From the Principal

Welcome Back to Term 2
Welcome back to the start of what promises to be a very busy and exciting term of teaching and learning.

We would like to welcome the new families who have joined us at EJ. I trust that you will enjoy being part of our vibrant school community.

This week the students have settled right back in to their learning – teachers have commented on how focused they have been and how pleased they seem to be to be back at school. Thank you for all you have done to prepare them so well.

Term 2 is an 11 week term. Please refer to our school newsletter, website and EJSS P&C team app to keep abreast of events and news. As always every day counts and student attendance is very important. Please ensure that students arrive no earlier than 8.00am and prior to the 8.35am school bell to allow them time to catch up with friends and prepare for the school day. Your assistance with helping excellent attendance is greatly appreciated.

ANZAC Day Ceremony - Friday 22 April at 9.00am
On Friday 22 April we will be conducting our Anzac Service punctually at 9.00am on the school oval. The service will be conducted by our student leaders and our music students.

All students should be in full school TARTAN uniform, white socks, black shoes and hats will be essential. If jumpers are worn, navy blue school jumpers are expected.

All parents are invited and we would particularly like to extend an invitation to any of our parents who are or were in the armed services and the emergency services groups.

We will require flowers for the class wreaths that children will make prior to the service. Classroom teachers will be in communication with their class reps prior to the ceremony concerning the flowers. These should be delivered to the class teacher by Friday morning of the ceremony by 8.30am. Our Guest Speaker this year is Mr Bill O’Chee President of the Clayfield/Toombul RSL.

Students who arrive late to school on Friday ie. after 8.50am will need to report to the office as the service will commence on time. These students will be supervised in the Memorial Classroom as arrival to the Service late would be disrespectful.

ANZAC Day Badges $2.00
For sale – Outside the Hall
Morning Tea & Lunch Time
From Monday 18 April
From the Principal cont.

Planting of Gardens
The garden beds between A and B Blocks were planted out over the Easter holiday period. The garden beds soften the area and will provide shade to students over time.

Bunnings Albion also visited this week to reinvigorate the plants and herbs in the pots that sit on the wooden framework near the new tuckshop. New herbs were potted and will be looked after by the Year 3 students. We very much appreciate the support of Bunnings Albion for the kind donation of herbs, plants and potting mix.

Winter Uniform
As the weather changes to welcome in the cooler months we would like to suggest a couple of things to help the students throughout the term. Winter uniforms are available from the Uniform Shop. They should all be clearly labelled as the loss of jumpers each year is astounding. Tights are navy blue – never black and sports shoes are white or black (with matching shoe laces).

Tissues are essential in the classrooms and all parents are asked to provide teachers with one box of tissues per student. That way we should make it through the winter. Talk to your children regarding personal hygiene.

If your child is unwell, please do not send them to school as flu spreads quickly. Remind your child about washing hands before eating food, and after using the toilets. Remind them to cover their mouths when sneezing or coughing.

We are all looking forward to all that Term 2 brings as it will offer “every child, every opportunity for every success”.

Kedron SHS Enrolment Expression of Interest Year 7 2017
Below is a message from Kedron SHS regarding EOI for enrolling in Year 7 2017.

Expressions of interest (EOI) for enrolment for Year 7 2017 at Kedron State High School open on Monday 11 April 2016 – the first day of Term 2 2016.

EOI’s can be completed in person at Kedron High from that date and/or will also be available to download from Kedron State High School’s website.

Applications from students living outside the Kedron State High School catchment area are welcome. These applications will be considered in order of receipt. Enrolment interviews usually commence from late May.

The Kedron High Expo will be held this year on Monday 23 May 2016 commencing at 4pm. All are welcome.

Students who live within the Kedron State High School catchment area or who have a sibling who is currently enrolled at Kedron High are encouraged to submit an EOI as soon as possible. Group enrolment interviews usually commence from June.

Adam Mathewson

From our HOC

High Achievers’ Program
A reminder to parents of students attending the High Achievers’ Program that the Parent Information Session is Wednesday 20 April from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Kelvin Grove State College Hall. The Program begins for students on Wednesday 4 May from 1:45 to 3:15pm. A reminder that parents are responsible for taking students to and picking them up from Kelvin Grove.

Learning Goals
This term students will set new learning goals. Learning goals are the behaviours, knowledge or understandings that students identify as important to their own learning. They can encourage students to become active participants in the learning process, empowering them to become independent learners, and motivating them to achieve their full potential.

Students who set their own learning goals with their teacher have more confidence to take on more challenging tasks, regardless of their ability. Their motivation to improve and master a task is improved and their self-esteem remains strong, even in the case of failure. Please have a chat with your child about their goals over the next few weeks.

Angela Dawson
From the Deputy Principals

Welcome back to the start of what promises to be a busy and exciting term of teaching and learning.

It is wonderful to see the children return to school refreshed, relaxed and rested. The Early Years and Middle Years are buzzing along. The information teachers have gained over the past term will help to inform and enhance the teaching and learning for this term.

Last term, we began to look at effective learning behaviours. The third Learning Behaviour we are focussing on at EJ (after “Choose your attitude” and “Be organised” – see previous newsletters) is Stop, Look and Listen!

