From the Principal

Deputy Principal Replacing Buffy Lavery

Late last week I was informed by Education Queensland that Ms Leah Hobart will not be commencing at the start of next term to take on the role of acting deputy principal due to Buffy’s impending retirement. Education Queensland has had to relocate an existing employee into the deputy principal role.

The person replacing Buffy is Ms Jann Simmonds. Jann has been relocated permanently to Eagle Junction State School as the deputy principal. Jann commenced her duties this week. The last 2 weeks of this term will provide time for Buffy and Jann to complete a thorough handover and allow Jann to get to know the staff and students prior to the commencement of term 2. I am sure that Jann will be made to feel very welcome at EJSS.

Teaching & Learning the EJ Way - Personalised Learning

At Eagle Junction State School one of our core priorities is to ensure that we focus on providing a personalised learning journey for all students. We use data, observations, assessment and feedback as a means to “know the learner” so that we cater for each and every child. EJSS differentiates teaching and learning using 5 levels of differentiation. These levels guide the pedagogy employed by teachers to teach and embed specific concepts. Our aim is to ensure continual improvement.

Our teachers at EJ are very good at “putting faces to data”. What this means is that teachers know where each of their students are academically. More importantly they also know the next step in the learning journey that the child needs to take to progress positively along the learning continuum. This may involve the support of our Intensive Teachers, Gifted Education Advisor, Support Teachers for Literacy & Numeracy, Special Education Teachers, Guidance Officer, Master Teacher or English as a Second Language Teacher.

As the leadership team of the school our role is to allocate resources, both human and physical, to support the teachers in meeting the challenges of quality teaching.

As we enter the end of term 1, I would like to thank the parents for assisting, supporting and showing an interest in your child’s learning. The work that you do at home with your child is greatly valued and assists us with helping your child reach their potential.
Every Day Counts
Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren't at school or don't attend the whole day, they are missing valuable learning. This is why every day counts.

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year. If your child is away, please inform the school office of their absence so that it can be accurately recorded.

Your support with achieving excellent attendance is very much appreciated by teachers and school administration.

Library Monitors and Tec Crew Badge Ceremony
At Senior Assembly this week we will be presenting the Library Monitors and Tec. Crew with their leadership badges. I look forward to acknowledging the wonderful work that the students undertake in these roles. The badge ceremony will commence at 8.45am.

School Uniform
Students and parents are reminded that our school uniform specifies that students are to wear black shoes. In recent weeks the administration team have had to speak to students about wearing colourful trainers. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Shave For A Cure
Congratulations to Tom Gregory, Finn Carey and Hudson Stein-Smith on what was an excellent effort for collectively raising $2350 through Shave For A Cure. The boys would like to thank the EJ community for supporting them this year. A special thank-you must also go to Michelle from Rogue Hair at Eagle Junction for coming along to assist with the shave. Well done boys!

Adam Mathewson

From the Deputy Principals

When talking to our students about learning behaviours we start with “choose your attitude”. The impact of a positive attitude towards learning and yourself as a learner cannot be underestimated.

The You Can Do It! program supports this learning at Eagle Junction. The program focuses on five positive key behaviours and how the development of the skills of organisation, persistence, getting along, confidence and resilience can help everyone at school to become the most competent learner they can be. A positive attitude to the school day, to learning, to problem solving is a great start.

What does a positive attitude look like, sound like, feel like?
In the Middle Years (Years 3-6), students are developing the skills of recognising their attitude to something in particular; understanding that it is within their power to reframe the situation in a positive or problem solving way, choose a positive attitude to it and then to do this independently or with minimal help from a parent on teacher. Students need lots of scaffolding to learn these skills. Teachers help students to develop positive attitudes to learning and to themselves as learners, seeking to continuously improve, set achievable goals and keep trying.

