From the Principal

Enrolments and Classes for 2015
Enrolments for 2015 are progressing well and we are planning for 5 classes in Prep next year. Thank you Susie for all the great work you have undertaken with interviewing our prospective preppies and their families.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, if your student is leaving our school this year, please notify the principal in writing. We need very accurate information to be able to plan now for the start of 2015.

Any requests regarding class placements for 2015 need to be made in writing to the principal by 03 November. They should not be made to teachers. However, have faith that your teachers know your students’ learning needs best and will be part of the decision making process.

Your modelling of how to transition positively from one year to the next is important to how your student responds to this annual ebb and flow of a school year. Look back at the strategies outlined in our You Can Do It program and remind your student that they have the skills to be resilient, persistent and organised and that they “can do it” (and you can too).

Staffing Update
This time of the year sees teacher transfers announced. Staffing updates will occur via the newsletter as we learn more about our teachers for 2015. This can sometimes take until the beginning of the following year, depending on numbers and teachers’ circumstances. This process is the responsibility of District Office personnel who work within specific guidelines regarding how schools are to be staffed.

Parent Network Eat Street – Exotic Food & Fun!
The Parent Network, one of the sub-committees of the P&C Association, works with the school and school families to provide support when needed. Saturday 25 October is the date for the 2014 EJ Eat Street, their fundraiser for this year.

It will be held in the school hall. Many of you have already purchased tickets and are looking forward to tasting great food and enjoying a fun night. The Parent Network needs to know numbers for catering purposes, so please get your tickets this week.

Diary Dates

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Additional School Photos – This Thursday
Additional photos for Captains, School Sports representatives, Music Groups, Library Monitors and Student Council representatives will take place this Thursday beginning at 9.00am in the Hall. Students need to be well presented and be wearing their representative uniforms – School, District, Regional or State. Instrumental Music Choir and Library Monitors should wear formal school uniform. A copy of the program is attached and students have been made aware of this in class.

9.00am  School Swim Team (Blue Polo or togs)
9.15am  School Track & Field (Running Singlet provided by Mr Summers)
9.30am  School Cross Country (Running Singlet provided by Mr Summers)
9.50am  All City District Sport Team Representatives (City District Uniform)
10.00am Metropolitan North Representatives (Met North Uniform)
10.15am State Representatives (State Uniform)
10.30am School & Vice-School Captains Yr 6 / Yr 7 + Group (tartan school uniform and wear blazers)
10.45am Music Captains (Tartan school uniform and wear blazers)
11.00am House Captains & House Vice Captains (House Uniform)
11.15am Student Councillors (Tartan school uniform) (Semesters 1 & 2)
11.45am B.O.S.S. (Tartan School Uniform)
12.00pm Senior Choir (Tartan school uniform)
12.15pm Vocal Ensemble (Tartan school uniform)
12.30pm Junior Choir (Tartan school uniform)
12.45pm Senior Concert Band (Tartan school uniform)
1.00pm Junior Concert Band (Tartan school uniform)
1.15pm Beginner Strings (Tartan school uniform)
1.30pm 2nd Year Strings (Tartan School uniform)
1.45pm Intermediate Strings (Tartan school uniform)
2.00pm Senior Strings (Tartan school uniform)
2.15pm Library Monitors (Tartan school uniform) (Semesters 1 & 2)

Remembering Suzanne May
Last week our school celebrated the life of Suzanne May who sadly passed away this time last year.

We invited her family to come to the school for morning tea. Her Mum and Dad were greeted by three of her past students who proudly showed them the tiles made in her memory. Pictured is Kgiaum, Evie and Bronte with Suzanne’s Mum and Dad.

