From the Principal

With the onset of the cooler months it is timely to remind everyone of the Winter Uniform. Details are included later in this Newsletter for your perusal. Uniform Shop has supplies and all 2015 articles need to be clearly labelled.


Our annual Bilby Day, a memorial to Luke Curnow (an EJ student who passed away while in Year 2) will be conducted on Wednesday 20 May from 1.30pm in the hall. All students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to the front of the school upon arrival that day. All students are asked to be in full school uniform – tartan shirts, navy jumpers, white socks and black shoes.

The Student Council is assisting with the preparations for and activities associated with Bilby Day and they will be selling merchandise for the week prior.

Our Junior Choir will also perform. Our tuckshop is making ‘Bilby treats’ and Kev Bradley the CEO of the Bilby Foundation and ‘Jodie’ the Bilby will be our special guests.

All parents are invited and all money raised on the day will be donated to the Bilby Foundation.

Exemption from Compulsory Schooling

There is an Application Form to Exempt Students from Compulsory Schooling that must be completed if students are absent for more than 10 consecutive school days. Situations where an application is required include:

- Illness
- Family reasons (including extended holidays)
- Cultural or religious reasons.

The application form which is available from the office, must be completed and presented to the Principal for approval.

Teaching and Learning in Term 2

This term teachers have begun the term with a focus on literacy, numeracy and learning behaviour goals for this term. Students are well engaged in the learning process and it is a pleasure to visit the classrooms.

Student performance for the entire Semester will be reported on this term in the end of semester Report Card. This will be distributed in the last week of term.
From the Principal cont.

The Standards of the Australian Curriculum will be used to “make judgements” about student performance on the report card. You are reminded that the Australian Standards are year long achievement standards and an explanation of the levels of achievement will be explained in the newsletter as we get closer to the end of the term.

Congratulations to our successful Cross Country team who participated in the Regional trials yesterday and congratulations also the 48 students from Years 5 and 6 who are currently participating in the High Achievers program being conducted at Kelvin Grove State College.

Josephine Bottrell (Principal)

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Winter Uniform

Boys
- Navy zip front jacket with embroidered school emblem.
- Sleeveless zip front fleece vest with embroidered school emblem.
- Plain navy tracksuit pants may be worn instead of Unisex shorts.

Girls
- Navy zip front jacket with embroidered school emblem.
- Sleeveless zip front fleece vest with embroidered school emblem.
- Plain navy tracksuit pants may be worn instead of Unisex shorts.
- Navy blue tights may be worn under Tartan dress or skirt or skort.

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From the Deputy Principals

Learning and Wellbeing at Eagle Junction

Over the past two weeks we have looked at how we use the learning environment and what and how we teach to develop the wellbeing of our students. This week we will look at how we develop policies and procedures to ensure that we are considering the learning and wellbeing of all of our students.

Written policies and procedures are only useful when their intentions are transformed into action by school staff, students and the wider community.

At Eagle Junction State School we do this by:

- Ensuring that our students are at the centre of all policy and procedure development processes
- Providing students with opportunities to raise issues and voice opinions about policies, teaching and learning and other operational procedures through the Student Council, forums, surveys and informal discussions with student leaders
- Using the Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students, the Identification of Differentiated Learning Needs process and the various differentiation processes which enhance the learning and wellbeing of individual students
- Offering opportunities for the whole school community to learn about issues of relevance to student wellbeing including parent information sessions about many topics of interest e.g. reading at home, cyber safety, building resilience
- Regularly reviewing and evaluating school operations relevant to student wellbeing
- Providing appropriate professional development programs to support policies being enacted by the school
Play time at EJ
As a school we take our responsibility of providing our students with a safe and engaging play environment very seriously. The playground is a great place to develop and practice skills for being resilient and getting along, being organized, persistent and confident.

All children need free time to structure their own play and negotiate space with other students. To maximise the use of the space and facilities we have available we have separate play times for the Junior (Prep to Year 2) and Middle (Years 3-6) school students. This term our play areas are under even greater pressure than usual due to the various building sites. But there is still plenty to do. There is sporting equipment available for each year level and the Resource Centre is open most days during break time. The children make good use of these opportunities.

