Welcome Back
Welcome back to what is bound to be a very busy but exciting term for our school community as we head towards the conclusion of what will be a very successful year for our school and our students.

I hope you and your family enjoyed a wonderful holiday together. The children have settled back into school routines very quickly, they all look happy, fresh and relaxed after their holidays. They were very much ‘on task’ yesterday within a very short period of time. They seemed to welcome the return to learning, meeting up with their friends and greeting their teachers with a smile.

Thank you also to Gary Martin, our Schools Officer and the cleaners who had the task of cleaning up after the term, window cleaning and facilities upgrades. The new garden in front of the swimming pool on Roseby Avenue looks great.

Summer Gala Sports Years 5 & 6
The summer gala sports days for our Year 5 & 6 students will be conducted over the first 3 weeks of term 4. The dates are as follows:

- 7 October
- 14 October
- 21 October

The sports for Summer Gala days are flipper ball, touch football, AFL, baseball, netball and T20 cricket. Students will travel to and from the games by bus. The aim of the day is participation and enjoyment.

Permission forms and medical notes were sent home to parents along with information regarding venues, what to wear, equipment required and most importantly what sport their child is playing last term. If you have any questions about Gala Days please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or our PE teacher Mr Summers.
Enrolments 2017
Any EJ families who will be enrolling students in 2017 are reminded that we need to know of this enrolment. Please complete enrolment forms as soon as possible.

Families leaving EJ at the end of 2016 with children in Prep to Year 5 are also reminded to notify the office as soon as possible. Planning for 2017 is underway and we need accurate information to ensure appropriate decisions can be made.

Additional School Photos – Wednesday 12 October 2016
Additional photos for Captains, School Sports representatives, Music Groups, Student Council representatives etc. will take place Wednesday, 12 October 2016 beginning at 9.00am in the Hall. Students need to be well presented and be wearing their representative uniforms - School, District, Regional or State. Instrumental Music, Choir and Library Monitors should wear formal school uniform. A copy of the program is listed below and students will be made aware of this in class.

9.00am House Captains & House Vice Captains (House Uniform) *Arrive 8.50am
9.10am School Swim Team (Blue Polo or Togs) *Arrive 8.50am
9.15am School Track & Field (Running Singlet provided by Mr Summers)
9.30am School Cross Country (Running Singlet provided by Mr Summers)
9.50am All City District Sport Team Representatives (City District Uniform)
10.00am Metropolitan North Representatives (Met North Uniform)
10.15am State Representatives (State Uniform)
10.45am School & Vice-School Captains (Tartan School Uniform & wear Blazers)
11.00am Music Captains (Tartan School Uniform)
11.15am Student Councillors (Tartan School Uniform) (Semesters 1 & 2)
11.45am Senior Choir (Tartan School Uniform)
12.00pm Vocal Ensemble (Tartan School Uniform)
12.15pm Junior Choir (Tartan School Uniform)
12.30pm Senior Concert Band (Tartan School Uniform)

Break About 1.00pm

1.25pm Junior Concert Band (Tartan School Uniform)
1.40pm Junior Strings (Tartan School Uniform)
1.55pm Senior Strings (Tartan School Uniform)
2.10pm Library Monitors (Tartan School Uniform) (Semester 1 & 2)
2.20pm Tec Crew (Tartan School Uniform) (Semester 1 & 2)

Senior School Assembly
Due to Summer Gala Days for Year 5 & 6 students, there will be no senior assembly for weeks 1-3. Senior Assembly will recommence on Friday 28 October.

World Teachers’ Day – Wednesday 5 October
Every day, Queensland teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring young people across our state. World Teachers’ Day is an opportunity to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks for the significant contributions they make in our classrooms and communities. Celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide, World Teachers’ Day was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to recognise the role of teachers in society. World Teachers’ Day is held internationally on 5 October.