At home you can try:
Talking out loud when you reframe situations that are affecting you and the steps you take to move forward in a positive way, helping students to recognise the impact their attitude can have on others. Try to avoid “the blame game” where everything is always someone else’s fault. It helps if you notice when they are making the effort to reframe their thinking (even if they don’t always succeed).
In the Junior School, choosing a positive attitude is supported in the first instance by the expectations that students see themselves as capable, competent learners. Teachers reinforce this regularly using individual student success to grow a ‘can do’ culture in the learning environment. As our younger students become more self aware teachers and parents are able to use challenging situations as coaching opportunities to help students recognise the power of optimism and problem solving. Praising students for choosing to be solutions focused and believing in themselves is the foundation to encouraging a positive attitude to life and learning.

**At home you can try:**
- Praising children when they persevere with challenging tasks.
- Articulating children’s individual strengths.
- Helping children to see the learning that comes out of difficult situations.
- Praising positive attitudes and thoughts.

**Farewell Assembly – Ms Lavery**
After forty years in education, Ms Lavery will bid us farewell at the end of this term. Parents and caregivers are invited to join us at a Farewell Assembly for Ms Lavery on **Wednesday 23 March** at 9:00am in the school hall.

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**Sports Report**

**Representative Sport**

Congratulations to **Lily Carrick** on her efforts in breaking a long standing record at the recent Met North swimming trials. The City District Rugby League trials were held on **Friday 11th February**. Congratulations to **Finlay Dryden and Tomas Gregory** on their selection in this team. Also congratulations to **Taya Kirk** who has been selected in the U11 City District Netball team.

**Cross Country Preparation**

The House Captains are volunteering their time to run a beep test activity on the tennis court at second break (Tuesday-Friday) for students in years 3-6 as part of our schools Cross Country preparation. All students in years 3-6 are welcome to attend.

**Cross Country**

- **Date/Venue:** Thursday 24th March / Shaw Sportz, Shaw Road
- **Time:** 9.30am to 1.00pm (arrive at school no later than 8.35am)
- **Transport:** Bus (seat belted)
- **Depart School:** From 9.00am – Years 3-6 / After Morning Tea - Prep-Year 2
- **Return to School:** Students are returned to school at various times
- **Morning Tea:** Years 3-6 need to bring their own morning tea to Shaw Sportz
- **Uniform:** School Sports Uniform or house colours (shoes are compulsory).
- **unsafe:** Children must have a labelled hat and water bottle.

**Order of Events - Approximate Times for Thursday 24th March**

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**Mark Summers (Physical Education Teacher)**
Library News

End of Term Returns
As the end of the term is quickly approaching, this is the last week for student borrowing for term 1 and all loans need to be returned by **Monday 21st March**.

We would like to draw your attention to excerpts from our Library Borrowing and Returns Policy:

*Borrowing from the school library is often the first independent experience children have of accessing a community service and utilising shared resources. It is an opportunity for them to learn that within our community, they have privileges and with privileges come responsibilities which ultimately leads to fair and equitable access for all.*

*It is as a result of the generous voluntary contributions of the Eagle Junction State School Community over many years, that we have such a rich collection of books. We therefore appreciate your support with encouraging your child/ren to understand their responsibilities as this will not only ensure we maintain our collection, but more importantly create responsible and respectful citizens.*

It is our policy that if books are not returned by the due date, the following steps will be taken:

- A first overdue reminder note will be sent home and the student’s borrowing privileges will be temporarily suspended
- A second overdue reminder note will be sent home and the student’s borrowing privileges will be temporarily suspended
- An invoice for payment will be sent home and borrowing privileges be temporarily suspended until payment is made

We appreciated your support on this matter as we are often chasing up $3,000 worth of books at the end of each term. You can read the full policy [here](#).

Borrowing will re-commence during the first week of term 2.

*Marcia Lomman and Jean Forsythe (Resource Centre Staff)*

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Prep G News

**Prep G and their Year Four/Five Buddies**
Prep G is very fortunate to share their learning with Year 4/5A. They are our learning buddies and we spend thirty minutes every Friday with them.

Each one of our Prep children has been allocated a Year4/5 peer. The format and venue for each lesson may change but the intention of the Buddy Program is constant. The Year 4/5 students model and reinforce the School Rules and Values and demonstrate the 5 You Can Do It Key Behaviours:

- Getting along
- Resilience
- Organisation
- Confidence
- Persistence.

