From the Principal

Bilby Day - 18 May

Next week our school will celebrate our Bilby Day, in memory of Luke Curnow, a student of EJ who passed this life way too early but whose passion for saving the bilby has had a major impact on our school. This year we will welcome Mr Kevin Bradley, the CEO of the Save the Bilby Foundation to our school. It is also hoped that Mr Frank Manthey, co-founder of the Save the Bilby Fund, may be able to join us. The Student Council representatives will be selling Bilby merchandise for the next week outside the Hall before school and during breaks. The list of merchandise for sale is attached to this newsletter.

All students are reminded to be presented in full school tartan uniform and to be at school nice and early to place their gold coin donation in our Bilby’s pouch. There will be an Assembly from 1.50pm. Our Junior Choir will perform and our parents are welcome. Seating will be limited as we will have P-6 all in the hall together.

Mother’s Day

I hope all our Mums out there really enjoyed last Sunday. Our school P&C Sub-Committees certainly went “all out” this year with spectacular gifts for purchase from the Mother’s Day stall held here at school. Thank you so much to all who assisted with this, it was really appreciated by the students.

The Mother’s Day luncheon, organised by another group of helpful parents was also a huge success with beautiful weather, a great location and an outstanding guest speaker in Rebecca Sparrow. The mums and grandmothers present had a wonderful outing. From all reports it was a very enjoyable occasion and a great way to begin a weekend that celebrated all things being a mum.

Thank you to our P&C Association and its various sub committees, you are not only providing funds for our students but also doing so with imagination, creativity and flair. I am sure we are all looking forward to the next social function.

Fanfare Festival of Music

I would like to wish our Senior Concert Band and Strings Ensemble all the very best at the Fanfare Festival of Music to be held at Reddan SHS on the 16 May.

Fanfare is the biennial state wide festival for bands and orchestras in Queensland state schools. It showcases the outstanding music making that occurs in school ensembles across the state. The emphasis for Fanfare is on improving the quality of ensembles, promoting the highest possible standard of performance, striving for excellence and encouraging participation.

Fanfare provides an opportunity for school communities to celebrate their young musicians and instrumental teachers by encouraging and promoting musical excellence through performance.

The students involved have been working very hard to prepare for their performance over many weeks. I am sure that they will represent our school proudly and enjoy the experience. Good luck musicians.
Gala Sports Days
Gala Sports Days for Year 5 & 6 students will be held on the following dates:

- 20 May (week 6)
- 27 May (week 7)
- 3 June (week 8)

Gala Sports Days are an opportunity for students to represent their school in touch football, soccer, rugby league or tag league. Students participating are currently training under the guidance of the teachers. Students will travel to and from the games by bus. The aim of the day is participation and enjoyment.

Permission forms and medical notes have been sent home to parents along with information regarding venues, what to wear, equipment required and most importantly what sport their child is playing. If you have any questions about Gala Days please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or our PE teacher Mr Summers.

Staffing
I would like to wish Ms Kellie Smith-Lester (Yr 6SW) all the very best with her future endeavours as she will be taking long service leave at the end of this week for the remainder of 2016. Last year Ms Smith-Lester made the decision that she would take leave from teaching and devote time to starting a new business. Ms Smith-Lester will be greatly missed and I wish her all the very best.

Mrs Selina Taylor will be replacing Ms Smith-Lester on the Year 6 teaching team. Mrs Taylor is a very experienced teacher and is looking forward to working alongside the other Year 6 teachers for the remainder of the year. I am sure that Mrs Taylor will be made to feel very welcome at Eagle Junction State School and will do an excellent job teaching the children of EJSS.

2016 Annual Appeal
This week a letter was distributed to all families informing the school community of our 2016 Annual Appeal. The aim of the Annual Appeal is to support our library fund and building fund. The Annual Appeal allows us to provide enhanced facilities and resources of which our school community is accustomed. Without the appeal our annual core grant would not allow us to have the outstanding facilities and resources that our students enjoy today. A copy of the 2016 Annual Appeal letter and payment form can be found as an attachment to the newsletter.

Adam Mathewson

From the Deputy Principals
Throughout our newsletters, we have looked at the 10 Learning Behaviours that help children to become life-long learners.

The last learning behaviour of the ten is the ability to ask and answer the question “Is this my best work?” Successful learning requires the input of effort and the amount of effort impacts on the outcome. Students need to be able to honestly evaluate whether they are satisfied with their outcome, whether it is a product, new knowledge or a new skill. If they are dissatisfied with the outcome, then they need the skills to be able to reflect on and analyse their efforts to see how they can improve or how to change what they would do next time to achieve an outcome they are happy with.

The “best” in “is this my best work?” is not just about the neatness or the presentation, though these can be important. It is about developing a skill set which enables us to be the best we can be.

