From the Principal

Volunteers Morning Tea – November 18

Today our school staff said “thank you” to the many people who have worked with us throughout 2015 at the Volunteers Morning Tea in our library.

There are many people who assist us in a variety of ways, from supporting children in class rooms 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. Your efforts have made a difference to your children’s achievements in 2015.

Summer Stem Workshop

On Friday 13 November, Robbie Gilbert, Anna Butler, Izabella Dearden, Zayan Aziz and Seamus Penny from Year 5 were invited to participate in a Summer Stem workshop at the Queensland Academies for Science, Mathematics and Technology, Toowong Campus. The workshop took place in a light lab and was run by Dr Kirsten Hogg.

We started by conducting experiments involving a light box (a lamp with mirrors on it) and observing how light behaves reflecting off different mirrors and lenses eg. concave, convex. We then used a prism to observe the spectrum of light. Next we learnt how to make a kaleidoscope out of everyday materials.

After some of us were finished we did colour mixing, an activity involving a light box and two mirrors angled at 45 degrees facing the front.

Overall, the workshop was really great fun and interesting and we learnt a lot. Robbie Gilbert and Anna Butler 5H

Team App Update

Today we reached our target of 350 families registered on Team App! Thank you so much for your support of the P&C. With 595 families in our school this is a fair proportion with more than half registered. We still have until Friday 8.00am to see if we can get more and the winning class announced.

Currently in first place we have 2L
Second place 4W
Third place 3C
Prep B is catching fast in 4th position.

SCHOOL BEGINS WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2016
Vale Terry Stewart
Terry Stewart who had been a teacher at Eagle Junction State School for 27 years died last Friday after a long battle with cancer.

Terry had retired from teaching in 2012. He was respected by all who knew him as a passionate teacher of maths who often worked with very talented students to extend their maths.

He loved teaching kids writing and shared his love of poetry with all of his classes. Terry loved joining the kids on school camps and was a very well respected colleague to all the staff who knew and worked with him.

Rest Terry – your work is done. The funeral will be held at 11.00am at St Brigid’s Catholic Church, 78 Musgrave Road, Red Hill.

Kind regards,
Josephine Bottrell (Principal)

From the Deputy Principals

The term is flying by at an amazing rate. Teachers and students are working hard to collect evidence of achievements in learning in time to report back to you formally in Week 10 through the end of year report card.

Year 4s had an amazing time at camp last week. They put every ounce of their energy and enthusiasm into every activity whether it was tidying their cabins for the inspection by “The Cousins” or fishing, circus skills, body boarding, team problem solving, fencing, beach games, giant swing or dancing the night away at the great pool party! They were an absolute pleasure to take on camp and their behaviour was exemplary! Thank you to Mr Lee, Ms Hinsch, Mr Hennesey, Mrs Blakey, and Chappy Kyle who took time out of their lives to support your children in this excellent endeavour.

Today Year 6 heads off to camp at Tallebudgera. An exciting three days of activity and friendship lies ahead of them. Their transition to high school is fast approaching. While this is an exciting time and they are more than ready to start on this next phase of their education there may also be some feelings of concern. No matter where your child is going to high school, taking part in orientation days is an important step towards a smooth transition. We will do everything we can to ensure that the students are prepared. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please don’t hesitate to let the class teachers or Ms Lavery know.

Buffy Lavery & Fleur Provost
PLANNING FOR 2016 SCHOOL YEAR

Please advise the school in writing (letter or email) if:

- Your child is **not returning** to EJ in 2016
- Your child is returning to EJ but will **not be starting** at the beginning of the school year on **Wednesday, January 27**

**REMINDER!!**

**EXCURSION/ACTIVITY ACCOUNTS**

All accounts should be paid by the end of this week.
Thank you!
Any queries – please phone the office 3637 1111
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: Tactics – How and when will you do it?

In this stage, the coach is moving the coachee to real and practical action. The coach is helping the coachee to commit to following through by letting them picture the details of the action they will be taking.

Sample ‘tactics’ questions include:

- How and when will you do it?
- Precisely when will you take the next steps?
- Do you need to log the steps in your diary?

Michael Coad (Master Teacher)

Sports Report

Eagle Junction tennis teams did extremely well in the Brisbane International Schools Challenge tournament at Shaw Park on Sunday 15 November.

The school entered four teams out of 30 teams in the competition. Three orange ball teams (Years 3-5) did well in their pool stages. The EJSS A team (The Sharks) won their pool, won the semi-final and were eventually runners up in the final.

Well done the EJSS Orange A (The Sharks):
Kiera Mulgrew, Madison Waugh, Daniel Jesser, Gabriella Petkova and Nick Rumsey.

The EJSS team in the green ball (Years 5-6) were second in their pool..