Our buddies have approached this role with great enthusiasm and are flourishing in the responsibility of being our positive role models. Connecting with the Year 4/5 class has created a positive link between Prep and the wider school community. The children are thrilled to see their buddies around the school on other occasions.

Prep G shares our learning successes with our buddies, boosting our self-esteem and enhancing our attitude to learning. Our buddies also assist us to work through difficult tasks, praising our resilience and determination. We really enjoy the connection we have made with our buddies and there is great disappointment from both parties if we are unable to work with them at the Friday lesson. Our 4/5A buddies have a very important place in our Prep G program.
From the P&C

The Good Sports Session
Don’t forget to get your ticket for our Good Sports Session – **Friday 18 March** at 6.30pm. $30 on munch monitor (or $35 at the door) gets you nibbles, curry dinner and pizza with a cash bar for beer on tap, wine and champagne. The guest speakers are Simon Black of Lions AFL fame and Natalie Cook – Olympic Volleyball Gold Medalist. Our MC will again be the amazing Crash Craddock. There are raffles and auctions and all kinds of fun on the night, so make sure you’re there. This is primarily a networking function for the Dads but Mums and all our community are very welcome (no kids please).

Mothers’ Day Luncheon
Only 8 weeks till the fabulous lunch is here again on **Friday 6th May**. Please start thinking about getting your table together – tables of 6 to 12 welcome. Get your friends together or even get a table of mums from your class. Preps this is a wonderful event we started last year and a great reason to mix it with some of the new faces you are meeting this year.

We will have the formal part of the day finished (just) in time for pick up but we suggest you make other arrangements for the kids and stay on for an entertaining afternoon/evening on the riverfront. If anyone would like to get involved in the organization of the day we would love to hear from you. Some of the basic decisions have been made so you won’t need to start from scratch but new ideas and faces are very welcome. Many hands make light work and a great event even better!

Cheers

_Meg Graham – President EJSS P&C (Meg.graham@optusnet.com.au)_

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**EJ Hub**

**Social Side**

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<td>Sunday 20 March  9.30am-12.30pm</td>
<td>Splash, Chermside Water Park, 375 Hamilton Rd, Chermside</td>
<td>BYO food/drink, pay at group bookings counter on the day at Splash.  <em>No supervision of your child will be provided.</em>  RSVP Friday 18 March  Any questions, please contact your class rep.</td>
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<td>Prep R</td>
<td>Sunday 20 March  3.00pm-4.30pm</td>
<td>Melrose Park</td>
<td>Park play and afternoon tea  Bring a plate of food to share  Enquiries – Mary-Jane Phillips 0414 282872 or <a href="mailto:maryjane4012@gmail.com">maryjane4012@gmail.com</a></td>
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<td>EJ Diversity Circle</td>
<td>Monday 21 March</td>
<td>Melrose Park</td>
<td>Celebrate the diversity of our cultures. Bring food and/or drinks to share for afternoon tea.  Contact Angela at <a href="mailto:ejdiversity@gmail.com">ejdiversity@gmail.com</a> or 0408 349 558 for details.</td>
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**Tartan Trader**

Don’t forget we are also now selling House Polos and Shorts and with the Cross Country fast approaching now is the time to get ready! Sizes are available from 4 to 12 at this stage but please note some items/sizes may be unavailable. Please don’t hesitate to have a chat to us if you require a larger size.

Girls, we also have great hair accessories in house colours so you can really get in your House Spirit!

**Please note that these items are not compulsory but have become a much loved EJ tradition over the years. They may be worn for Cross Country, Athletics Carnival and Swimming Carnival days only and do not replace the normal school sports uniform**

_Jayne Jones-Wilson (Uniform Shop Co-ordinator)_
Our first Grandparents Day for this year will be on **Friday 18th March**. Our Grandparents will be making pikelets for the students at first break only.