Congratulations EJ, Staff & Students
- This week our school was asked to be featured at the biennial State Principal’s Conference to be held in the Brisbane Convention Centre next February 26 & 27. Next week a film crew will work with us to pre-record highlights of teaching and learning at EJ.
- I also received word yesterday that our Deputy Principal Susie Randel-Kneipp had been awarded a School Colloquium Scholarship to participate in the 2015 National Education Leadership Excellence Program. Susie will continue her work around Instructional Leadership in our school as her study focus. Congratulations Susie!
- Congratulations also to Robyn Davey who has been invited to take on the role of Literacy Coach at Sunnybank SHS as part of their Year 6 & 7 transition to secondary program for 0.5 of her time. Robyn will continue to work at EJ the other 0.5 of her time. Alex Kirkwood will step into the Support Teacher role for us until the end of the term.
- Well done to Keogh Lewis who was part of the silver medal winning Queensland soccer team who competed in Bendigo over the holidays.
- We have also received notification of our Great Results Grant for 2015. Our school will receive $289,000 to support literacy and numeracy teaching and individual students. This is a great boost for us as we plan the next four years at EJ.

Josephine Bottrell (Principal)
From the Deputy Principals

This week’s Prep Interviews for our 2015 Preps mark the start of an exciting school journey. It is a lovely reminder for us as parents and educators about the optimism and enthusiasm our children have about starting their learning journey.

As I spoke with our youngest students about what they were looking forward to at school I was reminded just how articulate children can be about their own learning and pleasantly surprised about what they felt were the important aspects of school life.

Overwhelmingly our new EJ generation are looking forward to being able to read and write. They want to be able to solve maths problems with ‘big’ numbers and they are looking forward to making new friends and having lunch with the big kids. They cannot wait to wear the EJ uniform and meet their new teacher. They are very impressed when I tell them that we can tick all those boxes.

If you are already part of our Eagle Junction family and have a **Preppie starting in 2015** please make sure that you have also made an interview time. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to get to know our new students and their families and for them to talk about themselves as learners. Having a familiar face that they have already had a conversation with will defiantly help the transition to school next year and ensure we are able to allocate classes correctly based on personalised information.

**Prep Interviews are scheduled to occur for the next 2 weeks from 8:30 - 1:30pm.** I am looking forward to the rest of these delightful conversations. The Prep class of 2015 is looking like a fantastic place to be!

**Susie Randel-Kneip and Fleur Provost**

Captains Corner

As you may know at the beginning of the year the 8 School Captains had a vision for a cultural mural to be installed under E block. This vision has come to life and we have hired an artist called Wendy. The children that will help us create this mural are the Semester 1 Student Council, Semester 2 Student Council, Year 6 and Year 7 along with us, your School Captains.

In order to do this mural we need you to help us get two things. Firstly we need **patterns**. If you are from a different culture and you have a piece of material or a pattern that symbolises your culture please bring it in and put it on the table outside the office, remembering to put your name, culture and class on it.

Patterns can come from material, rugs, scarfs, shawls, jewellery or pottery. We would **not** like symbols just patterns. We also need regular or bigger size **ice-cream containers with lids**. Please give them to your student councillors. We are really looking forward to completing this project and will keep you updated on what is happening.

A Flying Start for Queensland Children

This year will mark the final year that Year 7 will be a part of primary school in Queensland. At the end of the school year, we will say farewell to both our Year 6 and Year 7 students as they join approximately 100,000 students who will enter high schools across Queensland.

For the past three years, 20 state schools have been piloting the move of Year 7 students to high school. These pilot schools have generously shared their learning and insights with all schools in Queensland. A review of the pilot program was recently completed and four key insights have emerged: **focus on transition, invest in your people, understand the adolescent learner and seek regular feedback**. Pilot schools have emphasised the importance of a strong relationship with their primary affiliate schools.

To provide a smooth transition we are supporting students and parents, and working with our local high schools to ensure the move is a great success.

