From the Principal

At Eagle Junction State School the teaching of reading is one of our core priorities for each and every child. To support your child’s reading development we strongly encourage students to read daily. This may involve a child reading to another adult or an adult reading to the child. Even children in upper primary still enjoy being read to.

Children should also be encouraged to read for “mileage”. Mileage refers to the time that a child spends reading. It is this reading volume that will assist with building vocabulary, provide real opportunities to utilise and refine reading comprehension skills and assist with developing a good level of general knowledge. It does not matter what a child reads, as long as they enjoy reading.

The role that you play in your child’s reading development cannot be underestimated. Please speak to your child’s teacher if you would like more information about how best to develop reading skills and reading habits.

House Captains and Vice Captains

Congratulations to the following students who were voted in by their peers to take on the role of House Captains and Vice-Captains for 2016:

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The students who were short listed did a wonderful job delivering their house leadership speeches last Friday. I am sure that the captains and vice captains will perform their duties with honour and will do an excellent job.

It is anticipated that we will be able to announce the Music Captains in the newsletter next week.
You Can Do It Program
Some of our new parents may be unaware of our You Can Do It program. The aim of the You Can Do It program is to support communities, schools and homes in a collective effort to optimise the social, emotional, and academic outcomes of all young people.

Its unique contribution is in identifying the social and emotional capabilities that all young people need to acquire in order to be successful in school, experience wellbeing and have positive relationships including making contributions to others and the community (good citizenship).

Our core purpose is the development of young people’s social and emotional capabilities, including:

1. Confidence (academic, social)
2. Persistence
3. Organisation
4. Getting Along, and
5. Resilience.

Central to the development of these 5 Key Foundations is instilling in young people 12 Habits of the Mind, including:

1. Accepting Myself
2. Taking Risks
3. Being Independent
4. I Can Do It
5. Giving Effort
6. Working Tough
7. Setting Goals
8. Planning My Time
9. Being Tolerant of Others
10. Thinking First
11. Playing by the Rules, and
12. Social Responsibility

At Eagle Junction State School the You Can Do It program is part of the personal development, and in particular identity, interpersonal relationships and resilience aspect of the Health and Physical Education syllabus.

Throughout this year we look forward to recognising and celebrating the many wonderful qualities of all of our students through the You Can Do It program.

Waiting Before School
Parents and children are reminded to not wait for the start of the school day on the walkway near the Year 1 & 2 classes. This walkway is a major thoroughfare connecting the building to the hall and other classrooms. As per last year, children and parents are reminded to wait downstairs until the 8.35am bell has rung. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.
P&C Association 2016

Congratulations and thanks are extended to the newly elected P&C Executive for 2016.

Meg Graham – President, Jules O’Hagan – Vice President, Secretary – Carolyn McMullen and Treasurer – Charles Strickland.

Many people have also volunteered for the various P&C Committees. Thank you to everyone who has so willingly offered to be part of the P&C decision making groups for the 2016 school year.

Year 6 School Camp
This Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the Year 6 students will be away on their camp. The students and staff will be spending 3 days and 2 nights at the Tallebudgera Sport and Recreation Centre. The focus on the camp is on reinforcing the You Can Do It qualities (Organisation, Persistence, Resilience, Confidence & Getting Along) whilst also developing leadership and outdoor educational skills.

I am sure that the students and staff will have an enjoyable 3 days away. I will also be attending the camp. In my absence Mrs Lavery and Ms Provost will share the acting principal duties.

City Cluster Swimming Carnival
This Friday we have a number of our students representing our school at the City Cluster Swimming Carnival. I would like to wish the EJ swimmers all the very best at the carnival. I am sure that you will perform to the best of your ability and represent yourself and our school proudly. Our team will be accompanied by Mr Summers and Mrs Hoskins.

Adam Mathewson

Library News

Activity in the Resource Centre has ramped up again this week as we have started class borrowing. Each class has an allocated borrowing time which gives every student a chance to borrow from our extensive collection, once a week.

