From the Acting Principal

Athletics Carnival
Eagle Junction State School offers many great things to our children and the community. However one thing we don't have is an oval on which to run a proper Athletics Carnival in a safe and efficient way.

The date is determined by National, Regional and District competitions. Nominations for Districts have to be submitted week one of Term 3. Each year we have to source another venue which is relatively close and provides the facilities we require and organise the buses to move 400+ students to and from the venue in a safe and cost efficient way. It is a major logistical exercise. Suitable venues are in high demand and have to be booked a year in advance. Our school calendar is also very busy and limits our options for suitable dates.

We have control over some aspects but definitely not the weather on the day. Yesterday was damp with a fine mist, wandering drizzle and the very occasional heavier shower. I decided that the carnival would go ahead, with the proviso that the buses were on call should the conditions become too miserable. We reviewed the situation constantly using the frequent dry spells to complete as many events as possible. We opted not do high jump or long jump for safety reasons but we were able to complete most of the scheduled events.

There was basic but adequate shelter for everyone, it wasn't cold and there was no wind. We called it a day about an hour early and by the time I checked each class before the end of the day everyone was warm and dry. With true EJ resilience and persistence our children caught the spirit of the day - great fun, friendly competition and a chance to cheer on friends and housemates.

The events which have not been completed will be done before the holidays. Hopefully we will have a fine day next Tuesday! If it looks like there is a chance of showers please send your child with a rain jacket.

Keep a watch on our school over the holidays!

School Watch
13 17 88
Crime Stoppers
1800 333 000
A Fond Farewell to my EJ Family
Today is truly a day of mixed emotions for me. This morning I accepted the position of Principal at Kedron State School therefore officially relinquishing my role at Eagle Junction. While extremely excited about leading Kedron State School in the next chapter of the school’s progression, it is with much sadness that I leave a community that I have so enjoyed being part of.

I take with me many happy memories, relationships and a feeling of great satisfaction about the work the leadership and teaching teams have done to prioritise the success and wellbeing of the EJ students. I am so fortunate that both the professional and community connections I have established will enable me to continue to hear about the progress of our young learners. I want to personally thank the EJ community for their support and encourage your continued investment in the learning journey of your children.

With my best and fondest regards
Susie

Cyber safety
Once again it has come to our attention that many students are using a variety of social media out of school, sometimes in inappropriate or hurtful ways. There is a very good reason why sites such as Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, Pinterest and Twitter (13 years with parent permission) and kik (18 years) have specified an age before which students should not use these forms of communication unsupervised.

If you are happy to give your child permission to use these, it is important that you closely monitor their use. Please visit the Australian Government Cybersafety website http://www.cybersmart.gov.au where there is a wealth of information for parents and children around a range of issues. Don’t assume that your child isn’t sending or receiving inappropriate messages - check and make sure they know how to manage this world of constant, instant communication and the rules that apply.

Finally a word from Susie:-

I know we all wish her the very best for the future and thank her for the contribution she has made to our school.

Buffy Lavery

Students competing at the Athletics Carnival
From the Acting Deputy Principals

QCAA and QUT – Spotlight on Early Years at EJSS

As testimony to the tireless efforts of Susie Randel-Kneipp and the team of Eagle Junction State School Prep teachers, I am very excited to report this week that Queensland University of Technology (QUT) and Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) have invited EJSS to share high quality early years teaching practice as part of their current initiative, Early Years Project.

This project aims to share by way of video footage specific pedagogical and curriculum approaches to be delivered through the early years of learning. In particular the project looks at the characteristics of young learners and enquiry and play-based learning.

The QCAA is a formal body of the Queensland Government whose role it is to provide Kindergarten to Year 12 syllabus support, guideline implementation, assessment, reporting and certification services for Queensland schools. The Early Years Project aims to showcase the continuity of learning from kindergarten to Prep, with EJSS having been identified as a quality setting that demonstrates breadth of knowledge and application in their early year’s program.

