From the Principal

**Year 5 Nominate for 2016 Leadership Positions**

Congratulations are extended to all of the Year 5 students who have completed applications for Senior Leader positions in 2016. I was really impressed with the quality of the applications, the presentation, timeliness and the thought that had obviously gone into them. The quality of the references received in support of the various applicants was also commendable. All application contents were verified by class teachers.

Congratulations to the 11 students who have been selected as nominations for School Captain of Eagle Junction State School 2016:

**Girls:**
Anna Butler, Ellie Gillespie, Sofia Jaramillo, Anna Madders, Emma-Rose Neil and Grace Reilly.

**Boys:**
Aditya Anand, Elliott Dudgeon, Robbie Gilbert, Yathav Ragupathy and Kanak Relekar.

Voting for the Year 5 nominees will be the responsibility of Years 4, 5 and 6 students and staff. We use preferential voting.

Voters use a year level coloured criteria sheet to complete a ranking of their preferred candidates. These are collated and decisions made on the compilation and weighting of the votes.

(If the selection is not clear then the Election Committee uses a weighted discriminator, e.g. the Year 5 votes are weighted more than the Year 6 votes.)

This is a great lesson in the democratic process. Next year’s leaders are now in the hands of the voters.

Best wishes with your presentations at the Leadership Assembly on Thursday morning at 8.30am. Speeches will begin promptly at 8.45am. All parents are welcome to attend.

**Understanding EFFORT and BEHAVIOUR Grades on Report Cards**

Last week in the Newsletter we looked at Report Card Achievement and what it means. This week we look at Effort and Behaviour.

Report Cards are a great summary of your child’s work over the previous six months. They contain a wealth of information but are sometimes challenging to understand. Two areas of interest are the grade for “effort” and the grade given for “behaviour” towards the end of the report.

The scale on which these are marked is:

- A = Excellent (independently and consistently)
- B = Very Good (consistently)
- C = Satisfactory (usually)
- D = Needs Attention (sometimes)
- E = Unacceptable (rarely)
From the Principal cont.

When deciding on a **mark for effort** a teacher usually considers the behaviours displayed by the student as they engage with each subject. Some students have a preference for particular subjects and so find it easier to apply themselves to the learning opportunities and tasks provided. Some children find difficulty with particular types of activities such as working in a group. Behaviours which promote learning are developed over the years just as children develop their content knowledge.

Learning to listen and follow increasingly complex directions, choosing a positive attitude and staying focused on the job to be done, starting and finishing a task within a set time frame, being organised, being an active participant in discussions and group activities, asking for help or feedback and reflecting on one’s work are all skills which contribute to the “effort” grade a student receives.

When deciding on a **mark for behaviour** teachers firstly consider the Eagle Junction State School Values – respect, acceptance, consideration, cooperation, honesty, resilience, contribution and responsibility. Each of these values is exemplified by certain behaviours such as coping with change, being positive and inclusive towards others, being able to share and take turns. Teachers consider a child’s personal skill development for each Value.

Children are learning to improve these skills all through their school career. Being able to demonstrate effort and behaviour to a “C” standard (usually) is satisfactory. If your child receives a “D” or an “E” for effort or behaviour this indicates that conversations need to be had (if they haven’t been had already) with the student, with their teacher and if necessary the appropriate person on the Admin team to ensure that a plan is in place to help a child develop the skills which are necessary for being a successful learner.

**The Countdown Begins**

With only a week and a half to go and lots of exciting end of year culminating activities planned, it is worthwhile clarifying all that is planned over the next few days.

**WEEK 9**

**Thursday 3 December**

8.45am School Captains’ Speeches followed by Years 3-6 Swim Carnival (Coffee Van on site)

**Friday 4 December**

Years 3-7 Swim Carnival continues as per program (Coffee Van on site)
Presentation of State ICAS Medals to Xavier Craddock (Year 4 Writing) and Ruben Ripper (Year 4 Science)

**WEEK 10**

**Monday 7 December**

Something Secret

**Tuesday 8 December**

Presentation Evening rehearsal 8.45am-12.30pm and Awards Night 7.00pm Kedron State High School

