From the Principal

Welcome back to the start of 2015 – a year where we will endeavour to ensure that *for every child, there will be every opportunity for every success*. This is the goal of every teacher at Eagle Junction State School originating in our Pedagogical Framework – *Teaching and Learning, the EJ Way*.

Thank you to the hard working team from the Uniform and Stationary Shops who have worked tirelessly to ensure all students are ready to start the new school year well dressed and well equipped. Thank you also to the Tuckshop volunteers, Year One parents and members of the P&C Association who hosted a morning tea for new parents yesterday.

Our school day begins at **8.20am** so all children should be in class ready to begin work at 8.30am with our early morning focus on literacy and numeracy. Students who arrive late are disadvantaged as instructions and routines for the day have already been given if arrival is not punctual.

All of our staff worked really effectively during the 3 Pupil Free Days to prepare the school for the arrival of the children and it was wonderful to see that work began immediately on day 1 of what promises to be a very busy year.

Many of you may have read the articles in the newspaper and on the ‘net that looked at the issues of absences from and lateness to school in Victoria. The disadvantages to your child’s learning are the same – regardless of the state in which you live. Let’s all be on time and let’s all attend regularly.

P&C Calendar
This week we will be distributing the P&C produced *School Calendar for 2015*. Please keep the calendar for your family or as a gift for friends and family. The price is $10 and invoices will be distributed with the calendar. If you do not wish to keep this useful and attractive calendar, please return it to the office by Friday 6 February to avoid the $10 charge. Thank you to the P&C for the initiative and to Rozenn Leard for the stunning photos and layout. *EJ 2015 Calendar* – a must for all families.

Enrolments
Over the summer vacation we have continued to enrol students throughout the school. Considering the loss of 44 year 7s and 92 year 6s at the end of the year, our numbers are still very healthy with a prediction of approx. 820. Again, we have welcomed families from all over the world and just around the corner, and I know you and your children will welcome them to our school community.

There is a **Day 8 census** that every school completes (February 5) and adjustments are made to staffing allocations by Education Qld after that day. The school is staffed at a 1 teacher to 25 students from Prep to Year 3 and 1 to 28 in Years 4 to 6. I will keep you informed as to the outcome of Day 8. We are however looking very solid in the class groupings we have allocated for the start of this year.
from The Principal (cont’d)

Class Teachers 2015

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Our school also welcomes **Michael Coad** as our Master Teacher, **Alex Suthers** (nee Kirkwood) as one of our Support Teachers – Literacy and Numeracy, **Genni Smith** as Guidance Officer, **Marcia Lomman** in the library with **Kim Allen** who rejoins us for 2 days per week. We also welcome **Andy Carrick** as a 2 day Schools Officer with Larry Mason and **Carmel Cause** who will be Business Service Manager while Ros Prain is on leave. We also welcome **Helen Slipper** as an additional Teacher Aide.

**Big School!**  **Great Staff!**  **Great Kids!**  **Great Parents!**

**EJ’s Weekly Newsletter**

The newsletter this week has been given in **hard copy** to all new families to Eagle Junction State School. Usually the link to the newsletter on our web site is **emailed** to families using the email address we have on file at the office. **If your email has changed**, could you please advise the office asap? A few hard copies are always at the front desk as you enter the General Office area. The newsletter is posted on the **school website** each week and is our main mode of communication. Please read it weekly to keep up to date with all that is happening in our school. **The deadline for items in the newsletter is the Friday at 12 noon before the following Wednesday.**

Best wishes for a rewarding and happy year of learning

**Josephine Bottrell**  **(Principal)**

**☆  Principal’s Reminders  ☆**

We would like to take this early opportunity to advise you that there are a number of students in the school who suffer from **Anaphylaxis**. The most common allergy is from peanuts and nuts and therefore we ask you to:

- provide safe food to enable the child with allergies to participate in activities such as birthday celebrations
- provide drink containers and lunch boxes, which are **clearly labelled** with the name of the child for whom they are intended.
- educate your child about allergies especially anaphylaxis
- educate your child not to share food with other students

The Australasian Society of Clinical Immunology and Allergy (ASCIA) has information on the prevention of food anaphylactic reactions in schools, preschools and childcare centres available at [www.allergy.org.au/pospapers/anaphylaxis.htm](http://www.allergy.org.au/pospapers/anaphylaxis.htm).

**Daniel Morecombe child safety video**

At the beginning of the school year it is always a good time to have a conversation with your children about safe behaviours. Here is a great link to the Daniel Morecombe site which you might find useful. **The Bruce and Denise Morcombe child safety presentation for parents** is available from [www.youtube.com/DETQueensland](http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland) and in it the Morcombes discuss the curriculum and ways parents can talk about safety with their children at home. Please take the time to watch this video and talk to your children about keeping safe.

