From the Acting Principal

**What is Reconciliation?**

Reconciliation is about building better relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for the benefit of all Australians.

To create positive change we need more people talking about the issues and coming up with innovative ideas and actions that make a difference. Today on the last day of National Reconciliation Week we celebrated by holding two special Reconciliation Assemblies for the Junior and Middle Schools. The assembly, conducted by our students, enabled our community to join the reconciliation conversation by reflecting on our shared histories, contributions and achievements.

We looked to the future and actions that we can all take to build on the successes that are occurring and to make racial discrimination a thing of the past.

We heard from special guest, James Haney, Regional Community Partnership Officer from Education Queensland’s Metropolitan Region who talked about the range of initiatives occurring within our schools.

Ms Natalie Bramwell, Coordinator of our Student Council talked to the students about the meaning of reconciliation and read some of the postcards written by our students with plans for a positive future.

You can see all of our student’s postcards that will be on display in our Resource Centre for the rest of this term. There is also a display of resources held by the school to further our understanding of reconciliation.

We looked at the shareourpride.reconciliation.org.au website, an excellent resource that every Australian family should visit for clear and accurate information about the past, present and better futures for Indigenous Australians and the role that we all have to play.

*Buffy Lavery*
From the Acting Deputy Principals

Academic Reporting Semester 1
With Report Cards due to be sent home during the last week of Term 2, it is timely to review how Eagle Junction State School provides you with information about your child and their achievement in learning. It is important to consider the context of your child’s past six months of learning including information from parent teacher interviews and other information provided by your child’s teacher, their application to homework and attendance at school.

As well as considering your child’s A-E mark for Achievement in each Learning Area, we encourage you to also look at their grade for Effort which is related to their attitude and application towards learning.

The scale on which Effort is marked is:
A = Excellent (independently and consistently displayed)
B = Very Good (consistently displayed)
C = Satisfactory (usually displayed)
D = Needs attention / Still Developing (sometimes displayed)
E = Unacceptable (rarely displayed).

When deciding on a grade for Effort, a teacher usually considers the behaviour of the student as they engage with each subject. Some students have a preference for particular subjects and so find it easier to apply themselves to the learning opportunities and tasks provided. Some children find difficulty with particular types of activities such as working in a group.

Learning the behaviours that promote life-long learning develops over the years just as children develop their content knowledge. Learning to listen and follow increasingly complex instructions, choosing a positive attitude and staying focused on the job to be done, starting and finishing a task within a set timeframe, being organized, being an active participant in discussions and group activities, asking for help or feedback and reflecting on one’s work are all skills which contribute to the Effort grade a student receives.

When deciding on a mark for behaviour, which can be found just above the general comment at the end of the report card, teachers firstly consider the Eagle Junction State School values – respect, acceptance, consideration, co-operation, honesty, resilience, contribution and responsibility. Each of these values is exemplified by certain behaviours such as coping with change, being positive and inclusive towards others, being able to share and take turns.

Teachers consider a child’s developing personal skills for each value. Children are learning to improve upon these skills all through their schooling years. Demonstrating effort and behaviour to a ‘C’ standard is satisfactory, an ‘A’ or ‘B’ is what we would hope to see, especially by the end of Year 6. If your child receives a ‘D’ or an ‘E’ for effort or behaviour this indicates that conversations need to be had – if they haven’t already – with the student, their teacher and if necessary, the appropriate person on the Admin team to ensure that a plan is in place to support a child to develop the positive attributes of a successful and engaged learner.

ICAS Science
Thank you to parents for getting your children to school nice and early in time for the Science ICAS assessment this morning. All students approached the assessment with enthusiasm and diligence on this very crisp wintry morning! Thank you to those parents who assisted with logistics. Your help was much appreciated.

Music Support Group
Thank you to the parent community for responding to our request for additional volunteers for the Music Support Group. Your willingness to be involved and offer your time is greatly appreciated. Our next meeting is scheduled for 10th August at 6.00pm in the staffroom. Finalising details on this year’s Soiree - Senior Soiree Wednesday 21 October (note date change) and Junior Soiree Thursday 22 October will be on the agenda. If you would like to join us, please email Julia Bailey jball154@eq.edu.au.

Parent Reading Information Session
Parents with children in Prep are invited to attend our Parent Reading Information Session. The session will focus on practical tips for supporting your child with home reading and the importance of reading to your child.

