From the Principal

Appointment of New Principal for 2016
It gives me great pleasure today to inform you that the Principal of Eagle Junction State School from January 2016 will be Adam Mathewson.

Adam is currently the Principal of Rainworth State School and of course is very happy to be taking up the leadership challenge at EJ.

I know Adam as a colleague and I know he will bring a leadership skill set that will add value to the standing and achievements of the students, staff and wider school community.

Adam will be meeting with me and the school leadership team as well as the P&C Executive prior to the commencement of the 2016 school year. As you meet him, and our new teaching staff I know you will make them feel welcome.

Staffing for 2016
I am pleased to announce that next year our school will be joined by a few new members of staff; Jenny Beadman from Kuwongbah and Christine Greenslade from Townsville. Both teachers come with a wide and varied experience and are very pleased to have been transferred to Eagle Junction State School. There are still additional teachers to be appointed and contract teachers to be confirmed.

The District is still finalising staffing for 2016 and I am aware that we may still have some changes to our staff. Currently our enrolments are at 840, an increase from last year. All prep enrolments are from within catchment. Class lists will be available at the Hall on Friday 22 January, 2016 before the start of the new school year. Please do not send in any requests for teachers as the time for this has expired.

Reporting to Parents
This week I would like to discuss the End of Semester Report Card. Report Cards for Semester 2 2015 will be distributed on Wednesday 9 December.

Prep will have a report card that includes the Australian Curriculum and elements of the Early Years Curriculum Guidelines. The report card for Years 1-6 will reflect the English, Maths, Science, History and Geography Syllabus of the Australian Curriculum as well as the Key Learning Areas of Technology, Study of Society and Environment, The Arts and Health and Physical Education.

For parents who are new to our school, reports are distributed once per semester to record the academic performance of students as well as to report to you in the areas of your student’s behaviour and effort.
Understanding Achievement
What makes an ABCD or E is pre-determined by a scale of achievement. Teachers work diligently to prepare Guides to Making Judgements or assessment rubrics which are used to assess student work and often compare marking and moderate student work to ensure comparability between classes. Teachers use a variety of evidence to make their judgements about students’ performance.

“C” or “SOUND” no longer means that the student is simply in the middle of the class. It means that the student has met the achievement standard for a learner at the year level.

“C” or “SOUND” would indicate that the student is doing everything required at their Year Level at school. The best description is to say that a “C” means that the student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be. That means attaining a “C” for Achievement means you are ON TARGET for the year level achievement standard.

Some students will find that they are allocated ratings outside of the ‘sound’ area. A few students will find that they don’t quite achieve these standards and may require support. Some students may demonstrate higher outcomes than indicated and will be allocated ratings at their level of performance such as A or B.

Teachers work conscientiously to prepare assessment tasks that give students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge, skills and understanding. Further information is also available inside the Report Card.

Uniforms for 2016
Thank you to Jayne Jones-Wilson and all the helpers in the uniform shop who have traded all year to assist our students and families. Please be mindful of the school shoe policy which states white short socks/EJ ankle socks to be worn with black school shoes or black joggers. Suitable navy blue sandals (covered toe) may be worn in summer months. Opening hours for the Uniform Shop are:

- Mondays 8.00 to 9.00am
- Fridays 8.00 to 9.00am

Some students have been choosing colourful shoes and laces as their preferred footwear. These are not the shoes outlined in the school policy. Please ensure as you shop over the holidays, that the school policy around footwear is your students’ choice.

Awards Evening
Our core business is teaching and learning and Tuesday 8 December we will celebrate our students’ achievements at the annual Awards Presentation Evening for Years 4 to 6. It will be conducted this year at Kedron SHS Hall, starting promptly at 7.00pm. Our Guest Speaker this year is John Story, Chancellor at the University of Queensland and a past student of EJ. I am sure you will enjoy his presentation as he returns to his primary school.

At our Awards Evening, outstanding student achievement is recognised with cultural, sporting, citizenship and academic awards and the new school captains for 2016 announced. This is a formal school occasion. Complete and correct school uniform should be worn by the students (this includes black shoes). A rehearsal will be held during the day on Tuesday and a note will follow for your permission to travel by bus for that. Entertainment on the night will be provided by our talented Music students and our Year 6 students.

End of Year Activities
As stated, at EJ our core business is teaching and learning. There is an expectation from Education Queensland that this remains our focus up to and including 11 December. I have attached a copy of the last two weeks for you information.

On the last Thursday of the term, after the final assembly, which is held in Session 2, there is a scheduled time for a class lunch together.

This will be an opportunity for all students to celebrate together as a class and to share how they feel about each other’s friendship in a low key way.

Kind regards,
Josephine Bottrell (Principal)
From the Deputy Principals

Prep – Year One Transition
Our Prep students recently visited our Year One classrooms for a transition morning. Our current Year One students acted as their learning guides and proudly showed them their classrooms.

The transition morning was a great opportunity for our Preps to experience the Year One learning environment. Over the coming weeks, our Prep students will also move confidently out of the Prep precinct to play on the oval and courts during play times. These activities help to support the smooth transition from Prep to Year One.

Our Year 6 students had a fabulous time at camp last week!

Buffy Lavery & Fleur Provost
Activities – Last 2 Weeks

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**Summer Stem Workshop 23 November 2015**

On Monday 23 November, Alex Ngo, Ben Gunter, Khush Patel, Nick Fraser and Aditya Anand from Year 5 were invited to participate in a SUMMER STEM workshop *Hectic Geometric* at the Queensland Academies for Science, Mathematics and Technology, Toowong Campus.