Chess News
Our chess students have been busy competing in competitions over the recent weeks. Over the Anzac Day long weekend Aditya Anand, Kanak Relekar, Khush Patel and Shubh Patel competed in the Gold Coast Junior Championships. Aditya, Kanak and Khush all did very well winning 4 games out of 7.

On the Labour Day long weekend, Aditya and Kanak travelled to Toowoomba to compete in the 2016 Queensland Open. Kanak had a great tournament and won a cash prize for finishing equal 1st in his division. Khush Patel competed in the four day Churchie International tournament. This tournament attracted some of the strongest players in Australia and Khush performed well to win 3 games. The third tournament running over the same weekend was the Nudgee May tournament where Tharun Dhanasekar, Karin Sagara, Ryan Blakey, Zach Blakey, Eowyn Mercado, Dominic MacDermott-Pott and Shubh Patel played on Sunday. Congratulations to all these students for competing in arguably the busiest chess weekend of the year.
Safety First
We are all aware of the volume of both pedestrian and vehicle traffic that occurs before and after school. The Eagle Junction State School 2 Minute Zone for both drop off and pick up is the safest way of collecting and delivering children to school if you are travelling by car. Although it often requires patience, especially at peak times, the processes that are in place including the routines and supervision of students until collection ensures their safety until they are collected by parents or carers.

If your children are walking home or to a designated meeting point it is essential that road rules and behavioural expectations are revisited with frequency to ensure our young students are travelling safely. If your students travel on foot or bike to and from school, please reinforce safe travel routes and road safety.

Free Triple P Parenting Support now available in Queensland
Parents and carers can get free parenting support through the Triple P — Positive Parenting Program. Visit the Triple P website to register for seminars and group sessions. One-on-one support can be arranged through the Find a Provider page, or parents can call Parentline on 1300 301 300.

Have a great week!
Fleur Provost and Jann Simmonds

From our HOC

Using Graphic Organisers
A graphic organiser is an organisational and instructional tool used to help students think about and use text patterns and structures. They can also be used to record prior knowledge about a topic or section of text. Some commonly used graphic organisers are: venn diagrams, concept maps, KWL charts, Y chart, T chart, SWOT analysis, Fish Bones, Bubble Map, PMI and story maps.

Graphic organisers are a pictorial way of constructing knowledge and organising information. They help the student convert and compress a lot of seemingly disjointed information into a structured, simple-to-read, graphic display. The resulting visual display conveys complex information in a simple-to-understand manner.

The process of converting a mass of data/information/ideas into a graphic organiser/map gives the student an increased understanding and insight into the topic at hand. To create the map, the student must concentrate on the relationships between the items and examine the meanings attached to each of them. While creating a map, the student must also prioritize the information, determining which parts of the material are the most important and should be focused upon, and where each item should be placed in the map.

The creation of graphic organisers for brainstorming also helps the student generate ideas as they develop and note their thoughts visually. The possibilities associated with a topic become clearer as the student’s ideas are classified visually. Getting starting with writing is always easier with a graphic organiser to help you plan.

Why use organisers at home and school?
Students are considerably more likely to understand and remember the content they are learning about. Simply put, the information tends to be less “fuzzy” and more precise. Graphics help students separate what is important to know from what might be interesting, but not essential information. Showing (as opposed to just telling) how the information is structured can be a powerful way to facilitate understanding. Students are more likely to become strategic learners. Reading and writing skills, communication skills, and analytical, critical and creative thinking skills are all subject to improvement when students learn to recognise these patterns of thinking, construct, and use graphic organisers.

Please encourage your child to use graphic organisers whenever they are planning activities, writing a story or researching projects.
Angela Dawson
ICAS Reminder

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ICAS tests start at 7.15am sharp in the Library
Library closed before school on these days.

Sports Report

Cross Country
Forty students from EJ were invited to compete at the City Districts Cross Country carnival. In hot, humid conditions and starting fields of 70+ competitors in each race, all EJ students competed well.

Congratulations to Makenna Williams and Patrick Burchard who were selected to represent City District at the upcoming Met North Carnival. Well done Makenna and Patrick.

Cross Country Uniform: Reminder to any student who borrowed a running singlet to return the singlet as soon as possible.

Rugby League
Tomas Gregory and Finlay Dryden represented City District at the recent Met North Rugby League carnival. Both students competed well over the two days and were rewarded with Tomas selected in the Met North team and Finlay announced as a shadow player for the team. Well done Tomas and Finlay.

Dodge Ball
The Sport Captains have been supervising and running dodge ball games at lunch times on the tennis court. Students are reminded to keep a look out for when their class is playing.

