From the Principal

Prep Welcome Mural
The Student Leaders of 2015, the Preppies and Year 5s are delighted with the progress on the Prep mural. All of our preppies are participating with our artist Wendy Hollier and her daughter, Alisha to create something wonderful at the entrance to our Prep Precinct.

Some photos of work in progress to enjoy.

Volunteers Morning Tea – November 18
Next Wednesday from 10.30-11.30am outside the library our school staff will say thank you to as many people as can make it to a Volunteers Morning Tea. We have so many people who assist us in a variety of ways, from supporting children in class with reading, to swimming lessons, P&C activities, sport, music and accompanying classes on excursions. As a staff, we would like to personally thank you.

We hope to see you there.
Deputy Principal – Eagle Junction State School
Today, it gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of the new Deputy Principal of our school – Fleur Provost.

Fleur is well known to our school community after being in the role of Head of Curriculum and Acting Deputy Principal of our school over the past few years. Fleur won the position from 34 applicants and I know you will join with me in congratulating her. Our school will have consistency and demonstrated capabilities in the leadership team as we move into 2016. The position of Head of Curriculum, currently held by Fleur, will be advertised and hopefully filled by the end of this year.

Year 6 Leadership Applications Distributed
At our school our prospective leaders for the following year apply for the position of a Senior Leader by completing an application form at the end of their Year 5 year. If accepted, they are then able to apply for individual leadership roles if interested.

The application forms for 2016 Leaders were distributed last week to the current Year 5s. 2016 will be a wonderful year for them and I wish all Year 5 students the very best of luck with their applications.

Year 4 Camp
A happy group of Year 4 campers departed this morning for Currimundi for their first taste of school camping. Accompanied by the Year 4 teachers, Chappie Kyle and Mrs Lavery, they will be involved in outdoor challenges that will build confidence, resilience and team skills.

I will join them for the day on Thursday (on the high ropes course – can’t wait!).

Year 6 Camp
Next week, our Year 6 teachers, Chappie Kyle, Mrs Lavery and I will be off to adventures with our Year 6 students at Tallebudgera Camp. With rope courses, canoeing, beach activities as well as team building and leadership activities, it promises to be a highlight for the year. Our Year 6 group has done a splendid job in the last few months as they look towards starting secondary school and the Camp will culminate many other activities.

Thank You Bunnings
This week Year 3C and representatives from 3H, 3M, 3F and 3T worked with Jan and Chris from Bunnings of Albion to create a colourful and edible planter scheme outside the new tuckshop. Plants, soil and pots were donated by Bunnings and Year 3 are now tending these plants. Thank you Bunnings and thank you Year 3.
Team App
Update! We now have 314 families on Team App.

This was our target for this week so this is great news. 2L is in the lead, 3C second and Prep G in third place for the class competition with regard to the most registrations.

Next week’s target – 350 families registered on Team App.

Pool Grandstand Looking Smart
The pool grandstand refurbishment is complete! This week saw our new look grandstand unveiled, all fences removed, steps in place and everything looking “grand”.

For this construction the school received a grant from Education Queensland to the value of $81,000. An additional $30,000 will be paid by the school for this repair, replacement and reconstruction. The material used in the refurbishment is modwood, a choice made due to the lack of maintenance, durability and sustainability qualities.

I would like to thank Shane Kruse, our Regional facilities Manager for his support and WIM Architects for their advice and assistance during the refurbishment.

Pool Painting
Over the summer vacation our school pool will be painted! Work will commence as soon as school finishes so that there is time for the careful draining, painting, curing and then re-filling for the start of 2016.

Funding for the pool painting is provided by Education Queensland and this will mean our pool will be looking really spectacular for the start of the new school year.

Vacation Care have been offered the use of Nundah State School pool at no cost. State schools often share facilities in times of need and on behalf of Kids’ Care, “Thank You Nundah State School”!

Congratulations Swim Club
Last week the EJ Swim Club triumphed in the KLM cup winning decisively. Way to go EJ!

Busy busy days at EJ as teaching and learning culminate and end of year activities are planned as celebrations of all that 2015 has bought to bear.