**Wednesday 9 December**

Year 4 Number Facts Celebration
Year 6 Rehearse Graduation Ceremony
Report Cards distributed

**Thursday 10 December**

9.00am Year 6 Graduation Ceremony and/or Class Presentations (Coffee Van on site)
Session 2 Whole School Assembly Farewell begins at 11.00am
Session 3 Class break ups and/or Class Presentations (Please note Session 1 and Session 3 times may be modified according to teacher/class arrangements. Class teacher will inform you)

**Friday 11 December**

Part of the education program for the day will be to clean up. (Students will be assisting with clean-up activities, so are able to be out of uniform as long as this is sensible and safe attire).
School concludes for 2015 at 2.45pm.

Great days ahead for us all. I’m sure you will enjoy them.

*Josephine Bottrell (Principal)*
From the Deputy Principals

Assembly Monday 7 December 9.00am
As you are aware we are having a Farewell Assembly on the oval for Ms Bottrell at 9.00am next Monday December 7. After 40+ years working for Education Queensland she is calling this career to a close and we would like to make the Assembly a really memorable one.

- All students (except Preps) should be in their formal tartan uniform, have a hat and a water bottle.
- All students (except for students in Junior and Senior Choirs) should be at school by 8.30am so that they are available to move with their class from their classroom to the oval at 8.45am.
- All Senior and Junior Choir students should assemble in the hall at 8.30am.
- Shade will be provided for the students either under the trees or under shade structures. As we don’t know how many parents will be coming it may be advisable to bring an umbrella.

Please be aware that traffic will be even busier than usual. If you are planning on coming to the assembly please allow extra time and be prepared to park a short distance from the school and walk. If you can walk the whole way or catch public transport this would be very much appreciated by the entire community.

It is anticipated that the assembly will take about 30 minutes and will be followed by morning tea.

Buffy Lavery & Fleur Provost

Summer Stem Workshop 30 November 2015
On Monday 30 November, Amelia Smith, Anna Madders, Emma-Rose Neil, Angus Bathe, Sofia Jaramillo and Aditya Anand from Year 5 were invited to participate in a SUMMER STEM workshop Igniting Science at the Queensland Academies for Science, Mathematics and Technology, Toowong Campus.

While at this workshop we were involved in a number of group activities. We looked through spectroscopes to examine the colours of light and their wavelengths, sprayed metal salt solutions into the flames of a Bunsen burner to determine what colour would be produced (this is how fireworks work!), learnt how to make invisible ink and made beautiful ink patterns on filter paper.

We enjoyed this workshop greatly and learnt a lot!

Amelia Smith and Anna Madders 5R
From the Master Teacher

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

During these last few weeks, it has been wonderful to see our teachers sustaining their high level of rigor in the deliverance of the Australian Curriculum. During this year, all teachers have participated in a number of professional development opportunities to refine their knowledge and skill in the art of High Impact Teaching.

Preparing students for learning through activation of prior knowledge, establishing learning goals and success criteria, modelling and encouraging the use of metalanguage, providing targeted and scaffolded instruction and feedback is an essential tool we use each day to provide the best teaching and learning for each and every student.

*Michael Coad (Master Teacher)*

Music News

**Red and Green groups of Junior Choir visit Clifford House**
If you were driving around Clayfield/Wooloowin on Monday you may have seen some very hot and tired young students making their way to and from Clifford House to perform for the elderly residents. Although the Red and Green groups of the choir and the Recorder Club arrived hot and bothered after a long walk in the blazing sun, 32 thirsty kids were thankfully greeted with a cold drink on arrival.

They performed a number of old and modern Christmas songs, some of which the elderly residents joined in. The Recorder Club was a hit and didn't miss a note at that!

A hot walk back to school in the midday sun didn't deter them, as they devoured the lolly bags so kindly presented to them as a way of thanks. And of course, Ms Bottrell welcomed them back to school with a nice cold ice block. Thanks Ms Bottrell and Mrs Plowman, you're the best!

A special thank you to Margaret Bebbington for accompanying us on the piano and the mums who braved the heat to help supervise our trip.

