From the Principal

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher interviews take place over the next 2 weeks before and after school. Teachers have made themselves available to inform you of your students’ learning strengths and focus areas for improvement.

I would encourage you all to take the time to meet with them. Letters regarding times available should be home this week. The individual approach we take with all of our students is what is distinctive about the way we teach and the way your student learns. By providing every opportunity for every child for every success, our differentiated curriculum seeks to ensure the needs of each student are met and our teaching and their learning leads to improvement.

NAPLAN Results
The improvement evident in our NAPLAN results is testament to this approach. Our school wide results are outstanding, with performances well above the State and National Minimum Benchmarks. Individual improvements and improvements in the focus areas of the school have shown us that not only is our achievement at the highest standard but again this year, our improvement from last year has continued and the history of our improvement since 2012 is in the highest quadrant for the upper two bands and also the mean scale score.

As always we are not relaxing – work and analysis of the data available to us has begun in earnest with the intent of making your child’s education at Eagle Junction State School the very best available.

Thank you to our teachers and support staff for their commitment to your students’ achievement. We all own these successes. Thank you to you as a family for the way you support teaching in our school.

Thank you and best wishes Mrs Warwick
This Friday is the last day for long standing EJ teacher Mrs Christine Warwick who has received a mid-year transfer to Peregian Waters State School. Christine has been at EJ for 17 years working with hundreds of children in a variety of year levels.

Christine has proved to be one of the most patient, talented, professional and committed teachers I have had the pleasure of working with. For family reasons she must leave us.

I am sure all of EJ wishes Christine and her family all the very best and we thank her sincerely for all she has contributed to EJ.

Opportunities to Shine
Last Monday our Maths Competition teams from Year 5 and 6 competed at Graceville State School in the City District Maths Competition organised by the Deputy Principals Association. Awesome job Team 5 being placed second by only one point! There is a full article in the newsletter for your enjoyment.

DON’T FORGET – FRIDAY – FREE DRESS DAY
BOOK WEEK – GOLD COIN DONATION
Dress as your Favourite Book Character
Bring a Gold Coin to help raise money for a “Reading Chair”

FLYING EAGLE
No. 26 26 August 2015

Student Absence
Phone
3637 1166

Diary Dates

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From the Principal cont.

If you are Leaving EJ at the end of 2015
Please notify the Principal in writing as soon as possible. We need this information to be able to effectively plan for 2016. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

New Parents’ Survey Responses
Thank you to all new parents who responded to the school–based Survey distributed upon my return to work after leave. Suggestions for improvement, whether for the classroom, the Administration, Tuckshop, Uniform or Book Shop or Kids’ Care program are all taken seriously and have been passed to the people involved. It was wonderful to be able to read your affirmation of the work done each and every day for your students by our dedicated teaching staff.

Survey Results – Prep Parents

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A great week at EJ – with the ball and talent quest on the horizon Term 3 should end on a ‘high’. I hope you are enjoying this beautiful warm weather!

Best Wishes
Josephine Bottrell (Principal)

From the Deputy Principals

True Relationships Evening Session – Year 6 Students
Next Tuesday evening True Relationships and Reproductive Health (formerly known as Family Planning Queensland) is presenting an evening session for parents and their children (Year 6 students) on Preparing for Puberty. This is the third year we have offered these sessions and I encourage you to attend with your child.

No doubt many of your children will say that they don’t want to come – perhaps fearing talk about puberty with their peers. However feedback from both parents and students who have attended past sessions has been overwhelmingly positive.

The sessions are extremely well run and the embarrassment level is non-existent. Having a non-involved facilitator guiding you through the conversations that need to be had is great. The session is not about reproduction or relationships but about puberty - what it is, what it isn’t and what to expect.