If you have any specific questions or concerns related to the transition of Year 7 to high school, please contact the Department of Education, Training and Employment or the high school where you are planning to send your child.
Sports Report

Aquathlon/Triathlon
Students who are competitive runners and swimmers should consider trialing for the 2015 Metropolitan North Regional Triathlon and Aquathlon Team to represent the region at the 2015 Secondary Schools’ State Championships to be conducted in Hervey Bay from Thursday 19 February 2015 to Saturday 21 February 2015.

Who: This event is open to students who are born 2004 and older.
Date: Sunday 9 November 2014
Venue: Lake Kawana, Sunshine Coast
Cost: Entry Fees are applicable for this race.
Race information can be found on-line at http://www.triathlonqld.com.au/Events/AllSchools.aspx or ring TQ on 3369 9600 for details.
Closing date for entries: Sunday 2 November.
Interested students should see Mr Summers for more information.

Annual Invitational Relay Carnival
The Queensland Primary School Swimming Committee’s Annual Invitational Relay Carnival will be held at the Chandler Aquatic Centre on Friday 21 November, commencing at 6.30pm.

Schools from Metropolitan North, Metropolitan East, Metropolitan West, Darling Downs, Sunshine Coast, South Coast and Wide Bay are eligible to nominate teams. Interested students who are born 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002 are asked to submit their 50m swimming times to Mr Summers by Friday 31st October. A small fee will apply to competing students.

Mark Summers
Physical Education Teacher

Year 1 News
1C along with the other Year 1 classes enjoyed a fabulous excursion to Nudgee Beach.

The learning focus for the excursion was Geography: Caring for places, locations and features.

The children loved examining features of the mangrove wet lands conservation area from the boardwalk and enjoyed a little up close investigation of the natural mud flat fauna.

Learning in the Environment
Music News

Please mark these dates in your calendar!

Music Soirees for 2014

Junior Concert – Thursday 23 October  6.00pm
Senior Concert – Thursday 30 October  6.00pm

Junior Concert: featuring the Prep Eaglets Choir, Year 1 Choir, Junior Choir and Beginner Strings
Senior Concert: featuring the Senior Choir, Intermediate & Senior Strings, Junior & Senior Concert Bands, Percussion Ensemble
EJ School Hall
Gold Coin Entry – Sausage Sizzle / Raffle Prizes to be won

Donations for the raffle prizes can be left at the school office.

Instrumental Music Recruiting

The Instrumental Music recruiting program continued towards the end of last term and into the beginning of term four. Students have sat an initial music auditory test (Selmer), feedback has been sought from classroom music teachers and academic achievement levels considered.

A cohort of students has been shortlisted and those students should have received an “Expression of Interest” form to return last week. Class teacher and administration feedback is being sought this week and students who are selected for the next round of testing will receive an invitation to the Information Evening which will occur between weeks 4-6 this term (date TBC).

B.O.S.S. Visit to Clifford House

EJ’s Boys Only Singing Squad (B.O.S.S.) recently visited the Clifford House Retirement Centre to entertain the residents there with a selection of musical items. The boys displayed their many and varied musical talents on piano, ukulele, guitar and drums, with a number of students even performing their first ever public vocal solos to an appreciative audience.

Residents joined the boys in a sing-a-long of 'Que Sera', (both the Doris Day version and the one recently made popular by the Justice Crew were sung by the boys) ‘Eidelweiss’, 'What Shall We Do With a Drunken Sailor?’ and 'We are the Champions of the World'. The boys performed in a variety of musical styles ranging from the country style of 'Hey Brother', to the reggae feel of 'One Day' to even a popular piece of classical music which was more well known to the boys as the 'Minecraft' tune.

Special thanks to the parents who provided transport and support on the day and to Ms Bottrell for providing a well-deserved morning tea!

Lorna Sue (Classroom Music Teacher)

Sharing morning tea in the courtyard with
Ms Bottrell and her mother
Book Orders For 2015

Book orders for next year are now OPEN! Full details and instructions have been sent home separately and you can access the bookshop website at www.ejshoponline.com.

