From the Principal

This week sees our school’s young musicians celebrate a wonderful year of music making with the senior section of the Musical Soiree.

Last week those present at the Junior Soiree witnessed a truly memorable evening with the performances of the Junior Choir, Beginner Strings, Year One Choir and the Prep Eaglets who all charmed and impressed us with their repertoire, musical confidence and dexterity.

Tomorrow night the music students from Years 3 to 7 will entertain us.

Another musical highlight this week will be the whole school’s participation in Music – Count Us In, an opportunity to sing with thousands of students from all over Australia. The Junior Assembly will showcase the song on Wednesday and Senior Assembly on Friday will be filled with music – so please come along and join us.

Today, at the invitation of Hon. Tim Nicholls MP (State Member for Clayfield) I had the opportunity to meet with the Minister for Education John Paul Langbroek MP to discuss from a principal’s point of view some of the major issues facing schools currently and into the future. Some of the topics discussed included the implementation of the National Curriculum, Great Results Guarantee funding and expenditure, security, Out of School Hours Care, the complex nature of schools, funding for students with disabilities to name a few. Mr Langbroek obviously has a deep and knowledgeable understanding of schools throughout Queensland. Thank you Mr Nicholls for providing this opportunity.

Next week at the Regional Principal’s Forum we will have time to spend working with renowned Canadian researcher and author Dr Michael Fullan. Dr Michael Fullan was former Dean of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) and is noted for his expertise on educational reform and has consulted to school districts, teacher groups, research institutes and governments. He is co-author of ‘Putting Faces on the Data’ and works closely with Dr Lyn Sharratt. (Some of us worked with Dr Lyn Sharratt over the September holidays and we will continue our work with her into 2015.)
From the Principal cont.

The Regional Principal’s Day will provide principals with the opportunity to work with Dr Michael Fullan around the theme "Working Together", something our school has had an emphasis on for a number of years. I hope to learn more about building an even stronger professional learning community who value working together as year level teams, sector teams or with our parent partners.

Last week our school was invited to be part of a series of vignettes to be shown as part of Education Queensland’s 2 Day State Conference in February 2015. We were asked to be the feature large primary school in Metropolitan Brisbane, a real honour for our staff and students. Our school presents well with very pleasant and inviting learning spaces. Classrooms are well resourced, our students feel safe, are engaged in learning and our teachers are able to implement quality teaching programs that have allowed our students to continue to perform to the highest level in both achievement and improvement in national tests.

**Enrolments for 2015** are looking very promising with very little change in our total enrolment predictions regardless of exiting both Year 7 and Year 6 this year with their transition to secondary school. We are still keen to hear from those who are leaving EJ in 2015 and anyone who has a particular request for class placement in 2015. These should both be in writing to the Principal.

**Wall Mural**
The Student Council’s Cultural art mural has begun in earnest. Working with artist Wendy Hollier and her daughter Alisha saw the School Captains for 2014 at work yesterday. Attention to detail, precision and team work are great life skills being demonstrated.

Awards Night Guest Speaker
We are currently compiling a list of potential guest speakers for our annual awards night. The only criteria is that guest speakers must be former students of E.J. The suitable guest speaker will be required to recount a little about themselves, their achievements and anecdotes and memories of their time at E.J. If you know of somebody who would be a suitable guest speaker, please contact the office on 3637 1111. A short resume would be very helpful.

**G20 Public Holiday for Schools in the Greater Brisbane area**

**Friday 14 November** has been declared a public holiday in the Brisbane Local Government area.

Please note that EJ Kids’ Care will also be closed on that day.
From the Deputy Principals

Junior Soiree
Eagle Junction has been a hive of activity since our last newsletter with several key events in the Junior School adding to the excitement of Term 4.

Last Thursday evening we showcased the talents of our young musicians at the Eagle Junction Junior School Soiree. This evening was a fantastic opportunity for the community to hear the collective voices of the Prep, Year 1 and Junior Choirs as well as a medley performance from the Year 3 Strings Ensemble. The evening’s success was due to the hard work and dedication of our Music Committee and the teachers of the EJ Junior Music Department – Mrs Lorna Sue, Mrs Christine Shume and Mr Mark Boughen.

