From the Principal

Enrolments and Classes for 2016

Enrolments for 2016 are progressing well and we are planning for 5 classes in Prep next year. Thank you Fleur for all the great work currently being undertaken with interviewing our prospective preppies and their families.

As mentioned in previous newsletters, if your student is leaving our school this year, please notify the principal in writing. We need very accurate information to be able to plan now for the start of 2016.

If you are planning an extended holiday and will not be back for the start of the school year, especially by 4 February which is our Day 8 census, then please indicate the date of your return in writing to the Principal.

Any requests regarding class placements for 2016 need to be made in writing to the principal by 02 November. They should not be made to teachers. Have faith that your teachers know your students’ learning needs best and they are part of the decision making process with the leadership team when classes are allocated.

Your modelling of how to transition positively from one year to the next is important to how your student responds to this annual ebb and flow of a school year. Look back at the strategies outlined in our You Can Do It program and remind your student that they have the skills to be resilient, persistent and organised and that they “can do it” (and you can too).

Staffing Update

This time of the year sees teacher transfers announced. Staffing updates will occur via the newsletter as we learn more about our teachers for 2016. This can sometimes take until the beginning of the following year, depending on numbers and teachers’ circumstances. This process is the responsibility of District Office personnel who work within specific guidelines regarding how schools are to be staffed.

One update I can give you, if you are not aware, is that as at the end of this year I will retire from Education Queensland after 40+ years. The position of Principal of Eagle Junction State School has been advertised and will be filled by the end of the year so that 2016 will see the new Principal at the helm of this great state school.

The 2 Minute Zone Needs You!

One area of our school community that does need more volunteers is the 2 minute zone. This is an urgent need owing to your child’s safety. If you are interested please contact Alison Duncan on 0412 656 584
Additional School Photos – This Thursday
Additional photos for Captains, School Sports representatives, Music Groups, Student Council representatives etc. will take place this Thursday beginning at 9.00am in the Hall. Students need to be well presented and be wearing their representative uniforms – School, District, Regional or State. Instrumental Music Choir and Library Monitors should wear formal school uniform. A copy of the program is attached and students have been made aware of this in class.

9.00am House Captains & House Vice Captains (House Uniform)  *Arrive 8.50am
9.10am School Swim Team (Blue Polo Or Togs)  *Arrive 8.50am
9.15am School Track & Field (Running Singlet Provided By Mr Summers)
9.30am School Cross Country (Running Singlet Provided By Mr Summers)
9.50am All City District Sport Team Representatives (City District Uniform)
10.00am Metropolitan North Representatives (Met North Uniform)
10.15am State Representatives (State Uniform)
10.45am School & Vice-School Captains (Tartan School Uniform And Wear Blazers)
11.00am Music Captains (Tartan School Uniform )
11.15am Student Councillors (Tartan School Uniform) (Semesters 1 & 2)
11.45am B.O.S.S (Tartan School Uniform)
12.00pm Senior Choir (Tartan School Uniform)
12.15pm Vocal Ensemble (Tartan School Uniform)
12.30pm Junior Choir (Tartan School Uniform)
12.45pm Senior Concert Band (Tartan School Uniform)

Break About 1.00pm

1.25pm Junior Concert Band (Tartan School Uniform)
1.40pm Junior Strings (Tartan School Uniform)
1.55pm Senior Strings (Tartan School Uniform)
2.10pm Library Monitors (Tartan School Uniform) (Semester 1 & 2)
2.20pm Tec Crew (Tartan School Uniform) (Semester 1 & 2)

As you may know the 2015 School Captains and class mates created a cultural mural under E Block. Now that the new tuckshop is open it is wonderful that we are able to enjoy it again.