Professor Annette Woods, Course Co-ordinator, Faculty of Education, Early Childhood, QUT, will be working in the Prep environment with one of our Prep teachers, Ms Anne-Louise Gilbert in an attempt to capture authentic learning footage on camera. It is anticipated that the end result will be a series of vignettes of Prep students engaging in their learning with explicit, guided, play and enquiry based learning as key focus areas. Key personnel will also be interviewed for the purpose of sharing practice from a school based perspective. These vignettes will be publicly available via the QCAA website during Semester 2. Parents of Prep G will be notified of the dates and permission forms for inclusion on the day this week.

This truly is a wonderful opportunity to publicly acknowledge the dedication and commitment of all teachers at Eagle Junction State School. To be recognised as a quality educational setting that aligns with the intent of the QCAA is something to be very proud of.

For more information on the QCAA, I encourage you to take some to navigate around their website. Visit https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/

Pyjama Day – Friday 12 June

It’s not every day that I wear my Cookie Monster pyjamas to school! Can I extend my thanks to all the teachers in Prep to Year 2 who, in the spirit of good fun, wore their PJ’s to school? The rainy day certainly lent itself to ‘comfy’ clothes and despite the excitement of a uniform-free day, the children should be commended for their sense of fun on the day, while maintaining their attention to active learning.
ICAS Assessment – Week 9
Thank you to the families who were able to get their children to school bright and early Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 June for ICAS Writing and Spelling respectively. Being punctual ensures that all participants have the chance to work uninterrupted and within the tight and sometimes challenging time frames that are set by ICAS. Also thank you to the Chess Club students for being flexible and moving their venue on this occasion. It was much appreciated.

The next assessment will be English and this is scheduled for Tuesday 28 July followed by Mathematics on Tuesday 11 August.

Band Blitz
On Tuesday, June 9, some of our Junior Band Instrumental Music students participated in the 2015 Band Blitz Workshop at Windsor State School. The day involved over 300 students performing in three concert bands. The day gave students who are new to instrumental music the opportunity to meet and perform with students from other schools in the district.

Throughout the day, our students attended rehearsals and section tutorials with specialist staff to hone their skills in preparation for the concert at the end of the day. The concert was attended by an estimated 500 parents and family members and was a great success. The Band Blitz was a wonderful opportunity for our students and has prepared them well for our Junior Band that will start rehearsing in Term Three.

Julia Bailey and Fleur Provost

From the Acting HOC & Master Teacher
As it is reporting season, it is timely to understand the high quality practices our teachers engage in to ensure their judgement on student assessment data is consistent.

Moderation is a process that ensures teachers’ judgements on student achievement are comparable within and between schools. It involves closely interrogating an assessment task to ensure that all facilitating teachers have a shared understanding of its intent. The moderation process can include teachers producing exemplars of student responses to gain a deeper understanding of the skills and knowledge required to complete the task. Teachers meet after the assessment task has been completed to share student responses and ensure that judgements about student achievement are consistent.

Eagle Junction teachers participate in moderation within their year level team to ensure judgements are comparable between all classes. Support staff such as Intensive Teachers, Literacy & Numeracy Support teachers and EAL/D (English as an Additional Language or Dialect) teachers who engage with assessment pieces attend these sessions, also. Additionally, teachers attend cluster moderation sessions – meeting with teachers from a number of nearby schools to develop a deeper shared understanding of assessment tasks and teacher judgements across schools.

Moderation is just one of the strategies teachers utilise to improve their teaching and student learning. It effectively ensures that expectations are clear, that assessment data has integrity and that student assessment is judged fairly and consistently.

Alex Suthers (Acting Head of Curriculum) & Michael Coad (Master Teacher)
**Library News**

This is the last week for borrowing in Term 2. Students are able to borrow one book but to help us prepare for Term 3 we ask that all books be returned by **Wednesday 24th June**. The Library is open each morning before school from 8:00am – 8:20am and both breaks for students to drop their Library books into the returns box. If you would like to help shelve the many books that return at this time of year we would gladly welcome any time you have to offer.

We are also looking forward to welcoming all volunteers who are able to help with our **Working Bee** this **Friday 19th June** in the Library. Your help to cover Home Readers and assorted EJ resources is greatly appreciated and benefits all students at EJ. If you are attending please remember to sign in at the office.