Kind regards,

Josephine Bottrell (Principal)
From the Deputy Principals

School Camps
As part of our Learning and Wellbeing program, Eagle Junction State School offers an exciting School Camp Program for students in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Every year students and staff for each of these year levels set off for three days of fun and challenge, experiencing many opportunities for building relationships, enjoying independence and experiencing resilience. It is always our aim to have every student attend and to ensure that all children can access the activities to the level that suits them best. The camps are supervised by expert instructors, with great facilities, good food, pleasant accommodation and a wide range of fun and challenging activities.

As Year 7 has now moved on the camp program is changing in 2016.

In 2016 -
**Year Six camp** will move to very early in the school year. They will enjoy a team building camp at the Gold Coast Recreation Centre at Tallebudgera [http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/get-active/recreation-centres/tallebudgera/] in February (Wednesday 10 February to Friday 12 February). This will set them up for a great final year of primary schooling.

**Year Fives** will have their leadership camp in November (Wednesday 2 November to Friday 4 November) and will be at Camp Goodenough [http://www.campgoodenough.com.au]. This is an opportunity for students to develop their leadership capabilities before nominating for school leadership positions for 2017.

**Year Four** will continue to experience a great end of year camp in October (Wednesday 19 October to Friday 21 October) at the Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre at Currimundi Lakes [http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/get-active/recreation-centres/currimundi/].

Today the Year Fours set off for Currimundi Lakes—ready for a great time!!

Chess

Last Wednesday **Aditya Anand, Kanak Relekar, Khush Patel and Shubh Patel** competed in the Brisbane Individual Age Chess Championships at Jindalee State School.

In the 2004 age division, Aditya finished 2nd, winning 6 games out of 7. Kanak finished 5th, winning 5 out of 7 games. Khush finished 7th, winning 4 out of 7 games. Shubh did well in the 2008 division, winning 3.5 games out of 7 and finishing 10th. Congratulations to all the boys for these great results!

Prep 2016 Orientation Day

This week our 2016 Prep students are experiencing a morning in the Prep Precinct. This visit provides them with an opportunity to meet the teachers and new friends that they will share new experiences with next year. Our current Preps acted as their learning guides and proudly showed them the wonderful activities that occur in the Prep classrooms.

These mornings are a special time for us as a community as we welcome our youngest students to school for the first time. I am pleased to report that there were many happy, smiling faces as the excitement of beginning primary school starts to become a reality for these students and their families.

**Buffy Lavery & Fleur Provost**
From the Master Teacher

Teaching and Learning The EJ Way
In line with our Improvement Agenda, the main areas of focus this year are
✓ The consistent implementation of our Pedagogical Framework – Teaching and Learning the EJ Way
✓ Incorporating the use of High Impact Teaching and whole school programs
✓ Sharpen the focus on differentiation to cater for the divers learning needs of students, particularly high achieving students
✓ Improve teacher pedagogy and increase student achievement in numeracy
✓ Maintain a focus on improving pedagogy and increasing student achievement in reading

As Master Teacher this year, I have coached a number of teachers in order to develop and enhance their capabilities in the planning and teaching of reading, particularly for high achieving students. Through engaging in weekly coaching conversations regarding teachers’ concerns, strengths, weaknesses and student data, teachers have established a learning goal, developed targets and have created in consultation with the Master Teacher an action plan to achieve and assess these goals. Teachers have also developed necessary resources and accessed support required to effectively achieve their goals and embed Eagle Junction’s Reading Program.

Coaching Process
A widely researched and proven model for achieving systematic progress, and to get people where they need to be is the GROWTH Coaching Model. Asking the right questions can result in long-term growth. The GROWTH Model, adapted from the GROW model, is the model we use here at Eagle Junction when engaging teachers in coaching conversations.

The second step in the GROWTH Model is: Will – What will you do?
Having explored the many options, it is now time for the coachee to select with the assistance of the coach, the best option for action. It is important in this stage to reflect on the coachee’s current circumstances in achieving the goal.

