From the Principal

Welcome back to what is bound to be a very busy but exciting term for our school community as we head towards the conclusion of what will be a very successful year for our school and our students.

I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful holiday together. The children have settled back into school routines very quickly, they all look happy, fresh and relaxed after their holidays. They were very much ‘on task’ yesterday within a very short period of time. They seemed to welcome the return to learning, meeting up with their friends and greeting their teachers with a smile.

They also enjoyed the first day of the new Tuckshop! Learning where to line up, how to move to the area and which lane will help them access what type of refreshment. Thank you to the P&C for the celebration ice block everyone enjoyed.

Thank you for preparing the children so well for the start of the term and I hope arrival time at school and preparedness for school stays as a focus for your family. Swimming starts again so I hope your permission for participation has been returned.

Thank you to the staff who worked during the holidays to prepare rooms and to assist colleagues with their rooms. You did a great job! Thank you also to Andy Carrick, our Schools Officer and the cleaners who had the task of cleaning up after the term, window cleaning and facilities upgrades. We appreciate your work.

Staffing Update

A very warm welcome back to school for Marg Pitts in the office after her long service leave. This week Marnie MacPherson is on Long Service Leave and her days will be taken up by Sue Rolls, a regular at our school.

Our school also welcomes Vanessa Grearly who has been transferred to our school to replace Christine Warwick. Vanessa has been welcomed into the 4W/4L classroom and I know you will make her feel welcome.

Tanya Cuk is on medical leave and her class is being well looked after by Susan Braun. Marcia Lomman is now full time in our Resource Centre as the result of Kim Allen taking family leave.

Fleur Provost steps up again to act in the role of Deputy Principal this term. Lots of changes, but we are extremely fortunate to have a depth in our own staff and our relief teachers to maintain continuity of outstanding teaching and learning.

Deputy Principal 2016

The selection of permanent Deputy Principal will be finalised this term and an announcement made by the end of the year. The panel and I will conduct these interviews and make our recommendation next week.
Ukulele Competition
Congratulations are extended to our Ukulele Group of 27 Year 5s and Mrs Sue who over the vacation were announced as the State Champions of the first ever schools ukulele competition.

Joining me for the presentation of a $900 ubass plus $100 prize money were the Butler, Rafter and Jaramillo families. Thank you for being there. What a great achievement for our music department! The group will perform at Senior Assembly on Friday 30 October.

Safety Issues
It is timely to remind all parents that our school prioritises student safety at all times. In times of a real emergency keeping the school phone lines free is crucial to our communication with emergency services agencies.

If any communication to the school community is required it will come from the School Principal.

Facilities Update
The holiday period was a busy time for myself and ancillary staff with the removal of camphor laurel trees at the northern end of the pool. After consultation with structural engineers and arborists this was deemed necessary.

The same furniture builder who built furniture, now on A block veranda, was on hand to select pieces for us to use as we have done in the past when trees have had to be removed.

Also during the vacation period I received word that our school’s broadband baseline level will be upgraded from 4 Mbps to 20 Mbps over the next two years. This will make an enormous difference to the implementation of ICTs in our curriculum.

Since returning from leave and indeed for more than 12 months now I have been working on ensuring the painting of the pool (which is organised and funded by Ed. Qld.) and the repair/replacement of the grandstand at the pool.

I am pleased to be able to announce that tenders have been called for the painting of the pool and our school is in receipt of $72,664.00 to assist with the upgrade of the grandstand using mod-wood and powder coated steel fencing. Work is currently in progress.

Painting of the back wall and rearrangement of the hall is part of an ongoing project with the Music Department and Music Support Group regarding the upgrade of performance facilities. Painting of C Block stairwell has also occurred.

Your students and our staff deserve the very best environment to ensure the safe and stimulating spaces in which to learn and teach.

Opening of Swim Season
Swim club members and potential members should check emails from the Swim Club regarding Saturday’s sign on and unless notified otherwise we hope to have school swim classes commence on Monday as planned. Obviously the Swim Club and the school will make decisions regarding participation based on student safety.

It’s going to be a busy term, that’s for sure,

Kind regards,

Josephine Bottrell (Principal)
From the Deputy Principals

Welcome back! Term 4 will prove to be another busy term full of exciting and challenging learning experiences for our students.

Just a few of our upcoming events this term:

- Gala Days
- Music Soirees
- Prep Information Evening and Orientation Days
- Year 4 Camp – Currimundi
- Year 6 Camp – Tallebudgera
- Book Fair
- Year 6 Graduation
- and all our end of year celebrations

It is certainly shaping up to be a busy and productive last term of the year.

EJSS Chess Club News

On Thursday 10th September, 11 students represented Eagle Junction State School at the North Brisbane Inter-School Chess Tournament.

