From the Principal

Quality Teaching and Learning at EJ

With just over two weeks until the holidays, it is timely to reflect on the way our students have responded to the beginning of the school year. They have demonstrated confidence in their teachers, and support staff, they have developed friendships quickly and the leadership demonstrated by our many varied school leaders has been impressive. The students have been positive to different procedures and routines. Our athletes have had opportunities to shine on the sports field and in the pool and students in the classroom have adapted to the new ways of teaching that are associated with the Australian Curriculum and our focus areas.

I hope you have found or will find the Parent Teacher interviews useful to increase your awareness of the progress of your student/s in Term 1, 2015 and that feedback was both reflective and orientated towards the future.

Thank you to all of our teachers and support staff who have worked hard this term to ensure that for every child there has been every opportunity for every success. With our relentless focus on improvement, reading and comprehension and learning behaviours, our students are poised for future success.

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Tec. Crew for Semester One 2015

Year 4 Lewis Chapman, Manuja Dissanayake, Katherine Fan and Emily Hopsick.

Year 5 Chloe Anderson, Robert Gilbert, Emma-Rose Neil, Stella Pelzer, Yathav Ragupathy, Anya Tomley and Cooper Voll.

Year 6 MacLeod Chapman, Tamlin Hall, Thomas Hall and Noah Tamanivalu.
From the Principal cont.

**Library Statistics 2015 and Beyond**
The School Resource Centre is buzzing as all members of our school community access and appreciate all that it has to offer.

- Class borrowing as at last Friday 13 March had reached 15,520 books
- New books accessioned and covered totalled 1,315
- Teacher borrowing was in the 1,000s
- Readers borrowed for the class room was also in the 1,000s
- Tuesday Chess Club has grown and grown
- 31 Library Monitors work in the library over the course of a week, returning books, tidying shelves, dusting and checking books out
- Activities occur at each of the four school breaks – Tues – Thurs (1st break) and Mon – Thurs (2nd break)
- Kids’ Care access before school Monday to Friday
- 17 lessons are scheduled permanently in the library and every class borrows during the week

Talk about a hub of learning!

**Can You Help?**
- Can you help cover new texts?
- Can you give a morning each week, or month?
- Do you want to be part of an exciting place of learning?

Then see the two teachers and lovely teacher-aide in the library.

**Congratulations and Thank You**
Well done to Tom Gregory on what was an awesome effort with his willingness to “Shave for a Cure”. Tom raised an incredible $1,714.00. Thank you EJ for your support and thank you Michelle from Rogue Hair at Eagle Junction for coming along to assist with the shave.

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**A couple of reminders as we prepare for the end of the term**
- Please check lost property and the pool for lost property. Lost property is located near the Uniform Shop. Please ensure all gear is labelled or re-labelled for the start of Term 2.
- Think about the cooler months ahead and stock up on winter uniform (be sure to label items).
- Make arrangements for EJ Kids’ Care Vacation Care if needed. There is a fun-filled program planned.

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**Josephine Bottrell (Principal)**
From the Deputy Principals

In our ongoing series on the Learning Behaviours essential for “learning to be a learner” this week we will look at getting started, staying on task and completing tasks. These are three really important skills and require quite different but complementary skill sets. While they all require knowledge of the purpose/intention/goal of a task the focus is different for each step.

Getting started is very difficult for some students (and for some adults!). It requires knowledge of organisation - what do I need and where do I need to be to get started? Have I listened and got all of the information I require to start? Students sometimes have a jumble of information or ideas in their minds but are unsure what the very first step is. So learning how to organise tasks into sequential steps with a clear starting point is key.

Sometimes students procrastinate, knowing what they need to do but distracting themselves with less important tasks before getting started. If your child is a procrastinator the following link may be helpful.

http://www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/getting-organized/5-ways-to-procrastinator-proof-your-child

Staying on task requires the application of sustained attention. This can be quite difficult for many children who are easily distracted or forget what it is that they are trying to achieve. A useful strategy can be to tell young students how long the task might take them if they are focussed. Over time it is important that students learn to estimate time needed for any task. The time doesn’t need to be exact - no stopwatch required, just a ball park figure to help move the task along. In this way students can learn to allocate appropriate amounts of time to each sub-task.

