From the Principal

2 Minute Pick Up Zone – Roseby Avenue

It has come to our attention that some parents may be unaware of how the 2 minute pick up zone in Roseby Avenue operates. At Eagle Junction State School we are very fortunate to have staff and parent volunteers who assist with the smooth operation of this zone. It is disappointing to hear that in recent days the parent volunteers have been spoken to in an unpleasant manner when asking parents to abide by the 2 minute zone regulations. Below is a reminder as to how the 2 minute zone operates.

- **Operation of the 2 Minute Zone**
  Students waiting be to be collected from the 2 minute zone do so in the designated area. This area is between the school fence and the end of the school hall. Students wait for the staff or parent volunteer operating the zone to call their family name. Once their family name is called students move to the footpath and wait to be directed by the adult to their vehicle. Once the child is safely inside the car, the car then departs the zone allowing the waiting cars in the 2 minute zone to move forward allowing the traffic to flow.

- **Arrival Time**
  In light of the 2 minute limit, and to ensure a smooth flow of traffic, please do not arrive in the zone until at least 2.50pm or later. The earliest children released from class begin to arrive at the zone is 2.50pm. Parents arriving earlier than the school bell time at 2.45pm and queuing causes significant delays as the children are not in the collection area.

- **2 Minute Time Limit**
  The pickup zone is a 2 minute zone only. This time limit is zoned by council, not EJSS, and is from time to time patrolled by Brisbane City Council Officers and the Queensland Police Service. When you remain in the zone for greater than 2 minutes, not only do you cause delays in getting waiting children into cars, you may also be fined. Volunteer helpers will ask you to drive around the block and join the end of the line if your child is not ready to be collected.

- **Windscreen Name Signs**
  If you do not have an EJ issued name sign, please contact the school office who will arrange one for you. The name signs are used by the parent volunteer helpers to call the family name so that children can then move to the footpath and safely enter their vehicle. Handmade signs are not easy to read, particularly in wet weather.

If you require any further clarification as to the operation of the 2 minute zone, please do not hesitate to contact me. Users of the 2 minute the zone must show respect towards the staff and parent volunteers who donate their time to ensure the safety of all.
From the Principal cont.

Student Invoices
This week all students will be invoiced for Mathletics & Reading Eggs ($17), Eagle Art ($10) and Reprographics ($5). Reprographics supports the costs of reproduced class workbooks and worksheets that complement and/or substitute textbooks in key learning areas. These amounts listed above cover the subscription and levies for the whole year. Invoices for Sports Levy will be generated when the Gala Day program is finalised. Gala Days only apply to students in years 5 & 6.

Choral Honours Music Program
Congratulations to the following students who were accepted into the 2016 Metropolitan Region Honours Choral Program:

- Anna Butler
- Harry Dickson
- Lily Jeffery
- Emma Rafter
- Anya Tomley

I wish the students all the very best with their endeavours and look forward to the concert at The Old Museum, Bowen Hills on Wednesday, 16 March 2016.

Swimming Success
Eagle Junction State School will be well represented at the upcoming Metropolitan North Swimming trials. Our school had a number of students who were successful with qualifying for this meet. I am sure that all students will proudly represent themselves and our school at this carnival. Please read Mr Summer’s Sports Report for further information.

I would also like to congratulations the EJ Swim Club team for recently winning the annual Ascot Cup swim meet. This is a wonderful achievement and a fitting reward for all who participated on the day. Well done to all involved.

Adam Mathewson

From the Deputy Principals

Reading
As we move through first term our eager readers are building their confidence and capability all the time. As parents it is one of the most rewarding experiences to watch your child beginning to read. We acknowledge the commitment and support of our EJ parents on this reading journey.

There are five essential and interdependent elements of reading, the first of which is fluency. Fluency is the ability to read a text accurately and quickly. Fluent reading requires the reader to read effortlessly with appropriate expression. Fluent, expressive reading is a key indicator of comprehension and making meaning.