Sample ‘will’ questions include:
✓ What will you do, specifically?
✓ Which options align most closely to the critical success factors previously identified?
✓ List the options in order of priority.
✓ What are the next steps?
✓ What might get in the way?
✓ Who can you model?
✓ What is one thing you could do that, if you did on a regular basis, would make a significantly positive difference?

Michael Coad (Master Teacher)

Parents’ Survey Responses
Thank you to all parents who responded to the Survey recently distributed. 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.
Year 1/2G & 2CS News

Over the course of the year 1/2G and 2CS have been working together in an open classroom learning space which they named the ‘Learning Enrichment Centre’. This is a fantastic setting for our students to learn and grow together, gaining valuable experience in individual task, group work and whole class activities. We have encouraged our students to continually use the ‘Keys of Success’ in this environment to ensure the success of every student throughout the year. Recently the school purchased student personal tidy trays for the students and mobile storage to house them. We are absolutely delighted and here are some of the letters the students wrote to thank our wonderful Principal Ms Jo Bottrell.

Dear Ms Bottrell,
You are the best Principal ever and thanks for the new furniture and the trays. We can now keep our books tidy.
From Tung, 1/2G

Dear Ms Bottrell,
We are very grateful that you got us the tidy trays. They are very easy to use! It also makes the classroom look neater. We can get our books easily because we know what colour our box is and we have our own trays. THANK YOU! From Luisa and Georgia

Dear Ms Bottrell,
Thank you so much for the tidy trays. We have been trying to keep them very organised and tidy. The class also tried to get along, so we don’t hurt anyone while we are getting our books out. We thank you so much for them, 1/2G and 2CS really appreciate them.
Love Sienna F

Dear Ms Bottrell,
Thank you for the new tidy trays. When we had to use our storage shelves with forty-seven other students we had to use the ‘getting along key’, ‘persistence key’ and the ‘organisation key’.

Now 2CS and 1/2G have their own trays and our room is clean and tidy. Lucca and I ‘Rhys’ would like to give you this letter as a thank you letter.

From Rhys and Lucca

Dear Ms Bottrell,
Thank you for the new tidy trays. We feel more organised with our books and pencil cases. All year long we had to be resilient, organised and able to get along which is our key to success. 1/2G and 2CS enjoy the new tidy trays instead of the old cupboard which we had to share. THANK YOU MS Bottrell.
Kind regards,
In only one week’s time, EJ’s annual Book Fair will be just about under way!

During the Book Fair week, EJ students will be given a chance to browse the books on sale during an allocated class time at which time they can fill in a ‘Wish List’ of books they would love to buy. The ‘Wish List’ will be brought home and in collaboration with you, families can decide which books they would like to purchase. Payment for purchases can be made with either cash, EFTPOS in the Resource Centre or online (please send in the confirmation slip if purchasing online).

In addition to class browsing, the Book Fair will open at the following times when children and parents are welcome to buy books, stationery and posters:

- Mornings: 8.00am – 8.30am
- First Break (Years 1 and 2): 11.00am – 11.25am
- Second Break (Years 3 – 6): 12.55pm – 1.20pm
- After School: 2.45pm – 3.30pm
- Late Afternoon: Tuesday 2.45pm – 5.30pm

As our two breaks are a very busy time, we welcome parent volunteers who would like to assist at these times. If you are able to help, please send us an email detailing the day/s and time/s to: library@eaglejunctionss.eq.edu.au.

**Book Covering Volunteers Needed**

Thanks to the generous voluntary contributions made earlier this year, we have purchased thousands of dollars’ worth of new books. With our new books comes many hours of preparing the books for borrowing. While we welcome parent volunteers to pop in and cover books at any time, we will be having a blitz on the following days:

- Monday 16th November: 8.30am – 11.00am
- Tuesday 17th November: 8.30am – 11.00am

If you are able to offer some help, even if for only half an hour, please email us at library@eaglejunctionss.eq.edu.au.

**Dates for your Diaries**

- Last week of borrowing – 9th - 13th November
- Year 6 student loans to be returned – 17th November
- All student loans to be returned – 20th November
- Book Fair – 19th to 25th November

Marcia Lomman (Teacher Librarian)

All accounts for curriculum based activities and excursions should be paid by Friday 20 November!
LATE NIGHT SHOPPING!!