We are all looking forward in anticipation to the Senior Soiree that will be held this Thursday evening. The EJ community is all warmly invited and welcomed.

2015 Prep Information Evening
The families of our 2015 Preps joined us on Monday evening for an information session about the Prep Year at Eagle Junction State School. The Prep team guided discussions on the ‘Practicalities of Prep’ and helpful hints to achieving a successful start to schooling. Mrs Randel-Kneipp led a discussion about the Prep Curriculum and the specific skills and knowledges our young students will engage in. The Prep team would like to thank Mrs Kirsty Bradley for her very informative contribution from a parent’s perspective. The parents and Preps of 2015 are looking forward to a fabulous first year of schooling.

Years 5-7 Christmas Shoe Boxes
Students that participate in Religious Instruction are to be congratulated on preparing 34 Christmas shoeboxes which were delivered to the Samaritan’s Purse warehouse this week.

Students brought in materials as a class or worked in groups of 6 or more students to bring in items for the shoeboxes. Two students, Mia and Isabella, from Grade 6 actually chose to prepare 2 shoeboxes themselves.

This year shoeboxes will be sent to Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Vanuatu and Fiji. The boxes have tracking codes attached so we can find out where they go. Last year’s boxes went to Thailand and Cambodia and the year before they went to Vietnam.

Well done to our Year 5-7 RE students for their contribution to global health and wellbeing.

Susie Randel-Kneipp and Fleur Provost
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.

Annual School Swimming Carnivals
During Week 9 (**December 1-5**) EJ will hold its annual swimming carnivals for 2014. Below are some important points about EJ swimming carnivals.

- Prep-Yr2 carnival has an emphasis on participation and enjoyment and there are races catering for all children.
- Yr3-7 carnival also doubles as a selection trial for the 2015 interschool competition.
- Yr3-7 students will be required to trial for all events during PE lessons and lunch times as shown in the table below.
- Yr3-7 students will be required to wear a swimming cap and swim shirt during all swimming trials.
- 8 year old (2006) students will compete in 25m events.
- 9 years and older students will be eligible to trial for 50m events. The top 16 competitors in each age group and stroke will compete in 50m while all remaining students will compete in 25m events.
- Each stroke has a separate 100m event. This event is open to all ages and only the 8 fastest competitors will compete in this event.
- Swimming trials will commence in Week 5 with backstroke and breaststroke trials taking place. During Week 6 freestyle and butterfly trials will commence.
- Please note that the only accepted times will be those taken during school trials.

**Swimming Timetable:**

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Jump Rope for Heart
Every two years Eagle Junction State School participates in Jump Rope for Heart. Students will be receiving information on how they can help support the Heart Foundation in raising funds to help this worthy cause. Lunch time skipping sessions will be held so students can practice their skipping tricks in the lead up to our “Jump off day” Tuesday 18th November.

“Hi Super Skipper! Would you like to get a mystery prize? All you have to do is jump online and start fundraising for Jump Rope for Heart. When you are one of the first 15 kids at your school who raise $30 or more online, you will get mystery prize! This might be Razor Powerwing scooter, Mini Air Hockey or Frisbee! Wow! So jump online and ask your friends and family to sponsor you today! Happy skipping!”

Mark Summers  
*Physical Education Teacher*
Library News

Book Fair Is Coming!
The truck is waiting to be packed with lots of exciting books and novelty items for Book Fair 2014. This year Book Fair will be from Monday 17th to Friday 21st November. We will be open each day before school and after school. ‘Watch this space’ for a timetable to help plan your shopping time.

Each year commissions raised from Book Fair provide and build resources that benefit the whole school. Your participation in this event is greatly appreciated by every student at EJ.

Switched on Learning in 1S
In science, our class has been learning about day and night and how the sky changes.

Leo, one of our switched on learners, brought to our attention that there was going to be a Lunar Eclipse on 8th October. Jasmina also commented on the fact that there already had been a Lunar Eclipse earlier this year in April. We were able to study some excellent photos from the Internet that showed us exactly what happens during a Total Lunar Eclipse.

This happens when the Earth lies directly between the Sun and the Moon in perfect alignment. The Earth casts a shadow on the Moon, and therefore, we will not see the light reflected by the Moon.