What: The Preparing for Puberty session covers the various physical, social and emotional changes that occur during puberty. (Year 6 students and their parents)
When: Tuesday September 1, 6.00 – 7.30 pm
Where: Community of Learners – D Block Top Floor
Cost: $15 per family. (Invoices will be sent after the event)

For further information please don’t hesitate to call or email me (blave18@eq.edu.au)

ICAS Spelling
I am pleased to advise that the ICAS Spelling certificates have been received. For students in Years 3 – 6 who participated, your certificates and reports will be forwarded to you by the end of the week.

Students who received a Distinction or High Distinction will be recognised during Assembly of Week 8. Regardless of how your child performed, they truly deserve recognition for their participation and willingness to be challenged.
Spotlight on Reading.....from Ms Bailey

.....How do books light up your world? With a relentless focus on developing confident readers at EJSS, it is timely to remind parents and carers of the importance of reading to your children at home.

Book Week is a wonderful time to consider what you value as a reader and how this can be imparted to your children. The benefits of reading to your child extends beyond the simplicity of together time - parents who actively engage with and support their child's learning at home, provide a platform for his/her positive engagement in the classroom leading to enhanced achievement. Reading to or having a child read to you is probably one of the most valuable gifts you can afford your child.

With National Literacy and Numeracy Week (31 Aug - 3 Sep) closely following Book Week I would like to share some useful strategies for reading to primary school aged children.

- Try to spend at least 10 minutes a day reading with your child. It is important to keep reading to your child even when they are able to read for themselves.
- Try to listen to your child read out loud every day, and encourage them to read to visitors or younger siblings. Reading out loud, even for a short time, can help build your child’s confidence in reading. Try asking your child to read notes, signs and menus out loud regularly.
- Try to have a range of different reading material available for your child at home, both fiction and non-fiction – this can include newspapers, magazines, instructions manuals, and comics, etc.
- Let your child see that you enjoy reading. Let them hear you discussing books with friends. Or if you don’t read for pleasure, look up information with your child in cook books, instruction manuals, phone books, atlases, the dictionary or on the internet.
- Try playing word games such as I Spy, Scrabble, Pictionary, Boggle and crosswords with your child – these are great for improving spelling and vocabulary.

Tips for reading with children in primary school.

- Let your child choose a book to read or share one you enjoyed at their age.
- Talk about the book before you or your child start reading – discuss the cover, the title, the pictures, and talk about what the story may be about.
- Take turns reading as your child is able, a sentence, paragraph, page or chapter each.
- Talk to your child about the books you read together. Ask your child what they thought about what happened in the story, which parts they liked best, what was exciting, funny or sad. Talk about the meaning of the story and different words.

For more information, visit http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/parents. If you would like additional information regarding how to support your child at home with reading, please contact your child’s teacher.

Mathematics Tournament

On Monday August 24th twenty keen mathematicians from Years Five and Six at E.J. set off for Graceville State School to compete in the Annual Brisbane Mathematics Tournament. Together with four enthusiastic parents and Mrs Harris, the children caught the train to Graceville and then walked to the primary school, arriving for a 9:00 a.m. start.

E.J. entered four teams of five students, consisting of girls and boys from both Years Five and Six. The children had been training diligently, sometimes in class time and often in their own lunch times. They had learned lots of mathematical problem-solving strategies and were ready to apply their skills and talents.

There were two events at the Tournament – a team event and a relay event. Both events required participants to work together to solve difficult, complex and multi-step problems. All E.J. participants acquitted themselves admirably, both in terms of mathematical application and behaviour.

One of our teams came second in the event – which was an outstanding result. In fact, the winning team’s score was only one point higher than our E.J. team.

Buffy Lavery and Julia Bailey
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.

Teachers teach new knowledge and understandings by using a balanced use of instructional strategies (teaching methods). Teachers use Direct Teaching, Indirect Teaching, Interactive Teaching and Experiential Teaching to promote an active and engaging learning environment, and to connect with learners during learning experiences.

Direct Teaching
This strategy is the most commonly used strategy and is mainly teacher led. This instructional strategy is essential and most effective when providing new information or step-by-step skills. This strategy can also work well when introducing new teaching methods, modelling, or actively involving learners in knowledge construction.

