From the Principal

Winter Uniform

With the onset of the cooler months it is timely to remind everyone of the Winter Uniform. Details are included later in this Newsletter for your perusal. Uniform Shop has supplies and all 2016 articles need to be clearly labelled.

Bilby Day – 18 May 2016

Our annual Bilby Day Assembly will be conducted on Wednesday 18 May from 1.50pm in the hall. All students are asked to bring a gold coin donation to the front of the school upon arrival that day. All students are asked to be in full school uniform – tartan shirts, navy jumpers, white socks and black shoes.

The Student Council is assisting with the preparations for and activities associated with Bilby Day and they will be selling merchandise during the week prior. Our Junior Choir will be performing and Kev Bradley the CEO of the Bilby Foundation and ‘Jodie’ the Bilby will be our special guests.

Bilby Day at EJ is held in memory of Luke Curnow a student of our school who passed this world all too young. Luke’s passion for this unique Australian endangered animal has left a legacy for us all to carry on. He has shown us that “one child can make a difference”.

All parents are invited and all money raised on the day will be donated to the Bilby Foundation.

Teaching and Learning in Term 2

This term teachers have begun the term with a focus on literacy, numeracy and learning behaviour goals for this term. Students are well engaged in the learning process and it is a pleasure to visit the classrooms.

Last week I was visited by one of the Assistant Regional Directors for Metropolitan Region - Ms Kerri Jones. Ms Jones was very impressed with the learning occurring in our classrooms and the learning behaviours demonstrated by our students. We visited a number of classrooms and Ms Jones spent time talking to students about their learning goals, what they were currently learning, how they were going with their learning and what strategies students used to help improve their understanding.

Student performance for the entire semester will be reported on this term in the end of semester Report Card. This will be distributed via email in the last week of term. Paper copies can be requested for parents who do not have access to email.

The Standards of the Australian Curriculum will be used to “make judgements” about student performance on the report card. You are reminded that the Australian Standards are year long achievement standards and an explanation of the levels of achievement will be explained in the newsletter as we get closer to the end of the term.
From the Principal cont.

Exemption from Compulsory Schooling
There is an Application Form to Exempt Students from Compulsory Schooling that must be completed if students are absent for more than 10 consecutive school days. Situations where an application is required include:

- Illness
- Family reasons (including extended holidays)
- Cultural or religious reasons.

The application form which is available from the office, must be completed and presented to the Principal for approval.

Student Success
Congratulations to our successful Cross Country team who participated in the Regional trials yesterday and congratulations also to the 48 students from Years 5 and 6 who are currently participating in the High Achievers program being conducted at Kelvin Grove State College.

Thank-you EJSS Community
Last term the Student Council fundraised money for a Cambodian school called Anlong Pi Public School. In total the students raised $1035. The money was used to purchase much needed school supplies, teaching resources and a cash donation was also provided. The materials and financial contribution were presented to Anlong Pi Public School by our Year 5 teacher Mrs Weier. Mrs Weier spent her Easter holiday teaching and volunteering at the school. The Anlong Pi school community was very appreciative of our generous contribution. Well done to all involved.

Adam Mathewson

From the Deputy Principals

The learning behaviours of "scanning for clues" and "asking for help" are two handy skill sets that are best started from an early age. We use them frequently at school and in our daily lives.

"Scanning for clues" refers to checking for environmental clues that can tell you what, how, when, where or why to do something. A worksheet is often full of clues which students fail to see. As adults we have had to learn how to scan for clues on a web page. There are certain conventions and patterns which we become familiar with that help with scanning but in this age of high information density our scanning clues have had to improve. We also scan for clues in our physical environment. On walking into unfamiliar situations we check and see what others are doing to get clues as to how we need to behave.

"Asking for help" is not about the child who, as soon as you have asked them to do something immediately asks "what do I have to do?" For them the focus is on learning the skills of "stop, look and listen" and "following directions". Asking for help in this context is about knowing when you need to check in to see if you are on the right path or are stuck or lost and need help to continue with a task. Unfortunately, some children seem to learn that asking for help is a sign of weakness or failure rather than an opportunity for tapping into expertise that can help them. Integral to this skill is the following one of actually listening to the helper and actively thinking about what they have said.