We were also able to extend our learning by drawing the Total Lunar Eclipse in art. We discussed mixing oil pastel colours to create the desired effect; different pencil pressure to create light and dark shades for the shadow effect on the earth and moon; what the earth looks like from space; what the sun looked like really close up; and why the moon was a shade of red during the eclipse.

As a teacher, it has been a wonderful experience for me to be able to connect the interest and knowledge of the children to our learning in the classroom.

Chappy’s Corner

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 Monday, Wednesday and Friday which will give more opportunity for our school community to have access to me, in particular our senior students.

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 MovieWorld. Amongst the fun, be challenged to think about God and life as you move into high school.

This camp is open to all Grade 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. Directors are Greg Peirce, Erica Strong & Nelson Hsieh. General enquiries to Greg on 0412 282 217. Email: schoolzout@sucamps.org.au. Register for this camp at www.sucamps.org.au

Chappy Jane
Music News

**Music Soiree for 2014**

*Senior Concert – Thursday 30 October  6.00pm*

*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.

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Instrumental Music Recruitment Family Information Night

Eagle Junction State School is holding a Family Information Night for students commencing Instrumental Music (Brass, Woodwind, Percussion, Strings) in 2015. The evening is on **Thursday, November 13**, arrive at 5:45pm for a 6pm start.

Students in the Brass/Woodwind/Percussion recruitment who have been selected for participation will receive an invitation to this meeting. Potential string students will also be notified of their requirement to attend.

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Uniform Shop News

Calling all Hair Fashionistas! Our popular Alice bands are back in stock along with some great new hair accessories in our House colours, including soft cotton lycra Headbands.

We are expecting large deliveries of uniform items in the next couple of weeks so be an Early Bird and beat the rush!

The Tartan Trader will be trading on the **Prep Orientation Days**:

**Tuesday 11th November and Thursday 13th November from 8.00am – 10.30am.**

Opening hours: Monday and Friday mornings from 8am – 9.15am

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Eagle Junction Swimming Club News

**KLM Shield** – is on this **Saturday 1st November**, with the start time to be advised.

Please note, it is now being held at Virginia State School as Wavell Heights have withdrawn. The final team will be emailed to you on Tuesday.

Don’t forget to check out the webpage, where you will find weekly times, along with weather updates when applicable.
Parent Network

SOCIAL SIDE

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EJ Eat Street

A huge thank you to everyone who helped me organise the inaugural *EJ EAT STREET* and also a huge thank you to those EJ families who supported it.

All up over 30 volunteers got together to help put it together and because of all the combined efforts of each of those individuals, it was a huge success. The feedback has been really positive and everyone enjoyed a relaxed and fun social night, meeting new families and feasting on amazing international food and drinks.

Many of the businesses who donated terrific prizes were our own EJ families. Thank you so much and I will do a special thank you to volunteers and all prize donors in a future newsletter (just not organised enough this week!). Also many thanks to Rozenn Leard for her amazing photos. More photos can be found at:-

http://www.rozennleard.com/#ejeatstreet/c12rq

Amanda Russell, Parent Network Co-ordinator (0459 401 255)

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Book Orders For 2015

Book orders for next year have now closed. If you missed the cut-off, we will be selling *FULL ORDERS* for each year level on:

- Thursday 27 November - 2.00pm - 5.30pm - school hall
- Friday 28 November - 8.00am - 10.00am - school hall

Payment can be made by cash or credit card (Mastercard or VISA) on these dates. Please remember that existing families will be charged the $20 late fee.

We will be packing the books on 26 - 28 November so if you are able to help out that would be great. Please contact Anna on bookshop@eishoponline.com with days / times / hours you are able to help out. Any time is appreciated and little ones are welcome.
The Eagle’s Nest is excited to announce we will be operating 4 full days a week in 2015!

We will open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for full service and Monday will be our snack day.

This is a great new adventure the Eagle’s Nest is about to embark on, however it will be not be successful unless we can secure more volunteers for 2015. (We are losing several ‘old hands’ as we farewell both Years 6 & 7 at the end of this year.)

