From the Principal

Reflecting on the highlights of Term 1 2015 makes you realise what can be done when a talented and capable group of students and staff work together for a common goal. Teaching and learning is our game and this term we have ‘kicked some goals’.

Our student leaders from Year 4 to Year 6 have really stepped up to the challenges of official functions, organising and implementing a sports competition, leading teams of people in sports, assemblies and with school activities. Our sports capable students have represented our school, our district and region, some have excelled with ‘personal bests’; others have taken opportunities to trial for individual sports. While here at school, on a day by day basis, our sports house captains have organised and maintained equipment, addressed assemblies and supported our PE teachers.

Students whose capabilities are in the cultural endeavours have sung, danced, acted, delivered speeches in English and in Japanese. Our choirs have performed for us. They have been extended in regional activities and are preparing for more in Term 2.

Instrumental music students have gathered momentum and today, at Junior Assembly, the Senior Band was sounding tremendous.

However, it is in the area of academic pursuits that success is most obvious. Tracking the ‘relative gain’ and improvement data of students, having proud students read you their poems or show you ‘good work’ are highlights of every day. Staff who continually strive for improvement, participate in professional development and training and work collaboratively as a team of educators to provide the best possible learning environment for your children, is one of the hallmarks of EJ’s staff. Recent planning sessions, led by our Head of Curriculum, Fleur Provost have been a testament to this team ethos.

As in any top rating game, the players are supported by enthusiastic and participative parents. This term the support of volunteers, workers and helpers has been outstanding. New families have been made to feel welcome, differences celebrated and learning environments enhanced by ‘significant adults’. Our P&C Association and its various sub-committees have been the backbone of the support offered to our school and we thank each group and each individual for their contribution. We are also looking forward to the P&C building projects commencing over the holidays.

Best Wishes Susie

Congratulations are extended to Susie Randel-Kneipp (aka Mrs K.) who will take over the reins of Kedron State School Principal for Term 2. We wish Susie all the very best and are happy to know she is “just up the road”.

I am also pleased to announce that our staff will be joined by Julia Bailey as the Acting Deputy Principal in Susie’s absence.
From the Principal cont.

**Anzac Day Commemorations – Friday, 24 April at 8.00am on the School Oval**

For this year, the 100th Anniversary of the Anzacs’ landing at Gallipoli I have obtained permission to alter the school day on Friday 24 April.

To enable our students, staff, families and neighbours to be part of our school service, to ensure their comfort in the cool of the early part of the day and to ensure members of the RSL can be part of as many school services in the local area as possible, our school day will **begin one hour earlier and finish one hour earlier.**

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**ANZAC Day 25 April – Service in Kalinga Park**

Our Student Council will be marching as part of the Commemorations at the 7.00am service. A special note regarding this will go home Week One Term 2. **(Full school tartan uniform is required, including black shoes).** All EJ families are invited to attend as spectators.

**Every Day Counts**

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year. We will have had 2 weeks holiday. There is a 10 week term ahead of us and all students are expected to attend each day.


**Keep a Watch on our School these Holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call **School Watch on 13 17 88.**

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education, Training and Employment, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy—13 17 88—and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

Have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to Term 2 at Eagle Junction State School where we work to provide ‘**For every child, every opportunity for every success.**’

*Josephine Bottrell (Principal)*
Our Handball Competition
From the Deputy Principals
This term we have looked at the 10 Learning Behaviours we at EJ believe help children to become life, long learners.

The last learning behaviour of the ten is the ability to ask and answer the question "Is this my best work?" Successful learning requires the input of effort and the amount of effort impacts on the outcome. Students need to be able to honestly evaluate whether they are satisfied with the outcome, whether it is a product, new knowledge or a new skill. If they are dissatisfied with the outcome then they need the skills to be able to reflect on and analyse their efforts to see how they can improve or how to change what they would do next time to achieve an outcome they are happy with.

The "best" in "Is this my best work?" is not just about the neatness or the presentation, though these can be important. It is about developing a skill set which enables us to be the best we can be.

Chess News
Congratulations Aditya Anand, Kanak Relekar, Nicholas Bond and Khush Patel who together formed the winning team that won the Term 1 Somerville House Chess Tournament. This is the first EJ Chess team to win this event. Huge congratulations to these boys and the EJ Chess Coach Mr Martin Harmon for a very successful start to a year of competitions.