Mark Summers (Physical Education Teacher)

Music Notes

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 17 May 10.15am – 11.00am

Vocal Ensemble (lunch rehearsal – please eat lunch in music room)
- Thursday 12 May 12.45pm – 1.20pm
- Thursday 18 May 12.45pm – 1.20pm

Vocal Ensemble (after school rehearsal in music room)
- Friday 13 May 2.45pm – 4.00pm

Thank you.

Lorna Sue & Christine Shume (Classroom Music Teachers)
Just a reminder that Prep Students cannot order ice-blocks or milo.

We will be once again offering Gala Day Grab Bags for the upcoming Gala Days. The bags will need to be pre-ordered on Munch Monitor and no late orders will be accepted. The cut off for orders will be 8.45am Thursday 19th May and bags are to be collected on Friday 20th May from 8am at the Tuckshop. The students will need to collect the bags before they leave on the bus.

The cost of the bags will be $4.00 each and there will be a choice of small scroll.
- Cheese & bacon roll + popcorn pikelets with butter apple or
- Cheddarmite scroll + popcorn pikelets with butter apple.

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**EJSS Pickup Zone 2016**

***Urgent Call Out for Pick Up Zone Volunteers – Mondays / Tuesdays / Wednesdays***

We are putting out an urgent call for volunteers to man the EJSS Pick Up Zone on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons – particularly Wednesdays when teachers are in their weekly staff meeting and unable to volunteer on the Zone.

*Without volunteers the school pick up zone would not be able to operate.* Think of the time it takes to find a park and walk in to collect your children. Without our wonderful team of volunteers, pick up would not run as quickly, smoothly or more importantly, as *safely* as it does.

If you use the zone, please consider giving back by volunteering. We currently have 14 volunteers out of a school of over 800 students who work tirelessly every afternoon to assist the school community collect your children safely. We need to cover 50 shifts per term. If everyone who used the zone volunteered for even 1-2 shifts per year, we would have the roster covered for an entire year.

Every bit of assistance makes a huge difference and can be easily accommodated on the roster. In return for your time, we will give you a microphone and fluoro yellow accessories! Best of all it is a mere 30 minutes of your time, sometimes a lot less and it is rewarding mixing with other parents, teachers and students.

If you are able to assist, please contact Alison Duncan, Pick Up Zone Co-ordinator, ASAP via email rhettal@optusnet.com.au or mobile 0412 656 584.

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**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.
EJ HUB

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

A huge “thank you” to everyone who helped with the Mother’s Day stall this year. It was terrific receiving so much help. Thank you to everyone who supported the stall on the day. We saw a lot of happy children and I’m sure the mums or other special women in your child’s life enjoyed their gift.

The money raised by the stall helps run the P&C Social Justice programme so we, as a school community, can give families in need a hand quietly behind the scenes.

Thank you to the wrappers: Huey Chong, Toni Hassell, Belinda Plowman, Janice Michallet, Jodi Vander Velde, Huyen Vu, Lucinda Coverdale, Deborah Flanagan, Amy Yacoub, Suzie Alley, Karen Urzaa, Sandra Bryce and special mention to Claudia Kelly for helping test all the Mother’s day pens. Thank you to Lou Anning, Rajni Khanna, Angela Timbs, Jo Senz and Rebecca McDonald for your offers of help.

Thank you Amy Yacoub for helping me pack up and transport the gifts to school. Thank you to some amazing Year 3 and Year 4 children who helped me set up the stall: Mirabella, Lisa, Ana, Allison, Kyra, Sophia, Georgia, Lucy, Ash, Caleb, Georgia and Amelia. I would not have been ready on time without your help.

Thank you to the shopkeepers: Wendy Hopsick, Shampa Anand, Lucinda Coverdale, Belinda Tayler, Karen Urzaa, Jo Senz, Claire Thompson, Bec Thompson and Dorothy Parkinson. Thank you Belinda Plowman, Marcella Garcia, Nicole Bryce, Sandra Bryce and Sami for your offers of help.

Thank you to The Hubs treasurer Kiangwei Lim for organising the floats, counting the takings and banking on the day.

Special thanks again to past EJ mum, Jenny Chadirchi for the little free gifts for the children in Year 1 and Year 2 who didn’t have money on the day.

☆☆ Reminder - Years 3-6 - bring your IOU’s if you haven’t already done so. ☆☆

Last but not least, a big thank you to the teachers for bringing the children down to the stall. I hope I haven’t forgotten someone or misspelt names. Always a concern when naming names - my sincere apologies if I have.

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

KALINGA DASH

Don’t forget to pop our school’s fabulous Fun Run into your diary for Sunday 14 August 2016.

The Kalinga Dash will be not only a great day out for the whole family, it is the major fundraiser for EJSS in 2016.

Children who take part can seek sponsorship from their family and friends, and all money raised will support our school. Sponsorship details will be available soon — in the meantime, take the opportunity to start training!