This year’s School Captains and Student Council are continuing the goal of having children’s artwork visible in our school. Currently

(i) The story of the mural will be painted on the wall by one of our community artists, Ms Stephanie Outridge-Field who has worked with us over the last few years.
(ii) The story has been written by Kgiaum Lewin of Year 3 and his father Jason. It is entitled “The Spirit of the Bilby”.
(iii) Our Preps and Year 5s have begun work with artist Wendy Hollier to create a “Welcome to EJ Prep” mural at the entrance to our Prep Precinct.
(iv) The Student Council is developing a 3 year plan of the activities which will be titled “Bilby Dreaming”

This Thursday afternoon our School Captains will present their year’s achievements at a Cluster Leadership afternoon at Kelvin Grove College.
Last week our Tuckshop was abuzz with 11 volunteers cooking up burgers for Dads’ Day at the Tuckshop. Thank you for all those who volunteer so regularly in our school - it makes the difference to your child’s learning.

Kind regards,
Josephine Bottrell (Principal)

From the Deputy Principals

This week’s Prep Interviews for our 2016 Preps mark the start of an exciting school journey. It is a pleasure to meet our new students and see the optimism and enthusiasm they have about starting their first year of school. Many of our 2016 Prep students are looking forward to learning how to read and write, using ‘big’ numbers, making new friends and playing in the playground. They are also eager to wear the EJ uniform and meet their new teacher. We will be able to help them achieve all of those things and many, many more!

If you are already part of our Eagle Junction family and have a Preppie starting in 2016, please make sure that you have made an interview time. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our new students and their families and for our Preppies to talk about themselves as learners. Having a familiar face that they have already had a conversation with will help with the transition to school next year and ensure we are able to allocate classes correctly based on personalised information.

Prep Interviews are scheduled to occur for the next 2 weeks. I am looking forward to the rest of these delightful conversations.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) is the largest independent assessment program for schools. The results of the Mathematics test have arrived. We wish to acknowledge the outstanding results of the following students:

**High Distinction**
Year 3 – Dimity Whitaker
Year 4 – Ruben Ripper, Manuja Dissanayake

**Distinction**
Year 2 – Jack Charlton, Eric Fitzgerald, Grissom Taruc, Doris Xinyue Wei, Dylan Woodfield, James Yantsch, Lining Yu
Year 3 – Frederick Eagle, Lewis Williams
Year 4 – Myiesha Maisuria, Katherine Fan,
Year 5 – Anna Butler, Robert Gilbert, Alex Ngo
Year 6 – Daniel Cambridge, Claire Falkenhenagen, Ashleigh Pomeroy

These students will receive their certificates on Assembly. All students who participated will receive their certificates, reports and booklets this week. Our students achieved excellent results and should be congratulated on their effort and achievement.

Soiree
Our Senior and Junior Soirees are fast approaching. Donations for the raffle hampers will be gratefully received at the office. Volunteers are required to help ensure the Soirees run smoothly:

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If you are able to commit an hour of your time to assist with the preparation for the Soiree, please contact Fleur Provost – fprov1@eq.edu.au. Finally, we are seeking prizes for the raffle on both nights of the Soiree. If you know of a business that can donate a prize or you have something to donate, please contact Mel Kerwin either via mobile (0423 438 990) or email pmkerwin@optusnet.com.au

Buffy Lavery & Fleur Provost
From the 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.

**High Impact Teaching & Assessment**

In line with our Improvement Agenda, our main area of focus this year is the consistent implementation of our Pedagogical Framework – *Teaching and Learning the EJ Way*, incorporating the use of High Impact Teaching.

At Eagle Junction State School, assessment practices are used to determine student achievement and progress, provide direction for ongoing teaching and learning, and future use of the pedagogical framework and High Impact Teaching sequence. The **Internal Monitoring and Assessment Schedule** outlines requirements for diagnostic and formative assessment to ensure consistency of assessment practices and continuity of development.

A variety of formal and informal assessment strategies are used to collect and analyse evidence of student learning. Teachers at EJ collect data using a range of instruments and for a range of purposes.

Examples of these assessment strategies are;

- Summative written, reading comprehension, spoken tasks
- NAPLAN
- PAT-R, PAT-M
- PM Running Record
- Early Start
- Sight Words
- Words Their Way Spelling Test
- Pre and Post Tests

In order to track and monitor student achievement and progress in reading, teachers record students’ reading progress in OneSchool and through student portfolios, in accordance with the **Eagle Junction Internal Monitoring and Assessment Schedule**.

