From the Principal

Well week two of 2015 sees our school in “full flight!” with well prepared and well organised teachers in our places of learning coupled with well prepared students. Our focus has been on getting to know each learner in the room.

Using evidence based data from 2014 along with specific assessment items useful at the commencement of a school year, teachers are using this information to plan for differentiation practices.

Our school differentiates teaching and learning by using 5 groups of learners. These groupings do not relate to the A to E scale found on a report card, but are rather “aspirational” groupings.

- Students in Group 5 demonstrate a consistent ability to apply higher order taxonomies in both real life and academic challenges.
- Students in Group 4 indicate the potential to perform at a higher level with close monitoring and challenging teaching.
- Students in Group 3 generally perform at classroom capable level but require additional scaffolding/explicit teaching and the use of excellent learning behaviours to go beyond current performance.
- Students in Group 2 are students performing below year level expectations. Through specific and individual intensive teaching our goal is to have them move to class level capability.
- Students in Group 1 are those with significant learning needs.

These groupings will vary with each subject or concept. These groupings are constantly reviewed usually every 5 weeks and as such are flexible. The focus of these first few weeks is to ensure we “know the learners” in our classroom.

As the leadership team of the school our role is to allocate resources, both human and physical, to support the teachers in meeting the challenges of quality teaching.

Next week you will have the opportunity to meet your class teachers and to hear from them how your child’s day enfolds, the current focus of teaching and learning and how you are able to assist.

Parent Information Evenings are planned as follows

Monday 09 February 6-7pm Year 4
Tuesday 10 February 6-7pm Prep and Year 5
Wednesday 11 February 6-7pm Year 1/2, Year 2, Year 5/6 and Year 6
Thursday 12 February 6-7pm Year 1 and Year 3

I would encourage you all to be present.
A Couple of Reminders this Week ★

- Our first bell rings at 8.20am. All students should be at school and prepared for the start of learning which commences at 8.30am. (Today 72 cars arrived between 8.20am and 8.30am. This lateness adds a layer of stress to the start of your student’s day that could be avoided by arriving between 8.00am and 8.20am).

- Each afternoon our EJ Kids’ Care caters for up to 140 students and their families. They need the facilities available at our school to ensure their program is effective. All students need to depart the school grounds promptly of an afternoon, via supervised crossing areas and the 2 minute zone, with parents or as a group of friends.

- Money collection days are **Wednesday and Thursday** only. Please send correct money through the class teacher in a named envelope. Collections are restricted to these two days to minimise interruptions to teaching periods and to maintain security by not having money left in the classroom for long periods.

- While BPAY is the preferred method of payment it should only be used when paying the **TOTAL** amount on your invoice/statement. If payment is made for less than the total, it MUST BE SENT DIRECT TO SCHOOL (either by cash, cheque for credit card). Minimum amount for credit card is $10.00.

Josephine Bottrell (Principal)

From the Deputy Principals

The year is off and running. All of the classrooms are calm hives of activity. From our youngest students in Prep to our Year 6 students in their last year of primary school, every student and teacher is engaged in the challenging art and science of learning and teaching.

Learning Behaviours

We are “learners” from the moment we are born, as we watch, copy, react to and initiate interactions with our world. In the primary school years students are focused on specific aspects of learning relevant to their stages of physical, social, intellectual and emotional development.

Underlying the visible learning associated with becoming literate, numerate and increasing our knowledge and understanding of our world is a broad set of fundamental learning behaviours. As these behaviours develop and become more sophisticated, they help us to become active learners capable of learning across a wide range of settings and styles. Not only do these skills make it easier to learn in primary school, they are also excellent preparation for high school and for being a life long learner.

At Eagle Junction we focus on a set of 10 “critical” learning behaviours, assisting the students in developing these skills over their years at primary school.