Special thanks to Gail Jones (manager), Dominic Andrews (Shaw Park) and the parents (Sophie, Simone, Irina, and Michael) who helped organised this. Well done EJSS! We look forward to improving one or two places next year and also entering more EJ teams into the tournament.
Library News

Thursday 19th to Wednesday 25th November
Just a reminder that Book Fair is just about underway so now is the time to add to your home libraries or to stock up on your Christmas gifts! Book Fair times are as follows:

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

Student Returns Due Date
Last week was the final week of student borrowing and all books are due back this Friday 20th November. Please could you support your child in returning their books by the due date as last term we had over one hundred students with overdue books which created many hours of unnecessary administrative work.

All classes have been challenged to return their books by the due date and prizes will be awarded to classes who have ALL of their books returned!

Marcia Lomman (Teacher Librarian)

Music News

Senior Choir at “Carols Under the Stars”
Members of the EJ Senior Choir are looking forward to spreading some Christmas cheer when they sing at “Carols Under the Stars” which is being held at the Clayfield Baptist Church on Saturday 28th November.

The evening will commence at 7.00pm (please arrive at 6:45 pm) and finish at approximately 8:30 pm. Choir families are invited to attend and join in a fun night of singing carols and enjoying the Christmas spirit.

A note was sent home last week with further details. Please email Mrs Sue at lsue4@eq.edu.au if you have any queries. It would be appreciated if the reply slip could please be returned to the Music Notes Box in the music room by the end of this week.

Lorna Sue

Captains, Councillors, Sports, Music Photos etc.

Photos are available online from Advanced Life for you to preview and purchase. They will be delivered to school for distribution. Follow the steps as outlined below to complete the purchasing process.

The login code is 822 Z6V GEG

1. Using your preferred web browser, visit www.advancedlife.com.au
2. At the prompt box, enter the 9 digit online order code shown above
3. You will now be in your custom school portal, select “Browse Group photos”
4. Browse the list of groups and select the photographs you wish to purchase. Prices are clearly displayed.
5. Once you have chosen all your groups, select the View Shopping Cart Trolley and follow the prompts

If you have any queries contact Advanced Life Photography direct – phone 07 3422 1743
Year 1SR News

The students of Year 1 are fast becoming skilled in the world of digital technologies. In Year 1SR, we use iPads in the classroom to explore ideas, record information and to present our findings in creative and imaginative ways.

As part of our weekly technology lesson with EJ’s Librarian, Ms Lomman, the students are working towards transforming their written work into digital multimodal texts.

Using the interactive whiteboard App ‘Explain Everything’, students are combining written text, images, audio recording and video to record and present their work. The skills we gain from these lessons are taken back into the classroom and applied across learning areas.

Aside from technology being an instant drawcard for student engagement, an important outcome of technology education is that it provides a variety of modes for learners to share their thinking and understanding. The students enjoy exploring the functions of these technologies and finding new, innovative ways to combine visual elements and audio recording to communicate their ideas.

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

- We are now offering sushi on three days a week until the end of term. Sushi will be available to order on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

- Ice blocks will be available on Friday afternoon from 2.30pm until 3pm. The large corner windows will be open, so please come and grab an ice block on your way home. Munch monitor will not be available, cash sales only.

- The Dads will be back flipping burgers for the last time this year on Tuesday 24th November. Burgers will be available to pre-order on Munch Monitor for first break only. Thank you to all the Dads who have volunteered this year.

- The tuckshop is going to have some fun this year. We are going to have a “Guess how many lollies in the Jar” competition. It will run for 2 weeks from Tuesday 24th November until Friday 4th December and will cost 50 cents for 2 guesses. Every class will get a free guess! The winner will be announced in the last week of term. Munch monitor cannot be used for guesses.

- The Tuckshop will be CLOSED the last week of Term 4.

Kerri White
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.

Book Orders
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

Help! Volunteers Needed Urgently - Book Packing
25 & 26 November
Kids’ Corner for littlies – Lunch provided
Email Cathy Amaranidis on ejbookshop@gmail.com
### Year 5
- **When**: Friday 20 November, After school
- **Where**: 83 Lodge Road, Wooloowin (Matilda Fenn’s house)
- **What**: End of Year get-together, BYO togs, afternoon snack to share. Parents to stay and join in – snack/drink (BYO). 
  - RSVP Natalie 0432 588 831

### Year 2
- **When**: Saturday 21 November, 2-4.30pm
- **Where**: Stafford Skate Centre, 280 Stafford Road, Stafford
- **What**: 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) 
  - **Parental supervision will be required** 
  - No need to RSVP – pay at door

### Year 6
- **When**: Sunday 29 November, From 10.00am
- **Where**: Chermside Water Park, 375 Hamilton Rd, Chermside
- **What**: Cost $15 per person. This includes entry and a sausage sizzle. Please make payment before 20 November.