This is also called Active Listening. It is important to understand the difference between hearing (what we do with our ears) and listening (when our brain makes meaning out of what we hear).

We “hear” many sounds but “listen” to few. Knowing what we need to listen to is a real skill.

In today’s modern society, we have many sources of instant communication; mobile phones, text messages, game consoles, the Internet, Facebook, twitter etc. We “hear” a great deal of information but “listen” to less. Information is now often digital, it often has visuals to support the words, it can be watched/listened to over and over again and it is often highly entertaining and engaging.

So a parent or teacher’s voice wanting to be listened to has a lot to compete with! Valuable learning time can be lost when students are unable to attend to and then process the instructions and information given. The ability to listen is also an extremely valuable component of good communication skills.

So what do children need to learn to be good listeners?

- Hear with your ears
- Look with your eyes
- Keep your body still (so that your brain isn’t distracted by messages from other parts of your body) and THINK about what the person is saying.

Active listening or whole body listening is an excellent set of skills to begin teaching from a very young age. Being a good role model and learning and demonstrating active listening skills is a great place to start.

Teachers provide daily practice for every child to develop their listening skills. The following article contains some great ideas and ideas for improving active listening skills.


Have a great week.

Fleur Provost and Jann Simmonds

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Mother's Day Stall

Don’t forget our Mother’s Day stall which will be held in the hall from 8.45am - 11am on Thursday 5th May. Any helpers please give me a call or email.

Thanks

Amanda Russell (Stall Convenor allrussell@westnet.com.au 0459 401 255)
Music Notes

Choral Honours Program 2016
Congratulations to the five students who were successful in gaining a position at the Metropolitan Choral Honours Program last term. Anna Butler, Harry Dixon, Lily Jeffrey, Emma Rafter and Anya Tomley took part in the program which was attended by 100 selected students and aimed to further develop their skills in vocal technique, choral part singing, performance and musicianship.

“A group of El choir students were very fortunate to take part in the Metropolitan Region Honours Choral Program from 24 to 26 March. We attended workshops for three days with children from around 25 other Brisbane schools, and then performed in a concert at the Old Museum in Bowen Hills. We learned so much from the teachers and conductors, and it was an amazing experience. Thank you Ms Sue for nominating us and for helping to teach at the workshops.” Anna Butler Year 6.

“Something I really enjoyed at the choral camp was the different variety of songs and warmups we did. There were jazzy songs and also classical songs. I think that we all had a great time and the guest conductors were very enthusiastic so that made the whole thing even better.” Lily Jeffery Year 6.

“I liked the variety of songs that our choir sang – “Umoja” or the “Spirit of Togetherness” (a South African song), “Sakura” (a Japanese folk song about cherry blossoms), “Can You Hear the Bells?” (a Christmas song) and a spiritual song called “I got Shoes”. I also liked listening to the songs that the other choir sang.” Harry Dickson Year 6.

Lorna Sue & Christine Shume (Classroom Music Teachers)

News from 1S

Expressing Emotion through ART

In 1S, we have been exploring how artists use line and colour to express emotion. Having fun combining colours, discussing how artists use animals to symbolise emotion in artworks, and experimenting with different types of brush strokes have been some of our art activities in term 1.

We have also been extending our descriptive vocabulary by using new words such as: gloomy, melancholy, frustrated, euphoric, ecstatic, tranquil and serene when discussing the emotions portrayed through our artworks.
A couple of reminders for the beginning of Term.

- The Eagles Nest has a brand new menu. There are copies of the new menu at tuckshop if you need one.
- There are a couple of old menu items that we will be selling and once sold out they will no longer be available. These include chips and krazy lemon drink.
- Please update your child’s class in Munch Monitor.
- There are quite a few catering containers that need to be picked up. Please come by and collect them.
- Sushi is now available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Swimming Pool Lost Property

There are overflowing bins of named and unnamed lost property at the pool - togs, rashies, towels, school uniforms, clothes, underwear, shoes, water bottles, caps and goggles.

Some of the most recent left behind items are hanging in the change room and the older items are in the room between the girls and boys change rooms.

Please have a look if you have lost anything. There is also another lost property area under the school near the Tartan Trader.

EJ Kids’ Care Parents and Carers

EJ Kids’ Care is now on the P&C Team App! Sign Up to the P&C Team App and to get EJ Kids’ Care information:

On a Smartphone
- get into team app on your phone
- click SETTINGS - top right hand corner
- click access groups, scroll down and click EJ Kids’ Care

On a PC
- go to team app website - www.ejsspandc/teamapp.com
- click MEMBERSHIP top right hand corner
- click access groups, scroll down and click EJ Kids’ Care

While you’re adding EJ Kids’ Care remember to check your class groups are up to date so you receive relevant information from the P&C and the school.
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

WAVERLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL
Open Day Information Afternoon

Sunday 15 May 2016
2:00pm – 4:30pm
Assembly Hall
Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights

Organised Guided Tours of the School
An Address by the Principal
Opportunities to meet Teachers and Students
Afternoon Tea

Parents and Students of any year level are most welcome to attend.