The skills are:

1. Choose your attitude
2. Organise your equipment
3. Quiet, look and listen
4. Following directions
5. Getting started
6. Staying on task
7. Scanning for clues
8. Asking for help
9. Completing tasks
10. Is this my best work?

Over the next five newsletters we will outline what these behaviours look like in the early years and the middle years of schooling, how we help students to develop them and how you might also be able to assist your children to develop these skills.

Parent Information Evenings

We are looking forward to meeting you at the Year Level Parent Information Evenings next week.

Buffy Lavery and Susie Randel-Kneipp
Sports Report

PE Swimming lessons
Lessons for all Year 1-7 students have commenced with Prep students starting in week four. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time so far to help with supervision. Just a reminder that all students need to wear a swimming cap and a swim shirt when in the water.

Representative Swimming
Good luck to students who have been invited to represent the school at the City District Swimming Carnival to be held at Valley Pool on Friday 13th February. Please make sure that you have made your payment to the school. If a student missed out on making the Eagle Junction team it may be due to the qualifying standards set by City District to compete at this event.

Cross Country
At the end of Term One, Eagle Junction State School will be conducting our Annual Interschool Cross Country Carnival. This carnival will be used to determine the Champion Cross Country House as well as acting as a selection trial for the City District Cross Country to be held in Term Two. It is recommended if possible that students train three times a week.

Here is a suggested training program for the week. This thirty minute training session should be attempted three times during the week.

- 5min warm up / stretching
- 20min continuous movement
- 5min warm down / stretching

City District Trials
I have been asking students in Years 5-6 for expressions of interest to participate in City District Selection trials. A vast number of students have expressed their interest in trialling for representative teams over a number of sports and it is great to see so much interest and enthusiasm towards these trials. Unfortunately as a school we are restricted by the number of nominations we can send through.

When choosing students to go on to the next level the following will be taken into consideration:

- Current playing background,
- Previous experience,
- Participation in school teams,
- Trials held at school where necessary.

I would like to thank students for their interest in participating in representative trials. If students aren’t selected to represent EJ at selection trials please don’t let that discourage your child as there will always be more opportunities in the future.

Mark Summers (Physical Education Teacher)

Music Notes

Junior & Senior Choir Registration
Parents may register students for Junior Choir (Year 2 and 3 students) and Senior Choir (Years 4-6) by emailing your child’s name, class, parent’s name, email and mobile phone no to lsue4@eq.edu.au (Senior Choir & Vocal Ensemble) or cash0@eq.edu.au (Junior Choir). Forms are also available from the music room or attached to the end of this school newsletter.

Please note that there is a $15 levy for all students who participate in our Junior and Senior Choirs to cover the costs of sheet music, piano accompanists, photocopying and other expenses. Please do not send money to the school yet, as you will be invoiced at a later date.

Vocal Ensemble Auditions
The EJ Vocal Ensemble is an extension opportunity for selected students who display an advanced level of pitch accuracy, vocal tone and part singing ability and a commitment towards further developing their singing and performance skills. Senior Choir students who wish to audition for a place in the Vocal Ensemble may do so on Thursday and Friday of Week 2 in the Music Room at 12:45 – 1:15 pm.

Junior Choir (Wednesdays 7:40am) and Senior Choir (Fridays 7:40 am). Rehearsals will commence in Week 3. Vocal Ensemble Rehearsals (Tuesdays 7:40 am) will commence in Week 4.

Lorna Sue & Christine Shume (Classroom Music Teachers)
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

School Phone Directory 2015

It’s that time of year again!! If you want your entry in the *EJ Parent Network School Phone Directory* for 2015, you must let us know by completing the form below and returning it to your child’s class teacher or the Letter Box in the school office by Thursday, 12 February. A new form must be completed each year.

For families new to EJ, this booklet, compiled by volunteers from the Parent Network subcommittee of the P&C, is invaluable. It lists names of children in each class, parent names, a contact number and email address. Imagine how useful this is when you want to organise birthday parties, check homework requirements, etc!