**Leaving the School Grounds at 2.45pm each day**

- The school day finishes at 2.45pm and students should depart immediately after dismissal.
- Playing at school after 2.45pm is not permitted as our school facilities, including the oval and play equipment are required for the After School Care program.
- Students riding bicycles to and from school should follow the road rules, ride safely while considering pedestrians, prams and smaller children. Bicycles and skateboards are not permitted to be ridden in the school grounds at any time.
- Students who walk to and from school have supervised crossings at both Roseby Ave and Bayview Tce entrances to the school. Please use them.
- There is a 2 minute zone at the front of the school in Roseby Ave. This is an area to use to STOP DROP and GO. Parents are not to get out of the car, nor to park in this area.
- Of an afternoon the 2 minute zone is manned by volunteers and teachers who will call your student to the car in a safe and efficient manner.
- Parents should apply for a name tag for the front dashboard of the car from the school office.
- Any child who has not been collected will be at escorted to the Office to be safe and for the office to follow up.
- Please refrain from parking in or across our neighbour’s driveway.
- Completing a “U” turn adjacent to the supervised crossing is illegal.
From the Deputy Principals

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to our EJ students and their families. Already, 2015 has begun with an extremely positive start with a smooth transition back to school and students settling quickly into new class environments. A very promising start to the year!

This year the management structure of Eagle Junction State School will change slightly with the Year 3s integrated into the Middle School and the Junior School comprising Year levels Prep – Year 2. Any queries regarding Middle Schooling, please direct to Ms Buffy Lavery (blave18@eq.edu.au) and Junior School enquiries to Mrs Susie Randel-Kneipp (srand3@eq.edu.au).

We very much look forward to working with both students and their families and being part of their learning journey in 2015.

Changes to Early Entry to Prep Eligibility

Recent changes to the Early Entry to Prep Eligibility have left some parents questioning if their child is eligible for the 2015 Prep year at an earlier juncture. The general age requirements for inclusion in the Queensland Prep program have not changed. Queensland children are eligible for the Prep year if they reach the age of 5 years by 30 June in the year they propose to start Prep.

At the beginning of this school year an amendment was made to the Early Entry to Prep Eligibility with the inclusion of an additional criteria for Principals when considering Early Entry. Principals may now consider students whose birthday falls in July if they demonstrate the academic and developmental attributes required for school. An application for Early Entry needs to be made to the school and specific assessments are conducted to ensure that children possess the attributes that will allow them to access the learning of the Prep Program.

For additional information pertaining to Early Entry to the Prep Program parents should make an appointment to speak to Mrs Susie Randel-Kneipp through the school administration.

2015 Chess Club

The Eagle Junction Chess team will commence next Tuesday morning from 7:20am-8:20am in the Eagle Junction Resource Centre. Mr Martin Harmon is looking forward to seeing both new and current members of the EJ Chess Club.

Buffy Lavery and Susie Randel-Kneipp

From our Master Teacher

I’d like to introduce myself as one of Eagle Junction’s newest employees. My name is Michael Coad and I have with excitement, accepted the role of Master Teacher.

The Master Teacher role will be split between Eagle Junction State School (Wednesday – Friday) and Wooloowin State School (Monday – Tuesday). The Master Teacher plays a vital role in improving the educational outcomes of students here at Eagle Junction. The role is also influential in building upon the great teaching and learning currently underway at Eagle Junction, as well as nurturing positive relationships between students, teachers and stakeholders. The Master Teacher role provides leadership critical in targeted student support, coaching and planning and implementation of relevant school and departmental initiatives.

Over the last 8 years, I have had increasingly responsible roles within education at a number of both challenging and diverse schools across Queensland. I began my educational journey working in multi-age, rural schools. At these schools, I had the privilege of conducting a number of professional development seminars for teachers across the Darling Downs region on current state initiatives. Through these experiences, my passion for leadership grew as did my teaching and learning repertoire. After several years in rural and city schools, I knew it was time to take the next step in my teaching professions and decided to become a Principal. I began this journey at a Band 5 school called Teelba in the Darling Downs region. Following Teelba, I worked for a year at another Band 5 school called Brigalow also in the Darling Downs region. In 2013, I received my permanent status as a Band 5 Principal at Gunalda State School. Due to family circumstances, in 2014 I relocated to Clontarf State School where I worked as a Coach and Learning Support teacher while being part of the leadership and curriculum committees.

