag and if it is still not there contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Eagle Junction State School Parenting Workshop

Please join us for an evening with leading psychologist, Michael Herd as we discuss behaviour and positive strategies to help parents with the demands of today’s child and busy lives. Information will include - solid parenting skills, consistency and calm home environments. In addition to this parents will be given further information on the highly regarded Triple P Parenting Program and details for registration of upcoming sessions.

Where – Eagle Junction State School Resource Centre
When - Wednesday 17th September 6:30 – 8:00pm
Places are limited. Please register your interest for this event via the Eagle Junction State School Administration on - admin@eagljuncss.eq.edu.au by Monday the 15th September 2014

This is an adult only presentation

Parent Reading Workshop

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

Susie Randel-Kneip and Fleur Provost

Music News

EJ Junior & Senior Concert Band.

The EJ Concert Bands will be performing:

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Students are to be in full school uniform for this performance and must have their instrument and music with them.

The bands are looking forward to performing for the school community, so we hope, if possible, you are able to stop in and listen to the wonderful work they are doing.

Paul Johnston (Instrumental Music Teacher)
Sports Report

Track and Field Athletics: Well done to our City District Athletic representatives who competed at University of Queensland on 26th and 27th August. EJ students put in a good performance and achieved a number of personal bests.

Congratulations to Bella Separovich who finished third in the 12yrs Girls Discus and Keogh Lewis who finished third in the 200m Sprint and Long Jump. Bella and Keogh will represent Metropolitan North at the State Championships.

Tennis: Well done to Will Jesser who was a part of the Queensland Tennis Team which finished second at the National Championships behind Victoria.

Skipping: In term 4 EJ will participate in Jump Rope for Heart. Skipping is great activity that can be done individually or with friends. Time to start practicing your skipping.

Mr. Mark Summers - Physical Education Teacher

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.

Excursions/Activities

If you have any queries regarding the Statements sent home this week or have difficulties clearing the account please phone the office (3637.1111) 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

EAGLES NEST SPECIALS – FRUIT FIESTA $4.50
Banana or Berry Smoothie and A Cup of Strawberries with Vanilla Yoghurt
Kerri White

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.
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: Ros Prain  3637 1111

PARENT NETWORK

PARENT NETWORK COCKTAIL PARTY
SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER
7.00pm
School ASSEMBLY HALL
$25 per person

This year, after reviewing feedback regarding our annual fundraiser, it was decided that the Trivia night will be held every second year, in a non Fete year. An alternative fundraiser will be held in the Fete years. This year it will be a simple cocktail party and more details will be sent out shortly.

The money raised on the night is used to discretely provide assistance to EJ children whose families find themselves in hard times and unable to afford extras for their children to participate fully in school life. These extras can include school lunches, uniforms, books, school camps.

PARENT NETWORK ROLE WITHIN THE EJ SCHOOL COMMUNITY:

- Provides financial support for students in cases of special need/circumstances.
- Provides access to a support network in each class for cases where practical assistance is required for students/families.
- Responsible for the organization of a ‘Welcome to EJ’ evening at the start of each school year.
- Responsible for the collation and distribution of the Parent Network School Directory, as early as is practical in Term 1 of each year.
- Encourages and supports opportunities for social contact throughout the EJ school community at individual class levels, year levels and whole of school events.
- Responsible for the organization of the annual Fundraiser Night – the sole means of fund raising for the Parent Network.
- As required, acts as a communication network between EJSS Administration and the wider school community.
- Where Parent Network budget permits, provides financial support for projects of benefit to the whole EJ school community eg. Supplementary funding for chaplaincy services or commissioning of the Bilby statue.

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

FATHER’S DAY STALL – THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2014

Gifts will be on sale for $3, $5, $7 & $10.
Remember to give the kids some dollars to buy a really special and individually chosen gift for dad or that special male in your child’s life.

Preppies will be able to choose a $2 gift.
Gifts will be delivered to Prep rooms for them to choose something special.

The teachers will bring the other kids down class by class, starting year 1 @ 8.30am until 10.15am.
The stall is open over 1st break for children, teachers, staff and parents to purchase more gifts.

The stall is being held in the Assembly hall this year - trying something new!

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

Amanda Russell
alrussell@westnet.com.au
0459 401 255
**SOCIAL SIDE**

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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 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!

“Attention Year 7 and 6 parents!

Don’t panic if you have not yet ordered your child's commemorative signature bear or EJ Bracelet (boys can have either of these!). The closing date for orders for the signature bears and EJ bracelets have been extended until 19th September.

Please drop your completed form into the office or contact us if you have not yet received a form.

Any Enquiries: Rita Bawden – 0417 731 437 or Jo Barrett – 0407034404

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wilston Grange Softball Club
– Looking for Junior & Senior Players for Next Season

Season commences on Saturday 18 October and concludes in March next year with a break over Christmas. We play at Downey Park, Green Terrace, Windsor. Training is Wednesday nights at Windsor Park, Blackmore Street, Windsor.

We are looking for junior players 4-12 years and players for our under 13 mixed teams, boys in our under 15 team and senior players in our women’s C1 and C2 teams.

Please contact the Club President, Julie-ann Williams (0419 604 001 julie-ann@aspservices.com.au)

DROVER’S RUN
JOIN THE HERD

To Whom it may concern

I am writing to ask permission to advertise in your school newsletter. On November 30 a new fun run concept called Drover's Run (Join the Herd) is being launched in Wannan, Queensland. The profits from this run will be used to help Hayden Poulson, a 15 year old boy who attends Red Hill Special School. Hayden has Hunter Disease and his story may be read here http://droversrun.com.au/event-view/support-hayden/

The aim is to advertise in as many school and community newsletters as possible to raise awareness of this unique event. If advertising in your school newsletter is a possibility could you please contact Drover's Run (Join the Herd) by emailing admin@droversrun.com.au.

Thank you for your support,
Time to prepare for Spring? Need a Garden Make-over?
Want to give Dad a GREAT Father's Day surprise??
No job is too big or small; we are quick, efficient, honest and reliable.
Murray has a Blue Card Specialising in PREPARING PROPERTIES FOR SALE!!
SPECIALISE in GARDEN RENOVATIONS!
WE CAN HELP YOU!!!! Call Murray 0407 6 333 91
Murraysgardens@hotmail.com Murray is an EJ Dad
http://www.murraysgardeningandmaintenance.com.au

DATE CLAIMER
Sunday 19 October 2014
Encounter Day run by NET Ministries for years 6, 7 & 8
Topic: "Do This, Do That" – Peer Pressure
St Agatha's Primary School, 52 Oriel Road, Clayfield
10.00am to 1.00pm
All 6s, 7s and 8s welcome!!