I’m hoping they will pass on their secrets to making a really great pikelet to me. Please keep them busy by ordering pikelets through Munch Monitor. They will also be helping to serve over the counter. Remember to smile and say a **big thank you** to our lovely grandparents this Friday.

Pikelets (2) with butter - $1.40
Pikelets (2) with butter and Strawberry Jam - $1.50

There will also be gluten free pikelets and strawberry jam available.

- We are selling ice blocks from the corner window this Friday from 2.30pm till 3pm. Last one before the holidays!
- I have plenty of containers from baking and catering. Please come and collect them before the holidays.

**Parent Directory**

Parent Directories have been distributed to the youngest sibling in each family. The directory is available as a PDF document via Team App. If your details change, you would like to be added to the PDF directory, or for any corrections to your listing, please email me at ejdirectory@gmail.com.

Thank you to Pooja Roopchandani and Carolyn McMullen who helped with proofreading, Amanda Russell for showing me the ropes and a huge thank you to the families who embraced the new online submission form.

*Kelly Walker Joeh*

**Woolworths EARN & LEARN 2015 – New Resources Delivered**

The following educational resources were recently delivered to the school library from the 43,012 Woolworths Earn & Learn points EJ redeemed last year (see photo).

- LEGO Scenery & Fairytale Set - 1434 pieces
- Magnetic Ridged Lower Case Letters Pk 480 (x 3)
- Orchard Toys - Junior Games Pack A
- Our Daft Dog Danny 4 Books & CD
- Doodledum Dancing 4 Books & CD
- Belinda 4 Books & CD
- Tuzzles Sandwich Puzzle-4 Layer-15X15cm
- Aquatic Life Cycles Layered Puzzle Set of 3
- Insect Life Cycles Layered Puzzle Set of 3
- Zoob Construction 250 Piece Bucket (x 2)
- Magnetic Tiles - 96 pieces (x 2)
- Two-Colour Counters - 200 pieces (x 2)
- Tutor Mini Dominoes 168 Pc (x 2)
- Counting Links - Set of 500pc in Jar
- Make it Count Book - Dr Paul Swan
- Dice Dilemas Book Dr. Paul Swan

I sincerely thank the EJ community for their avid support of Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015! EJ students are now the beneficiaries of our school community’s participation in this promotion.

*Mel Kerwin (2015 Woolworths Earn & Learn Coordinator)*
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SPORTS JOURNALIST

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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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For toddlers to ten year olds

**FREE FAMILY FUN DAY**

Saturday
19 March 2016
9 am to 12 noon

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Jumping Castle
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Animal Balloon Twister
Sausage Sizzle
Toddler Play
Messy Play
Craft Activities
Visiting Fire Engine
(If available)

Brisbane Anglican Church
Clayfield
Cnr Bonney Ave & Bellevue Tce

Please remember to bring hats and sunscreen as some activities are outside.
All children must be accompanied by a supervising adult.
For more information contact the Church Office (Mon – Fri 8-12pm) 3983 2021

**barefoot nature play**

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Get your children out of the house, away from their screens and into the great outdoors these school holidays with Barefoot Nature Play.

Our 2016 - 2017 programs are now open for bookings! We are running Easter school holiday programs for primary school aged children from 4 – 8 April 2016 at St Paul’s School, Bald Hills and Pullenvale State School, Pullenvale.

Each program runs Monday to Friday from 9am – 3pm. Children can come for a single day, a few days or for the full five days. Whether it’s hot, cold, sunny, rainy or windy we are outside playing, creating, exploring and having fun.

Limited spaces available.
For more details and to register visit our website www.barefootnatureplay.com.au

Valley Hockey Juniors are calling for both new or experienced players to come and play for our under 11 divisions which have a couple of spots available at the moment.

Come to our training on Wednesday night at 5.30pm at Shaw Park and play this Olympic sport with other kids from Eagle Junction and surrounding schools.

Training on Wednesday nights / Games are on Saturday mornings (after Easter)

Contact Len Doo, on 0413822196 or email juniors@valleyhockeyqld.com