Orders will close at 5pm, 21 October 2014 to allow enough time to bulk order and pack the books before the end of the year. We will be charging a $20 late fee so get your order in now to avoid this if possible.

We will not be ordering a lot of excess stock so please don’t rely on being able to get your books from the bookshop in the new year - ORDER NOW! Even if you don’t intend to use the school bookshop for all your requirements, think about buying the tricky things like textbooks etc NOW to avoid disappointment in the new year and the $20 late fee.

If you can help out with the book packing, we would love to hear from you - any amount of time is appreciated! We will be packing the books from 26 - 28 November at school so if you would like to help, please send an email to Anna Fuller on bookshop@ejshoponline.com.

Chappy’s Corner

Warmest greetings EJ parents! I do hope you enjoyed your holiday break and are looking forward to Term 4.

This term we’ll be focussing on another key to success from the ‘You Can Do It!’ program – CONFIDENCE. Confidence means trying something new and not being afraid of making a mistake. For example: trying a new sport, meeting someone new, giving a speech in front of a group. In order to build confidence we need to feel that we are successful in some way. “Success is finishing something you set out to do”. Our young people need to understand that being successful does not always mean being the best at something; merely doing the best they can do.

As a staff we are clearly communicating to our young people that when we do not succeed in accomplishing something we set out to do, a lack of success never means that we are a failure: it simply means that we were not successful on that occasion.

Scenario:
Ian was experiencing two different feelings. You see, his team lost the championship basketball game by one point. He felt sad and disappointed for his team and all his team mates. On the other hand, he felt like he was successful. “Why?” you might ask. Well, Ian played for almost 10 minutes of the game and had scored 4 points. This was more time than he had ever played and more points than he had ever scored. And this had been his goal for the season – to play some time on the team and score some points. He announced to his father: “I think I’ll try to make the team again next year.” (Taken from the ‘You Can Do It!’ manual).

So let me encourage you to think about some of your successes, share them with your family around the dinner table and invite them to do the same. Then celebrate them together!

Chappy Days - Term 4

I would like to extend a huge ‘thank you’ to our P&C for their generous support of an extra chaplaincy day. This means that I will be on campus Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays.

Scripture Union SchoolzOut Camp 2014

Monday 15th – Friday 19th December 2014. Come and celebrate the end of primary school at SchoolzOut. A jam-packed week including the ‘Team It Up Tuesday’ Tournament, Graduation Dinner, Dance Party and a trip to Movie World.

This camp is open to all Year 6 and 7 children who finish primary school this year. Cost is $275.00 pp & will be held at Bornhoffen, 3510 Nerang Murwillumbah Road, Natural Bridge. General enquiries to Greg on 0412 282 217.
Email: schoolzout@sucamps.org.au. Register for this camp at www.sucamps.org.au.

Chappy Jane
Years 2 & 3

When: Thursday 16th October
Time: 6:00pm to 7:00pm $5 Entry
Where: E J School Hall

✓ Soft drinks, chips and lollies on sale
✓ Sausage Sizzle from 5.30-6.00pm
✓ Glow products from $2

Supervision by Year 6/7 parent volunteers and administration – all students need to escorted to the hall and collected personally from the hall.
**Weekly Special only $1.50**

Milo and Muffin

**Wednesday**

Icy cold watermelon cubes in a cup - $0.50c. These will only be available on Wednesdays.

Our Gala Day Grab Bag will be available on Friday from 8am at the Eagle’s Nest.

**Gala Day Grab Bag only $3.00**

- Packet of chips
- Muffin
- Apple

**Birthday Time**

We can supply ice blocks or cupcakes for the whole class! Call by or phone the Eagle’s Nest to find out more.

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**Social Side**

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If you can, please come along and support the Parent Network and all the volunteers coming together to put on EJ EAT STREET.

