From the Principal

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, Fernando Moura (our Schools Officers) and the cleaners who had the task of cleaning up after the term, window cleaning and facilities upgrades. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The EJ School Ball

In the last week of Term 3, our school celebrated in style with our Fancy Dress Ball at City Hall. With many families and teaching staff in attendance, it was certainly a night to remember for those who have not experienced City Hall before or an EJ Fancy Dress Ball.

On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Justine Annan-Schmidt and her team of helpers for organising the event this year. Thanks also to Mark Summers and the dance teachers from Creative Dance Industries for preparing the students for their various dances. In 2020, we have made the decision to engage the services of the professional dance teachers from Creative Dance to work with all students from P-6.

Thank-you also to our school captains and Ms. Schumacher for performing the role of Master of Ceremonies on the night. It was certainly appreciated and the night flowed with enthusiasm and humour.

Well done to all involved and I look forward to next year’s EJ Ball.

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:

- 11 October
- 18 October
- 25 October

The sports for Summer Gala days are flipper ball, touch football, baseball, AFL 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 this 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.
Senior School Assembly & Run Club
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 1 November. There will also be no Run Club until week 4 due to Summer Gala Days. Run Club will start on Friday 1 November.

It’s Ok To Make Mistakes and Celebrate Errors
This year we have continued our discussions with students concerning the importance of celebrating errors. When learning, students will make errors and have misconceptions. Historically these have been associated with ‘being wrong’, something to be ashamed of, to cover up or erase, for fear of perceptions of failure to have met the teacher, peer or parental expectations.

Instead, we now want students to know that errors invite opportunity to learn. Errors are exciting because they identify what students currently known and what they could know. Errors are signs of opportunity to learn and they are to be embraced. It also indicates that students are within their learning zone and seeking challenge. By being in the learning zone (appropriately challenging), rather than the panic zone (too challenging) or the comfort zone (too easy), they are seeking challenge. This is important as we don’t want children to avoid challenge because they fear making errors.

Michael Jordan, famous basketballer, once said:
“I’ve missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times I’ve been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.”

Enrolments 2020
Any EJ families who will be enrolling students for the 2020 school year 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 2019 with children in Prep to Year 5 are also reminded to notify the office as soon as possible. Planning for 2020 is underway and we need accurate information to ensure appropriate decisions can be made.

Adam Mathewson

From the Deputy Principals
Year 3-Year 6
Welcome back to Term 4. I am really looking forward to the term ahead and already it looks just as busy as every other term with so much to achieve.

During the holidays I was listening to a podcast called Too Peas in a Podcast (https://toopeasinapodcast.podbean.com/). Essentially it is a conversation between two mothers who each have children with disabilities. This is a topic of interest for me as an educator, as a sibling of someone with disability, and as a parent and grandparent. I am always seeking to do the best I can to nurture an inclusive environment for my family and for our school.

I can see that our understanding of disability in education and school communities has seen great changes and improvements. The mothers in this podcast have really caused me to think about giving awards to students in the primary school setting. The awarding of certificates on assembly and at school events can be divisive. We hear everything from every child should get a ribbon, to having no awards, that intrinsic motivation is better than extrinsic motivation, children should just do the right thing, it’s too hard for some kids and they never get anything. As is often said, pleasing everyone is not possible. Reflecting on what is best for students and reviewing practices is so important.

There are many common practices around extrinsic rewards at our school. Most teachers use stickers, free time, preferred activities and certificates within the classroom setting or across year levels. These awards are largely focussed on engagement, improvement and the achievement of individual goals. This would be similar to parents using pocket money, treats and other rewards to reinforce preferred behaviour or achievement in the home environment. When an activity is something that just has to be done e.g. cleaning your room, these types of extrinsic awards can be very motivating.

Weekly class awards
Weekly class awards may also be given each week on assembly. These awards generally recognise learning behaviours (learning powers) that teachers identify as evident for a given student in a particular time period. Most teachers keep a record of these, and every child could receive one or two throughout the year. Students shine in many different ways over the course of a week, and of course they could all be worthy recipients every week.

Goal setting for students is a school priority. Recognising students in this way reminds all students that these ‘powers’ are valued at our school as a way of developing improvement in learning. Improvement is valued over achievement in these awards. At times, these can be social/emotional goals or engagement that is recognised, and personalised for each child.
Sports Awards
Historically these are the most common awards, as students who participate in sport show improvement, achieve personal bests, or are placed at school district, regional or state and national level in a wide variety of sports receive awards. We are so fortunate at Eagle Junction to have so many sporting opportunities where children can shine.

Achievement Awards
Selected students in Years 4-6 receive academic awards at the end of the year at the awards evening. Students who choose to participate in elective assessment/competition programs such as Reach and ICAS, and attain exceptional results in a variety of subjects, receive recognition on assembly. These academic awards represent the achievement of personal goals for some students and provide evidence for some children when applying for entry to select schools.

Music Awards
These awards recognise participation and sometimes achievement for students who commit to this activity that goes beyond the regular school curriculum in music.

Chappy Awards
These awards recognise students who display citizenship type behaviours and recipients are nominated by students.

Our goal is for these awards to provide encouragement and recognition in the wide variety of school and educational endeavours that are a part of school life in an inclusive and positive way. Not all schoolwork can be exciting and motivating for all students; sometimes it just takes a head down approach and maybe a little extrinsic motivation. Even adults seek extrinsic motivation, not just working for money, and there is a whole repertoire of technology devices and apps - Apple watches, etc. that are designed to reward adults for exercise, focus on task, and goal achievement. We use holidays, new clothes, jewellery, food and time out as rewards to get through so many less preferred activities.

