From the Principal

Year 5 Nominate for 2015 Leadership Positions

Congratulations are extended to all of the Year 5 students who have completed applications for Senior Leader positions in 2015. I was really impressed with the quality of the applications, the presentation, timeliness and the thought that had obviously gone into them. The quality of the references received in support of the various applicants was also commendable with some notable community members supporting individual students in their pursuit of leadership positions.

Congratulations to the 10 students who have been selected as nominations for Year 6 School Captain 2015:

Girls:
Caitlin Brittain, Eloise Daly, Claire Falkenhagen, Eloise Mitchell, Ashleigh Pomeroy.

Boys:
MacLeod Chapman, Gurushey Deo, Lucas Hassall, Nick Jones, Stirling Patterson.

Voting for the Year 5 nominees will be the responsibility of Year 4 to Year 7 students and staff.

Voters use a year level coloured criteria sheet to complete a ranking of their preferred candidates. These are collated and decisions made on the compilation and weighting of the votes.

(If the selection is not clear then the Election Committee uses a weighted discriminator, e.g. the Year 5 votes are weighted more than the Year 6 votes.)

This is a great lesson in the democratic process. Tomorrow’s leaders are now in the hands of the voters.

Best wishes with your presentations at the Leadership Assembly on Thursday morning at 8.30am. Speeches will begin promptly at 8.45am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Understanding EFFORT and BEHAVIOUR Grades on Report Cards

Last week in the Newsletter we looked at Report Card Achievement and what it means. This week we look at Effort and Behaviour.

Report Cards are a great summary of your child’s work over the previous six months. They contain a wealth of information but are sometimes challenging to understand. Two areas of interest are the grade for “effort” and the grade given for “behaviour” towards the end of the report.

The scale on which these are marked is:
A = Excellent (independently and consistently)
B = Very Good (consistently)
C = Satisfactory (usually)
D = Needs Attention (sometimes)
E = Unacceptable (rarely)
When deciding on a **mark for effort** a teacher usually considers the behaviours displayed by the student as they engage with each subject. Some students have a preference for particular subjects and so find it easier to apply themselves to the learning opportunities and tasks provided. Some children find difficulty with particular types of activities such as working in a group. Behaviours which promote learning are developed over the years just as children develop their content knowledge.

Learning to listen and follow increasingly complex directions, choosing a positive attitude and staying focused on the job to be done, starting and finishing a task within a set time frame, being organised, being an active participant in discussions and group activities, asking for help or feedback and reflecting on one’s work are all skills which contribute to the “effort” grade a student receives.

When deciding on a **mark for behaviour** teachers firstly consider the Eagle Junction State School Values — respect, acceptance, consideration, cooperation, honesty, resilience, contribution and responsibility. Each of these values is exemplified by certain behaviours such as coping with change, being positive and inclusive towards others, being able to share and take turns. Teachers consider a child’s personal skill development for each Value.

Children are learning to improve these skills all through their school career. Being able to demonstrate effort and behaviour to a “C” standard (usually) is satisfactory. If your child receives a “D” or an “E” for effort or behaviour this indicates that conversations need to be had (if they haven’t been had already) with the student, with their teacher and if necessary the appropriate person on the Admin team to ensure that a plan is in place to help a child develop the skills which are necessary for being a successful learner.

**Thank you EJ Community**

Our participation in Jump Rope for Heart this year has been extraordinary. This week I received a phone call and email from the Heart Foundation to thank and congratulate our school on raising the highest amount of money in Queensland as the result of our Jump Rope for Heart activity. We raised $8146.00!!! This is an extraordinary effort. Special congratulations Spencer and Lucy McLeod and Jack Dawson who raised more than $1000 each.

With only a week and a half to go and lots of exciting end of year culminating activities planned, it is worthwhile clarifying all that is planned over the next few days.