EJ UNIFORM SHOP
EXTRA OPENING TIME

We know it can be hard at times for working parents to get to the uniform shop during our normal hours so we will be opening for an additional hour of trading during book collection on:

Wednesday 25th November
From 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Mark Summers (Physical Education Teacher)

Tartan Trader
Are You Ready for Year One At EJ?

From Year One, EJ students wear our school tartan.

For the Boys
A tartan shirt is worn with the same navy shorts worn in Prep.

For the Girls
A tartan dress or tartan shirt with navy skorts, shorts or skirt are all suitable. The polo shirt and shorts/skorts – worn in Prep – are still worn for PE days. (Black shoes are worn with the tartan uniform).

All items are available at the Tartan Trader, so be an Early Bird and get ready now for 2016.

Tartan Trader Shop hours – Monday and Friday from 8am – 9am.

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This Friday we will be selling ice-blocks from the larger corner windows from 2.30pm to 3pm. Munch Monitor will be unavailable therefore we can only accept cash.

Birthday Time
We can supply ice blocks for the whole class. It is so simple and easy to organise, please contact me to find out more.

Volunteers for 2016
We are looking for Volunteers to help in 2016. We need volunteers to commit to a regular rostered day approximately once a month. However, we welcome all helpers that are available for any amount of time!

If you are unable to volunteer in Tuckshop, why not bake at home. We have a home bake system whereby families not able to volunteer their time in the tuckshop help out with baking muffins and biscuits.

Please drop by the Nest/fill in the form at the end of this newsletter or contact me to find out more.

Kerri White

Christmas Stall - Friday November 27th
The Christmas stall is just over 2 weeks away. I have ordered the gifts and they have started to arrive.

Can you help with wrapping from home? Are you able to help on the day being a shop keeper? The stall will be held in the hall from 8.30am-11am.

If there are any businesses out there who would like to donate their products branded or otherwise to the stall we would happily take them. Individual donations are not required but if you have some things you want to give please leave them at my house - 45 Milman Street, Clayfield or leave them at the office.

All gifts will be priced at $2 (preppies only) and $3, $5 & $10 for Years 1-6. Email me if you can help out. Many thanks.

Amanda Russell (alrussell@westnet.com.au / 0459 401 255)

This Christmas, “Buy A Bale” is planning to bring some extra joy to our farmers in need in outback Queensland and they need your help!

As the outback suffers through continuing drought, they are asking for the people of Brisbane to help donate the following items to make our farmers and their families Christmas a little brighter:

- **New unwrapped gifts** for a child between 0-18, no larger than 2 shoeboxes (please no gift cards or second hand items)
- **Non-perishable pet food** – new and sealed in its original packaging.

If neither of these options suit, you can always make a donation to assist the continuing work of “Buy A Bale” at www.buyabale.com.au. Collection will occur **THIS SATURDAY, 14th NOVEMBER** from 8-5pm at Calamvale Hotel Car Park (678 Compton Rd Calamvale). EJ will be accepting donations until **Friday 13th** via Miss Serafini’s room (2S) to be delivered on the day of this very worthwhile event. Let’s make a difference and help those who help us every day!
# Parent Network

**SOCIAL SIDE**

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<td>Saturday 21 November 2-4.30pm</td>
<td>Stafford Skate Centre 280 Stafford Road, Stafford</td>
<td>Skate Afternoon $10/child + additional cost for blade hire if required Siblings Welcome Please bring socks, water bottle, small plate to share for afternoon tea (no popcorn) <strong>Parental supervision will be required</strong> No need to RSVP – pay at door</td>
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<td>Chermside Water Park 375 Hamilton Rd, Chermside</td>
<td>Water Fun Afternoon Refer attached form for exact pricing structure RSVP before 21 November by emailing attached form and direct deposit money into nominated bank account <strong>Parental supervision will be required</strong></td>
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<td>Break up Sausage sizzle, nibbles and BYO drinks</td>
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**Volunteers Needed - Book Shop Orders For 2016**

![Volunteers Needed](image)

**Help! Volunteers Needed Urgently - Book Packing**

- **25 & 26 November**
- **Kids’ Corner for littlies – Lunch provided**
- **Email Cathy Amarantidis on ejbookshop@gmail.com**

**Don’t forget to collect your book orders!**

- **Wednesday 25th November** 2:30pm – 6:00pm School Hall
- **Thursday 26th November** 8:00am – 10:00am School Hall

Bookshop **will not** accept any liability for errors or omissions after orders leave the hall on these dates, so please remember to check your order when you collect it.