Not taking a task through to completion means the full benefit is not received, whether that is getting a good mark on an assignment or being ready to set off for school. Completing a task requires knowledge of the goal and some way to reflect and check that everything has been done. Again for young children you may need to provide the checklist. As students become older they should be learning to compile their own. These are all skills that we continue to develop over many years. The earlier you start with the simplest of expectations the more you will be assisting your child to "learn to be a learner".

The link below outlines a great 1-2-3 strategy which may help you and your child develop these important skills.


Thank you to all of the parents who are taking up the opportunity to discuss their child’s learning with the teacher over the next two weeks. If you haven’t made a time yet, please do it soon. By working together we really can give “every child every opportunity for every success”.

Ready for Learning in the Junior School

As we reflect on the necessary skills students require to be prepared for learning I think about one of my favourite times of the school day, the beginning, when our fresh faced students settle into classes with enthusiasm and anticipation about the learning ahead.

We coach our students for preparedness to ensure that when instruction starts at 8:30am they are well equipped and focused for lessons and their attention is trained on their teachers as they establish the lesson intention, expectations and share a plan of learning for the day. This initial time is critical to ensure calm and productive learning environments are created.

It is with this purposeful approach in mind that I remind parents that this is not the time to seek the teacher’s attention or communicate with them about individual students. They too are working hard to prioritise a settled learning environment and capture student attention. If you have an urgent need to speak with your child’s teacher please ensure this occurs prior to 8:30 am. Outside of the role of teacher or parent volunteer classrooms should be vacated to maximise the teaching time in this critical part of the learning day.

We thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to learning.
News from the Chess Team

Over the last week several students have represented Eagle Junction at the North Brisbane Inter-School Chess tournament and the Somerville House Chess tournament.

On Thursday at the North Brisbane competition, the team of Aditya Anand, Kanak Relekar, Elliott Dudgeon and Khush Patel finished 7th out of the 17 teams in the A Grade. Because they finished in the top 8 of the A Grade next term Eagle Junction can enter a team in the Premier Division and can try to win a spot in the Chess State Finals later in the year.

Playing in the B Grade, with the handicap of being a team of only 3, Anton Fairley, Ruben Beaumont and Lachy Hinneberg still managed to finish 15th out of 19 teams. Individually Anton had a very good day and received a merit ribbon for winning 5 of his 8 games.

On Sunday at Somerville House the Chess students continued to have great success. Playing in the Beginner Division, Fletcher Denton and Nethra Bharath did very well at their first ever Chess Tournament while the team of Aditya Anand, Kanak Relekar, Nicholas Bond and Khush Patel won the Novice Division beating 29 other teams. This was the first time an Eagle Junction team has ever won the Novice Division at Somerville House. Congratulations to all these students for these amazing results.

Have a great week.

Buffy Lavery and Susie Randel-Kneipp

From HOC & Master Teacher

High Impact Teaching

Our focus this year is on the consistent implementation of our Pedagogical Framework – Teaching and Learning the EJ Way, incorporating the use of High Impact Teaching. After teachers have prepared students for learning, the next phase of the High Impact Teaching Sequence is the ‘teach’ component.

After the teachers have explicitly taught the core knowledge and understandings and provided the students with timely feedback, the students then practise and consolidate their newly acquired knowledge or skill independently.

The ultimate goal for instruction is for students to be able to independently access the intended curriculum. It is our goal here at Eagle Junction State School to develop student capabilities, so to not be dependent on others for information, ideas and skill. As such, students need practise completing independent tasks explicitly taught previously.

Fleur Provost (Head of Curriculum) and Michael Coad (Master Teacher)
Sports Report
Cross Country
I wish to advise you of arrangements for the Inter-house Cross Country Carnival. As part of our sports participation policy of maximum involvement, it is expected that all children in Years Prep to 6 will participate. Exempted students are those with a medical reason.