### Year 4
- **When**: Saturday 5 December, 2.00-4.00pm
- **Where**: Chermside Water Park, 375 Hamilton Rd, Chermside
- **What**: 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. 
  - **Parental supervision will be required**

### Year 3
- **When**: Saturday 5 December, 7.00pm
- **Where**: Ruggers Restaurant, Brothers Rugby Club, Albion
- **What**: Parents Dinner & Drinks. Cost $35.00pp. RSVP to your class rep or direct to Tania taniasanfilippo@bigpond.com

### Prep K
- **When**: Sunday 6 December, 3pm – 6pm
- **Where**: Kalinga Park
- **What**: Break up. Sausage sizzle, nibbles and BYO drinks

### Prep
- **When**: Thursday 10 December, 3pm
- **Where**: Kalinga Park
- **What**: Break up party

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### Quest Newspapers Submission

Team EJ, we need your help! Quest Newspapers has chosen our P&C Parent Network’s submission as a finalist in its current round of grant awards.

We have applied for assistance in helping families in need purchase essential book packs and uniforms. The applications with the most votes from the public will receive the grants.

Here is where you come in: each reader is allowed ten votes. You need to register (or log in if already registered) on Quest’s website in order to vote. Please go to this address and help our school help those in need by voting for EJ:  

http://quest.communitygrants.net.au/idea/eagle-junction-state-school-knowledge-is-power

Voting closes 20 November. THANK YOU for your assistance.
A Thank You Note

I write to thank you for the participation of the Eagle Junction State School Junior Choir in our recent Arts and Crafts Festival. Having the choir sing on the Saturday afternoon in the church hall really added to the quality of the festival. Mrs Christine Shume organised it on this occasion. Mrs Kerry Holland, wife of Bishop Holland, opened the Festival this year and spoke warmly about the good relationship between St Mark’s and the school. I would very much appreciate it if you could pass on my thanks to the students and staff members concerned. Yours sincerely

The Rev’d Canon Dr Murray Harvey
Rector (St Mark’s, Clayfield)

From Friends of Vellore

Dear Eagle Junction State School,

Many thanks indeed for contributing so generously to The Friends of Vellore.

CMC Vellore is a huge place, staffed by dedicated people from many lands, training doctors, nurses and others for work all over India. Through the hospital and its rural clinics, thousands of people, especially children, are treated for diseases we seldom see – tuberculosis, leprosy, polio, malnutrition. Along with their healing they experience Christian love.

Your contribution of $2,000.00 is gratefully received. Without this support, the services that are provided free to the most deserving people, would have to be drastically reduced.

Christmas Stall - Friday November 27th

The Christmas stall is just over 2 weeks away. The gifts are currently being wrapped by a team of home wrappers in readiness for the stall. Many thanks to them.

I need a small team to help me on the day. Are you able to be a shop keeper? The stall will be held in the hall from 8.30am-11.00am.

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

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

Colouring Competition

Recently North Brisbane Crime Prevention held a colouring competition in conjunction with Neighbourhood Watch. All north side schools were invited to take part.

I am very pleased to inform you that EJ had many award recipients! Our school was certainly one of the most represented in the winner’s circle and I was one very proud Adopt a Cop!

Winners in various categories were:

✓ Thomas Chappell
✓ Quinn Goodall
✓ Cameron Jones
✓ Lucy Goodall
✓ Emily Bucknill
✓ Dylan Pink

Congratulations everyone!

Kristy O’Neil (Adopt a Cop)
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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Murray is an EJ Dad

Year 6 Social Activity - Chermside Water Park
Date: Sunday, 29 November 2015
Time: 10:00am
Location: Chermside Aquatic Centre
Cost: $15 each - entry plus sausage sizzle
for students, parents and siblings
Payment: Please make payment in an
enveloped marked ‘Year 6 Water
Park Outing’, your child’s name and
the amount of money enclosed and take it to the school
office and deposit it in the
Eagle Box.
RSVP: All payments to be received by
Friday, 20 November 2015
Notes: Although this is primarily a Year 6 event,
siblings can also attend provided a parent is present at all times to supervise.
Please contact your class parent rep with any questions.

FREE back to school health check for kids!
12, 13 and 14 January 2016

Foot checks
Vision screening
Nutrition assessments and dietary advice
Education and development assessments

Registration essential
Phone 3138 0777 to register or for further information.

GUT Health Clinics
www.healthclinics.qut.edu.au
41 Musgrave Street, Kelvin Grove 4059

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Water Fun Afternoon
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Family Name:

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| GRAND TOTAL | $ |

EMAIL THIS FORM TO kelly.tuck@qut.edu.au
BY 21ST NOVEMBER 2015
DEPOSIT YOUR GRAND TOTAL INTO BANK ACCOUNT
NAME: KELLY TOCK  BSB: 014 002  ACCOUNT NUMBER: 5049 84 117
ARM BANDS WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALLOW AUTOMATIC ENTRY