I would like to personally thank the teachers of Eagle Junction State School for the contribution that they make to our school. We are very fortunate to have dedicated, hardworking teachers at our school who strive to provide the very best learning opportunities for our students.

I would also like to thank the P&C Association for providing the EJ staff with a beautiful high tea that was enjoyed by all on World Teachers’ Day. On behalf of the staff, thank-you for taking the time to recognise the contribution of our teachers.

Adam Mathewson
From the Deputy Principals

Welcome back to term 4. I trust you had an enjoyable time with family and friends if you were lucky enough to have time off. We have so many exciting opportunities planned for our students this term starting off this week with swimming included in our PE program again and the three Gala sports days for Year 5 and 6.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the English ICAS assessment.

Special mention to the following students who received a high distinction. They were identified as achieving in the top 1% or better of participants in each year level in Australia. The high distinction and distinction certificates will be presented at assembly.

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The following students received a Distinction placing them in the top 10% or better of participants in Australia in each year level.

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We look forward to a wonderful term ahead.

Jann Simmonds
Welcome back! We trust that you have all had a relaxing break and have recharged your batteries for another busy term full of exciting and challenging learning experiences for our students.

Just a few of our upcoming events this term:

- Gala Days
- Music Soiree
- Prep Information Evening and Orientation Days
- Year 4 Camp - Curramundi
- Year 5 Camp – Camp Good Enough
- Book Fair
- Year 6 Graduation

**Countdown to Soiree**

Preparation is well underway for the highlight of our Music Program – Soiree. This year there will be just one event, held on Thursday 13th October at 6pm.

This year’s Soiree will feature the Senior and Junior Concert Bands, Senior and Junior Choirs, Senior and Beginner Strings and highlights from UkeFest.

A huge thank you to the Music Support Group who have been working behind the scenes. **Any donations for the Soiree raffle will be gratefully accepted at the office by Monday 10th October.**

We look forward to seeing EJ’s musical talent on stage!

Kinds regards,

*Jenni Beadman*

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**From our HOC**

**Fluency in Mathematics**

I recently came across a pamphlet for a course in understanding and learning times tables. It was pleasing to see the inclusion of understanding and academic games as well as speedy recall as a focus in this course as understanding of multiplication is vital in order to apply times tables in our lives.

What many may not know is that our desire to have immediate recall of times tables is not a modern phenomena.

The ancient Babylonians were probably the first culture to create multiplication tables, more than 4,000 years ago. They did their mathematics on clay tablets, some of which have survived until today. As their civilisation grew, they needed to do more and more sophisticated mathematics to help them build and trade. In order to speed up calculations, merchants would carry around tablets with these multiplication tables on. Those who could remember these tables by heart were able to trade more successfully than those who had to pull out the tablets. *Doesn’t this sound familiar? Replace the clay tables with a calculator or a smart device app and it could be said this is the same scenario today!*

Spare a thought for the ancient Babylonian students. Because they counted in powers of 60 rather than the powers of 10 we use today, they were required to know their times tables all the way up to their 59 times table!

The Australian Curriculum mathematics has four areas or proficiencies in which children should ‘do’ mathematics – understanding, reasoning, problem solving and fluency. The immediate recall of facts such as times tables would be included in the proficiency of fluency but applying them to a word problem would be problem solving. Working out a strategy to follow the patterns in times tables (such as the patterns in the 9 times tables) would be said to be understanding and using the times tables and incorporating it into a strategy for a more difficult concept would be said to be reasoning with times tables. You can see that our use of times tables in schools today enables students to have a much deeper knowledge and application of them – in other words giving them tools to be numerate.

Click on the link below if you would like more information regarding the Australian Curriculum- Mathematics and fluency.

[http://v7-5.australiancurriculum.edu.au/mathematics/content-structure](http://v7-5.australiancurriculum.edu.au/mathematics/content-structure)

Have a fantastic week.