I enter this role with a passion for teaching, an unrelenting focus on improving student outcomes, and a love of working with my fellow colleagues. I am looking forward to starting this journey at EJ, today. Please feel free if you see me around to come over and say hello.

Michael Coad (Master Teacher)
Sports Report

Swimming lessons for Term 1 will begin on **Monday 2nd February** and continue throughout the term. Teachers will be receiving their non-contact time during their specialist swimming lesson so a parent volunteer will be required by some classes to act as our “second adult” during the class. This week notes will be sent home with students detailing the time that needs to be filled for their class.

Compulsory swimming requirements for Term 1 swimming include:

- Swimming togs
- Swimming cap
- Sun shirt / rashy
- Towel
- Swim Bag

All personal items required for swimming need to be *clearly labelled.*

Mark Summers (Physical Education Teacher)

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Library News

Welcome back everyone. The EJ Resource Centre will be open for borrowing from **Monday 2 February**. Students and parents are welcome to borrow from 8am until the first bell at 8:20am.

**Borrowing Limits are -**

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**Please Note Prep Families**

The Library has collated a large number of “Book Bags” which contain 5-6 picture books. Parents can borrow these out for their children and swap the bags over when ready.

**Library Monitors**

Years 4 – 6 students wishing to apply to become a Library Monitor need to collect an application form from the Resource Centre. Applications close **Wednesday 11 February** (Week 3).

We look forward to meeting many of you over the year.

*Kim Allen and Marcia Lomman (Teacher Librarians)*

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Parent Network

**Parent Reps**

Have you ever thought of volunteering your expertise?

We would love your help. Ring Amanda for details – 3357 5321 or 0459 401 255 or alrussell@westnet.com.au

Thank you again for your support.

*Amanda Russell, Parent Network Co-ordinator*
Welcome to the Music Program for 2015! We look forward to working with your children this year and anticipate another busy and exciting year of music making here at EJ.

We will be distributing a Music Newsletter shortly to inform families of the many opportunities offered in our Music Program to develop and enrich the musical skills and interests of our students.

Junior & Senior Choir Registration
Students in Years 2 and 3 have the opportunity to participate in our Junior Choir which is conducted on Wednesday mornings by Mrs Shume, commencing at 7:40am.

The Senior Choir for students in Years 4-6 will be conducted by Mrs Sue and is being held on Friday mornings, commencing at 7:40 am.

If your child would like to participate in either of these choirs, please register by emailing the following information:-
1) Child’s full name
2) Child’s current class
3) Contact parent’s name
4) Parent’s email address
5) Parent’s contact phone numbers (home and mobile) to:

Mrs Christine Shume for Junior Choir registration - cashu0@eq.edu.au or
Mrs Lorna Sue for Senior Choir registration - lsue4@eq.edu.au

Alternatively, the Choir Registration form attached to the end of this school newsletter could be completed and returned to the Music Notes Box in the Music Room, if preferred.

Junior and Senior Choir rehearsals will commence in Week 3.

Thank you.
Lorna Sue & Christine Shume (Classroom Music Teachers)

Drop-Off and Pick-up Zone

Can you assist in manning the zone in 2015? I am desperate for volunteers!!

- 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
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

Registration information is being sent home and is on the Eagle Junction SS website in Facilities/Tuckshop.

EJ HOUSE SHIRTS AND SHORTS

On sale again in 2015
Order Forms attached to newsletter
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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Road Safety – A Note from Brisbane City Council
Child safety and illegal parking around school zones remains a concern for parents, children, local residents and schools alike, particularly during peak pick-up and drop-off times.
Parents, guardians and visitors are encouraged to visit the Council’s website at www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/traffic-transport/parking-permits/parking-rules to learn more about parking legally in Brisbane.
Regulating parking activities is necessary to promote safe driving practices during pick-up and drop-off times. Over the next school term Council officers will be attending school zones to ensure safe parking practices. Parking fines may be issued in cases where illegal parking practices are observed.

Banyo Nundah Parish-Sacramental Journey 2015
The parish is now inviting parents to enrol their children into the next phase of their sacramental journey; Penance, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Parents of children who are in Year 3 or older and whose children have been baptised in the Catholic Church are invited to an information session on Wednesday 4th February 3.30pm-4.30pm at St Joseph’s School library, Leslie St, Nundah or 7-8pm at St Pius School hall, Apperley St, Banyo.
You will need to bring along a photocopy of your child/ren’s Baptism Certificate and the fee of $35. The first Group session will begin on Saturday 14th February at Nolan Hall, Nundah at your chosen group time. Children and their parents will be asked to come to one of the weekend Masses of 14/15th February for formal enrolment into the Sacramental Journey.
For further information please contact me by email sc.nundah@bne.catholic.net.au. Angela Greathead
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Alliance Française FRENCH classes
at Eagle Junction Kids’ Care
$225 *

Classes start on 09/02/2015
for 1 hour and 15 minutes
over 8 weeks each term.