Some prompts you could use to support fluency when reading with your child:

- *Put your words together so it sounds like the way you talk.*
- *Are you listening to yourself? How does your reading sound?*
- *Read this much all together [cover part of the print to expose the phrase]*
- *Read the punctuation (short breath at a comma, pause at a full stop, make your voice go up at a question mark)*
- *Read it like this (model reading the phrase / sentence)*
- *Read, read, read! (to your child and with your child)*

Parents are reminded to encourage children to access Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress (for older children) at home for engaging reading activities.

Reading with Prep Children Parent Workshop
Parents with children in Prep are invited to attend our parent information session - Reading with Prep Children. The session will focus on practical tips for supporting your child with home reading and the importance of reading to your child.

*Prep Parent Reading Work-shop - Friday 4 March 9:00 – 10:00am in the Library*

Please email fprov1@eq.edu.au if you will be attending this session.
Early Start
Early Start is a suite of literacy and numeracy materials for use across the early years of schooling. Our Prep teachers are currently using the Early Start materials to gather purposeful data about students’ literacy and numeracy learning strengths and areas of need. This data informs curriculum planning decisions and enables teachers to target areas of strength and need for individuals, small groups and the whole class.

Electronic Report Cards
Have you updated your details, including your email address? In preparation for electronic report cards this semester, parents were recently provided with a Student Profile sheet. In order to ensure you receive your child’s electronic report card, please ensure your contact details and email address are recorded correctly.

Buffy Lavery and Fleur Provost

Music Notes
Music Support Meeting - Wednesday, March 2nd
Our first music support group meeting for 2016 is being held on Wednesday, March 2nd at 6pm in the staff room.

Please come along to meet our classroom and instrumental music teachers and find out more about the EJ music program and how you as a parent can contribute to make it even better!

Agenda items will be:-
1. the EJ music program
2. performance agenda for the year
3. parent communication
4. parent assistance - role of choir managers, instrumental music assistants, administrative help, parent support at music events such as the Soiree or retirement home performances etc.

New faces and ideas are most welcome! A short RSVP email to Lorna Sue - lsue4@eq.edu.au or Christine Shume - cash0@eq.edu.au would be appreciated.

Extra Senior Choir Rehearsal - Thursday, February 25th
Please note that there will be two Senior Choir rehearsals for this week only on Thursday, February 25th and Friday, February 26th (7:50am) in preparation for our performance at the School Leaders’ Induction Assembly.

Students who are unable to attend the Thursday morning session will be required to attend a ‘catch-up’ lunchtime session on Thursday at 1pm in the music room.

Lorna Sue & Christine Shume (Classroom Music Teachers)

Library News
Thank you to the Semester 1 Library Monitors who attended their first two training sessions before school this week. They have already demonstrated a high level of commitment and responsibility and we are looking forward to working with them throughout this semester.

Please note that the Resource Centre will be closed for before school borrowing on Monday 29th February due to the next Library Monitor training session. Thank you for your understanding.

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

Representative Swimming
On Friday 12th February 23 students from Eagle Junction competed at the City District Swimming Carnival held at the Valley Pool. All the students did a great job of representing the school.

Congratulations to Ben Barter, Phoebe Bradley, Lily Carrick, Freya Caine, Angus Bathe, Archie Bathe, Taya Kirk, James Randall and Max Rohan on their selection in the City District Swim Team. These students are competing at the Met North trials today at Lawnton Pool.

City District Trials
I have been asking students in Years 5 and 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)

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Class Photographs

Our school photos will be taken on Wednesday 2nd March 2016

For the convenience of our school community advancedlife have now introduced online ordering. School photos can now be ordered and paid for using a secure online Web Portal.

Please note: photos can still be purchased using an envelope. These photo envelopes will be sent home this week. Each child MUST have his or her own completed envelope even if all payments are included in the eldest child’s envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes.

The preference of our school is that orders and payments be made through the web portal as this reduces the administration and associated order issues related to the return of cash and envelopes on photo day.