Safety First
We are all aware of the volume of both pedestrian and vehicle traffic that occurs before and after school. The Eagle Junction State School 2 Minute Zone for both drop off and pick up is the safest way of collecting and delivering children to school if you are travelling by car. Although it often requires patience, especially at peak times, the processes that are in place including the routines and supervision of students until collection ensures their safety until they are collected by parents or carers.

If your children are walking home or to a designated meeting point it is essential that road rules and behavioural expectations are revisited with frequency to ensure our young students are travelling safely.

The Eagle Junction State School Crossing Supervisors do a wonderful job in the streets that directly surround our school however in recent weeks there have been reports of students not taking the care required around such a busy precinct. This puts both students and motorists in jeopardy.

If your students travel on foot or bike to and from school please use this holiday period to reinforce safe travel routes and road safety. We will also be addressing this issue at both Junior and Senior Assembly.

We celebrate a Successful Term 1
We would like to take this opportunity to wish all EJ families a safe a relaxing Easter break. Our young students have had a positive start to their school year and teachers have all commented on the successes of their classes. 2015 has many more wonderful learning experience still yet to come. For now it is time to celebrate a successful term and have a well earned rest. We look forward to welcoming all families back to Term 2 to continue the great work we have started.

Take care one and all. Have a great holiday break.

Buffy Lavery and Susie Randel-Kneipp

Music Notes

Choir
Some key performance dates for EJ choirs:

- Junior and Senior Choir - Anzac Day service - Friday 24th April. (7.30am at school).
- Junior Choir - Bilby Day - Wednesday 20th May (time to be advised).
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. The third and final phase of the High Impact Teaching sequence is the consolidate phase. This phase allows students the opportunity to practice the using knowledge and skills they have learnt and review and reinforce their learning. During this last week of the term, teachers take the opportunity to review the teaching and learning experiences and reflect on student achievement.

Our recent parent teacher interviews also provide an opportunity for parents and teachers to review student progress and identify the next steps in teaching and learning.

Reading
This year, we also continue our focus on improving student achievement in reading. Over the Easter break, please take as many opportunities as possible to enjoy reading with and to your children. Remember – read, read, read!

We wish all our EJ families a safe and happy holiday.
Fleur Provost (Head of Curriculum) and Michael Coad (Master Teacher)

Young Scholars Program
The Queensland Academies’ Young Scholars Program provides highly capable school students in Years 5 to 9 with challenging enrichment opportunities. The rationale for this initiative is to develop the Queensland Academies Young Scholars Program as a teaching and learning strategy for gifted or highly capable Years 5-9 students. The program is delivered at three Academies in Brisbane and the Gold Coast and includes partnerships with universities. Young Scholars workshops are held regularly throughout the year.

Students enrolled in the Young Scholars Program have opportunities to participate in a workshop program that offers a range of challenging experiences. The Young Scholars Program also provides an opportunity for parents to attend lectures that will enable them to further support their children’s goals and aspirations.

In order to be eligible for the program, students must meet the criteria outlined on the website and have their nomination endorsed by the school. Parents can find out more about the Young Scholars program by visiting http://qa.eq.edu.au/young-scholars/

Liz Campbell, Fleur Provost and Jodi VanderVelde
Gifted Education Mentors (GEMs)

Year 2C News
Term One has been a busy term for 2C. In Mathematics we have been learning to add two-digit numbers using the jump and split strategies. We have also been learning multiplication using the array model.

In English we really enjoyed our poetry unit and have also enjoyed exploring characters’ feelings and motivations. Year 2C continue to learn from Mrs Parker’s lessons. Mrs Parker has shown us how to retell a story, participate in paired reading and how to complete a character rating.

In Science, we were amazed to see our bean seeds sprout! We have learned all about life cycles of living things with Ms Lee. Mr and Mrs Hilder visited our school last Wednesday to show us all types of equipment and household items that were used over 100 years ago. This complemented our History unit - The Impact of Changing Technology on People’s Lives.

2C look forward to a great Easter holiday and then a wonderful Term Two.
Sports Report

Cross Country
On Thursday 26th March Eagle Junction held its Annual Inter-House Cross Country Carnival at Shaw Sportz. It was a particularly hot day and all students and teachers are to be congratulated on their efforts and resilience.