Monday
3.30-4.45pm  7-11 yo  Beginners 1 **
4.30-5.45pm  7-11 yo  Advanced Beginners 1 **

*Members enrolling online before 20/01 will pay $202.5!
** New textbook to purchase: Les Loutisca 1, $40 for Beginners and Les Loutisca 2, $50 for Advanced Beginners
CHOIR REGISTRATION FORM

I would like my child/children to be part of Junior/Senior Choir this year.

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Parent Name: ____________________________________________________________
Signed ________________________________________________________________
Email: _________________________________________________________________
Mobile_____________________

PLEASE RETURN TO MUSIC BOX LOCATED AT MUSIC ROOM.

\[\text{Signature}\]
School Chess Program for Eagle Junction State School
2015

Lessons cater for all ages and abilities

Coaching details for Eagle Junction State School

Coaching days & time: Tuesdays 7.20—8.20am
Venue: Library
Cost per term: $91.00 per student or $324.00 per year if paid in full at the beginning of term 1, 2015 (this is a saving of $40.00, available only until the end of February).
Start Dates: Term 1—Tuesday 3rd February

To register and pay for your child/ren please go to our secure web site www.gardinerchess.com.au and click on the ‘parents’ icon. You then need to create a new account and follow the instructions. Please note that we have a brand new web site and all accounts set up online before January 2015 will no longer be active and a new account will need to be created.

Please list any medical, custodial or other factors of which we need to be aware when you are completing your child’s enrolment. Once you have enrolled and paid for your child/ren please send them along to the next scheduled lesson. Under no circumstances will our coaches be able to accept payment.

For families with three or more children attending and those starting part way through the term please contact our office directly to enrol on 07 5522 7221. This also applies to families who are unable to enrol via our web site.

This chess program is designed to be ongoing from term to term. Payment for each subsequent term will be required at the beginning of each new term.

Unless there are extended absences, where special allowance may be made by written request, we will require the full fee to be paid. The fee is based on a full class of students, and no allowance can be made for occasional absences.

Please note: if your child has not been registered and fees paid, online or over the phone on 07 5522 7221, after 3 weeks of starting the program, he or she will be unable to attend further classes.

The Value of Chess in Education

Children need to be exposed to a myriad of opportunities in their young lives, whether these be artistic, sporting or literary pursuits, to enable them to discover what excites them and what can contribute to their life skills in an enjoyable way.

Chess can provide one of those opportunities. We have found that girls and boys from all backgrounds, rich or poor, sporting or otherwise, including those with learning or physical disabilities, choose to make chess one of their passions.

From the extensive research conducted all around the world, it has been found that chess helps children to ‘think smarter’.

In a nutshell, this is why children like to learn chess:
- They realise it helps them to think smarter.
- In most cases, after only a short time, they will be able to beat their parents at chess.
- They will be able to compete in a school team in the inter-schools chess competitions. Most kids find this to be an awesome experience.
- The most important … because it’s fun!

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EJ HOUSE SHIRTS & SHORTS
MUST BE ORDERED BY FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY

The Year 6 students and parents of 2015 are delighted to offer these popular items as part of fund-raising efforts for their Graduation Celebrations.

Please note that these items are not compulsory but have become a much loved EJ tradition over the years. They may be worn for Cross Country, Athletics Carnival and Swimming Carnival days only and do not replace the normal school sports uniform.

HOUSE SHIRTS
Now available in modern, light-weight Cool Flow poly-mesh fabric and featuring an embroidered EJ Eagle on the front and printed house name across the back.

*Please note colours shown are an indication only.

HOUSE SHORTS
Now available in modern, light-weight taslon fabric, featuring embroidered EJ Crest in house colour on the front and printed house name across the back.

*House Shirts & Shorts will be available in Sizes 4-14 and Adult Small.

*Yr 6 Parents will be at the Uniform Shop on the following days & times to assist with orders:

- Tuesday 17th February
- Thursday 19th February
- Wednesday 25th February
- 7.30-9.00 & 2.30-3.30

Payment may be made by EFT, cash, credit card or cheque (payable to EJSS Uniform Shop)

NOTE: PLEASE ENSURE SIZE ORDERED IS CORRECT AS THERE IS NO CAPACITY FOR EXCHANGES!

Enquiries: Fleur Weier 0439 509 653 or Amanda Fox 0488 404 788