To place your order visit www.advancedlife.com.au and enter the code – 822 Z6V GEG. A full set of instructions on how to order can be found on the back of the order flyer. The order code can also be found printed on the envelopes supplied by advancedlife.

Please be aware that –

- All online orders should be placed on or before our day of photography. Please note: once orders are closed a late fee will apply.
- The online code above the web portal may also be used to order previous years’ sports and other group photos at any time.

All online orders placed through the web portal will be returned to school for collection. Orders close on 2 March 2016.
Prep R News
The Prep R classroom embeds a developmentally age-appropriate belief that children learn most effectively through active participation in both the indoor and outdoor environments. Through whole body engagement the children’s concentration, focus and self-regulation is enhanced.

The children are encouraged to be creative through investigations, inquiry and artistic pursuits. In the environment they are offered the freedom to innovate and make connections through play and their imagination. We also employ developmental processes to establish skills and understandings.

Language is rich with meaningful dialogue as we acknowledge the multitude of ways children learn and the uniqueness in children’s personal experiences, academic capabilities, cultural and social backgrounds.

Our days are flexible to ensure the learning is child centred with spontaneity, both open ended and specific experiences. The children’s interests and ideas are extended through scaffolding and provide the structures for further learning. This philosophy ensures quality learning and an environment in which the children long to return to every day.
Fun Run Meeting – Tonight - Wednesday 24th February 2016, 6.30pm - 7.30pm, LEC
Let’s get things moving!! This year the P&C is holding a Fun Run as our major fundraising event. If you are interested in being part of the organising committee, volunteering in some capacity or just want to find out more about the event, please come to a very quick meeting in the Learning Enrichment Centre on Wednesday 24th February. If you are keen to be involved but can’t make it, please contact Anna Fuller on ejpcbom@gmail.com or 0438 578 745.

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E.J. Swim Club

Relay Carnival
EJ hosted the Inter-club Relay Championship last weekend. We competed against St Paul’s school and Everton Park State School in a carnival that consisted of all relay events. All swimmers did themselves and their team proud. EJ were victorious this year and will hold the trophy for the next year. Congratulations to all swimmers, parents and volunteers for putting on another well run carnival.

This week we have normal swim club from 8.00am with our longer qualifying events being 200m butterfly and 100m freestyle. See you all in the pool!

Kirsty Bradley - secretary@ejswimclub.com.au

Meals Deal $4.00
Jatz and cheese and frozen yoghurt.

Friday 26th February will be our last ice-block afternoon. We hope everyone has enjoyed it as much as we have! Come and grab an ice-block from 2.30pm until 3pm.

There are still containers from the Prep morning tea in the Tuckshop. Please come and collect them.

Thanks to all the Dads and volunteers who helped on our first Dad’s Day for 2016.
Brilliant Futures Program

At the Queensland Academies, we are dedicated to engaging and empowering Queensland’s most capable students in a collaborative, world class educational environment to realise their future potential. The Academies play an important role as a strategy designed to maximise opportunities for Queensland’s gifted and highly capable young people - investing in them to ensure they are well prepared to lead our knowledge-based economy.

The Queensland Academies Brilliant Futures Program is open to very highly capable students from Year 5 in 2016 who are seeking an assured pathway* into the Queensland Academies campuses for commencement in Year 10.

After undertaking a rigorous selective entry process, students will be engaged in an innovative and challenging preparation designed to promote global citizenship, deep inquiry and academic success by focussing on critical and creative thinking, coding, robotics and STEM. Students who graduate from this program will gain an automatic offer into one of our three senior campuses.

Throughout this program students will develop a personalised portfolio based on their participation in our online courses and face to face workshops. Students will benefit from working with Queensland Academies teachers - and will be challenged through contemporary pedagogy that offers collaborative, accelerated learning focussed on deep inquiry and real world research. These online courses prepare students for the academically challenging International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme offered by the campuses.