Age Champions
8 Years (Year 3)  Nick Collins CR  Ashley Troutbeck C
9 Years  Ryan Heaton C  Keeley Brayshaw D
10 Years  Finlaye Dryden C  Phoebe Bradley C
11 Years  Oliver Taylor CR  Caitlin Brittain D
12 Years  Mackenzie Fox D  Ashleigh Pomeroy C

Overall Champion  Oliver Taylor  Caitlin Brittain

Overall Results - a very close competition!
1st Duntroon  283 points
2nd Cook  279 points
3rd Creswell  273 points

Mark Summers (Physical Education Teacher)
Reading Buddy Program Year 2 and Year 5
The Reading Buddy Program has been running successfully. The Reading Buddy Program will continue from Week 1 to Week 9 in Term 2.

Please note there will be no Reading Buddies on this Thursday 2nd April 2015.

Thank you.
Miss Cuk, Mrs Harris, Ms Lee (Reading Buddy Co ordinators)

Swim Club News
Congratulations to all the swimmers who competed in the Medley and Age Championships over the last couple of weeks.

Divisonal Points Winners 2014/15 (most improved)
4yrs – Ava Twomey
5yrs – Eddie Collingwood & Astrid Selwa
6yrs – Fletcher Wright & Emma Bond
7yrs – Fletcher Austin & Eloise Curran
8yrs - Rafael Breakspear & Evangeline Breakspear
9yrs – Harry Takis & Millie Mitchell
10yrs – Matthew Bond, Sofia Jaramillo & Abigale Houston
11yrs – Finlay Schuster & Charlotte Russell
12yrs – Jake Sturgess & Millie Bawden

Age Champions 2014/15
4yrs – Ava Twomey
5yrs – Eddie Collingwood & Astrid Selwa
6yrs – Oscar Murphy & Bridie McGarry
7yrs – Will Plowman & Meg Nucifora
8yrs – Max Rohan & Nikki Neisler
9yrs – Charlton Austin & Kate McKeering
10yrs – Nicholas Jones & Lulu Mitchell
11yrs – Tyler O’Keefe & Ashleigh Pomeroy
12yrs – Ben Rohan & Millie Bawden

Perpetual Trophy Winners 2014/15
Kong Shield – Club Champion (most divisional points) – Finlay Schuster
Carr Shield – Club Champion Runner Up – Rafael Breakspear
Jenni Cusack Cup – Max Rohan
Morrison Shield – 100m points Champion – Matthew Bond
Rohan Family Shield – 200m points Champion – Ben Rohan
Julie McGilvery Shield – Lucas Hassall
Club Spirit Award – The Hassall Family
Volunteer of the Year Award – Leisa Feez-Collins

A huge thank you to all of our fantastic parent helpers throughout the season.
Lou Beard (Secretary) secretary@ejswimclub.com.au
Thank you to the school community for embracing our on-line ordering system. It has been very successful and made our volunteers days easier.

Thank you to all my volunteers and Year 6 volunteers who help me on a daily basis with roster, washing, baking and selling snacks. You all do an amazing job!

Have a happy and safe holiday break.

Parent Network

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.

Calling For Help
❖ Help out with the wrapping day – 28th April after drop off at 26 Lewis Street, Clayfield. You are welcome to stay for as little or as long as you can and that little people are welcome.
❖ Help out wrapping at their home – 20 – 27 April. If you can’t make wrapping day you can wrap from home.
❖ Shop keepers for the stall on Thursday 7th May from 8.15am - 11am at the School Hall.

Rani Wright: 0416 007 417; raniwright1@gmail.com; Rebecca Forsdyke: 0406 200 800; rebecca.forsdyke@me.com
Jess Griffiths: 0402 165 760; jessimarcs@gmail.com.

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

Lost Property – Brisbane City Council
Brisbane City Council wrote to us this week to advise –

“That each day, many items are left on Brisbane City Council buses. Some of these items are from school students.

Council holds these items in our Lost Property Office for 4 weeks, pending collection from the rightful owner. In some cases, these items are not claimed.

As part of Council’s ongoing Customer focus, we are proactively returning any non-claimed lost property items belonging to your school or your pupils. These items will be returned by Council Courier free of charge. Should you have any questions, you are welcome to contact me directly on 3403 8260 or by email at gloria.jones@brisbane.qld.gov.au.”