Prep Parent Reading Information Session - Monday 22 June 9:00 – 10:00am in the Library

Year 1 and Year 2 parent reading information sessions will be offered early next semester. We look forward to seeing our Prep parents at this session. Please email fprov1@eq.edu.au if you will be attending this session.

Julia Bailey and Fleur Provost
From the Master Teacher

Reading Comprehension – Summarising
Summarising is a shortened version of an original text. To summarise, students are required to include all the main ideas and important details, and ensure that the structure of the summary is similar to the original text.

When students summarise, they often copy out big chunks of text, include unimportant information and detail, or write too much or too little. For students to successfully summarise, they need to be able to:

- identify the main idea/s
- use key information – words, facts and phrases
- take notes
- retell a shortened version of the text in their own words

Language we use when summarising:
• The main point the author is making is _______________________
• The main idea of the text is _______________________
• The most important ideas/events in the article/story so far are ____________

Next time you share a story with your child share how you summarise during and after you read.

Michael Coad (Master Teacher)

Sports Report

Gala Days
Final Gala Day is Friday 5 June 2015.
Students are still expected to attend training sessions. If you are unable to attend please inform the supervising teacher.

The uniform shop has long socks available for those students playing Soccer or Rugby League.

Venues for Gala Days are as follows:
Netball: Pine Rivers Netball Association, Francis Rd, Lawnton
Boys Soccer: Brisbane Boys Grammar Playing Fields Northgate
Girls Soccer: Virginia United Soccer Club - Northgate
Rugby League: Bishop Park
Tag League: Shaw Park

Athletics Carnival
Athletics Carnivals are scheduled for the end of the term. Students are participating in Athletics activities in the lead up to the carnival during their PE lessons.

Students (Years 3-6) will compete in all events on the designated Athletics Carnival dates with the exception of High Jump. Trials for High Jump will be held during PE lessons.

Tuesday 16th June – Athletics (Years 3-6) Day 1 Bowden Park
Tuesday 23rd June – Athletics (Years 3-6) Day 2 Bowden Park
Thursday 25th June – Athletics (Prep – 2) Eagle Junction School Oval

Please be advised - to meet our duty of care, all students are expected to travel to and from the events by the school bus.

Mark Summers (Physical Education Teacher)
Music Notes

Congratulations to the Eagle Junction Vocal Ensemble for their outstanding performance on Friday night at the Queensland Youth Music Awards. The students displayed such focus and commitment in delivering their two songs "Oye" and "Shackleton" so beautifully and expressively on the night.

The Music Awards were held at The Gap State High School where seven Brisbane schools and the community choir "Biralee Voices" presented an impressive evening of choral entertainment. Our Vocal Ensemble received a Silver Award for their fine effort on the night.

Lorna Sue (Classroom Music Teacher)

Well done also to the Junior Choir who performed at the Queensland Youth Music Awards on Monday night. They achieved a Silver award and 3rd place overall. They have worked so hard over the last few weeks to deliver an impeccable performance. "Shine your Light" was sung with enthusiasm and energy, and "Moon Song", by contrast, was sung with grace and sensitivity. The Junior Choir can now relax and enjoy a week off, not to mention the party next week!

Christine Shume (Classroom Music Teacher)

Instrumental Music – Percussion

Please note that Mr Simpson will be away on Thursday 4th June. There will be no Percussion lessons that day.

Orders due: Sunday 7th June
The Eagle’s Nest will be selling snack items from 8am on Winter Gala Days. Students and teachers can purchase items to take with them to sport.

Please DO NOT pre-order these items through Munch Monitor, as we can access your account at the counter from 8am. If you do not have a Munch Monitor account you can use cash over the counter.

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### Parent Network

#### SOCIAL SIDE

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**EJ’s Annual Library Fund Appeal**

*“What a school thinks about its library is a measure of what it feels about education.”*  
— Harold Howe, Author

**Play your part** with EJSS continuing to deliver a high quality library to assist our current students and future EJ students to be the best they can be.

Your Library Fund contributions will purchase:

- books
- computers (hardware & software)
- consumables

As the end of the financial year approaches, please support our Annual Library Fund Appeal by making a **tax deductible** contribution.

The Annual Library Fund Appeal payment form is included in this week’s edition of the *Flying Eagle* newsletter (payment options outlined).

Please return your completed payment form to your child’s teacher before **Friday, 26 June 2015** (final day of Term 2) so a receipt may be issued to you.