Date: Thursday 26th March
Venue: Shaw Sportz, Shaw Road
Time: 9.00am to 1.00pm (arrive at school no later than 8.20am)
Transport: Bus (seat belted)
Depart school: From 8.45 am – Years 3-6 / After Morning Tea - Prep-Year 2
Return to school: Students are returned to school at various times
Morning Tea: Years 3-6 need to bring their own morning tea to Shaw Sportz
Uniform: School sports uniform or House colours (Shoes are compulsory)
Sun safe: Children must have a labelled hat and water bottle

Order of Events
Approximate Times for Thursday 26th March

9:30am  8 Years (Year 3 only) (2007) Boys and Girls – 800m
9:50am  9 Years (2006) Boys and Girls – 1km
10:10am 10 Years (2005) Boys and Girls – 2km
10:30am 11 Years (2004) Boys and Girls – 2km
10:50am 12 Years (2003) Boys and Girls – 2km
11:45am Prep Boys and Girls – 300m
12:10pm Year 1 Boys and Girls – 300m
12:30pm Year 2 Boys and Girls – 500m

Friday 27th March - Presentations at Senior Assembly.

Students in Years 3-6 who are looking for cross country practice - there will be sessions held on the school oval from approximately 7:45am – 8:20am on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. All students wishing to participate must wait on the seats next to the oval until the teacher in charge (Mrs Vander Velde) has arrived.

Sport Captains will also be conducting the Beep Test on the Tennis Court at first break (10:30am – 10:45am) for students in Years 3-6. Students are to arrive at the Tennis Court at the beginning of their play break and follow the Sport Captains instructions.

Monday  Year 5
Tuesday Year 3
Wednesday Year 6
Thursday Year 4

Hockey
Congratulations to Geoffrey Crofton and Seamus Penny on their inclusion into the City District Hockey Team. A great effort by both boys.

U11 Rugby League
Congratulations to Oliver Taylor and Tomas Gregory with their selection in the City District Rugby League Team which will compete at the Met North Regional Trials on 06 and 07 May 15.

City District Trials
Just a reminder to parents and students regarding the nomination of children to representative trials:-
• As a school we are limited in the number of students that we are able to send to trials.
• Many of the trials are for Under 12 teams which means that students who are in Year 7 are still eligible and attend these trials.

Handball
Support your Student Leaders and your Sport House! Come on and make a team.
• Registration outside the hall every lunch break
• Nominations and $2 entry fee need to be placed in an envelope and then the 2 team members staple envelopes together and place in House coloured boxes outside the Hall
• Nominations close Friday 20 March 2015

Mark Summers (Physical Education Teacher)
Waxing Lyrical about 2L’s Poetry Recitals

2L’s been busy reciting poems,
Learning lines within their homes.
Using voices that can be heard
Like little mice? Don't be absurd!
Speaking at a rhythmic pace,
Slow down there! It's not a race!
Using expressive vocal tones
Like talking on the telephone.
Showing feelings with their face
Like Tom & Jerry in a high-speed chase!
Looking at their audience
Like birds foraging from the fence.
Standing straight with both feet still,
Reciting poems is such a thrill!
We've had fun—it's been a rage
Our next step—The QPAC stage!

Antoine, Leo, Lucy, Addisyn, Heath, Hannah, Ryan, Francesca, Ana, Alex, Olivia,
George, Briana, Eleanor, Manasa, Midori, Jack, Campbell, Madeline,
Erik, Alexa, Oliver, Cayman, Katie, Sasha, Ruby.

Music Notes

Choir
Some key performance dates for EJ choirs:

❖ Junior and Senior Choir - Anzac Day service - Friday 24th April (time to be advised)
❖ Junior Choir - Bilby Day - Wednesday 20th May (time to be advised)

Tartan Trader

The Cross Country is just around the corner so race into the Tartan Trader and get into your house spirit with some of our fantastic hair accessories in our three great house colours blue, yellow and red!

Size 12 zip jumpers are back on the shelves so if you have been waiting for this item, please come and see us.