Except for Prep children who return their books on their allocated day, all other year groups return their loans the day prior to borrowing which enables us to scan and shelve the books in preparation for when they next borrow. Children are welcome to borrow and return books on a more regular basis both before school and during their allocated breaks providing they stay within their weekly limit.

The following is a guide to the borrowing limits per week, however teachers may use their discretion:

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In order to protect the books from damage, all Prep to Year 2 students are required to have a library bag to keep their books in.

Marcia Lomman and Jean Forsyth (Resource Centre Staff)
Sports Report

PE Swimming lessons
Lessons for all Year 1-6 students have commenced with Prep students starting in week four. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time so far to help with supervision.

👍 Just a reminder that all students need to wear a swimming cap and swim shirt when in the water.

Representative Swimming
Good luck to students who have been invited to represent the school at the City District Swimming Carnival to be held at Valley Pool on Friday 12th February. Eagle Junction will be sitting together as a group on the far side of the grandstand with Mrs Hoskins acting as team manager. If a student missed out on making the Eagle Junction team it may be due to the qualifying standards set by City District to compete at this event.

Cross Country
At the end of term one, Eagle Junction State School will be conducting our annual Interschool Cross Country Carnival. This carnival will be used to determine the champion Cross Country house as well as acting as a selection trial for the City District Cross Country to be held in term two. It is recommended if possible for students to train three times a week.

Here is a suggested training program for the week. This thirty minute training session should be attempted three times during the week.

- 5min warm up / stretching
- 20min continuous movement
- 5min warm down / stretching

City District Trials
I have been asking students in Years 5-6 for expressions of interest to participate in City District Selection trials. A vast number of students have expressed their interest in trialling for representative teams over a number of sports and it is great to see so much interest and enthusiasm towards these trials. Unfortunately as a school we are restricted by the number of nominations we can send through.

When choosing students to go on to the next level the following will be taken into consideration:

- Current playing background,
- Previous experience,
- Participation in school teams,
- Trials held at school where necessary.

I would like to thank students for their interest in participating in representative trials. If students aren’t selected to represent EJ at selection trials please don’t let that discourage your child as there will always be more opportunities in the future.

Mark Summers (Physical Education Teacher)
Parent Network
Welcome to 2016 and a warm welcome to all new families and teachers.

The Parent Network is a P&C initiative to give the EJ community a welcoming arm to new and current families and carers as well as to offer discrete financial assistance to support families experiencing financial hardship.

A huge thank you to Carolyn Butler who is co-ordinating the Class reps this year and to Kelly Walker Joeh for co-ordinating the Parent Directory. An enormous help to me and I’m very grateful for your assistance.

If you would like to be a Class Parent Rep or would like some details on the position please contact Carolyn on email: peter.carolyn@bigpond.com

A reminder to include your names and contact details in this year’s 2016 Parent Directory by Thursday 11 February. You can add them online – www.goo.gl/forms/HAL8BrGR8x or return the paper copy sent home or print the form at the end of the newsletter.

The Parent Directory will be available in paper form and also this year it will be available as a PDF on Team App, EJSS P&C. The Parent Network will be using Team App as the main form of communication this year, to reduce the number of emails you receive, so please ensure you have signed up.

Join the EJ Diversity Circle (formerly LOTE) and become involved with the cultural diversity that EJ offers. We aim to provide inclusive support for all families at EJ, particularly those who are new to the school, whom speak other languages or would like to meet families, who speak other languages. All EJ families are invited to join this group, as we all have skills and knowledge that can contribute to the friendly, inclusive and supportive community which makes our school special. The form is available at end of the newsletter.

I hope to see you at the Parent Network drinks this Friday 12th February. They are a wonderful way to meet and catch up with EJ families in a relaxed and casual environment. We also look forward to your support throughout the year at our social events and fundraising functions.

Kind regards
Amanda Russell (Parent Network Co-ordinator) alrussell@westnet.com.au/0459 401 255

⇒ A reminder that Prep Students cannot order ice-blocks or milo.