★★★ Hamilton Library invites students at Eagle Junction State School to participate in the Brisbane City Council Libraries Gold Star Reading Club ★★★

The Gold Star Reading Club has started in Council libraries across the city. There are five great reasons for children to get involved in the 2015 Gold Star Reading Club.

1. Membership to the Gold Star Reading Club is FREE!
2. The Gold Star Reading Club can help children improve their reading and literacy skills.
3. Children will be rewarded for reading with exciting monthly incentives – a magnifier bookmark, coloured pencil kit and torch pen.
4. The opportunity for all participants to enter the monthly draw to win a $25 book voucher.
5. It’s FUN! Children will have fun sharing their reading experiences with family and friends.

This is a great opportunity for parents to share in their children’s reading achievements. To register your child for the Gold Star Reading Club, simply visit [www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries) or your local library to complete a registration form. For more information about the Gold Star Reading Club, visit your local library or call Council on 3403 8888.

*Kim Allen and Marcia Lomman (Teacher Librarians)*

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**Chappy’s Corner**

Winter Wipeout is a camp for Years 5 & 6 students which runs in the first week of the Winter school holidays. Chappy Kyle is headed on camp. If you’re interested in attending you can get more information from Kyle or email: winterwipeout@sucamps.org.au

*Chappy Kyle*
The Tuckshop will NOT be selling food and drinks at the Geebung grounds during the Track and Field day on 23 June 2015. Students can buy snack items at the Tuckshop from 8am (before the buses depart).

Also available - $4.00 Grab Bags (containing chips, an apple, a sweet muffin and a savoury muffin)

Please DO NOT pre-order on Munch Monitor.

Parent Network

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EJ’s Annual Library Fund Appeal 2015

Tally of contributions to our Annual Library Fund Appeal
(11 June 2015)

First place: Year 2
Second place: Prep
Third place: Year 4
Fourth place: Year 1
Fifth place: Year 3 & Year 5
Sixth place: Year 6

EJ families are donating from $25 to $1,000! It’s not too late for you to support our Library, whilst also being eligible for a tax deduction!

Our Annual Library Fund Appeal is an essential part of fundraising for our School Library to fund the purchase of books, computers (hardware & software) & consumables.

Please return your completed payment form (inserted in this week’s Flying Eagle newsletter) to your child’s class teacher before Friday, 26 June 2015 (final day of Term 2) so a receipt may be issued to you.

Every contribution makes a difference and your support is greatly appreciated.

For further enquiries:
Melissa Kerwin (Voluntary Donations Coordinator - 0423 438 990/pmkerwin@optusnet.com.au)
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.

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.

Local After School Nanny

- Uni student with drivers license, car and blue card
- Lives within km of school
- Has lots of previous experience with children
- Experienced tutor
- References available from other EJ babysitting clients
- $25/hour
- Contact Sophie on 0407017617

Lost Property

There is an expanding amount of lost property awaiting owners. Please remind your child to check for lost jumpers, hats, lunch boxes, etc.

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Finger food and drink on arrival Dinner & entertainment provided

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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-deductive 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](http://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

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For further enquiries please contact the Voluntary Donations Coordinator
Melissa Kerwin  I  m 0423 438 990  I  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!

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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 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

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

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St Agatha’s Parish Sacramental Program

Beginning next year, 2016, there is a new program for preparation and celebration of the sacraments. Year 3 children or older will prepare and celebrate Confirmation in 2016. That group will make their First Holy Communion in 2017. In 2018 they will celebrate Reconciliation.

Enrolment weekend for all 3 sacraments will be 6/7 February 2016 at any of the masses.

NB: There will be no preparation for and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for Year 2 children in 2015. This preparation and celebration will be when they are in Year 5 after they have been confirmed (2016) and made their first Holy Communion (2017).

The 2016 preparation timetable and enrolment forms will be on our Website from November 2015.

www.clayfieldparish.org.au

or contact the parish office on 3262 2859