Each term there is at least one lunchtime club one day a week for every year level. The clubs are run by teachers, sometimes with the help of volunteer parents or community members. These cover a wide range of activities. This term there is Lego and Loom for Year 1, How to draw a .......... for Year 2, Boys Club for Years 3 and 4, Lego for Years 4 and 5, Writing and Reading Clubs for Year 5, Art Club for Years 4, 5 and 6.

There are also a variety of sporting activities in preparation for the Gala Days and Debating is about to begin. Our Chappy Kyle is out and about helping students to join in. Teachers on playground duty monitor the wellbeing of the students whether it is ensuring they have eaten, are safe and helping students to resolve problems if they arise. Playtime is dynamic and fun at EJ and will only be enhanced by the new outdoor areas under construction. We can’t wait!

NAPLAN 2015
Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Please ensure your child arrives on time, relaxed and happy, well rested and well fed. We will take care of the rest. The tests take up only a small part of each day, the rest of the time is business as usual. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to talk to your child’s teacher or to Buffy Lavery.

Buffy Lavery and Julia Bailey

From HOC & Master Teacher

Reading
In line with our focus on reading, it is important to consider what good readers do to gain an understanding of the text they are reading. It is also important that our students understand what good readers do and how active they are before, during and after reading.

Good readers use comprehension strategies to facilitate the construction of meaning, Pressley, 2002. Research shows that the comprehension strategies good readers use include:

- **Previewing** – activating background knowledge, predicting, setting a purpose
- **Questioning** – generating questions to guide reading
- **Making connections** – relating reading to self, text and others
- **Visualising** – creating mental images while reading
- **Clarifying** – vocabulary / ideas
- **Monitoring** – asking ‘Does this make sense?’ and clarifying by adapting strategic processes to accommodate the response
- **Summarising** – synthesising important ideas

Previewing – or predicting means to ‘make a smart guess’ about what is going to happen next, using the text or illustration. Encourage your child to make predictions about the text they are reading, using the text or illustrations.

Some prompts to use with your child:

*I predict ................................................ because in the text or illustration ................................................
*I predict this book will be about .......................................................... because ................................................

Happy reading!

Fleur Provost (Head of Curriculum) and Michael Coad (Master Teacher)
Parent Network

Mother’s Day stall this Thursday 7th May!
Over 800 gifts are wrapped and ready to sell for our Mother's Day stall this Thursday.

A wide selection of gifts will be on sale for $3, $5 and $10. Prep gifts $2. These include (but not limited to): teddy bears, selfie sticks, travel mugs, umbrellas, coffee mugs, clocks, chocolates, cushions, bath fizzes, oil burners, jewellery stands, egg chairs, cupcake feet, dancing flowers, garden packs, MKR aprons, dancing flowers, nail polish and wind chimes!

Calling all Mums, Grandmas, Aunts, Cousins, Friends and Neighbours!
Please join us for the inaugural Mothers’ Day Lunch on Friday 8th May at Gusto da Gianni’s at Portside. $60 for a 3 course lunch plus glass of sparkling wine on arrival. Dame Quentin Bryce is our guest speaker and there will be raffles and silent auctions.

Gather a table together and nominate a captain (any size table from 6 to 12 people) or if you’d rather come along as a single, and we will put together tables in year groups.

To buy your ticket please log onto Munch Monitor, select the ‘School Shop’, chose any of your children to allocate your ticket through (which child doesn’t really matter – all tickets will be etickets with your name held in a list at the door on the day), select ‘Events’ and then simply buy your ticket either on a ‘Grade XX Table’ or the ‘Captain’s Table’ if you have a group together.

For those with a table group organised, please nominate a table captain to email meg.graham@optusnet.com.au with the list of those people on your table and get them to each buy their ticket (as indicated) on the captain’s table and we will keep a track of who has or hasn’t paid.

