From the Principal

On Monday our school welcomed Canadian education researcher and leader Dr Lyn Sharratt and 15 members of the Senior leadership team from Regional Office.

The group of highly respected educators were in the school to learn from us about different strategies we have used over the last 12 months, in particular, to bring about positive improvements in student learning outcomes while building staff capacity in the analysis of student data.

The team visited all year levels and talked with the students about what they were learning. How they were going with that learning. How they knew. Who could they go to for help and what they intend to work on to improve?

The feedback from our visitors was extremely positive and was based around what they saw, what they heard and what their wonderings were about the students’ learning.

On Tuesday our school leadership team worked with Dr Sharratt and the Regional team for a whole day to focus on the next phase of our strategies for improvement. This consistent, persistent and insistent momentum, not just for high achievement, but also high level improvement, is a defining characteristic of our school where the focus on providing “every child, every opportunity for every success” is our work, our passion and our goal.

“This book is too easy for me”

At EJ we acknowledge the commitment and support of you as parents supporting the reading journey of your child and your focus on wanting your child to improve quickly.

Parents often express concern when the texts children bring home appear to be easy or you believe lack sufficient challenge. Take home readers fulfil a specific function in children’s reading development.
The intent of books that are sent home as part of a home reading program is to increase the opportunity to build reading mileage and allow children to build confidence and automaticity with reading strategies taught in class on more complex texts and with greater teacher support. These easier texts allow children to see themselves independently as a 'meaning maker'.

When children's focused attention goes to continually decoding and problem solving new words they are less able to work at the skills of applying expression and active comprehension strategies that easier texts lend themselves to.

It is for these reasons that take home books are often a range of text types (fiction and non-fiction) and also vary in sophistication. The level or banding of a book is irrelevant to the comprehension and ‘meaning making’ children can do on a text that they feel confident reading. It is also beneficial for children to revisit a book they have read before reinforcing their knowledge and understanding and providing opportunities for deeper comprehension skills to be built -

"We have read about Lucy before, do you remember why she was grumpy after the camping trip?"

The Author was telling us she was disappointed about not seeing a bilby."

Parent Teacher Interviews Term 3
Face to face parent teacher interviews will occur this week and next week. We encourage all families to make a time with your child's classroom teacher to share the learning journey and discuss successes and challenges of the last term and help to share goal setting for students for Term 4. These interviews are for 15 minutes. Be courteous and stay to time as other families are waiting too.

If you have not received a timetable to nominate a convenient time, please check your child's school bag and if it is still not there contact your child’s classroom teacher.

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.

If you have not enrolled a Prep sibling for 2016
Current parents of EJ who have younger brothers or sisters enrolling in Prep for 2016 are asked to enrol now as we need to be able to finalise numbers as soon as possible.

Volunteers in Classrooms
At EJ we value volunteers who work in our classrooms and around the school. Confidentiality is critical in your role. If you observe behaviours, issues or events related to other peoples children, discussing this with other parents is a breach of confidentiality. If you are concerned in any way please mention your concerns to the teacher so it can be addressed objectively and in a professional manner.

Late Arrival at School
Please have your student at school, ready to work, on time. This is a life skill – it is building behaviours that will benefit them throughout their life. All students should be at school no later than 8.40am so they are ready for an 8.45am start.

Best Wishes
Josephine Bottrell (Principal)
From the Deputy Principals

ICAS Spelling on Assembly
A reminder that there will be an acknowledgement on Assembly this Friday for students in Years 3-6 who achieved a Distinction or High Distinction in ICAS Spelling.

We have ten students to acknowledge and we welcome parents to attend this opportunity to celebrate personal and academic achievement.

Father’s Day in Prep
During first session Friday morning, the Prep children will be celebrating the Dads of Eagle Junction State School with a special morning dedicated just to them! With each of the Prep classes preparing a different celebration this will be a morning not to be missed! We hope you can make it – if you have any questions, please contact your child’s Prep teacher.

Prep - Sub Committee – Term 4 Date Change
Please note that the change of date for the next Prep Sub Committee Meeting will be Tuesday 13 October at 6pm (Week 2, Term 4). All Prep parents are welcome to attend.

Music Support Group Meeting
A reminder that the Music Support Group meeting will be next Monday 7 September at 6pm in the EJSS Staff Room. The primary agenda will be preparations for the Term 4 Junior and Senior Soiree. Those who have volunteered to assist are welcome to come along with any new parents who may wish to support this event. Thank you in advance for your willingness to support our up and coming young musicians. Please contact Julia Bailey should you have any questions (jbaile154@eq.edu.au).

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.

Indirect Teaching
Opposite to direct teaching is indirect teaching. This strategy is mostly student centred, although the two strategies can complement each other. When using this strategy, the teacher moves from the position of instructor to that of facilitator, supporter, and guide. The teacher arranges the classroom/learning area to provide optimum opportunity for student engagement and involvement, and provides purposeful feedback to students while they conduct the inquiry.

What does this look like in the classroom?
- Problem solving
- Inquiry
- Critical thinking
- Concept mapping
- Independent learning

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

Book Week
We certainly hope everyone had a chance for books to light up their worlds this week. We certainly did at EJ and thoroughly enjoyed the many activities and events held across the school. Some of the highlights were:

We would sincerely like to thank all of our wonderful staff, parent volunteers, and students for joining in and working hard to make Book Week so special.

We would also like to thank everyone who made a gold coin donation which will contribute to the purchase of a special reading chair in the Resource Centre.