**Every contribution makes a difference.**

For further enquiries:

Melissa Kerwin (Voluntary Donations Coordinator - 0423 438 990/pmkerwin@optusnet.com.au)
HOW TO USE THE LOADING ZONE

Your passenger pickup zone / 2 minute zone allows for the quick pick up of children during congested peak school “let out” times.

THE CONCEPT
- Vehicles move slowly along the loading zone towards the front of the queue
- Children see the vehicle and are ready to get in
- The vehicle can be stationary for a maximum of two minutes only
- Motorists "give each other a fair go"

RESPECT THE TIMING
- Do not stop for more than two (2) minutes
- Do not park in the zone and walk away from the car

PICKING UP AND LOADING BAGS
- Plan your arrival time. Does it have to be before students are released from class?
- Do you have older children? Could you ask them to be ready and waiting 15 minutes after school gets out?
- You can get out of the vehicle only to assist the children to load bags
- If your child is not waiting please drive away and return to the queue or park legally and walk to collect them
- Never double park to pick up children – it is illegal and dangerous

www.roadsafety.qld.gov.au
1300 360 135

- All children are expected to enter or leave a vehicle on the footpath side of the vehicle. Using the roadside door of a vehicle increases risks.

- All parents not using the provided 2 minute zone are requested to respect the neighbours driveways. Parking in or across driveways of neighbours is not appropriate.

- All parents walking children to and from school, even if parked outside the 2 minute zone should use the supervised crossings. Crossing behind or in front of parked vehicles makes visibility difficult.
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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Wavell State High School
Enrolment Packages for Year 7 in 2016 are now available at our school office or you may phone Wavell SHS on 3350 0328

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Need a Garden Make-over? Want to clean up? Pressure Clean your entertainment area? WE CAN HELP YOU!!

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Happy, Healthy, Confident Kids
- Exercise and nutrition
- Team building
- Co-ordination
- Motor skills development

DONT MISS OUT, CALL TODAY!

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COMMUNITY NEWS
You are invited to EJ’s 2015 Prep Parents’ Social Fundraiser

FLORIDA FLING

St Anne’s Parish Hall,
127 Nelson St
Wooloowin

Saturday 20 June
6:30pm — 11:00pm
$35.00 per ticket

Finger food and drink on arrival
Dinner & entertainment provided
Cash bar, auctions, competitions, prizes

Dress in your best out-there Florida

RSVP by Friday 12 June via www.munchmonitor.com
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 l m 0423 438 990 l e pmkerwin@optusnet.com.au
TAX DEDUCTIBLE LIBRARY FUND VOLUNTARY DONATIONS 2015 – PAYMENT FORM

Parent/Guardian Name/s (for Receipt): ________________________________________________________________
( PLEASE USE BLOCK LETTERS )

Email Address: ____________________________________________________________ Contact Number: ____________________

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

ALREADY REGISTERED WITH MUNCH MONITOR?
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?’
3. Step 1 – Select Student ( select any student )
4. Step 2 – Select Category ( select ”Tax Deductible Library Donations” )
5. Make your purchase and add to your cart
6. View your cart, check your order and select “Checkout & Pay”
7. Payment can be made with Visa or MasterCard. It’s that simple!

NOT YET REGISTERED WITH MUNCH MONITOR?
1. Go to www.munchmonitor.com
2. Click on ‘Login’ then ‘Register’ ( Enter Username: eaglejss / Enter Password: munch4011 )
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.
5. Check your Junk Mail folder in case the email has been treated as “spam”
6. Enter your own Username ( email address ) and Password then click ‘Activate My Account’
7. Follow the guided steps to complete the setup

☐ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):
   Account Name: Eagle Junction State School P&C Assoc  l  Bank: Westpac
   BSB: 034-060  l  Account: 202347  l  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

“Contributed by the ____________________________________________________ family in 2015”
( please insert Family Name to be recognised )

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DONATIONS NEEDED
Can YOU help?

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

- 20 June  Florida Fling • Prep Parents’ Social
- 29 August  EJ Eat Street Markets
- 21 October  Senior Music Soiree
- 22 October  Junior Music Soiree
- 24 October  Trivia Night

Our fundraising events require donations of :-

- gift vouchers (goods / services)
- products / goods
- cash donations
- Naming Rights Sponsors

(for live auctions, raffles, silent auctions, lucky envelopes)

Do YOU know any businesses that would kindly support any of the above EJ events?

Need further information?

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Funds raised from EJ events are directed to either:-

- Parent Network (assisting EJ families in need)
- Prep P&C Sub-Committee ("Florida Fling")
- Music Support Group (Junior & Senior Soirees)