Playing in the Premier division the team of Aditya Anand, Kanak Relekar, Khush Patel and Elliott Dudgeon finished 2nd after defeating some of the strongest primary Chess teams in Brisbane from schools like Brisbane Grammar, Nudgee College, Nundah SS, Ashgrove SS and Milton SS.

Because of this fantastic result these boys will now represent Eagle Junction at the Queensland Chess State Finals. This is the first time an Eagle Junction Chess team has made it to the State Finals.

In the A Division, the team of Emily Bucknill, James Carey, Finn Carey and Xavier Moore finished 11th out of 18 teams and in the C Division the team of Benjamin Evans, Lewis Williams and Praneel Priyadarsan finished 13th out of 23 teams despite being a team of 3. Individually Benjamin won a Merit Ribbon for winning 4.5 out of 7 games.

Recently Kanak Relekar also competed in the Gold Coast One Day Challenge and finished 2nd after winning 7 games out of 9. Congratulations to all these boys and girls for these great results.

Countdown to Soiree

Preparation is well underway for the highlight of our Music Program - our Senior and Junior Soirees.

Senior Soiree (Years 4 – 6) is on Thursday 22 October from 6:00pm – 7:00pm
Junior Soiree (Prep – Year 3) is on Thursday 29 October from 6:00pm – 7:00pm

We are looking forward to seeing EJ’s musical talent on stage.

Donations for the Soiree raffle hampers will be gratefully accepted at the office. Volunteers are also needed - if you are able to volunteer at either of the Soirees, please contact Fleur Provost fprov1@eq.edu.au.

Buffy Lavery & Fleur Provost
Music News

Music Soiree

Welcome back to Music for term 4!

Our major Music events for this term are our annual Senior and Junior Soirées which showcase the wonderful talents of our music students here at Eagle Junction!

Our Senior Soirée (Thursday, October 22nd from 6-7pm) features our Instrumental Music students who are involved in Senior Strings, Percussion Ensemble, Senior Band and Junior Band as well as our Senior Choir and Vocal Ensemble.

Our Junior Soirée (Thursday, October 29th from 6-7pm) will feature our Junior Strings, Junior Choir as well as our Prep and Year One Choirs.

Some volunteers are still required to assist with the barbecues being held beforehand. If you are able to assist in some way, please email Fleur Provost at fprov1@eq.edu.au

Looking forward to some fantastic music performances,

_Lorna Sue & Christine Shume (Classroom Music Teachers)_

Library News

Student Borrowing

Big congratulations to Prep CR, Prep R and 5H who all returned their student loaned library books by the end of term 3. This is a fantastic effort and instrumental in helping us to manage our thousands of resources for all of our students to access and enjoy.

While we are very proud of these four classes, unfortunately we still have _182 books yet to be returned by students_ across the rest of the school which equates to approximately $3,250 worth of books outstanding. If your child has yet to return overdue book/s their borrowing rights will temporarily be suspended until they are returned.

Please help your child to find their library books by encouraging them to:

- check their home library, toy boxes, drawers and any other spots the books maybe hiding
- look in their school bag, trays and classroom at school
- check that the book has not been accidentally returned to other libraries they belong to
- look on the library shelves at school in case they have been shelved before being scanned on the computer system

This can be done before school or during break times and we always have our helpful monitors to assist your child if you are unable to do so.

Resource Centre Staff

As Mrs Kim Allen will be on long service during term 4, I will be increasing my time in the Resource Centre to full-time. We will certainly miss Kim's energy and commitment and trust she will enjoy her time away from EJ.

Marcia Lomman (Teacher Librarian)

Parent Network

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Welcome back to Term 4. It is very exciting to be in our new tuckshop. To help celebrate the opening week we will be having a Meal Deal Special and a Jaffa flavoured Moosie ice block on sale all week.

- **Meal Deal $5.50**
- Hot Dog
- Tomato Sauce
- Krazy Lemon Drink

- **Jaffa Moosie $1.00**

**Gala Day Grab Bags** will be available from 8am on Friday. The students will be able to purchase these before they leave on the buses. Please **do not** pre-order through Munch Monitor.

- **Gala Day Grab Bag $3.00**
- Muffin, Apple and Chips

Our first **Dad’s Day for Term 4** will be this Friday 9th October. The Dads will be cooking burgers and serving on the counter at **first break only**. Please order through Munch Monitor.

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**Swim Club Season 2015-16**

**Registration Day - Saturday 10th October**

Welcome to the EJ Swim Club 2015-16 season. The season kicks off on Saturday, 10th October. Registration will open from 7.30am. The final day for any registrations is Saturday, 17th October.