**WEEK 9**

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<td>Years 3-7 Swim Carnival continues as per program</td>
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**WEEK 10**

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<td>Tuesday 9 Dec</td>
<td>Presentation Evening rehearsal 8.45am-12.30pm and Awards Night 7.00pm Kedron State High School</td>
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<td>Wednesday 10 Dec</td>
<td>Morning Tea until 2.30pm - Years 6/7 at Bounce Report Cards distributed</td>
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<td>Thursday 11 Dec</td>
<td>Session 1 Class Presentations and Years 6/7 Graduation Ceremonies Session 2 Whole School Assembly Farewell begins at 11.00am (Coffee Van on site) Session 3 Class break ups (Please note Session 1 and Session 3 may be modified according to teacher/class arrangements. Class teacher will inform you)</td>
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<td>Friday 12 Dec</td>
<td>Part of the education program for the day will be to clean up. (Students will be assisting with clean-up activities, so are able to be out of uniform as long as this is sensible and safe attire.) School concludes for 2014 at 2.45pm</td>
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Great days ahead for us all. I’m sure you will enjoy them.

*Josephine Bottrell (Principal)*

Community of Learners

Ceramic Mural
From the Deputy Principals

The end of another school year is fast approaching. The school is a hub of activity with swimming carnivals, leadership speeches, preparation for the Award’s Evening and celebrating student achievement from another year of learning. Students and teachers have been busy concluding learning activities for 2014. Report cards are currently being finalised and will be distributed on Wednesday 10 December. Our teachers make evidence-based judgments of student learning and report on achievement using the language from the Australian Curriculum and Queensland Essential Learnings. Across the school, accurate and consistent curriculum-focused language is used in report cards to convey the learning outcomes and efforts of our students.

The end of a school year provides both parents and students with the opportunity to reflect on students’ achievements and learning. This week, students will begin to bring many of their work samples from 2014 home. We encourage parents to take a moment at this busy time of year to share in your child’s learning journey and reflect on their achievements this year.

As we move into the Christmas period, many parents may wish to give teachers a gift to thank them for the year. It is important that we draw your attention to Education Queensland’s policy on receiving gifts and benefits. In particular, employees must refuse any offer of cash or any items that are readily converted into cash — such as a lottery ticket, gift cards, shares or a gift voucher.

All gifts that have a value of more than $150.00 must be recorded in DETE’s gift registry which is held by the Principal.

Susie Randel-Kneipp and Fleur Provost

1Se’s Powers of Persuasion

Persuasive texts try to persuade someone to think, feel or do something.

We have been reading some hilarious stories about a persuasive pigeon who taught us there are many different ways to persuade someone. He also taught us that you can’t always get what you want! We have learned how to use our persuasive powers intelligently.

We know how to use images and language to convey meaning and have been focusing on use of font, language, expressions and gestures of characters in our illustrations.

If you want to persuade someone to do something, you can use:

- Statements to state facts or opinions
- Questions to address the reader
- Commands to boss the reader around
- Exclamations to express emotions and emphasise points.

You can try to persuade someone by providing reasons, asking questions, being sneaky or tricking, making promises, pleading or begging. The pigeon taught us that you could also try being bossy or having a tantrum, but we wouldn’t recommend this because it doesn’t usually work! Look out 1Se parents – you might be falling victim to our powers of persuasion soon because we would like ice-cream for breakfast! ☺️
Music News

The Junior Choir is eagerly anticipating the ‘Carols Under the Stars’ at Clayfield Baptist Church on Saturday 6th December at 6:30pm. The choir will perform a number of Christmas carols at this event. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this celebration of the gospel message of love and peace this Christmas. Please bring a picnic rug or chairs. Lots of Christmas fun, including a live donkey!

Sports Report

PE Swimming Lessons

Thank you to everyone who has come along this year and assisted with swimming lessons. Without your support we could not implement such a successful swimming program. Special thanks to all the members of the EJ community who have entered the water with our younger students. Your support has been much appreciated and I hope that we see as many people as possible return to help next year and help our students develop into water safe students.