*Christine Shume*
**Year 5 Gold Rush Excursion**

The year is 1854. Diggers arrive at the goldfields suffering from a seemingly incurable sickness, GOLD FEVER! A thriving, tented township has sprung up, almost overnight, with businesses and diggers’ tents everywhere. *Will the ‘new chums’ find their fortune, or will they be swindled by unscrupulous characters or even robbed by bushrangers? Will they leave rich or destitute?*

During Semester Two, Year 5 students investigated significant events and people of the Australian gold rushes. To further their studies and engagement with the unit, we had an excursion where students dove into role-play situations, team building skills and problem solving activities. The day began with a rogue bushranger on horse back stealing lunch and ended with the students pleading with teachers and parent volunteers to hand over cash for their huge gold finds!

A huge thank you to the parents who came along for the ride on this terrific day spent in the bush!

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**Congratulations**

**Chloe Mills** a past pupil of Eagle Junction graduated from Kedron State High School as a Prefect and Dux of Home Economics for 2015.
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**

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

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**The Eagles Nest will be CLOSED for the last week of term 4.** There will be limited stock of some items this week.

The Tuckshop Committee would like to thank all the Year 6 students that have helped this year. We wish you well as you move onto High School.

*Kerri White*

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**Book Orders**

I would like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone that helped out with the book packing this year. We had a mammoth task and everyone that came along was BRILLIANT! We all managed to pack everything in record time and this is due to everyone's “can do” attitude! It appeared that most people had fun as well!!

A special mention to the mums that came with small children (always a challenge) and the people that helped for both days. So thank you again - if it wasn't for all the wonderful helpers, we wouldn't be able to help the school community with their book requirements each year, and raise money for our school in the process.

I would also like to thank the Year 6 students that helped with moving rubbish and boxes. Thanks also to tuckshop ladies for making delicious lunches while we were all packing.

If you did not manage to collect your books during collection times, but you have pre-ordered, **the next date available for collection is January 22nd 8am-10am at the Bookshop** (next to the uniform shop).

Please also note, that if you did not pre-order your book packs, but still want to purchase one, we may have limited packs available on this same day in January, however the **late fee of $30 will apply**. We will be accepting credit card or cash on the day only for payments.

Thank-you

*Cathy Amarantidis (Bookshop)*
**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.

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

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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.

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**Lost Property**

Please check at the pool and under the school (near the Clothing Shop) for any lost property. Items need to be collected before the end of the school year.
## SOCIAL SIDE

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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 Parental supervision will be required</td>
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<td>Year 3</td>
<td>Saturday 5 December 7.00pm</td>
<td>Ruggers Restaurant Brothers Rugby Club, Albion</td>
<td>Parents Dinner &amp; Drinks Cost $35.00pp RSVP to your class rep or direct to Tania <a href="mailto:taniasanfilippo@bigpond.com">taniasanfilippo@bigpond.com</a></td>
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<td>Come and celebrate the end of school with all of your Year 1 friends. Contact your parent rep for any further info.</td>
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### Christmas Stall

A huge thank you to everyone who helped me with the Christmas stall this year. It is terrific receiving so much help. Thank you to everyone who supported the stall on the day. I saw a lot of happy children and I hope the families enjoy their surprise.

The money raised by the stall helps run the Parent Network and all the work we do helping needy families quietly behind the scenes.


Thank you to Rachael Schuster for her business donation to the stall of the gorgeous Christmas Spatula’s, baking Bon Bons and the organic honey and thank you Julie Milton for your assistance in helping me to sort all the wrapped gifts in readiness for transporting them to school.

Special thanks again to Jenny Chadirchi for all the printing of the notices, the floats, and the little gifts for the children who don’t have money on the day and all the other behind the scenes assistance. Thank you Jenny Chadirchi and Cam Russell for your help in taking all the gifts up to the hall on that hot Thursday afternoon.

A big thank you also to the teachers for once again organising to bring the children down to the stall.

I hope I haven’t forgotten someone or misspelt names. Always a concern when naming names - my sincere apologies if I have.

Kind regards

Amanda Russell (0459 401 255/alrussell@westnet.com.au)
Blue Light Disco
Friday 4 December 2015
6.00pm – 8.00pm
Eagle Farm Race Track
Entry off Lancaster Road
Primary school children only
Entry - $5.00
All welcome!

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