I would love to hear your thoughts on this topic. Can we improve our approach? Is there something you would like us to know? You can contact me at jsimm8@eq.edu.au

Congratulations to last term’s class awards winners:

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Jann Simmonds
**Prep - Year Two**

**Welcome Back**
Welcome back to Term 4. It is sure to be a busy and productive last term of the year, full of exciting and challenging learning experiences for our students.

**Countdown to Soiree**
The highlight of our music program, Soiree, is fast approaching. Soiree showcases the hard work and talent of our Instrumental Music students and Senior and Junior Choirs. Soiree will be held on **Thursday 17 October** from 6:00 pm – 7:45 pm.

*Donations for the Soiree raffle hampers will be gratefully accepted at the office.*

**Volunteers** are also required for Soiree - if you are able to assist with preparations or on the night, please contact Angela Dawson adaws11@eq.edu.au

Soiree is sure to be a highlight of the school calendar once again this year.

**** Our **Music Support Group** will have a final meeting for Soiree tomorrow night at 6:00 pm in the Staff Room.

**Celebrating EJ Success**
Congratulations to the students who received their REACH Certificates at the Term 3 final assembly.

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**Junior School - Reach Awards**

Junior School Certificates of Recognition - 18 September

Have a wonderful week.

*Angela Dawson*
Book Shop Orders For 2020

Book pack orders for next year are now OPEN! Full details and instructions have been sent home 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 school Team App under the ‘Useful Info’ tab. If you would like a hard copy, please see the school office.

Orders will close at 5pm, 18 October 2019 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. 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!

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 27 – 28 November at school so if you would like to help, please send an email to Jo Thompson at ejbookshop@gmail.com.

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Book pack orders for next year will be opening at the beginning of Term 4 from the 8 – 18 October 2019.

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Please direct all enquiries to ejbookshop@gmail.com

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Student Free Day
Monday 21 October
Music Notes

'Music, in performance, is a type of sculpture. The air in the performance is sculptured into something'
- Frank Zappa

Music Soiree - Thursday 17 October
It's that time of the year again! The Music Department will showcase all of EJ's ensembles at Music Soiree, Thursday 17 October at 6pm in the hall. All instrumental music students (band and strings) and choir students (Junior and Senior) will participate. The Vocal Ensemble will perform for the first time. The SPRUKE ensemble will also show off their program on the night. Performers need to assemble in their warm up areas by 5.30pm.

Strings 2A / 1F Classrooms
Junior Band 2E Classroom
Senior Band 2F Classroom
Junior Choir 1C / 1D Classrooms
Senior Choir 1A / 1B Classrooms
& Spruke performers

Northside Honours Music Camp
Seven of EJ's Year 5 and 6 students were successful in their nomination to attend the 3 day Northside Honours Music Camp at Wavell State High School in the last week of Term 3. Congratulations to the following students who did a fine job of representing our school:

Claudia Drake Flute
Olivia Knauer Flute and Piano
Hwangbin Seok Oboe
Jack Charlton Clarinet
William Plowman Clarinet
Emma Bond Cello
Lining Yu Cello

Lorna Sue and Christine Shume
Classroom Music Teachers

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EJSS Music Department Presents

Soirée 2019

Thursday 17th October
6:00pm

Featuring the Senior and Junior Concert Bands,
Senior and Junior Choirs, Senior and Beginner Strings,
Vocal Ensemble & highlights from the ukulele program

Held in the School Hall   Raffle prizes to be won   Gold Coin Donation
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DRAMA CLASSES
Shining Stars (Prep to Year 2)
Held in the E Block Music Room
From 2.55 — 4.10pm every Tuesday
from 15 October to 3 December.

Masterclass (Years 3 to 6)
Held in the E Block Music Room
From 2.55 — 4.10pm every Thursday
from 17 October to 5 December.
Confidence, communication, interaction and imagination. Practical
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BECOME A SCOUT

Kalinga Scout Group is looking for new members.
Come along, get outdoors and learn about:
• Camping
• Canoeing
• Lighting Fires
• Cooking
• Map Reading
• Making Friends
• Leadership
• Knot Tying
• First Aid

Cubs – ages 7 to 11. Meet Sunday 10 to 11:30 am
Scouts – ages 10½ to 15. Meet Friday 7 to 9 pm

Kalinga Scout Den
Bertha St, Wooloowin, Next to Kalinga Park

If you are interested please come along any week to see what we do
or call
Jeremy Harman 0410 291 816
Tony Beaumont 0401 694880
Calling all kids with a love for singing!

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Holiday Music Program

30 Sep - 4 Oct, 2019

Grades 3 - 6

Workshops include:
- Jazz/gospel music
- Classical music
- Folk/word music
- Musical Theatre/Pop music
- Movement & improvisation

Plus:
- An excursion to QPAC
- A laser show

For more info & to register visit www.birralee.org

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Places available in our children's choir from Prep to Year 6 with rehearsals in Bardon or Eagle Junction.

Our organisation believes in providing children and young people with rewarding singing experiences both onstage and beyond the concert hall.

Our activities focus on the provision of positive life experiences which allow them to move forward into adulthood as competent and confident human beings.

9733671001 | www.birralee.org | contact@birralee.org

Small Smiths Craft Club is coming to EIS in term 4.

It's starting to feel like Christmas.
We will be making presents, decorations and getting into the Yuletide spirit.

Age suitable for prep to year 6.
Duration 7 weeks for 2hr
Tuesday afternoon 3pm.
Starting week 2
Cost $1.00 for the term
Including all materials.
Take home all your creations
and a Small Smith's badge.
Facilitated by Sara Parnone
of Studio 51.

Flyer with all the details
will be sent home with all EIS kids.
So please look out for them!

Contact Details: smallstudio@outlook.com.au | 0417 366 137
Studio 51.com.au | @studiosmall
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