From the Principal

Week 9 of our school year and EJ teachers, parents and students are reflecting on student progress for the term.

Parent Teacher meetings continue this week for Prep to Year 2 and last week some very effective discussions occurred for our Year 3 to Year 6 classes.

The follow-up activities decided on by you and your student’s teacher, for both of you, are important. Teachers and parents working together fosters children’s learning. A recent article published by the Family, School and Community Partnerships Bureau stated:

- Research demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community involvement. This involvement is strongly related to improved student learning, attendance and behaviour and can have a major impact on student learning, regardless of social and cultural background of the family. Family involvement in schools is therefore central to high quality education and is part of the core business of schools.

Parents have the most influence on their child’s educational outcomes when they:

- Have high expectations for their children
- Show interest in their children’s learning environment
- Talk to them about things that interest them
- Discuss their children’s educational and career aspirations

Together we can ensure we have “for every child, every opportunity for every success”.

Josephine Bottrell (Principal)
Nominations for ICAS due tomorrow
Thursday 26 March 2015
Late entries WILL NOT be accepted.

From the Deputy Principals

Learning behaviours “scanning for clues” and “asking for help” are two handy skill sets best started from an early age. We need and use them often at school and in our daily lives.

"Scanning for clues" refers to checking for environmental clues that can tell you what, how, when, where or why to do something. A worksheet is often full of clues which students fail to see. As adults we have had to learn how to scan for clues on a web page. There are certain conventions and patterns which we become familiar with that help with scanning but in this age of high information density our scanning clues have had to improve. We also scan for clues in our physical environment. On walking into unfamiliar situations we check and see what others are doing to get clues as to how we need to behave.

"Asking for help" is not about the child who, as soon as you have asked them to do something immediately asks "what do I have to do?" For them the focus would be on learning the skills of "stop, look and listen" and "following directions". Asking for help in this context is about knowing when you need to check in to see if you are on the right path or are stuck or lost and need help to continue with a task. Unfortunately, some children seem to learn that asking for help is a sign of weakness or failure rather than an opportunity for tapping into expertise that will help them to do the right job better. Integral to this skill is the following one of actually listening to the helper and actively thinking about what they have said.

For both of these behaviours the best learning comes when the right questions are asked. For scanning for clues you might ask "Where are the words on the page that will tell you what to do or give you the information you need?" or "What are other people doing?" For asking for help you might ask "What are you trying to achieve?" or "What have you done so far? What might be a next step? What might happen then?"

It is always easier and very tempting to just tell children what to do and sometimes that is the most sensible option however starting with a question to model and hopefully activate the child’s thinking processes will help to build strong skills which are essential to learning.

Music Support Committee Meeting 2015
The first Music Support Committee meeting for 2015 will be held Monday night 30th March at 6.00pm in the Eagle Junction staff room. All parents are very welcome to attend.

This is a great opportunity to welcome our new families into the EJ Music program. Looking forward to seeing many new and familiar faces.

Have a great week.
Buffy Lavery and Susie Randel-Kneipp
Sports Report

Cross Country
The Inter-house Cross Country will be held tomorrow Thursday 26 March. Please see below for approximate times. Members of the EJ community who wish to attend the Cross Country and are arriving by car - it would be greatly appreciated if you could avoid parking in Bus Zones and in the No Standing zones along Shaw Road.

Order of Events:
Approximate Times for Thursday 26th March

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Friday 27th March - Presentations at Senior Assembly.

Soccer
Congratulations to Fynn Brayshaw and Hayley Britton on their selection in City District Representative teams.

Touch
Congratulations to Caitlin Brittain on her selection in the City District Representative team.

City District Trials
Just a reminder to parents and students regarding the nomination of children for 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 do mean that students who are in Year 7 are still eligible and attend these trials.

Mark Summers (Physical Education Teacher)

Library News

Borrowing has finished for the term. Please return all library books by Wednesday 1 April.

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)
In Prep R, purposeful and rich communication skills are valued and promoted with the use of iPads. The children are developing articulate oral language, phonological awareness of the sounds in language and listening effectively to others.

Within our flexible and open ended environment, the children engage in independent student initiated investigations. When the whole class has a common interest the students generate the topic of learning rather than a theme at the current time.

