From the Principal

The last newsletter of the year sees our school reflecting on a very successful 2014. Best wishes to all families leaving EJ. We know your children leave confident and capable.

To our departing Year 6 and Year 7s – congratulations and always be true to the values, skills and attributes you have developed while at Eagle Junction State School.

Congratulations are extended to the Awards Presentation Evening major award winners for 2014:

- **Dux**
  - **Year 6**: Charlotte Gillespie
  - **Year 7**: Annie Tempany

- **Eagle Arc Award**
  - **Year 5 Student**: Ashleigh Pomeroy
  - **Year 6 Student**: Tamrah Nicholas
  - **Year 6**: Josephine Barratt
  - **Year 7**: Charlotte Tilley

- **Dulcie Turnbull Award**
  - **Year 6**: Parker Prout
  - **Year 7**: Tanishq Sakhla

- **Bill Best Memorial Trophy**
  - **Year 6**: Grace Crofton
  - **Year 7**: Eloise Harvey

- **Cultural Awards**
  - **Year 6**: Rosie Schiavo
  - **Year 7**: Bronte Gresack
  - **Year 6**: Khehan Bates
  - **Year 7**: Khehan Bates

- **Nicky Mirkovic Award**
  - **Year 6**: Porscha Sice
  - **Year 7**: Carla Stuart

- **Jules Maat Awards**
  - **Year 6**: Jen McEniery
  - **Year 7**: Annie Tempany
  - **Year 6**: Tom Dickson
  - **Year 7**: Khehan Bates

- **Sports Awards**
  - **Regional Representation**: Keogh Lewis
  - **Athletics**: Bella Separovich
  - **Swimming**: Freya Caine
  - **Tennis**: Lily Carrick
  - **Soccer**: Eloise Harvey
  - **Swimming**: Lucas Hassall
  - **Tennis**: William Jesser
  - **Soccer**: Keogh Lewis
  - **Tennis**: William Jesser

- **Queensland Representation**
  - **Flora White Award**: Jessie Holland
  - **Homfray Award**: Alasdaire McAlpine
  - **Barnes Awards**: Holly de Young

A highlight of the Awards Ceremony evening was the announcement of the 2015 School Captains and Vice School Captains.

- **School Vice Captains**: Caitlin Brittain, Nick Jones
- **School Captains**: Eloise Daly, Lucas Hassall

We know they will do an outstanding job next year.
This Friday we farewell a number of staff. Rowena Burress who will be studying for her Doctorate, Katrina Ireland transferred to Virginia, Fiona Campbell, Ros Gasson, Vanessa Wallace and Mira Cvetkovic all who have completed extensive contracts at our school. Alison Van Zijl continues her work at Northgate State School. Chris Kennedy returns to Sandgate SHS.

We also say congratulations, thank you and farewell to Robyn Davey who has been at Eagle Junction for 15 years. Robyn has been appointed Master Teacher at Brackenridge State High School. Farewell also Chappie Jane who re-joins her family in South Australia. Eagle Junction State School and the Region have appreciated the work that has been done by these staff over this year and way more years. I know the schools the teachers will work in will benefit from their experience at EJ.

Good luck also to our ancillary staff: Nell off to study in Melbourne, thank you Ken for assisting in the role of Schools Officer and Eva for a great job in the office.

Best wishes to our departing staff.

The staffing for 2015 is still not finalised with the introduction of 300 Master Teachers throughout the State creating vacancies and further transfers between schools and Regions.

Our school numbers are still high with movement into the Catchment continuing. Although we farewell 42 Year 7s and 92 Year 6s our projected enrolments for 2015 are at 830.

Class lists and teacher allocations will be available outside the Hall on **Friday 23 January from 8.00am**. Please refrain from phoning the office as the school will be working a Pupil Free Day and the office may be unattended. If you are unable to attend personally ask a friend to obtain the information. No photos of the list should be taken and distributed as this is a breach of confidentiality.

**School commences Tuesday 27 January at 8.20am**

**Thursday 12 December**  
Session 1 Class Presentations and Year 6 and Year 7 Graduation Ceremony  
Session 2 Whole School Assembly Farewell (11.15am)  
Session 3 Class break ups  
(Please note Session 1 and Session 2 may be modified according to teacher/class arrangements. Class teacher will have informed you)

**Friday 12 December**  
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

Thank you for a wonderful 2014. A safe and happy holiday season. See you in 2015.

Kind regards,  
Josephine Bottrell (Principal)

**From the Deputy Principals**

We would like to take this opportunity in the final newsletter for 2014 to wish our Eagle Junction families a happy and safe holiday. After a year of learning and laughing together we hope you enjoy some extended time as a family to rest and reenergize ready for what will be another fabulous year in 2015.

To our departing families we would like to thank you for letting us be part of your child’s learning journey and sincere well wishes for the future.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing our young smiling faces back in their “Navy and Blue” in January 2015.

*Susie Randel-Kneipp and Fleur Provost*
Sports Report

Well done all students from Prep – 7 who participated in our three days of swimming carnivals. It was great see such high levels of participation and sportsmanship displayed. Thank you to all members of the EJ community who came and supported the carnivals and thank you also those who assisted with time keeping at our senior carnival.