We started by doing some challenging and intriguing problem solving ‘warm ups’. We then learnt about shapes that can be made from a circle, designed a snowboard and did an ‘elimination of numbers’ challenge.

We were grateful to have attended this event, it was lots of fun.

*by Nick Fraser and Aditya Anand*
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 last step in the GROWTH Model is: Habits – How will you sustain your success?

In this stage, the coach’s role is to help the coachee leverage and create positive, empowering habits and overcome old limiting habits.

Assisting the teacher to explore a range of physical and human resources available to support them in their quest is also important. One of the most powerful yet simple forms of support that you can offer as a coach is to take an active interest in the coachee completing the goal’s action.

Sample ‘habit’ questions include:

- How will you sustain your success?
- Who do you need to become?
- What different attitudes/values/beliefs/mental models will you need?
- What support do you have?
- How will you know you have completed the action?
- What old habits do you need to break?
- What barriers do we need to remove?

Michael Coad (Master Teacher)
Year 1F News
This term 1F has been exploring two forms of text types in English. At the start of the term we learnt how to write a procedure and now we are exploring persuasive texts.

Last week the class discovered a new favourite book called 'The Pigeon Wants a Puppy – by Mo Williems'. This narrative taught us many different persuasive techniques. We highly recommend this book for a fantastic bed time read.

As a fun art task 1F learnt how to draw the pigeon from the story. Here is a procedure we constructed together to teach you how to draw your own pigeon picture at home.

**How To Draw The Pigeon**

**Goal:** If you follow this procedure you will draw a detailed picture of the pigeon.

**Materials:**
- Pencil
- Sharpener
- Rubber
- Paper

**Method:**

1. First of all draw a large circle for his head. Then draw a smaller circle just inside the large circle. Draw a small circle to one side and colour it in to make an eye. Put a sideways M for his beak.
2. Secondly draw two lines downwards, which are the length of your finger. Then add two lines sideways, half way up his neck for a collar.
3. Draw a semi-circle, then draw a triangle connecting to it to make his body. After that draw a small triangle with no base for a wing.
4. Draw 2 long lines downwards. Add three short lines at the bottom of the leg for toes.

Special Tip: Why not add a speech bubble to turn your picture into a cartoon.

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.

Please email Mrs Sue at lsue4@eq.edu.au if you have any queries.

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
Book Fair – A Great Success
Once again, EJ’s Annual Book Fair was a great success and we would like to thank all of our students and families for your participation. In addition to your children developing a love of reading through adding to their home libraries, we also use the points earned, to purchase more Scholastic resources for our school. Happy Reading Everyone!

Thank You to our Wonderful Library Volunteers
A very BIG thank you to the parent volunteers who came in to help with covering books last week.

In total, approximately 750 books were covered throughout the week and all have been added to our Home Reader Collection for 2016! We will have many jobs leading up to the end of the school year such as shelving, cleaning iPads and sorting books, so please pop in if you have some spare moments.

Marcia Lomman (Teacher Librarian)
The Eagles Nest will be CLOSED for the last week of term 4.

We will be selling ice blocks from the corner windows on Friday afternoon from 2.30pm until 3pm. Come by and grab an ice block on your way home. Munch Monitor will not be available, cash only sales.

Sushi is now available to order on Fridays through Munch Monitor.

Remember to come and have a guess at how many lollies are in the jar competition. Each class will receive a free guess. The competition will run until Friday 4th December and will cost 50 cents for 2 guesses. The winner will be announced in the last week of term. Munch Monitor cannot be used for guesses.

If you are leaving EJ at the end of the year and have a balance left on your Munch Monitor Account - there is a form to be completed and returned to Munch Monitor so that your money can be refunded. This form is available from the Tuckshop

Kerri White

Parent Network

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**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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**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:

**Tonight - Wednesday 25th November**

From 5.00pm – 6.00pm

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**Back to School 2016**

Additional trading hours for Uniform Shop & Book Shop

Monday 7th December 2015
8.00am – 9.00am

**Uniform shop only**

Friday 22nd January 2016
8.00am – 10.00am

Wednesday 27th January 2016
7.45am – 8.15am

Thursday 28th January 2016
7.45am – 8.15am

Friday 29th January 2016
8.00am – 9.00am

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*Please note these days can be very busy and there may be longer than usual waiting times. It is recommended that uniforms are purchased prior to the school holidays.*

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**Uniform Shop Stocks Sunglasses!**

Most adults won’t leave home without their sunglasses on, so why not promote similar good habits in your kids and teach them to care for their eyes and be responsible for their sun protection.

Did you know that repeated exposure of the eyes to UV radiation can cause permanent eye damage including:

- CANCER OF THE EYE, EYELIDS, AND SKIN AROUND THE EYES
- PTERYGIUM (QLD has one of the highest incidence of pterygium in the world)
- In the longer term, CATARACTS and AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION

Children are more susceptible to UV exposure. A hat doesn’t stop UV reflected from the ground or sides. A broad-brimmed hat plus wrap-around sunglasses (which meet Aus Standard) can reduce the amount of UV radiation that reaches the eyes by up to 98%.

UV radiation levels peak when children are at school. Our new sunglasses only cost $10.00 which includes a soft case. The lenses are made of POLYCARBONATE, which is strong, durable and impact resistant. If a child is hit in the eye, the lenses will not shatter. They have an area on the side of the frame where the child’s name can be written.
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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Christmas Stall

Friday 27th November
8.45am to 11am
Assembly Hall

Gifts priced at $3, $5 and $10
Prep gifts will be taken to their classrooms and all will be $2
Thank you for supporting the P & C Parent Network

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