For both of these behaviours the best learning comes when the right questions are asked. For scanning for clues you might ask "Where are the words on the page that will tell you what to do or give you the information you need?" or "What are other people doing?" For asking for help you might ask "What are you trying to achieve?" or "What have you done so far? What might be a next step? What might happen then?"

It is always easier and very tempting to just tell children what to do and sometimes that is the most sensible option, however starting with a question to model and hopefully activate the child’s thinking processes will help to build strong skills which are essential to learning.

Electronic Report Cards
This year, report cards will be emailed directly to parents. Please ensure you have added -- Application_ONESCHOOL@dete.qld.gov.au to your list of safe senders to ensure report card emails aren’t sent to your junk email.

NAPLAN 2016
Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Please ensure your child arrives on time, relaxed, well rested and well fed. We will take care of the rest. The tests only take up a small part of each day, the rest of the day is business as usual. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to talk to your child’s teacher or to Jann Simmonds.

Fleur Provost and Jann Simmonds
Sports Report

Last Tuesday Geoffrey Crofton, Anton Fairley, Nicholas Fraser and Seamus Penny represented City District in Hockey at the Metropolitan North Carnival.

The team played very well, winning three out of four matches.

Congratulations to Geoffrey Crofton and Seamus Penny who gained selection in the Metropolitan North Hockey team which will compete at the State Championships later this year.

Mark Summers (Physical Education Teacher)

Music Notes

We would like to say “well done” to our Year 2 Lunch Club Choir, Junior Choir and Senior Choir for a beautiful performance of “Abide with Me” and “I am Australian” at the Anzac Service. They practiced very hard in the weeks leading up to the day and should be very proud of their performance.

On Friday 20 May the Junior Choir and Senior Vocal Ensemble will be participating in the Queensland Youth Music Awards. This is a night time event at The Gap State High School hall. Both choirs will be rehearsing diligently in the weeks leading up to the event.

If your child is involved in this, please remind them of the following extra rehearsals:

Junior Choir (with accompanist)
- Tuesday 3 May 10.15am – 11.00am
- Tuesday 17 May 10.15am – 11.00am

Vocal Ensemble (lunch rehearsal – please eat lunch in music room)
- Thursday 5 May 12.45pm – 1.20pm
- Thursday 12 May 12.45pm – 1.20pm
- Thursday 19 May 12.45pm – 1.20pm

Thank you.

Lorna Sue & Christine Shume (Classroom Music Teachers)

Winter Uniform

Boys
- Navy zip front jacket with embroidered school emblem.
- Sleeveless zip front fleece vest with embroidered school emblem.
- Plain navy tracksuit pants may be worn instead of Unisex shorts.
- Black school shoes.

Girls
- Navy zip front jacket with embroidered school emblem.
- Sleeveless zip front fleece vest with embroidered school emblem.
- Plain navy tracksuit pants may be worn instead of Unisex shorts.
- Navy blue tights may be worn under Tartan dress or skirt or skort.
- Black school shoes.
News from 1E
Past to Present
This term, 1E has been exploring our shared history, focusing on what has changed and what has remained the same across generations. We have read various texts about the past, taking the opportunity to read about and discuss ANZAC Day and what we can learn from that time in history.

Continuing to hone our reflecting and thinking skills, we engaged with some poetry for our assembly performance. Looking at rhyme, patterns, adjectives and verbs and a bit of drama, the children keenly took on the task of learning a poem or two to perform. With such optimism from the students this promises to be our best term yet.

A big thank you to our wonderful Dads who helped on Dad’s Day.

New Menu Item

解放思想 100% Juice Slushy $2.00

This is available to buy over the counter or on Munch Monitor.