EJ families who have languages other than English are planning some amazing French, Italian, Spanish/South American, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Indian, American and Australian food. We have an amazing EJ dad on guitar and vocals and some fantastic prizes to be won.

The hall will be transformed with food marquees, lights, lanterns & colour. The Lime Zone have kindly offered to babysit at their place - see invite for details.
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Afternoons
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Squad sign on
Commercial Swimming Club has its new swim season starting and our first club night was on 10 October.

We are looking for new swimmers to join the club. We are situated close by at the Valley Pool and
the club is home to current international swimming stars, Cate and Bronte Campbell and Christian Sprenger. We offer programs
from Junior through to the National Development and High Performance Squads and our focus is not just on swimming
excellence but having fun!

Come down and sign on this Friday night or contact our coach. Contact details are: Michael Bromley -
michael.t.bromley@gmail.com or 0433 183 049 or www.commercial-swimming.org.au. Commercial Swimming Club is a not for
profit organisation.

Arts and Crafts Festival 31 October – 2 November
St Mark’s Anglican Church, Bonney Avenue, Clayfield
Opening night Friday 31 October 7.30pm-9.30pm
Tickets $20 inc wine & light refreshments
Saturday 1 November 9am-5pm
Sunday 2 November 10.15am-1pm
Admission $3 inc morning/afternoon tea
Works for sale by local artists and crafters
www.stmarksclayfield.org

Orders due 24 October 2014

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to build our classroom
resources!

COMMUNITY NEWS
Parenting with the Brain in Mind: Raising Great Families

John Joseph “The Brain Man” @ Windsor State School
A City Cluster Schools Initiative

Constitution Rd, Windsor Qld 4030
20th October 2014
7:00pm-9:00pm (Tea & Coffee available on arrival)
Cost: $10.00 per ticket (available at school’s office)

John Joseph is a former teacher, a former university teacher-educator, tradesperson, businessman and trainer. He grew up in Adelaide South Australia and left school before completing his Year 10 studies. After working in the family business for 11 years, he returned to formal education and graduated with a Masters Degree in Mathematics and Science Education. John is a leading authority on education and has worked with more than 300,000 delegates from more than 3,500 schools across 26 countries. John has a real passion for neuroeducation. His focus is on learning: how it happens; how to maximize it; how to inspire it in students; and practical strategies to enhance it. John is a parent of two young adults.

Parents are crucial partners in the learning process because they are children’s first and most important teachers. ’Parenting with the Brain in Mind’ is designed to achieve three broad goals: 1) Provide parents with an understanding of what the school is seeking to achieve with their children. 2) Give practical strategies for supporting children’s academic learning and emotional development at home. 3) Describe the conditions necessary to raise great families.

- Weighted Elements: why there is an achievement gap between students and how to support your child to engage with school.
- Motivation and Confidence – developing ‘I can do it’ concepts with your children.
- Allostasis – why parents and their children get stressed! Managing family stress when times are tough.
- The Four World Model – creating and education for the heart, the hands, the intellect and the future. Creating the conditions for harmonious families.
- Brain Care – the critical role of sleep in learning and behaviour. Developing healthy sleep patterns for the whole family.
- Emotional Intelligence – exploring the role of emotions in learning and relationships.
- Creativity – teaching our children how to develop thinking skills, creativity, group skills and entrepreneurial skills.
- Learning and Career Profiling – assessing each child’s strengths and career interests. Building personal learning plans with the future in mind.
- Making homework more productive – ways to work smarter, gain better results from study in less time and create balanced approaches to study, family and leisure time.
- Conversations with our kids – using questions to engage our kids in conversation.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome John Joseph to our cluster and in turn we would like to welcome you to join us as a member of a very special audience. Event details are above. For further details please contact the school office. A limited number of tickets are now available from the school’s office. Seats are limited so we encourage you to book your tickets early to this premier event so as to avoid disappointment.

http://www.focuseducation.com.au

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