New Menu Items
- Mango/Passionfruit Sorbet $2.80
- Home made Gluten Free Biscuits 70c
- Small bag frozen Grapes 50c
- Munch Monster Chips GF $1.00

Weekly Special
- Garlic Bread and Sea Salt Chips - $3.00

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

Volunteers Needed
Are you keen to volunteer at the school but don't have much time? Or didn't think you could because you have a pre school aged child? Well, then the Tartan Trader needs you! Only one hour once a fortnight or once a month is all the time you need. Younger siblings are more than welcome!

We are looking for two or three new volunteers to join our fun team on a Monday morning. If you are interested please don't hesitate to pop in and see me or email me on jaynenjw@gmail.com.

House Shirts and Shorts
The Tartan Trader is now stocking sports shorts and polo shirts in our House colours, Creswell, Cook and Duntroon. In past years these have been ordered as a fundraiser for the Seniors but to make it easier for parents we are now selling them through the uniform shop with proceeds going towards Year 6.

***** Please note these items are not compulsory and can only be worn on Cross Country day, Track and Field day and the swimming carnival. *****

Large school back packs and size 6 tartan dresses are back in stock so if you were waiting on either of these items, thanks for your patience and please come and see us.

Jayne Jones-Wilson (Uniform Shop Co-ordinator)

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EJSS Bookshop

Regular Books and Stationary
If you still need to buy books or stationary, the EJ Bookshop will now conduct sales throughout term 1 via the Tartan Trader (Uniform Shop) during their normal hours of operation (8-9am Monday and Fridays).

Headphones
Headphones are now sold out, but can be purchased from Kmart for the same price ($10) - brand is Audiosonic. They are the headphones that collapse.

Ukuleles
If you are looking to purchase a Ukulele for your child, you can do so via munch monitor school shop. Please make sure you select the child that will be using the Ukulele when purchasing and not a child from another year level. Instructions can be obtained from the music classroom or see the music teachers for more information. Instructions are also attached to this newsletter.

If you have any questions regarding anything to do with bookshop, please email Cathy Amarantidis - ejbookshop@gmail.com.

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Tennis Court Hire – Weekend Only
Our system for using the school tennis court will apply again this year. A new lock will be put on the gate and families with children at this school will be able to obtain a key to the court for $100.00. An extra fee of $10.00 will apply for a key deposit, refundable on return of the key. Priority bookings, using the form below and enclosing payment, must be delivered to the school office by 11.00am, Friday, 19 February 2016.

Payment must accompany booking requests.

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Tennis Court Booking Form – Please indicate preferences 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and return to school office.

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Payment must accompany this form.
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.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Remember to return unwanted calendars!**
**Additional calendars $10 from the office.**

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**St Agatha’s Parish Sacramental Program—2016**
(For all children in Year 3 and above)
Under new Archdiocesan Policy, the Sacraments will be celebrated over a 3 year period with Confirmation in Year 3, First Holy Communion in Year 4 and Reconciliation in Year 5.
**You need to enrol in 2016 for all 3 Sacraments.**
Enrolment Weekend: 7/8 May at any of the masses Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm
Parent’s Meeting: Monday 9 May, 7.00pm or Tuesday 10 May, 7.00pm at St Agatha’s Church.
(N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions)
For further information call Jane Cameron at the Parish office: 3262 2859

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**Daniel McFarlane Piano Studio**
Tarm St, Wavell Heights
www.danielmcfarlane.com
0414 706 863

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**Geraghty Accountants**
We are currently seeking an Experienced Tax Accountant to join the team at our Clayfield office.
Flexible hours and a great working environment.
Phone: 3256 2544
Email: peter@geraghtyaccountants.com.au

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**Lost Property**
Please check our lost property area near the Clothing Shop for any of your missing items.
All new and returning parents and friends are invited to the 

Friday 12th February 2016
6:30-8:30pm
Meg Graham’s House
2/42 Roseby Avenue, Clayfield

BYO drinks and glasses
RSVP by Wednesday 10 February
(Please note this is a kid-free function)

To register your attendance
Go to www.munchmonitor.com

Login, go to School Shop, select your students name, select the event and follow the prompts.
An email confirming your attendance will be sent to you.