In order to make things run more smoothly we ask that you pre-register by filling out the attached form at the end of this newsletter.

Payment can be made online at [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com). Please return your completed form including payment details via email to secretary@ejswimclub.com.au.

*Peter Plowman (EJSC President)*

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**Book Shop Orders For 2016**

Book orders for next year are now OPEN!

Full details and instructions have been sent home separately and you can access the bookshop website at [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com) via the school shop option.

**Orders will close at 5pm, 16 October 2015** to allow enough time to bulk order and pack the books before the end of the year. We will be charging a **$30 late fee** so get your order in now to avoid this if possible.

We will not be ordering a lot of excess stock so please don’t rely on being able to get your books from the bookshop in the new year - **ORDER NOW**! Even if you don’t intend to use the school bookshop for all your requirements, think about buying the tricky things like textbooks etc. **now** to avoid disappointment in the new year and the $30 late fee.

**If you can help out with the book packing**, we would love to hear from you - any amount of time is appreciated! We will be packing the books from 25 - 26 November at school so if you would like to help, please send an email to Cathy Amarantidis on ejbookshop@gmail.com.
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.

Be like the KARATE KID
Children’s Self Defence Classes at YOUR SCHOOL
Venue: Undercover Area next to Tennis Courts
When: Wednesday & Friday Afternoons
Time: 3:10pm – 4:10pm
Phone: (07) 3268 5501
BRISBANE MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY
BOOK NOW TO AVOID

Photos – Thursday October 15
Captains, Student Councillors, Music and Sport Representatives will be taken on this day. More information to come.
Once completed, EMAIL FORM to secretary@ejswimclub.com.au

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#As the club uses email to provide information relating to swim club activities; ALL registrations must provide an email address

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5. Acknowledgement / Approval:

1. In applying for membership we acknowledge and agree to abide by the Rules and Code of conduct applicable to members of the Eagle Junction Swim Club as provided in the club handbook and on the back of this membership form.
2. We give permission to the club to use photographs or images, for club purposes only, that may be taken, or have been taken, of me/us during swim club mornings or events. Please use check boxes provided to indicate your decision. **Photo/Image Use Approval:** Yes / No

6. Signature of Parent or Guardian:

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ____________________

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**Eagle Junction Swimming Club**

(a sub-committee of the P&C) 49 Roseby St, Clayfield Q. 4011

**Receipt**

Name: ___________________________ Date ____________________

Amount Paid: $_________ (including refundable Family Levy)
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Are you a Health Professional (Doctor/nurse) or holder of a CURRENT St Johns First Aid Certificate of Bronze Medallion? Queensland Health & Safety Standards require us to identify and create a register of all parents with these qualifications. Whenever you attend a swim club meet, we would appreciate you signing the register.

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**Family Levy / Refundable for Volunteers:**

All positions in the EJ Swim club are held by volunteers. The Club charges a compulsory family levy of $100.00 to encourage families to volunteer for club duties. To be eligible to have your family levy refunded, you need to nominate and complete a rostered duty a minimum of four (4) times over a season. This year you need to nominate your preferred duties, provide a contact telephone number and we will then assigned you specific dates to work over the season. Should you be unable to attend on your nominated date we are asking you to use the contact telephone number provided to arrange a swap. As you can appreciate; emailing people on a weekly basis trying to find volunteers is a time consuming task. We hope that the process of allocation will help the club run more smoothly and enable people to plan their commitments. When you do complete your rostered shift – remember to make sure you sign the volunteer book on the day.

Feedback from the Treasurer and families has resulted in us implementing a direct debit policy to refund the Family levy this year. It will therefore be necessary for you to nominate who the family levy should be refunded to and provide their bank account details. We will confirm bank account details prior to transferring the funds at the end of the season.

**Method of Payment:** You can pay on Munch Monitor

Payment option:
- [www.munchmonitor.com](http://www.munchmonitor.com) - name of child registered under
- amount paid $______________ date ___________
- CASH / CHEQUE – in person on registration day – Saturday, 10th October 2015

Will you be nominating to do volunteer duties? (please state YES or NO): ___________

Details of the person/account the family levy is to be refunded to at the end of the season:
- Name: __________________________________ BSB: __________ Account No: ___________________

**Volunteer name, contact telephone number and preferred duties:**

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**NOTE:** If you are unable to attend on your assigned date it is YOUR responsibility to arrange a swap.

**Preferred Duties:** Please tick which duties you would like to perform

- Morning Set Up of Equipment (Must be on the pool deck by 7.15am).
- Set Down - packing away equipment at the end of the meet.
- BBQ – BBQ bacon/eggs/burgers – sell and put away BBQ at the end of the meet.
- Time Keeping (one of 16 timekeepers rostered on every second week)