Individuals also have the opportunity to pursue developmentally appropriate interests through planning, creating, evaluating and documenting their outcomes. This Hands-On learning enhances skills that are being taught formally at other times of the Prep day.

The children are encouraged to record on iPads their planning, implementation and reflection. Then they discuss the process with peers to enhance their oral language acquisition.
We have several students using the snack money option on Munch Monitor. We trust your children are making good choices when using this money that has been approved by yourself as the parent/caregiver.

Please have a conversation about what snack options you are happy with your child selecting and how often. There is also the option on Munch Monitor to prevent your child using the account to buy over the counter snacks.

The Munch Monitor snack money option is not available on Mondays. Students can still bring money to buy over the counter snacks all week.

Finally all children will be told this week during assembly, that they will not be sold their counter snacks until after the duty teacher has released them to play. This is to avoid lunches not being eaten. Could you please reinforce this at home when discussing the tuckshop.

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THANK YOU E.J!

Thank you for all of your donations to help me raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. I was so overwhelmed that I had the support from EJ families as this will now help people who don’t have a choice. With everyone’s support we raised $759.00 through gold coin donations and $1,310.00 through donating on line which gave a big total of $2,069.00 - AWESOME!!!

A very special thank you to Ms Bottrell as she organised the assembly and gave me ideas to raise money. Also thank you to Michelle at Rogue Hair. Last but not least a thank you to my helpers who helped me hand out sheets to every class and help collect the coin donations.

Thank you for the donations,
You have helped the Leukaemia Foundation

THANK YOU E.J!

From Tomas Gregory
Parent Network

The Social Side

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Angela Timbs  0408 349 558  
All welcome! |
| Friday 27 March 7pm | Year 2 | Siam Pagoda Thai Restaurant  
318 Junction Rd, Clayfield | Parents Dinner  
BYO |

Mother’s Day Stall

The Mother’s Day Stall will be held this year on Thursday 7th May and thank you to Rebecca Forsdyke, Rani Wright and Jess Griffith who will be organising and running the stall this year.

A major change to the Mother’s Day Stall will be that they won’t be asking you for gift donations and will be purchasing the gifts to wrap and sell. However, if there are companies who would like to donate their “product giveaways”, they are still welcome and can be left at the tuckshop or Admin office.

There will be a wrapping day on Tuesday 28th April. Pencil it in if you are able to help and we will notify you as to where the wrapping will be held.

Amanda Russell (Parent Network Co-ordinator 0459 401 255/alrussell@westnet.com.au)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Get fit, have fun and do it for MUM!
Register now for Australia’s largest Mother’s Day event
Women in Super Mother’s Day Classic (Sunday May 10, 2015)
Each year the Mother’s Day Classic attracts more and more family groups who find it a fun and meaningful way to start Mother’s Day. Discounted family tickets are available nationally and there are loads of family activities and entertainment.

Brisbane Mother’s Day Classic – 4.5km/8km run or walk (suitable for all fitness levels)
It’s a fun morning of exercise with entertainment and activities for all ages. It can be a leisurely stroll and chat, or a run that becomes your PB. Men, women and children are welcome to join in.

Register to walk or run online today at mothersdayclassic.com.au. Register a school team and get your school families to come along. For further details on setting up a team – http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/how-you-can-help/teams/

Enrolments for Kelvin Grove State College

Year 6 parents who live in the KGSC catchment area need to complete an 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 2 2015. This applies to students in Year 5 both inside and outside the KGSC Catchment Area.

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Join the Nudgee Golf Club
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Term 2 lessons commence Saturday 18/4/2015.
Register at MyGolf
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Or call Gary on 0411 184 125

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**DRAMA CLASSES**

Eagle Junction Shining Stars
Prep to Year Two
Held in E Block from 2.55 to 4.00pm every Tuesday from 28 April to 23 June.

Eagle Junction Masterclass
Year Three to Year Six
Held in the Music Room from 2.55 to 4.00pm every Tuesday from 28 April to 23 June.
Confidence, communication, interaction and imagination.

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**KIDS Cooking School**
15 - 17 April 10am - 12pm
Kids Cooking Club
15 - 17 April 2 - 4pm

**ADULT'S Cooking School**
26th March
Food & Wine matching
7th May
Learn to make an 'Entertainer Breakfast'

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