YEAR 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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Mark Summers
Physical Education Teacher

Captains, Councillors, Sports, Music Photos

Photos are available online from Advanced Life for you to preview and purchase. Orders placed on and after this date will be delivered to school in 2015 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

Chappy’s Corner

It has been both a privilege and a delight being Chaplain of EJ this year.
I wish each and every one of you a very happy Christmas and a relaxing and enjoyable holiday time spent with your family and friends.
Warmest wishes to you all,

Jane

Jane Baronaitis, EJ Chaplain
“Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.”
~ Norman Vincent Peale
From the P&C

Christmas is almost around the corner and if you would like to stock your fridge with some Christmas cheer ready for guests we have some left over softdrink, cider, wine and beer from recent events going cheap. Please call Meg if you are keen to get a bargain! ☺️ 0412 309 535

As we draw a line under 2014 and look forward to 2015 a number of vacancies are opening within our main executive as well as several of the sub-committees. Becoming involved in your kids schooling through helping in the P&C network is a most rewarding experience and one I can highly recommend. You may not think you have anything to offer but I can assure you EVERY parent is welcome and needed in making our school stay fabulous.

This has been a massive year for our volunteers with an Eagle Rock Fair, various class and year level events, Parent Network social and fundraising and significant planning and decision making with regards to the new tuckshop, playgrounds, air conditioning, pool upgrades and support within the classroom including over $100,000 of new ICT for the school. It is frustrating for us that many of these major projects have not yet been delivered but the red tape is being navigated and the new year should see work begin in earnest.

So enjoy a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you all at the AGM and first meeting in February. Remember, we need treasurers, secretaries, chairpersons and committee members in both the main executive as well as all the sub-committees so there are LOTS of ways you can help us help your kids. It is not scary and you will not regret putting your hand up...your life will expand in ways you never imagined!

Merry Christmas and see you 2015
Cheers
Meg Graham
President, EJ P&C 2014

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**Drop-Off and Pick-up Zone**

*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 fluoro 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

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**TARTAN TRADER**

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**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.
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.

Bookshop News

Everyone that pre-ordered their books for 2015 would have received these by now. This is due to the wonderful work of over 40 volunteers spread over 3 days. Without this assistance, we would not be able to offer this book shop service. I would just like to thank everyone that came down and helped with the book packing process - you are all FABULOUS!!!

Forgot to order books? - If you haven’t already organised your books, you can come down to the tuckshop on Friday 23rd January, 8 - 10am. We will do our best to fill your order with the stock that we have left.

Book covers? - please consider buying book covers from www.ezcover.net.au. If you select EJ as your school, and enter code the PROMO CODE ZFA186, the school receives 10c per cover purchased.

Ukuleles? - For Year 4 students and new year 5 / 6 students, we will have plenty of ukuleles for sale. If you forgot to order a ukulele and would like one, just come down on Jan 23rd and we can place an order ready for you to receive in Term 1 with your peers.

Thanks again helpers and happy covering!

Anna

Parent Network

PARENT REPS

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.

Thank you again for your support.

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

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.
Love to Sing?

Leading children’s choir, Voices of Birralee, invites young singers to join their Clayfield program.

Voices of Birralee is a non-profit organisation, nurturing a child’s love of singing in a fun and educational environment. Tuition is provided by professionals who are highly regarded and experienced in their field. A strong emphasis is placed on holistic education, building social and cognitive skills, emotional resilience, confidence and musical expertise.

2015 enrolments are now open for the following ensembles:

**Birralee Piccolos:** Prep – Grade 1  Saturday 12:45-1:30pm
**Birralee Kids:** Grades 2 - 4  Saturday 1:30-2:30pm
**Birralee Singers:** Grades 5 - 8  Saturday 3:00-4:00pm

We run a yearly program with semester-by-semester enrolment options. Please visit our website [www.birralee.org](http://www.birralee.org) to enrol or for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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### COMMUNITY NEWS

**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

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**Opportunity to Welcome a Student to Australia**

The International Student Experience Association (SEA) is helping promote the opportunity for people to welcome international students to their new life in Australia by hosting them in their homes and providing a room, meals, conversation, and welcoming support.

Opportunities exist for families, couples and individuals who meet the following criteria:
- A strong interest in cultural exchange
- Happy to mentor and provide initial guidance and advice about living in Australia to a new visitor

We are looking for people to help who:
- Have a spare room
- Are near public transport
- Speak proficient conversational English
- Interested in earning a supplementary income

Training, 24/7 support as well as insurance will be included. Both short term and long term stays available.

For further information:
- Telephone: 07 3121 8686
- Email: Info@is-experience.com.au

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**Soccer/Sports Clinics**
Dec 14 & Jan 15  9.00 to 3.00

- Greenstrokes & Taralga
- Variety of Sports
- Age Appropriate Activities
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- Fun Activities
- Registered Child Care Provider

**Starsports camps.com**
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NetSetGO

Introduction to Netball for 5s-10s
3:30-4:30pm every Monday
2 February - 23 March • $90
Hilder Road State School

The Gay Netball Club is the biggest in Queensland and will run the popular ANL 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

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Very limited vacancies
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88.

By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene.

Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.