Second hand uniforms are still in great supply so come and grab a bargain. A big thank you for all the donations that continue to roll in!

Jayne Jones-Wilson (Uniform Shop Co-ordinator)
The Eagles Nest is still in need of more volunteers for Roster days. If you can help for just a couple of hours on a day, please contact me.

When ordering online and you require a Gluten Free option, please choose the gluten free bread or roll as this helps us when we are preparing the orders.

Parent Network
The Social Side

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

EJSS Pickup Zone 2015
Urgent call for pickup zone volunteers for 2015! We are calling out for volunteers who are able to assist EJ in keeping the school pick up zone running smoothly and safely.

Can you assist in manning the EJ pick up zone?

- Weekly?
- Fortnightly?
- Every 4 weeks?

Zone it alone or bring a friend & zone it as a duo. Every bit of assistance is greatly appreciated and can be easily accommodated on the roster – we currently have vacancies on all days of the week, particularly desperate on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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 Pickup Zone 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)
Enrolments for Kelvin Grove State College

Year 6 parents who live in the KGSC catchment area need to complete and EOI for Enrolment in 2016 by the end of Term 1. Year 5 parents – enrolments for 2017 will be accepted from the start of Semester 2015. This applies to students in Year 5 both inside and outside the KGSC Catchment Area.

P: 07 3552 7333 F: 07 3552 7300 M: 0457 515 861
E: mloft1@eq.edu.au W: http://kelvingrovesc.eq.edu.au

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EVENING WITH GEMMA SISIA,
THE AUSTRALIAN FOUNDER OF THE SCHOOL OF ST JUDE
IN TANZANIA

7.00PM, WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH
CLAYFIELD COLLEGE CHAPEL (ENTRY VIA GREGORY ST)

Gemma will share her inspirational story of turning a dream into a reality, which has seen her fight poverty in Africa through education.

Accompanying her will be Felix Moll, a valued employee of the school and a Masai warrior. His own story about his journey to St Jude’s is both heartwarming and amazing.

Gemma has twice appeared on Australian Story and is an exceptional Australian woman with a heart of gold.

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Junior Golf At Nudgee

Join the Nudgee Golf Club Junior Program.

Register at MyGolf

Questions? junorgolf@bigpond.com.au
Or call Gary on 0411 194 125
EJ’s inaugural Sportsman’s Night, held on Friday 13 was an overwhelming success. Nearly 100 people came to share an evening of inspiring stories and entertainment with Rugby Union legend Tim Horan and renowned sporting journalists / commentators Rob ‘Crash’ Craddock and Neil Manthorpe.

Dads, Granddads, Uncles and gentlemen alike enjoyed a top class night including great prizes, delicious curry and boutique beers. There were many fresh faces in the audience, some who were new to the school and others who had never made it to an event before. “Friday night was about gathering our men folk together to get to know one another and building male support in our community” Meg Graham President P&C.

Even though the evening was not primarily about fundraising a generous $7,000 was raised via auctions and raffles for the Parent Network which assists EJ families in need.

And the winners are:
- Main prize - 1 week for 4 to the Islander Noosa Resort – Winner David Mullan
- Main auction – Adam Scott Signed Pin Flag – Winner David Mullan $750
- Auction item - Matthew Hayden Signed Cricket Bat – Winner Quenton Carter $525
- Auction item - Seaworld Resort Escape & Entry – Winner Don Graham $325

Thank you to our main Sponsor LJ Hooker and our wonderful donors who helped make this night possible.

Matthew Hayden

Harvey Norman

The Beard Family
Are you looking for someone help organise your home or office? I can come and help for $25/hr and clean out that wardrobe/ cupboards/drawers around the home or office. I can help unpack your personal belongings and organise your cupboards from start to finish. Give your pantry and kitchen an overhaul. Start up the office space. Set up the new room for the latest addition. Come up with ideas to organise the kids toys. Go through that tired garage. I am honest, trust worthy and hard working, available 20km within the Ascot area. 
https://homeorganisationbrisbane.wordpress.com/ 