Marcia Lomman and Kim Allen (Teacher Librarians)
E.J.’s Got Talent
The Eagle Junction Talent Quest is a great opportunity for your children to show off their unique skills and abilities. The Junior School finalists will be performing on Tuesday 15 September at 11.00am – 12noon and the Senior School will be performing on Wednesday 16 September at 1.00pm – 2.00pm.

Parents please come and bring your cameras! Take plenty of photos and videos to capture the moment when your child performs in the Eagle Junction Talent Quest of 2015!

Music News
Fizz! is coming to EJ in Term 4. Every class will attend one of 5 shows in the hall on 6th or 7th October. Please read below for more information about this performance.
Year 5/6SL News
On Wednesday the Year 6s of 5/6SL had a special visitor come to our school to help us with our history assignment on migration to Australia.

Mr Steve Samios, a migrant from Greece, came to Australia during WWII because of poverty and famine back in his homeland that was caused by war.

He was only 16 years old when he arrived in Australia. Mr Samios had lots of information to share about his early days in Australia with us. He told us that he worked in his uncle’s shop until he was able to buy his own restaurant. Mr Samios said that when he first came to Australia he felt very welcomed. We call information like this a primary source.

What made the visit even more special was that Mr Samios is the father of our lovely teacher aide, Mrs Karydas. Thank you Mr Samios for making our learning such an interesting experience.

We will be CLOSED for the last week of Term 3, so we can begin our move into the new Tuckshop. There will be no on-line ordering available or over the counter sales during this week.

Starting Term 4 we will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The tuckshop will be CLOSED on Mondays.

Thank you for supporting our Dad’s Day!

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Father’s Day Stall
Thursday 3rd September
8.45am to 11am
Assembly Hall
Gifts priced at $3, $5 and $10
(Prep gifts will be taken to their classrooms and will all be $2 each)
Thank you for supporting the P&G Parent Network

If you are free on Thursday 3rd September to volunteer to help on the stall from 8.15am – 11.00am please let me know.
Amanda Russell (alrussell@westnet.com.au / 0459 401 255)

We’re still cleaning up some unpaid student accounts.
Most of the student activities and excursions for the year have been invoiced. (Years 4 & 6 camps excluded.)
Statements have been sent home so please pay ASAP.

Payment can be made:
- In person at Eagle Junction State School – via EFTPOS, Cash, Cheque or Money Order (Wednesday & Thursday only)
- BPAY (details on invoice/Statement). Payments below $10 not accepted this method.
- Direct Debit (ensure “REFERENCE” includes INVOICE NUMBER & FAMILY NAME)
- BPOINT (FOR PAYMENT OF ONE ACTIVITY ONLY – ANY AMOUNT) – SEE BELOW
Please note..............
$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.

🌟🌟All parents are reminded that they need to purchase tickets not just student tickets.

All children need to be accompanied by an adult. 🌟🌟

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015 🌚 Now - Tues, 8 September 🌚

Only 1 week to go EJ!

Thanks EJ for your tremendous support of the Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion during Term 3! You’re ensuring that EISS acquires valuable educational equipment in 2015.

Prizes for the EJ girl and boy who submit the most Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheets! 1 sticker for every $10 spent (check-out / online order)

Place stickers on the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. 60 stickers only per Sticker Sheet then use a new Sticker Sheet (otherwise it’s not redeemable for resources).

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

Woolworths Earn & Learn ends in 1 week – 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.

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Term 3 2015

All Welcome...

Sundays during the 9:30am Service

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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](http://www.candk.asn.au/ascot) or email us ascot@candk.asn.au for more information.

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Ascot State Schools P&C’s Ascot Big Day Out
When: Saturday, September 12, 2015, 11am to 10pm
Where: Ascot State School Oval – Massey Street, Ascot
What: Rides, sideshow alley, cake stalls, food court, raffles, auctions, entertainment & more
Who & Why: Ascot State School P&C’s major 2015 fundraiser with profits contributing to valuable school resources
Cost: FREE entry with rides from $5.00 each & sideshow from $2.50 each.
Pre-paid all day ride passes $35.00 at flexischools.com.au
Parking: street parking around the school

Dear Act For Kids Supporters,

Last year you helped me raise almost $38 000 to support abused and neglected kids. With your help we now have a service operating in Adelaide that already has three part time staff but sadly a waitlist of kids. We are also about to start a free counselling service for kids in NSW for the first time. Our important continues grow in Queensland grows with 8 new services opened last year. As you know all our services are offered free of charge and we have no religious affiliations.

My wife Professor Suzanne Carrington is paying her own way and has accepted the challenge to raise money by trekking, kayaking and cycling around northern Vietnam on 30 September – 8 October to help raise awareness and funds for abused and neglected kids. Suzie has been busy training every week for this challenge. As a part of the challenge, she has set a target of raising $40 000 for Act for Kids. She aims to beat our target from last year.

I would be very grateful for your help in assisting Sue reaching her fundraising goal and showing your support for abused and neglected children by donating to her fundraising page. To do so simply go to http://trekforkids.com.au/ (You can find Sue’s profile under the Hero’s section, then click on view/donate).

The more people that know about Act for Kids, the greater the impact, so please also spread the word by sharing her page with your friends and family.

About Act for Kids
Act for Kids is an Australian charity providing intensive therapy for children who have suffered abuse and neglect, and early support services for families at risk. Act for Kids’ services are provided free of charge, and they rely heavily on donations and fundraising to reach out to more kids and families in need.

With thanks and warm regards,
Dr Neil Carrington
Chief Executive Officer