Year 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Swimming Carnival

Thursday 4th December

8.00am – 8.20am - Setting up (House Captains)
8.45am - 10.00am - School Captain Speeches (Years 4-7)
10.00am - 10.30am - Morning Tea (Year 3-7)
10.30am – 10.40am - Introduction
10.40am – 12.15pm - Carnival Starts 1st Session Freestyle
12.15pm – 12.45pm - Lunch (Whole School)
12.45pm – 2.30pm - Carnival resumes 2nd Session Butterfly
2.30pm – 2.45pm - Pack up

Friday 5th December

8.00am – 8.20am - Setting up (House Captains)
8.20am – 8.30am - Roll check in classroom then move to pool
8.30am – 8.45am - Introduction
8.45am – 10.15am - Carnival Starts 1st Session Backstroke
10.15am – 10.45am - Morning Tea (Year 3-7)
10.45am – 12.15pm - Carnival resumes 2nd Session Breaststroke
12.15pm – 12.45pm - Lunch (Whole School)
12.45pm – 2.30pm - Carnival resumes 3rd Session Relays/ Presentations
2.30pm – 2.45pm - Pack up

*All sessions begin with the Open 100m races followed by 25m events and finally 50m races. Students to dress in House colours - (NO Face Paint or Hair Colour please)

Seating:

- Parents interested in assisting with time-keeping (8 parents are required per session) please contact Mr Summers at the pool on the day or by phoning the office 3637 1111.
- The Tuckshop will operate as usual during the Swimming Carnival and the Coffee Van has been organised to be on site.

Mark Summers

Physical Education Teacher
Captains, Councillors, Sports, Music Photos

Photos are available online from Advanced Life for you to preview and purchase. They will be delivered to school for distribution. Follow the steps as outlined below to complete the purchasing process.

The login code is 822 Z6V GEG

1. Using your preferred web browser, visit www.advancedlife.com.au
2. At the prompt box, enter the 9 digit online order code shown above
3. You will now be in your custom school portal, select "Browse Group photos"
4. Browse the list of groups and select the photographs you wish to purchase. Prices are clearly displayed.
5. Once you have chosen all your groups, select the View Shopping Cart Trolley and follow the prompts

If you have any queries contact Advanced Life Photography direct – phone 07 3422 1743

TARTAN TRADER

UNIFORM SHOP

We have certainly been busy at the Tartan Trader lately with lots of incoming Preppies now outfitted and ready for 2015 and current Preppies proudly sporting their Tartan for Year One. They all look gorgeous! Thanks to all who have come early to purchase their uniforms – it certainly spreads the load for us and cuts down waiting times!

2014 - LAST DAY OF TRADING - MONDAY 08 DECEMBER 8.00AM - 9.15AM

SPECIAL OPEN: FRIDAY 23 JAN FROM 8.00AM – 10.00AM

Please be aware this day can be very busy so there will be additional waiting time.

We will also be open each morning of the first week back to school for 2015 from 8:00 – 9:00am.

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On a personal note...

I would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to the gorgeous ladies who have volunteered their time to the Uniform Shop over the past year. I certainly could not do it without you all!

Sadly a few of our volunteers (including Rita who has been with us for 7 years) will be “retiring” next year as their kids move on from Eagle Junction. You will all be missed!

So, the Tartan Trader will be looking to add to our fun team for 2015! If you have been thinking about getting involved in volunteering at the school and only have an hour or so to spare once a fortnight, the Tartan Trader is the perfect place. Little ones are more than welcome too!

If you are interested in finding out more please pop over and see us or call me on 0402 256 049

Have a lovely Christmas and a great New Year.

Jayne Jones-Wilson - Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
We are unable to supply Lasagne and Spaghetti this week.

We would like to thank all our Volunteers this year. The year has been very successful and without the help of Volunteers the Nest could not operate.

Whether you have baked, washed tea towels and aprons, helped on a full roster day, snack day, catering, Red day or our emergency roster we greatly appreciate you giving up your time. We wish to acknowledge all the Year 6 and 7 students who have helped with over-the-counter sales. They have been wonderful and thank them for giving up their lunch times. We wish them well as they move to high school.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season.