*Michael Coad (Master Teacher)*

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**Music News**

**Fizz Performance**

The whole school were privileged to see the production of ‘FIZZ’ last week, presented by three young, vibrant performers from Opera Queensland. Students and teachers alike were blown away by the exceptional quality of the show.

The playground was abuzz with excitement as students waited expectantly for their scheduled show to begin, while others raved about the show to their friends. The children were thoroughly entertained while being challenged by some of the big issues facing little people today… self-confidence, bullying, honesty and friendship. Thank you Opera Queensland!
I loved FIZZ. Their opera singing was so beautiful and their acting was incredible. By Jessica Campbell 4W

Fizz was AMAZING! It made me laugh, cry and feel every emotion possible. It was a fantastic version of the Italian play, ‘The Elixir of Love’. Extraordinary! By Ella Stone 6KW

I loved it. It was humorous, creative, and I would definitely see it again. I rate it 15/10! By Lucinda Browning 6B

Fizz was epic. The story was funny and the opera was fantastic. By Anna Butler 5H

My favourite character was Adina, because she had a nice voice and was funny. I also liked Nemo because he was kissing the trolleys. By Lucy 2S

I liked Fizz because it was very engaging and funny. Fizz had a message in it. It was: Be who you are! By Grissom 2S

I enjoyed Fizz because Nemo finally said to Adina... I like you! By Micah 1/2G

My favourite character was Nemorino because he never gave up. By Campbell 2CS

I loved FIZZ because of the message. The message was: Don’t try and be someone you’re not! From Georgia 1/2G

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Soiree 2015

IMPORTANT INFORMATION RELATING TO BOTH PERFORMANCE NIGHTS

- Performance dress for all students is the FORMAL (tartan) SCHOOL UNIFORM which includes black enclosed shoes and white socks.
- Entry fee for adults is a gold coin donation. Children are free of charge.
- Sausage sizzle will be available from 5:00-5:45 pm * Sausages $2 * soft-drinks $2 * water or juice $1
- Raffle tickets can be purchased on the night – great prizes to be won!

SENIOR SOIRÉE – Thursday 22nd October

- Students will be required to assemble in their respective warm-up areas at the times specified.
  - String students 2L classroom - 5.40pm
  - Junior Band 2CS, 1/2G classroom - 5.30pm
  - Senior Band 2CS, 1/2G classroom - 5.20pm
  - Percussion Ensemble 2CS, 1/2G classroom - 5.40pm
  - Senior Choir / Vocal Ensemble 2C classroom (next door to EJ Kids’ Care)

- After each performance, students will be directed to an allocated seating area at the rear of the hall.
- There will be a FINALE to conclude the Soiree. All performers are involved in this presentation and are therefore required to stay until the conclusion of the night.

JUNIOR SOIRÉE – Thursday 29th October

- Students will be required to assemble in their respective areas at 5:40 pm.
  - String students 2S classroom
  - Prep Choir go straight to the stage area in the hall
  - Year 1 Choir 2CS, 1/2G classroom
  - Junior Choir 2C classroom (next door to Kids’ care).

- All students, with the exception of the Junior Choir, will return to their warm-up areas after their performance.
- There will be a FINALE to conclude the Soiree. Junior Strings, Year 1 Choir and Junior Choir are involved in this presentation and are therefore required to stay until the conclusion of the night.
- Parents of Prep students will have the option to take their child home after their performance. These students can be collected from the 2C classroom (next door to EJ Kids’ Care). These students will not be involved in the Finale.

Lorna Sue & Christine Shume (Classroom Music Teachers)
Instrumental Music Recruitment Update

As part of the Instrumental Music recruiting program, all Year 2 and Year 3 students have now participated in the ‘Selmer Guidance Survey’. This, together with feedback from class teachers, music teachers and Administration, assist in compiling a list of eligible students to attend a Family Information Night. Invitations will be out very soon.