For photos and tips, like us on

• www.facebook.com/thekalingadash and follow us at
• www.instagram.com/kalinga.dash.

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.
Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.
~ Helen Keller

The 2016 Annual Appeal for Eagle Junction State School has commenced. We call on our school’s 607 families to make a positive difference to our school by making a tax-deductible contribution to our Library Fund and/or our Building Fund by the end of this financial year.

Tax-deductible contributions to these funds enable us to purchase vital resources such as books, consumables and infrastructure that benefit all our students.

With part of the funds raised from the Library Fund, we aim to purchase a new library management system. This is vital as the current system is outdated and is no longer supported with updated software. The cost of this new management system will be approximately $7,000. The library would also like to purchase additional display boards and incorporate a mural to reflect our passion for developing all students as active readers and learners.

From contributions to the Building Fund, we plan to install softfall rubber and shade sails between the A and B Blocks of the school to further enhance these play areas for students.

In past appeals, EJ families have generously donated from $25 to $2,000.

If EJ families donated in the vicinity of $100, think what an immediate and long-term impact this would make on our 842 current students and future EJ students?

Every family’s contribution, whatever the amount, makes a positive difference.

Families who generously donate $1,000 or more have the opportunity for their family being recognised for their significant contribution and their donation dedicated to a specific resource.

The Annual Appeal allows us to provide enhanced facilities and resources of which our school community is accustomed. Without the appeal our annual core grant would not allow us to have the outstanding facilities and resources that our students enjoy today.

Tax-deductible donations to our Library Fund and/or Building Fund can be made by:

- Online / Credit Card (www.munchmonitor.com)
- Cash
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- Cheque

Should you wish to receive an official receipt for taxation purposes, please complete the payment form and return it to your child’s teacher or the school office before Friday, 24 June 2016. An official receipt will be issued via your youngest child at school.

We thank you in advance for your family’s much-valued support of our school in 2016.

Yours sincerely

Adam Mathewson
Principal

Meg Graham
P&C President
2016 ANNUAL APPEAL – PAYMENT FORM for RECEIPT

Parent/Guardian Name/s (noted on Receipt): ________________________________ (Please use BLOCK LETTERS)

Email Address/es: __________________________________________________________

Contact Number/s: __________________________________________________________

Child’s Name: _____________________________ Class: __________

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I / We are donating the following tax-deductible amount to the Library Fund: $_______

I / We are donating the following tax-deductible amount to the Building Fund: $_______

Payment Method (please tick your payment method and return this payment form to the School Office or Class Teacher before Friday, 24 June 2016 – final day of Term 2)

☐ Online / Credit Card: www.munchmonitor.com (please attach MM receipt/transaction)

Already registered with Munch Monitor?
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. Select Student (select any EJ student in your family)
4. Select Category: Tax-Deductible Voluntary Donations
5. Select either Library Fund or Building Fund, the amount and add to your cart
6. View your cart, check your order and select “Checkout & Pay”
7. Payment can be made with Visa or MasterCard.
8. Please print the Munch Monitor receipt of this transaction and attach it to this payment form.
9. Return these documents to the school office or your child’s class teacher before the end of Term 2.

Not yet registered with Munch Monitor?
1. Go to www.munchmonitor.com
2. Click on ‘Login then Register’ (Enter Username: eaglejss / Enter Password: munch4011)
3. Enter your own username (email address) and password. Click ‘Create Your Account’. An important email will be sent to you
4. Find the email and click the link to activate your account. Check your Junk Mail folder in case the email has been treated as “spam”
5. Enter your own Username (email address) and Password then click ‘Activate My Account’
6. Follow the guided steps to complete the setup

☐ Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

Account Name: Eagle Junction State School P&C Assoc l Bank: Westpac
BSB: 034-060 l Account: 202347 l Surname for Receipt (as reference)

☐ Cheque (payable to Eagle Junction State School P&C Association)

☐ Cash (cash payments in a sealed marked envelope to your child’s Class Teacher)

☐ I / We are making a tax-deductible contribution of $1,000 or more and would be amenable to receiving acknowledgment on a specific school resource.

“2016 ANNUAL APPEAL - Proudly supported by the ____________ family” (Please insert FAMILY NAME)

Enquiries: Voluntary Donations Coordinator, Melissa Kerwin l 0423 438 990 l pmkerwin@optusnet.com.au
**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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### Brisbane City Council Libraries 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](http://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.
WAVELL 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.

Kalinga Scouts Open Day & Bring-A-Friend on Sunday, May 29th. The Cubs and Scouts are inviting you to come to their Kalinga Park den (bottom of Bertha Street in Clayfield). Join them for a morning of sausage sizzling, scouting activities, games and general mayhem from 10am to 1pm. Email kalinga.scouts@gmail.com for more details. We hope to see you there!