*Angela Dawson*
Soiree
Soiree 2016, our showcase of EJ's talented music students in Years 3-6, will be held next Thursday, October 13th in the School Hall commencing at 6pm.

As students in the Instrumental Music Program and our Senior and Junior Choirs will be busy in Weeks 1 and 2, adding the 'final touches' to their performances for this event, it is essential that these final choir/band/orchestra rehearsals are attended by ALL students. A letter detailing arrival times, meeting areas, dress code etc will be sent home at the end of this week.

Extra Soiree Finale Rehearsals
In order to prepare for our FINALE item, all Instrumental Music students who are not in Junior or Senior Choir are requested to attend some short 10 minute practice sessions being held from 8:20 am - 8:30 am on the following days:

Years 3 and 4 instrumental students: Wednesday, October 5th and Wednesday, October 12th
Years 5 and 6 instrumental students: Thursday, October 6th, Friday, October 7th and Thursday, October 13th

Ukefest 2016
EJ students in years 4, 5 and 6 recently took part in Brisbane’s very first Ukefest for primary school students! Nathan Cahill, a talented Queensland composer and musician conducted two Ukefest programs in Brisbane, one at The Old Museum and the other here at EJ, where over 500 ukulele students gathered to share the delights of making music together in a fun and encouraging environment.

Nathan challenged the students to extend their ukulele playing skills, led the students in combined group performances to an appreciative audience of younger students and parents, encouraged students to create their own lyrics to songs and gave our budding EJ composers some valuable tips on writing their own original song material. Here are some of the highlights of the day and comments from our Music Captains:

Seven Steps, a beautiful 3 part composition which the year 5 and 6 students skilfully executed was accompanied by Myiesha Maisuria’s magical harp playing. We were treated to a beautiful solo on harp by Myiesha as well, which held everyone in the hall spellbound.

Original song verses were written and sung by the year 2 and year 4 students to Nathan's composition "Travel Bug" which took us to outback towns all around Australia.

A favourite was "Flat Bug Blues" which all students from years 4-6 mastered on ukulele, either strumming or plucking the song while singing about Buggie’s unfortunate adventures on the road!

"I loved Ukefest and how Mr Cahill engaged all of the audience especially the part when we had to shout 'HEY MAN' after he said that he was feeling lonely!!" Sofia Jaramillo

"I enjoyed listening to the sound of the ukulele pieces when all the parts were played together by the big group and seeing so many people playing ukulele together!" Harry Dickson

"Our ukefest went ukulele excellent, with many songs and music played and smiles appearing whenever someone could do or learn a new thing. I really enjoyed the "Seven Steps" song." Kanak Relekar

"Being a part of the first Ukefest was pretty awesome! We were excited to perform for the Year 3s and showcase what we had learnt over the last term. I was so impressed with our talented musicians at EJ." Chelsea Hutchinson

A highly productive day, filled with great excitement and fun!

"The ukefest was really great because everyone was participating, everyone was learning, and everyone was having fun. Seeing all the year levels perform on their ukuleles was a highlight. Thank you Ms Sue for organising it!" Anna Butler
Northside Honours Music Camp

The Northside Honours Music was a three day music program for students from State Schools across the Northside Metropolitan Region. The students who represented Eagle Junction at this wonderful opportunity were Taya Kirk (Trumpet), Harry Dickson (Trumpet), Emi McBride (Trombone), Katherine Fan (Violin), Sana Rane (Percussion) and me (Trumpet). The Camp featured a workshop by an Australian music clinician, Doctor Robert McWilliams.

I absolutely loved the environment of being around students from all different backgrounds who shared the same passion - Music!! We worked really hard during the three days, with everyone working in ensembles, choirs and then a combined band. I loved the chance to improve both music and teamwork skills, and we all returned to school the next week with fresh and amazing music ideas and inspiration. I enjoyed mixing with students from other schools - I had made about ten friends by the end of Camp and I will definitely keep in touch with friends I made.