Your Tuckshop Team - Kerri, Belinda, Amelia, and Jenny

The Eagles Nest will be CLOSED for the last week of term and the first week of the new school year.

NEW TUCKSHOP ORDERING PROCEDURE IN 2015

MUNCH MONITOR ARRIVES AT EAGLE’S NEST

ORDERING ONLINE STARTS --- TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY

Munch Monitor is a simple online booking system for pre-ordering from the Eagle's Nest

Instructions for registration will be sent home in first week of Term 1, 2015

Don’t have your Books & Stationery for 2015 yet!!!!
YOU CAN BUY THEM AT THE TUCKSHOP ON
FRIDAY JANUARY 23 8.00AM – 10.00AM

Parent Network

SOCIAL SIDE

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<td>Straight after school Thurs 4 December</td>
<td>Melrose Park</td>
<td>Play dates Siblings welcome. Please bring a plate to share should you wish</td>
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<td>Year 2</td>
<td>After school pick up Friday 5 December</td>
<td>Melrose Park</td>
<td>End of Year gathering. Bring a Plate to share. Contact your Parent rep if more info required.</td>
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<td>Year 3</td>
<td>3.00pm-5.00pm Saturday 06 December</td>
<td>Melrose Park</td>
<td>End of Year Celebration Bring Plate of Food to share. BYO Drinks &amp; Rug Free Soccer Kick-out Session with Ginger Sports Coach.</td>
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P&C CHRISTMAS STALL

Thank you to everyone who was able to assist both Michele Pink and I with the Christmas Stall this year and to those whose children were able to support it. It was even more appreciated this time as both Michelle and I were moving house during the lead up to and on the day of the stall.

The children had a wonderful time choosing their special gift/gifts for their family member/s. They are savvy shoppers and it is wonderful to see how they consider their purchases for both price and for whom they are buying.

The stall raised $2500 for the school Tuckshop, which will go a long way towards the new set up in 2015.

Planning for 2015
Is there anyone out there interested in running one of the stalls next year? We thought it might be easier for people to come forward and help if it is just one stall a year rather than the 3 stalls a year!!! It is an easy and enjoyable job done from home so if you work, particularly part time, it might be something you could consider taking on.

PARENT REPS
An enormous thank you to all of the 2014 Class Parent Reps. Without your assistance our large school would not be able to communicate and function so easily and efficiently.

If you would like to assist in this role again next year, please let me know if you haven't already. If anyone would like to get in early and nominate to be a Class Parent Rep for your child’s class next year, please let me know along with the name of your child and what year they will be in next year.

LOTE SUPPORT GROUP
Thank you to everyone who joined the LOTE Support Group this year. I had an amazing response and I was fascinated by the number of varied languages that are spoken at EJ. So many positive things come from it, in such a short time and I hope you will all be able to join up again next year. The response to EAT STREET was truly amazing and the feedback from those new families who were contacted and welcomed by LOTE Support members was heartfelt and appreciated.

Thank you again for your support.
Amanda Russell, Parent Network Co-ordinator (0459 401 255)

Drop-Off and Pick-up Zone

Firstly, on behalf of all EJ families and fellow “Zoner’s” I would like to extend a massive thank you to Michelle Holland for her tireless efforts over the last 4 years in so effectively implementing and managing the EJSS Pick-up Zone. I know many other parents/carers have already passed on their thanks directly to Michelle, however I don’t think anyone in the EJ school community can underestimate the massive impact she has had in not only developing the Pick-up Zone process as we know it today, but its day to day smooth management and subsequent safety of our children and families.

Thank you very much Michelle for a wonderful job and for all the time, effort and humour you have put into it along the way – we all really appreciate it.

Without all the fabulous volunteers at EJSS, we are unable to provide such an amazing service to the school community which I know so many families utilise and appreciate. The time has now come to put out the formal call for Pick-up Zone volunteers for 2015 !!

Can you assist in manning the zone in 2015?