If you believe your student (or older students) have left belongings on Brisbane City Council buses, please do not hesitate to contact the above contact.
Weekly Newsletter

Newsletter items are required to be received at the school office by **12noon on the Friday prior to the Wednesday newsletter**. Items received after that time will be placed in the next newsletter. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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**Ascot School of Dance**
www.ascotschoolofdance.com
Ph: 0417 629 066
RAD Ballet, CSTD Ballet, Tap, Jazz & Musical Theatre
Classed Offered for Ages 3+
Principal: Marilyn Culpitt
BA(Dance) / B.Ed, RAD RTS, CSTD Reg

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**Murray’s Gardening & Maintenance**
Ph: 0407 633 391
Murraysgardens@hotmail.com - Murray is an EJ Dad
http://www.murraysgardeningandmaintenance.com.au
*Specialise in PREPARING PROPERTIES FOR SALE!!*
*SPECIALISE in GARDEN RENOVATIONS!!*
*Lawn Mowing & Maintenance, *Hedging,* Landscaping,* shrub & tree trimming
*Garden bed - barking, gravels, pebbles, mulching, *Green waste removal

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**The Limezone**
TRAIN - LEARN - FUN
After school homework club or other set work - shared tutors
3:15 pm to 5:45 pm from $35 per student per afternoon
NOW OFFERING A FREE WALKING PICKUP SERVICE FROM EJSS AT 2:45 PM
Or combine one-on-one tuition with the homework club from $50 per student per afternoon
PRACTICAL ALTERNATIVE TO AFTER SCHOOL CARE, LET US HELP YOUR CHILD.
CALL MICHELLE NOW! 0417 916 529

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**KUMON**
KUMON CLAYFIELD EDUCATION CENTRE
Scots Presbyterian Church
29 Bellevue Tce Clayfield
Class: Every Mon and Thurs 3-6pm
http://au.kumongoal.com

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**BOOK NOW**
Limited Places
What are your kids doing over the holidays?

**KIDS Cooking School**
15 - 17 April 10am - 12pm
- Kids in the Kitchen
15 - 17 April 2 - 4pm
- Boys in the Kitchen

**ADULTS Cooking School**
13 April - choklit. "3 ways" 14 April
- Mediterranean & Quiche

La Bella Boccone Cafe
40 Castray St, Paddington 4064 (next to PCYC)
PH: 3368 1368

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**BAZIL GRUMBLE**
**DRAMA CLASSES**
Eagle Junction Shining Stars
Prep to Year Two
- Held in E Block from 2:55 to 4:00 pm 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 4:00 pm every Tuesday from 28 April to 23 June.
- Confidence, communication, interaction and imagination.

ENROL NOW ONLINE!
LIMITED PLACES
www.drama.bazilgrumble.com.au
LOTE (Language Other Than English) Support Group Consent Form

The Parent Network LOTE Support Group assists new LOTE families settle into Eagle Junction State School. If you would like to help or would like to be contacted by the group for assistance, please fill in and return this form to your teacher or the administration office.

Do you speak a language other than English?  
Yes □  No □

If yes, what language/s & dialects do you speak?

Which country/region do you and your family come from?

Please fill in your contact details

Name: ____________________________________________

Child/ren (Name and Class): ____________________________________________

Phone:  
(Home) ____________________________________________  
(Work) ____________________________________________  
(Mobile) ____________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________

Do you have any suggestions that may assist new families to settle in and to become involved in the EJ School Community?

Thank you so much for your support of our school community. We will be in contact soon.

Kind regards

Angela Timbs  
LOTE Group Coordinator  
amtimbs@tpg.com.au  
0408349558

Amanda Russell  
Parent Network Coordinator  
alrussell@westnet.com.au  
0459 401 255
DONATIONS NEEDED
Can you help?

The School / P&C will be hosting the remaining school community events / fundraisers in 2015 -

- 8 May  Mother’s Day Luncheon
- 20 June  Prep Parents’ Cocktail Party
- 29 August  EJ Eat Street Markets
- 22 October  Junior Music Soiree
- 24 October  Trivia Night
- 29 October  Senior Music Soiree

We require donations of gift vouchers, goods or services for these fundraising events (for live auctions, raffles, silent auctions, etc)

Should you know any businesses that would kindly support any of the above EJ events or you require further information, please contact EJ parent -

Mel Kerwin - P&C Donations Coordinator
0423 438 990 / pmkerwin@optusnet.com.au

Mel can email these businesses a letter of request on behalf of the EJSS P&C (or, should you prefer, Mel can forward the letter to you to send)

Funds raised from these EJ events will be directed to either -
- Parent Network (assisting EJ families in need)
- Prep P&C Sub-Committee
- Music Support Group