If you are inviting guests outside the EJ parent community, please buy their ticket for them on your Munch Monitor account. This is set to be a wonderful new event so don’t miss out. Buy your tickets and get your table organised today!
Music Notes

Junior Choir Notes
Term 2 will be a very busy term for the Junior Choir. Performances this term include:

Bilby Day - Wednesday 20th May
Queensland Youth Music Awards (QYMA) - Monday 1st June 6.30pm at the Gap State High School

EXTRA Rehearsals for QYMA:
Year 2 only:  
- Monday 11th May 10.45 to 11.15am
- Monday 18th May 10.45 to 11.15am
- Monday 25th May 10.45 to 11.15am

Year 3 only:  
- Thursday 21st May 12.30 to 1.15pm
- Thursday 28th May 12.30 to 1.15pm

Whole Choir:  
- Monday 1st June 1.00 to 1.30pm

Tax Deductible Voluntary Contributions
Hopefully every EJ family has now received a hard copy of the letter attached to this Newsletter. It has never been easier to contribute, with so many options for paying,

Contributions are already starting to be received, so a big thank you to those families, but we need the whole EJ community to contribute if we are to keep improving our great school, and to continue providing the best resources for our children’s learning.

EJ thanks you for your support.

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Buy a book from Scholastic Book Clubs to build our classroom resources!

Orders due: Sunday 10th May
¡Se Goes Crazy for Noun Groups!

The children of ¡Se are going crazy for vocabulary! As part of our English unit on characters, we have been learning about nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs, but our favourite has been noun groups!

Here are some drawings of our favourite book characters with noun groups we have constructed to describe them:

We hope you have enjoyed reading our noun groups as much as we enjoyed creating them!
Libraries allow children to ask questions about the world and find the answers. And the wonderful thing is that once a child learns to use a library, the doors to learning are always open.

— Laura Bush

This year the school is calling on Eagle Junction State School families to support our school library through tax-deductible voluntary donations.

Education Queensland funds our school with a budget based on $125 per student to organise and manage all aspects of school life (excluding wages). With 830 students, this totals just over $100,000 so the Parents and Citizen’s Association works with the school executive to fund additional necessary resources.

Education Queensland does not fund the maintenance nor the improvement of school library resources and while some families regularly contribute via Annual Library Fund Voluntary Donations, more funds are needed to make our library a “top-notch” learning centre.

Tax-deductible contributions will be used to purchase resources such as books, computers (hardware and software) and consumables. These resources will assist our staff and parent volunteers to operate a library that inspires, informs and enthuses our children.

If every family donated $100, think how our children would benefit?

And if this is your child’s final year at Eagle Junction State School, please consider leaving a legacy gift or a contribution of $1,000 or more. This will give your child the option of being recognised for their family’s substantial contribution and your donation could be dedicated to a particular resource.

Tax Deductible Library Fund Voluntary Donations can be made by:

- Online / Credit Card (via www.munchmonitor.com)
- Cheque
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- Cash

Please complete the attached payment form and return it to your child’s teacher before 26 June 2015. (For taxation purposes, a receipt will be issued via your youngest child)

Thanking you, in advance, for your much-needed support.

Josephine Bottrell
Principal

Meg Graham
P&C President

For further enquiries please contact the Voluntary Donations Coordinator
Melissa Kerwin  I  m 0423 438 990  I  e pmkerwin@optusnet.com.au
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Child’s Name: ___________________________________________________________ Class: ___________

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I / We wish for the following amount to be donated to the Library Fund  $____________________

Payment Options (please tick option and return to Class Teacher with payment before 26 June 2015)

☐ Online / Credit Card:  www.munchmonitor.com

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1. Login to www.munchmonitor.com using your email and password
2. Go to “School Shop” when asked, ‘What do you want to do today?’
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3. Enter your own username ( email address ) and password. Click ‘Create Your Account’.
   An important email will be sent to you
4. Find the email and click the link to activate your account.
   Check your Junk Mail folder in case the email has been treated as “spam”
5. Enter your own Username ( email address ) and Password then click ‘Activate My Account’
6. Follow the guided steps to complete the setup

☐ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):
   Account Name: Eagle Junction State School P&C Assoc  I  Bank: Westpac
   BSB: 034-060  I  Account: 202347  I  Surname for Receipt (as reference)

☐ Cheque  ( payable to Eagle Junction State School P&C Association )

☐ Cash  ( cash payments in a sealed marked envelope to your child’s Class Teacher )

I / WE ARE MAKING A CONTRIBUTION OF $1,000 OR MORE AND WISH TO BE RECOGNISED

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