- Weekly? Awesome!
- Fortnightly? Fabulous!
- Every 4 weeks? Amazing!
- Once per term? Terrific!
Zone it alone or bring a friend and zone it as a duo. Every bit of assistance is greatly appreciated and can be easily accommodated on the roster. For those of you who have manned the Zone, you know it isn’t hard. Some would say it’s even fun 😊 (Come on, who doesn’t love a megaphone and fluro yellow accessories?) and best of all it is a mere 30 minutes of your time, sometimes a lot less!

If you are able to assist on Pick-up Zone in 2015, I would love to hear from you. Please contact me and advise me of your availability, frequency, mobile no. and email address.

Alison Duncan  (0412 656 584)
rhettal@optusnet.com.au

**LOST PROPERTY**

Please visit **LOST PROPERTY** before the school year concludes! There’s less than 2 WEEKS of Term 4 remaining.

There are still MANY items in **LOST PROPERTY**:-

• Lunch Boxes
• Drink Bottles
• Tupperware Containers
• Ice Bricks
• School Bags (x 3)
• School Jumpers
• Items from a child’s Bazil Grumble class

**LOST PROPERTY** is located behind the TARTAN TRADER.

Missing swimming items are placed in a Lost Property bin at the EJ POOL.

Please ensure all clothing and items sent to school are clearly labelled for easy identification. The TARTAN TRADER (Monday & Friday 8am-9.15am) has laundry markers for use, should you need to label EJ uniforms.

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**EJ HOUSE SHIRTS AND SHORTS**

On sale again in 2015

**Order Forms will be distributed with Newsletters next year**

- Shirts and shorts are $25.00 each
- Available in Sizes 4-14 and Adult Small

**All orders must be placed by Friday 27 February**

Please note these items are not compulsory and do not replace the normal school sports uniform. They may be worn for Cross Country, Athletics Carnival and Swimming Carnival.

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**QSchools mobile app**

The QSchools app is a convenient way to share up-to-the-minute information with the school community.

The app is designed to integrate with Websites for Schools websites. When a school publishes content to their website, the app is automatically updated with the latest news, events and newsletters.

Encourage your school community to download for free via the Apple iTunes Store, Google Play and Windows Stores.
Clayfield Baptist Church invites you to our annual Carols under the Stars Christmas celebration:
Saturday 6 December at 7:00 pm
Sausage sizzle from 6:30 pm
110 Alexandra Rd, Clayfield
BYO picnic rug or chair
There will be a soccer ground, glow sticks and a performance by Eagle Junction State School Junior Choir.
All welcome.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Community Concert
Youth Performing Arts Qld
Uniting Church Hall
170 Bonney Avenue, Clayfield
Sunday 7 December 6.30pm - 8.30pm
for details phone 0451 161 135
All welcome!

CLAYFIELD UNITING CHURCH
170 Bonney Avenue, Clayfield
CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE
Wednesday 24 December 6.00pm-7.00pm
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE
Thursday 25 December 7.00am

NetSetGO
Introduction to Netball for 5s-10s
3:30-4:30pm every Monday
2 February - 23 March • $90
Hilder Road State School
The Gap Netball Club is the biggest in Queensland and will run the popular ANZ NetSetGO program at Hilder Road State School at The Gap for 8 weeks from Monday 2 February until 23 March.
NetSetGO is an introductory program for 5 to 10 year old girls and boys that teaches the basics of netball and develops general motor skills in a fun and safe way.
The $90 fee covers insurance & a participant pack, and there will be a family sausage sizzle after the last session on 23 March.
Registration and further information:
http://thegapnetball.org
netsetgo@thegapnetball.org

SIGN ON DAY 2015
Saturday 31 January 9am-11am
Downey Park Netball Courts
Northey Street, Windsor
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Sausage sizzle & giveaways for new & current players

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Tennis Clinics will be held week beginning Monday 15 December 2014 (1st week of holidays)
week beginning Monday 19 January 2015 (last week of holidays)
Make-up classes for lessons missed during Term 4 2014 are also available
for details Phone Gail 0411 421 346

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