Parents and students will be treated to a short performance on each of the available instruments by a current beginner student and will then receive information about the program and how it operates within the school.
Stay tuned for further information. Kind Regards,

Mr Paul Johnston (Instrumental Music Teacher)

Excursions this Term

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Invoices/Statements will be coming home this week
Payment will be required ASAP (definitely before participation)

Parent Nework

SOCIAL SIDE

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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 via the school shop option.

You can find copies of the itemised booklists in the Team App under "BOOKSHOP INFO" tab. 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.
Library News

This week we would like to acknowledge one of our wonderful parent volunteers who without fail, keeps our library shelves in a manner that would keep the most stringent of librarians at bay.

Without Therese, mum of Ella in Year 6, who helps every Thursday and Friday afternoon by re-organising our shelves that the children have slightly disorganised, we would be at a loss. When asked about volunteering, this is what she had to say:

**How long have you been volunteering?**
6 Years

**Why do you volunteer?**
It shows my kids that I think their school and what they do at school is important to me and it’s a terrific way to meet and get to know other parents.

**What are the benefits you get from volunteering?**
It is an easy way to spend time at school and meet some of the teachers and staff. I also get a great insight into what’s trending and is of current interest to the children by what they are borrowing and returning.

The library is a great way to volunteer. It is air conditioned for those really hot summer days, has a calm welcoming atmosphere, and most of all, shelving books can be very therapeutic after a chaotic day at work. Of course, getting to school early in the afternoons means getting a good car park!

We are really grateful to Therese and all of our parent volunteers who help make our Resource Centre a great place for our students to learn and enjoy. If you are interested in volunteering, please send us an email or just pop in when you have some time as there is always something to do.

Overdue Loans

Thank you to all of those students and families who turned their houses upside down, searched their classrooms and scoured our library shelves for overdue loans. We had a large number of books returned this week, which was greatly appreciated. If your child still has missing books, please keep searching and return them by the end of this week to avoid paying a replacement cost.

Before School Borrowing

Please note that there will be **no** before school borrowing on Tuesday 20th October as there will be a staff training session.

**Marcia Lomman (Teacher Librarian)**

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Order online - Munch Monitor – Information on the Eagle Junction SS website in Facilities/Tuckshop
www.munchmonitor.com

EAGLE’S NEST

We have a few new menu items this term.

- Hula Hoop (frozen pineapple ring)
- Nibble pack (popcorn, sultanas, dried apricots)
- Chicken Chilli Sub (roll, lettuce, tomato, carrot, chicken tender with sweet chilli mayo)
- Small serve of frozen raspberries or blueberries

Gala Grab Bags will be available on Friday. These can be purchased from 8am before the students leave on the buses. Please do not pre-order on Munch Monitor.

- Gala Grab Bag $3.00 (Muffin, Apple and Chips).

Thank you to all my volunteers who helped on Friday for our Dad’s Burger Day.
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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**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 DISAPPOINTMENT
Limited spaces available

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**Arts and Crafts Weekend 2015**
Come along and get in early with this year’s Christmas shopping at St Mark’s Anglican Church’s 43rd annual Arts and Crafts Weekend
Held on 30th and 31st October, 1st November 2015
In our hall on the cnr of Bonney Ave and Bellevue Terrace, Clayfield.
EJSS Choir will be performing on Saturday afternoon.
Gala Opening Friday 30 October – 7.30pm
Saturday 31st October 9.00am – 5.00pm
Sunday 1st November 10.15am – 1pm
For Tickets or more details phone St Mark’s Church Office 3862 2221

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**Donations Requested for Upcoming EJSS Events**
EJSS requires **products and gift vouchers** for our remaining 2015 events:-

- **Senior Soiree** Thursday, 22 October (Music Support Group)
- **Trivia Night** Saturday, 24 October (Parent Network)
- **Junior Soiree** Thursday, 29 October (Music Support Group)

If your business can assist, or you can kindly approach a business, please contact:-

Mel Kerwin (P&C Donations/Sponsorships Coordinator) 0423 438 990 / pmkerwin@optusnet.com.au

If your business can kindly donate, please also email Mel Kerwin your business logo for promotion to the EJ community (600+ families). Thank you in advance for your support of EJ’s **Music Support Group** and **Parent Network**, who both provide much-needed support to our school community.