Selective Entry Process

- Applications and payment (non-refundable), including the last two semester report cards and Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN data are submitted online
- Students are invited to sit an entrance test and data is analysed
- Parents are fully informed of expectations
- An offer or non-offer of entry into the Brilliant Futures Program is made based on the expectations outlined overleaf
*Expectations of Brilliant Futures Program*

- Annual participation in and attainment of an appropriate standard in a range of mandatory online and face to face activities over the period of the Brilliant Futures Program (supported by an annual provisional enrolment fee); plus
- Per semester submission of report cards and Year 7 NAPLAN data for tracking and ongoing monitoring
- Satisfactory completion of a final interview undertaken in Year 9

**Timeline for Years 6 Students 2016**

- March 16 - Deadline for regional/interstate applicants
- March 23 - Deadline for applications
- April 16 - Entrance Test
- Mid May - Notification of offer or non-offer
- May 27 - Acceptance of offer
- July - Commencement of Brilliant Futures Program

**Timeline for Years 5 Students 2016**

- March 29 - Applications open
- September 7 - Deadline for regional/interstate applicants
- September 14 - Deadline for applications
- October 8 - Entrance Test
- Early November - Notification of offer or non-offer
- Mid November - Acceptance of offer
- February 2017 - Commencement of Brilliant Futures Program

**Sample Mandatory Components**

- Application process $250
- Year 5/6/7 courses $250 each, plus $50 face to face activity workshop
- Year 8 face to face and online model (may be campus/subject specific) $300
- Year 9 provisional to firm offer process including final interview $250

**Financial Commitment for Families**

- Application Process - $250
- Mandatory engagement activities paid annually ($300 per year)
- Final provisional to firm offer process - $250
- Total commitment - $1400

For more details call **(07) 3377 9366**
or visit/apply online at [www.qa.eq.edu.au](http://www.qa.eq.edu.au)
**EJSS Bookshop**

Due to the building works now in progress, the bookshop will be closed until further notice. If you are a new family needing assistance, please see the office staff. If you want to purchase a ukelele, this can be done online using munch monitor.

We apologise for the inconvenience and look forward to opening up in the newly renovated bookshop after works are completed. Thank you for your patience. If you have any questions regarding anything to do with bookshop, please email Cathy Amarantidis (ejbookshop@gmail.com).

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**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.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**Tartan Trader**

Trading Hours

Monday & Friday

8.00am – 9.00am
Mr David Munn, Principal of Aviation High School, extends an invitation to parents of year 6 students and other interested community members to attend one of our Information Open Evenings for year 7 in 2017:

**Dates and time:** Tuesday 15 March at 6.00pm

**Venue:** Library

- Parents will gain an overview of our exciting plans for Year 7s for their first year of high school in 2017.
- There will be a guided tour of the school, followed by light refreshments.
- Parents will have the opportunity to speak to the Principal Mr David Munn, Deputy Principal Mrs Mandy Forbes and key teachers during this time.

**RSVP or Enquiries:** vienv1@eq.edu.au
**PHONE:** 3637 0111
**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** https://aviationhigh.eq.edu.au
An Invitation to All Prep Parents and Carers of Eagle Junction State School Students

Come along with your family, join an afternoon of fun and meet the other new prep families at the Sausage Sizzle.

Sunday 6 March
3:00pm – 5:30pm
Kalinga Scout Hall
Kalinga Park, Bertha St, Wooloowin

Sausage Sizzle and kids’ drinks provided
$20.00 per family or $5.00 per person.

Your kids will be entertained by the fantastic Shaun from Cheeky Monkeyz while you chat with old and new friends.

BYO adult drinks, chairs, picnic rugs and mozzie spray.

LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING!

To RSVP, cut this slip, fill it in and put it in an envelope with your family name on it. All monies to be paid in advance. Please pass the completed envelope onto your prep teachers by 2 March 2016.

Family Name ____________________________ Number of Adults ________

Number of Children ________

Pay $20.00 per family Yes/No (please circle) or $5.00 per person _____ x _____ =$

Your children remain under your responsibility at all times.

In case of severe food allergies, please BYO food, as we cannot provide allergy free foods.