Never has there been a greater need in our community for a school tuckshop! The Eagle’s Nest depends on volunteers to run smoothly, in fact, to run at all!

How Can You Help?
There are many ways that you can volunteer without having to roster for the whole day.

- Rostered shifts: This will be new for 2015, for those who just cannot do a whole day, roughly there will be a shift from 8.30-11am and another from 11-2pm
- Bake a batch of muffins or cookies (or offer the services of a Grandma or Aunty)
- Suggest a friend or relation that may wish to help us out. Currently there is a big sister, grandma and a community volunteer (with no children at EJ) who volunteer their services
- Offering to help launder aprons and tea towels once a week

Even if you are only “considering” volunteering next year, please complete the form at the end of the newsletter so we know how to contact you to discuss the wide range of options available.

All help is greatly appreciated by the Tuckshop committee and myself and especially by the kids! Please consider donating your time in this simple way.
Arts & 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 incl wine & light refreshments
Saturday 1 November 9am-5pm
Sunday 2 November 10.15am-1pm
Admission $3 incl morning/afternoon tea
Works for sale by local artists and crafters
www.stmaraksclayfield.org

St Agatha’s Parish P27 Children’s Mass
Sunday 9th November, 9am
To all the children in our parish from Prep to Year 7,
you are invited to participate in our P27 Mass.
At the Mass the young people do the readings,
bring the gifts to the altar,
take up the collections,
serve, and welcome people as they arrive
giving them a copy of the newsletter.
If your child would like to participate
please phone the Parish office
with your preferences on 3262 2859 or
e-mail us at Clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au by
no later than Monday 3rd November.

Toombul Indoor Sports – Junior Sports Camp
enquiries@toombulindoorsports.com.au
3266 5699/137 Bage Street, Nundah
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Contact above for more details

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HOW TO VOLUNTEER AT THE EAGLE’S NEST IN 2015

The EJSS tuckshop will operate with FULL SERVICE on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in 2015.

Our tuckshop convenor is KERRI WHITE (m 0412 376 133).

“Over-the-counter” snacks will be sold on Mondays only during FIRST BREAK.

VOLUNTEERS: The tuckshop cannot function without the help of VOLUNTEERS. We have vacancies on our roster for full service days (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 8.30am - 2pm), and for some snack days (Mondays: 10am - 11.15am). We would be happy to consider part-time shifts on full service days, eg. 8.30am to 11am, or 11am to 2pm, if that is easier for you. Helping at the Eagle’s Nest is easy and fun. If you can make a sandwich at home you are qualified to help at the tuckshop. (Plus we will be running training sessions in term 1 to familiarise newcomers.) Most volunteers are rostered on once a month.
THIS MEANS NO MORE THAN 9 TIMES ROSTERED ON IN A YEAR.

We also have an emergency roster. If volunteers call in at the last minute unable to do their rostered day, we will send an SMS to our emergency roster, seeking helpers.

BAKERS: The tuckshop sells baked goodies to the children, and caters for functions such as “Red” days and formal school functions. Please let us know if you would like to be on the list to donate baked goods. This is a great way to help the school community if you can’t spend time in the tuckshop.

OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP US:
- Laundering of aprons and tea towels on Fridays, to be returned on the following Tuesday.
- Odd jobs, including washing of food preparation dishes in the tuckshop, from 9.30am to 10.30am.
- Start of the day “set up jobs” from 8.20am to 9.20am, eg. bagging up popcorn and biscuits, helping students with their orders, restocking, unloading groceries.

If you are able to help, please cut off this portion and return it to Kerri White at the tuckshop. Thank you!

Name ..........................................
Child’s name and class………………………………………………………….
Mobile Phone…………………………………………… Email………………………………………………………………………………
I can do full tuckshop days (once a month) on ........................... (Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri)
I can do Monday snack days (once a month): Yes / No (circle one)
I can bake for the tuckshop (muffins and/or cookies): Yes / No (circle one)
I can bake for special functions: Yes / No (circle one)
I can be on the emergency roster: Yes / No (circle one);
If Yes, which days.................................
I can take laundry (aprons & teatowels) home on Fridays: Yes / No (circle one)
Other ways I can help:.................................................................................................