Haven’t registered with Munch Monitor?
See the attached instructions.

If you need to register manually, please go to the office and request a form for this event.

For all inquiries please contact Nicole Bryce on 0409 878 735
Eagle Junction State School Parent Directory

Each year EJ Parent Network volunteers produce a directory of parent contact details. The Parent Directory is published as a booklet sent home to all families and a PDF listing available via the Team App.

It is invaluable for organising play dates and birthday parties, checking homework requirements, and reminding yourself what your child’s friend’s parents’ names are! If you would like to be included in this year’s directory, please submit your details even if you have supplied them in previous years.

New this year

- Submit your details online! (Paper form option still available, if you wish)
- For children with two households, parents from both households may submit details on separate forms if they wish. These will be published on separate lines in the directory.

Online

Complete the form at goo.gl/forms/HAL8BrGR8x to have your details sent straight through and eliminate the need for retyping! Your details will be securely and confidentially stored.

If you’d prefer to access the form using a QR code, please scan below:

Team App Reminder

Stay up to date with Team App: EJ P&C’s one-stop-shop for school info.

Download from the Apple App Store or Google Play, then join EJSS P&C.

On paper

Please complete the details below and return to your child’s class teacher or the Letter Box in the school office.

Please submit your details by Thursday 11 February. If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Kelly (ejdirectory@gmail.com)

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Phone number

Email or phone

One phone + one email or two phone numbers per household only, please.
EJ Diversity Circle Contact Form

Parent/guardian 1: ___________________________ Male/Female (please circle)
Parent/guardian 2: ___________________________ Male/Female (please circle)

Child 1: __________________ Class: ____________ Child 2: __________________ Class: ____________
Child 3: __________________ Class: ____________ Child 4: __________________ Class: ____________

Phone number: (Home) __________________ (Mobile) __________________ Email: ____________________________

Which country/region are you from? _____________________________________________________________

Do you speak a language or dialect other than English? Yes ☐ No ☐
If yes, what language/s & dialects do you speak? _________________________________________________

Would you like to be involved in our buddy system for new families? Yes ☐ No ☐

Would you like to be involved in another way? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you have special skills or knowledge that you would like to contribute to EJ Diversity Circle?

____________________________________________________________________________________________________

Do you have any suggestions that may assist new families to settle in and to become involved in the EJ School Community?

____________________________________________________________________________________________________

Do you have any other suggestions for this group?

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Thank you so much for your support of our school community and I will be in contact soon.
Angela Timbs (EJ Diversity Circle Coordinator - amtimbs@tpg.com.au / 0408349558)

9 Easy Steps to Order Your Child a Ukulele in 2016

Please note that this year, ukuleles can only be purchase online via munch monitor (instructions below).

1. Login to www.munchmonitor.com using your email and password

2. Go to “School Shop” when asked, ‘What do you want to do today?’

3. Step 1 – Select Student ( select the student who will be using the Ukulele )

4. Step 2 – Select Category ( select “Book Shop” )

5. Step 3 - Next to “4.1 Year 4 - Ukulele - OPTIONAL”, Use the drop down menu and select how many Ukuleles you would like to purchase.

6. Once you have the correct quantity selected, press “add to your cart”

7. View your cart, check your order and select “Checkout & Pay”

8. Payment can be made with Visa or MasterCard. It’s that simple!

9. You will receive an email from munch monitor that payment has been successful.

It may take up to 1-2 weeks for your child to receive their Ukulele from their Music teacher depending on the day you have ordered it online. Your child will be able to pick a colour from the stock that is remaining. We will not be ordering anymore.

If you have any questions please email Cathy at ejbookshop@gmail.com. Thank-you.