We will be selling ice-blocks from the large corner windows on Friday until 3pm. Come by and grab an ice block on your way home. Munch Monitor will not be available.
EJ HUB

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**
The EJSS P&C Mother’s Day Stall will be held this Thursday 5th May in the hall from 8.45am to 11am.

The gifts are all amazing and fun this year and have all been wrapped/ribboned by a small army of volunteer gift wrappers.

Prep gifts are $2 and will be taken to their classrooms. Years 1-6 will be sold in the hall and will be $3, $5 or $10 per gift. Initial purchase of one gift per family - the children can come back to buy as many as they want during 1st break.

All the money raised goes to the EJ Hub, Social Justice program which helps families in need cover the cost of uniforms, books, excursions, lunches and all things that assist EJ children to join in and learn to the best of their ability.

Thank you in advance for your support and for giving your children a shopping experience without the assistance of their parents. It’s fun to watch them mull over their choices and come to their decisions.

**Amanda Russell**  
**Social Justice**  
(alrussell@westnet.com.au 0459 401 255)

**KALINGA DASH**
Make sure the Kalinga Dash, EJ’s very own community fun run, is in your diary for **Sunday 14 August**!

It will be a great opportunity to have some fun with the whole family. There are 3 events to choose from — the Long Course (7.5km), the Short Course (4.2km) and the Kids’ Dash (2km).

You and your children can be sponsored by your family and friends and raise money for our fabulous school. The best thing is that there will be a pizza party for the class with the most entrants and an awesome prize for the EJ student who raises the most money!

Like our facebook page, [www.facebook.com/thekalingadash](http://www.facebook.com/thekalingadash) to get more information and look out for more details soon about how to start getting sponsored.

**SOCIAL SIDE**

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| Year 1       | Sunday 29 May 2.30pm – 5.00pm | Melrose Park | Picnic in the Park  
BYO: picnic/drinks, bikes/scooters/footy, camping chair/rug  
RSVP: Your Year 1 class rep. |

**Tartan Trader**
Jumpers and vests are in stock at the Uniform Shop so please come by and see us if your child is feeling the cooler mornings. Navy tights are also available for the girls.

The first Winter Gala day is fast approaching so if your student is playing a sport for Gala day that requires them to wear our long school sports socks come in early to get them a pair!

**Jayne Jones-Wilson**  
*(Uniform Shop Coordinator)*
Brisbane City Council Libraries Gold Star Reading Club
The Gold Star Reading Club will kick off in Council libraries across the city on Tuesday 3 May 2016.

There are five great reasons for children to get involved in the 2016 Gold Star Reading Club.

1. Membership to the Gold Star Reading Club is FREE!
2. The Gold Star Reading Club can help children improve their reading and literacy skills.
3. Children will be rewarded for reading with exciting monthly incentives – a bookmark, a bubble pen and a library bag.
4. The opportunity for all participants to enter the monthly draw to win a $25 book voucher.
5. It’s FUN! Children will have fun sharing their reading experiences with family and friends.

This is a great opportunity for parents to share in their children’s reading achievements.
To register your child for the Gold Star Reading Club, simply visit - www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/libraries or your local library to complete a registration form.

For more information about the Gold Star Reading Club, visit your local library or call Council on 3403 8888.
Earnshaw State College presents
HIGH SCHOOL SPOOF-ICAL
FRIDAY 27 MAY 2016
SATURDAY 28 MAY 2016
McElrick Performing Arts Centre

On sale Tuesday 3 May 2016
Adult $15
Concession $10
Family $45 (2A, 2C)

Before school 8:00 am - 8:30 am
First break 11:15 am - 12:45 am
Available from main office

Pre-show Catering and Entertainment
from 3:30 pm

Doors Open 6:30 pm
Curtains Open 7:00 pm

Mother's Day
High Tea & Market

Saturday 7th May
9am-1pm
St Marks Anglican Church, Clayfield
Bring Mum along for a morning of shopping and a delicious morning tea.

High Tea $15 pp bookings are welcome
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All funds to Anglicare to support homeless women & children

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