If orders are not collected on these dates, the next available time for collection will be Friday, January 22nd 2016 from 8:00am - 10:00am *(leaving only 4 days before school starts).*

Thank-you for your understanding.

Bookshop team
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.

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**Thanks for Supporting EJ in 2015!**

Thank You to the large number of businesses and various EJ families that generously donated prizes (gift vouchers, products or cash donations) to EJ’s various fundraising events held throughout 2015 (Sportsman’s Night, Mother’s Day Lunch, Prep “Florida Fling”, Senior & Junior Soirees and Trivia Night).

We’re also extremely grateful to the EJ families who have attended these 2015 functions. Through your attendance, you have greatly assisted, most notably our active Parent Network, as well as our wonderful Music School and Prep Sub-Committee.

The school community’s return support of these businesses is much appreciated and we sincerely look forward to the continued support from both businesses and EJ families for our 2016 events.

**Mel Kerwin (Donations Coordinator) 0423 438 990 / pmkerwin@optusnet.com.au**

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Murray is an EJ Dad

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**FREE back to school health check for kids!**

12, 13 and 14 January 2016

**FOOT HEALTH CHECK**

• Forefoot and arch balance
• Intra-arch balance
• Toenail
• Heel pain

**NUTRITION ASSESSMENTS AND DIETARY ADVICE**

• Healthy habits
• Easy ways to boost
• Weight loss

**VISION SCREENING**

• Color blindness
• Difficulty converging

**EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT ASSESSMENT**

• Fine motor skills
• Home reading
• Language skills

**REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL**

Phone 3138 9777 to register or for further information.

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**WATER FUN AFTERNOON 2015**

**CLASS:**

**FAMILY NAME:**

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**TOTAL COST**

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EMAIL THIS FORM TO pmkerwin@optusnet.com.au

**BY 31ST NOVEMBER 2015**

DEPOSIT YOUR GRAND TOTAL INTO BANK ACCOUNT

NAME: KELLY TUCK

Bsb: 014 002

Account Number: 5440 88 117

ARM BANDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALLOW AUTOMATIC ENTRY
Our Tuckshop operates with the assistance of volunteers. Being involved is a great way to meet other parents and become a vital part of the School’s Parent Support Network and it’s also lots of fun! Your valuable assistance is needed to maintain our current level of service, without volunteers we simply cannot operate. No matter how small your participation every contribution is appreciated.

### Tuckshop Expression of Interest Form

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**Availability:**

- **All Day** 8.30am to 2pm
- **Morning Shift** 8.30am to 11.30am
- **Afternoon Shift** 11.30am to 2pm

Rosters operate on a FOUR weekly rotation (max 9 times in a year).

Please tick, which day/days you prefer to help out:

- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

**Friend/friends I wish to be on roster with….**

**Emergency/ Standby List: (list days that you are available)**

**Baking – help bake muffins and biscuits (on a rotation)**

**Washing – help launder aprons and tea towels (on a rotation)**

**Catering- help with catering for morning teas/afternoon teas for school functions**

Please print and complete this form and return to the school by 20th November 2015 and/or contact Kerri White on 3637113 Email: ejsstuckshop@yahoo.com.au
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There are 192 school days in 2016. Semester 1: 2017 commences for teachers on January 19 and for students on January 23.

**Staff Professional Development Days**

Staff professional development days for teachers are January 21, 22, 25, April 6, 7, 8, and October 17. Schools are able to decide when their flexible days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out-of-school hours.

**Public Holidays**

Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister. Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

**Final Dates for Student Attendance**

November 10 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a senior statement. November 21 is the final date for student attendance in years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 2.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (November 2015) but may be subject to change.

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