What does this look like in the classroom?
- Explicit Teaching
- Guided and Shared Teaching – reading, writing, speaking and listening
- Demonstrations
- Modelling
- Drill and Practise

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

Prep and Year 1 Disco Date Claimer

Exciting news for our Preps and Year 1 children
Thursday, 17 September is the date for your Disco!
A BBQ will be held from 4.30pm -- Disco running from 5pm - 6pm.

Sports Report

Cricket
Congratulations to Mitchell Bodimeade on his selection in the City District Cricket team. Good luck at the upcoming Met North Trials.

Mark Summers – Physical Education Teacher

Please note dates for

Music Soirees for 2015
Senior Concert – Thursday 22 October  6.00pm
Junior Concert – Thursday 29 October  6.00pm
Year 5/6SL Excursion Report

Last week Year 5/6SL went and visited the Apple store at Chermside! With helpful advice we learned how to use IMovie and also scored a cool yellow, Apple t-shirt.

This year we have been using our iPads in everyday learning/class time to make learning easier and more fun. We use the iPad as a tool to get the work that is expected of us done in interesting and creative ways. Year 6 went to the Apple Store on Tuesday and Year 5 went on Wednesday. This made it easier for the instructors to help and watch us learn.

“The staff at the Apple store were outstanding, helping us to make creative movies and achieve our goals. We’ll be using these skills to help us make a documentary on Ned Kelly this term. 5/6SL definitely had an outstanding day visiting the Apple Store!” (Savina O’Loughlin, 5/6SL).

“It was technologically terrific.” (Yathav, 5/6SL).

“I enjoyed learning lots of new skills that we can use in iMovie.” (Mack, 5/6 SL).

“It was fun taking over the Apple Store.” (Grace, 5/6 SL).

“We went on a texpedition” (Zayan, 5/6SL).
Bookclub can now be ordered and paid for completely online – no more paper orders if you prefer.

Remember – please NO cash with your Bookclub order

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$36/family (2 adults/2 children or 1 adult/3 children), $12/adult, $6/child. Munch Monitor - Go to School Shop and then under your child’s name go to events and order. If you have more than one child please complete order under eldest child’s name only.

Last tickets must be ordered by 5pm on Tuesday 8 September. Tickets will be distributed to students on Wednesday 9 September.

WOOLWORTHS Earn & Learn 2015 NOW - Tues, 8 September 2 WEEKS TO GO!
THANK YOU EJ for your terrific support of the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion this term! You’re ensuring that EJSS acquires valuable educational equipment in 2015.

PRIZES for the EJ girl and boy who submit the most Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets! Prep B students are our star performing class.

1 STICKER for EVERY $10 SPENT (check-out / online order). Place stickers on the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet (inserted in all Term 3 Flying Eagle newsletters). 60 stickers per Sticker Sheet then use a new Sticker Sheet.

EJSS Collection Boxes for Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets OR Stickers:
- EJSS – Library / Office (near the trophy cabinet)
- Woolworths – Nundah Village / Ascot Metro / Gasworks Newstead / Brisbane Airport Skygate (marked EJSS)

Woolworths Earn & Learn ends in 2 WEEKS – Tuesday, 8 September.  
Mel Kerwin (Woolworths Earn & Learn Coordinator 2015) 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.

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C&K Ascot Kindergarten are thrilled to launch a NEW 2 LONG DAY PROGRAM for 2016. We are taking enrolments now! Please complete an online waiting list application at www.candk.asn.au/ascot or email us ascot@candk.asn.au for more information.

Precision Pilates

Strength... Control...Flexibility
When: Mon & Thurs 9.15 – 10.15am
Wednesday 5.45 – 6.45pm
Where: Uniting Church Hall, Bonney Ave, Clayfield
Sharon Shepherd
Precision Pilates
Advanced Pilates Instructor
M: 0439 996 049
E: Sharon@precisionpilates.com.au

ChurchKids Term 3 2015

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Sundays during the 9:30am Service
www.scotspc.org.au

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Contact Iain 0418497217
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