Submit by Thursday, 12 February

Amanda Russell (Parent Network Coordinator)

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One listing per family (due to space restrictions).
P&C News

I would like to invite all members of our community to attend the AGM and first P&C meeting of the year. All positions will be declared vacant. Many already have volunteers to fill them.

The meeting is at 7pm on Monday 09 February in the library. If you are unable to attend but would like to become a member, please complete the form attached and return to the school before Monday night’s meeting. Note that this is the only time that you can become a member without being present at a meeting!

Make a New Year’s resolution that is easy to keep .......... become a P&C member and get involved in your children’s school.

Mel Ryan (Secretary, P&C)

NEW TUCKSHOP ORDERING PROCEDURE IN 2015

“Munch Monitor” arrives at Eagle’s Nest

Ordering Online started --- Tuesday 3 February

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

Registration information was 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

Lutwyche Parish Sacramental Programme

The Catholic Parish of Lutwyche will soon begin its Sacramental Programme for 2015. Children who are baptised and aged about seven years or older are eligible to enrol and continue their faith journey through the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

A parent information evening will be held on Monday, 16 February at 7pm at Holy Cross Church. If you are unable to attend please call the parish office (3357 5793) to arrange a time to meet with Fr Jose. The enrolment deadline for the programme is strictly Monday, 23 February 2015.
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_____________________

PLEAE RETURN TO MUSIC BOX LOCATED AT MUSIC ROOM.

×  ________________________________________________________________

UNIFORM SHOP

Orders due: Sunday 15th February

Bookclub can now be ordered and paid for completely online – no more paper orders if you prefer.

OPENING HOURS

Monday
8.00am to 9.00am

Friday
8.00am to 9.00am

Jayne Jones-Wilson
Uniform Shop Co-ordinator
LOOK OUT REGISTRATION

This is a program that “looks out” – the implication is one of care and concern because the community is looking out for the kids. “Look Out” is a simple program to assist the school to help manage the flow of traffic in our 2 minute pick up zone, in an orderly, safe way. The look out monitors are volunteers from our school community, please be respectful and courteous.

I ........................................ wish to register to participate in the Look Out zone at Eagle Junction State School

I will ensure my child/ren ........................................ Class .................
........................................ Class .................
........................................ Class .................

will be at the designated pick up area and waiting for instruction from the Look Out monitor before they enter the vehicle;

I will further ensure:

• To be polite and respectful to the volunteers (Look Out monitors – these volunteers will be easily recognisable by their fluoro vests) who are managing the queue;

• That as a parent, carer or person authorised to pick up my child/ren, I will wait in my vehicle in the queue displaying the “Look Out” card prominently on the car’s sun visor until my children enter the vehicle at the front of the queue;

• I will not leave my vehicle at any time to look for my child/ren.

• I will not arrive at the designated pick up area before 2.50 pm. If I do arrive before 2.50 pm in the designated pickup area, I am aware that I may be asked to move along and re-join the queue;

• I am aware that if my children are not waiting for me when I proceed to the front of the queue, I will be asked to move along and rejoin the end of the queue.

Name ........................................ Signature .................................
Date ........................................
Tai Chi
Instructor: Ofer Michaelis
Ofer is a Senior Practitioner under Master Patrick Kelly. He has 20 years experience in teaching Yang Style Tai Chi and Daoist Meditation. Contact: 0424 671000
$10/class or $15 for 2 classes/week
WEEKLY CLASSES
Tues 7.30pm - 8.45pm
Thu 7.30pm - 8.45pm
Fri 5.00pm - 6.30pm
Upstairs at the old Kalinga Bowling Club
Clark St, Woolloongabba
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/tai-chi-qld

Murray’s Gardening & Maintenance
Ph: 0407 633 391
Murray is an EJ Dad

http://www.murraysgardeningandmaintenance.com.au

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TIMES TABLES EIGHT-WEEK COURSE
or TIMES TABLES WEEKLY GAMES CLASS
STARTING NOW!
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JUNIOR HOCKEY COME & TRY!