The highlight of the Camp was the Final Concert, where we were able to perform the music and techniques we had worked on in front of an audience of our parents and friends. The three day experience was challenging, inspiring and exhilarating and I will never forget it.

From Xavier Craddock (Year 5)

Lorna Sue and Christine Shume (Classroom Music Teachers)
QParents Secure Online Parent Portal

Our school now has QParents. Parents should have received an invitation email or letter by now and it’s great to see that so many parents have registered already. If you have not received an invitation, please check your ‘junk mail’ folder and then ring our office.

Over time, QParents will become an integral part of how we communicate with parents. Get on board now to enjoy the ease and convenience that QParents offers.
Library News

Overdue Loans
Unfortunately we still have 109 students who have yet to return their library books from Term 3 which means for these children, borrowing privileges have been temporarily suspended.

Please assist your child/ren to return their books so they may continue borrowing from our extensive collection.

Marcia Lomman and Jean Forsythe  (Resource Centre Staff)

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Book Shop Orders For 2017

Book orders for next year are now OPEN!

Full details and instructions have been sent home separately with your child and you can access the bookshop website at www.munchmonitor.com via the school shop option.

You can find copies of the itemised booklists in the Team App under "MORE INFO" tab.

Orders will close at 5pm, 14 October 2016 to allow enough time to bulk order and pack the books before the end of the year. We will be charging a $30 late fee so get your order in now to avoid this if possible.

We will not be ordering a lot of excess stock so please don’t rely on being able to get your books from the bookshop in the new year - ORDER NOW! Even if you don’t intend to use the school bookshop for all your requirements, think about buying the tricky things (via the essentials pack) NOW to avoid disappointment in the new year and the $30 late fee.

If you can help out with the book packing, we would love to hear from you - any amount of time is appreciated! We will be packing the books from 23 - 24 November at school so if you would like to help, please send an email to Cathy Amarantidis on ejbookshop@gmail.com.

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Disco-Prep/Year1

Our Prep/Year1 Disco last term was a great success with a fantastic turnout. The children had a fun time dancing.

Thank you so much to our Principal, EJ staff, our Adopt-A-Cop Kristy and our wonderful parent volunteers who gave up their precious time to make the Disco such a success.

Ana Ragupathy, Leigh Hutchinson and Justine Annan-Schmidt

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We will not be selling ice-blocks on Friday afternoons this term.

Remember we will be selling breakfast items from 7.00am on normal tuckshop days.
EJ Swim Club News!
Registrations are now open for the 2016/17 Season. These will be entirely done online this year. Please head to - https://ej.swimming.org.au and click on the Join Now button to register your family.

The first club meet will be on Saturday 8 October from 8am at the EJSS Pool. There will be no registrations accepted on this day, all swimmers need to be registered online before commencing swim club.

Please follow - EJ Swim Club on Team App & Facebook for further information. Alternatively email any questions you may have to secretary@ejswimclub.com.au. See you all in the pool!

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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.

St Agatha’s Parish Children’s Choir

St Agatha’s Parish Children’s choir is currently seeking new members in preparation for the Christmas season. It is not a big time commitment. We normally sing 6 or 7 times a year in addition to Christmas Eve and Easter, and practice once a month straight after school in the church for an hour. The practice schedule is very flexible, and although it is preferable to attend all the practice sessions, it is not essential. Not only is it a great opportunity to learn to sing or extend your singing repertoire and boost your confidence, but you will also make new friends within the parish community. Boys and girls from grade 1 upwards welcome. Please contact nicolawarda@yahoo.com.au for further information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Mr David Munn, Principal of Aviation High School, extends an invitation to students and families in our catchment to attend our final Information Open Evening in 2016:

Date: Tuesday 18 October  
Time: 6.00 pm  
Venue: Library

- 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 Susan Taylor and key teachers during this time.

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