When: Sunday, 16th February
Time: 10.00 - 12.00 noon
Where: Burringbar Hockey Fields, Cheamside
Bring: Hat & Water bottle

If you have a hockey stick, bring that along too. Otherwise gear will be supplied for the day.

Your children will be introduced to hockey with games, basic training drills and a whole lot of fun!

Any Questions?
Contact @ Salina on (07) 853 733 or Len 043 822 196

www.valleymockeyclub.com.au

JUNIOR HOCKEY COME & TRY
15th Feb 10am
DURRINGDALE PARR, CHEMISE
8th Feb 9-12
SHAW PARK
An Invitation to the
EISS P&C Parent Network

Welcome Drinks Evening

Date: Friday, 13 February 2015
Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm

Place: 98A Bayview Terrace
       Clayfield

RSVP: 11 February 2015
      By return slip to school office

BYO: Drinks

Please come along and meet new families who have joined our school community and catch up with some old ones.

Please return slip to school office by Wednesday 11 February 2015

Family Name:.................................................................
Given Names:...............................................................

I/We would love to come.

For further details please contact Amanda Russell on 3357 5321,
0459 401 255 or alrussell@westnet.com.au

(This evening is a get together for parents, teachers and caregivers of the EJ school community. Sorry no children).
**EJ HOUSE SHIRTS & SHORTS**

**MUST BE ORDERED BY FRIDAY 27™ 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.

![Image of students wearing house shirts](image)

**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.*

![Image of student wearing house shorts](image)

**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.

$25

*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 17™ February
- Thursday 19™ February
- Wednesday 25™ 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
EJ HOUSE SHIRTS & SHORTS – ORDERING PROCEDURE

Please note that samples will be available to view and try on at the Uniform Shop:

Tues 17/2, Thurs 19/2 & Wed 25/2 – 7.30-9.00 am & 2.30-3.30 pm each day.

If you are confident of sizing, completed Order Form may be dropped to the School Office.

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

Enquiries: Fleur Weler – 0439509653 or Amanda Fox - 0488404788

* Complete the form below and deliver to uniform shop on listed days or drop to the school office by Friday, 27th February.

PARENT'S NAME: ___________________ CONTACT NUMBER: ___________________

NOMINATED CHILD FOR ORDER DELIVERY: ___________________ CLASS: ______

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TOTAL COST OF SHORTS ORDERED: __________

TOTAL COST OF ORDER: _______ PAYMENT METHOD: EFT/CASH/ CHEQUE/CREDIT (SEE BELOW)

EFT Payments to: EJSS Clothing Shop BSB 034-060 Account 238905 - include Family Name as reference

Cheques payable to: EJSS Clothing Shop

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT

Mastercard/Visa (please circle)

Amount to be paid: $ ______

Card Number: ____/____/____/____ Expiry Date: ___/___ CCV: ___

Name on Card: ___________________ Signature: ___________________
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- Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
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For a quick how-to order video, log onto www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.
We start the anniversary celebrations by inviting you to join us for two free classes!

Do you have a child who loves to sing?

Children aged between 5 years and 12 years are invited to attend for two complimentary sessions on any of the following dates:

**BARDON SESSIONS** – 57 Carwoola Street – in our headquarters - Purtell Park
Wednesday 4th and 11th February:
3:30pm – 4:15pm for 5-7 year olds
4:15pm – 5:15pm for 7-10 year olds

**Thursday 5th and 12th February:**
4pm – 5:30pm for 10 – 12 year olds

**CLAYFIELD SESSIONS** – Roseby Avenue Clayfield – Eagle Junction State School
Saturday 7th and 14th February:
12:45pm – 1:30pm for 5-7 year olds
1:30pm – 2:30pm for 7-10 year olds
3:00pm – 4:30pm for 10 – 12 year olds

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