



28 March, 2024

Esk State School

Ever Seeking Knowledge



Hello everyone,

We had such a fun filled and busy week last week – all tucked into the term before the weather turned! Reports regarding the cross country and the Colour Explosion are further into the newsletter. It was wonderful to see so many of our parents helping out at the Colour Explosion! It takes a considerable effort to set up and pack up, so a special thank you to all those that assisted. The P&C fundraising coordinators are passing the baton onto Codey Peters. Ben and Sheridan are finishing up now that these events are nearly finished, and they have been mentoring Codey into the role. There are however some last minute messages: –

- please take the time to go into your child's Colour Explosion profile and have them select their prize.
- Please continue to return chocolate drive money to the office, and/or return any unsold chocolate as well. The P&C is looking to finalize the fundraiser during the first week of next term.

On another matter, I would like to draw your attention to the use of email to contact the school. **Please do not email the teacher directly regarding absences, withdrawal from PE, medication etc.** Emails are not time bound and are only accessible by the individual addressed - who are not necessarily the responsible officer. As such emails are unreliable methods for such topics of communication due to teacher absences, time when the email is read etc. **Please ring the school directly.** Emailing the teacher regarding other matters is certainly a viable means of communication.

The Dental Health Education Van is also in the school grounds. Our students are scheduled to visit the van for the incursion during week one of next term. *This is not a clinical visit.* This visit is more of an educational event where children will be learning about healthy lunch/food choices and general oral health tips and tricks such as brushing and flossing. Using a scientific inquiry approach, they will participate in interactive experiments to explore the dietary acids and sugars in foods. An added bonus to this incursion is the desensitization to the dental setting for when the students actually do have their teeth checked. 😊

• Mrs W

Around the classrooms – 5/6

We have been hard at work this term. We have finalised our assessments and are looking forward to a well-earned Easter Holidays. This week sees us enjoying the Year 5&6 camp to Maroon Dam Outdoor Education Centre. We will put a write up from camp and some pictures in the newsletter after the holidays.

Last week the Year 6 students designed their senior shirt. We have gone with a maroon shirt with dark grey panels, black collar and white piping. All the Year 6 students' names will go on the back within the numbers 24 as well as "SENIORS ESK STATE SCHOOL". The school emblem and the logo for "I'm like 2024% done" will be on the front. All the printing will be in white. Shirts will cost approximately \$37 each but we will finalise cost early next term. Order forms will go home in the first few weeks of Term 2.



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Weekly Awards

Term 1 Week 9

PREP/1K

Serenity – For keeping her yellow zone emotions in check

Allirah – For great improvements in reading

Skylah – For great improvements in all subjects

1/2L

Matilda – For her creative writing during assessment

Riley W – For always being ready to learn

Riley S – For her detailed recount in her assessment writing piece

3/4T

Ruby – Embracing difference

Alex – Writing creative narratives

Jai – Writing creative narratives

4/5R

Isaiah – Working quietly to complete his work

5/6S

Braidyn – Valuing the difference in others

Haylee – Being enthusiastic in her war cry leadership

Saxon – Contributing positively to the student council fundraiser

Welcome to Esk

Steely



Attendance Stars!

The class with the best attendance rate for week 8, was Yr5/6S with **94.40%**



Positive Behaviour for Learning

Each week our whole school has a PBL focus for the Star Awards presented on parade. The current unit of learning is "Our Behaviour Expectations".

Each class then has a lesson that develops that topic, and children are awarded according to the new learning for each week.

This week, all classes have been learning about: Following school routines --

Our Behaviour Expectations – Every day at school counts.

Important Dates: Term 2

APRIL

- 15 Term 2 commences
- 16-19 Dental Van visit
- 21 - 23 Parent Teacher Interviews (dates TBC)
- 24 Anzac Day Parade @ 2:30pm
- 25 Anzac Day Holiday

MAY

- 03 Prep Vision Screening
- 13 Raw Art Incursion
- 22 Under 8's Day/National Simultaneous Time

Admin News:

Mrs Brough & Mrs Lukritz



School Watch

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P & C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting:

Monday 15th April @ 3:15pm

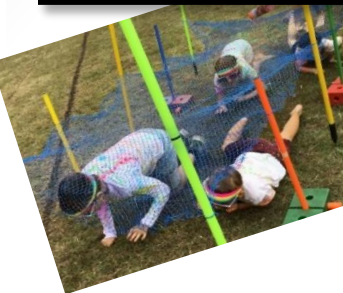
Uniform Shop:

We are open Tuesday mornings

8:30am – 9:30am

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Thanks to everyone that supported us at our Colour Explosion School Run 4 Fun! Fundraising has now closed it and it is time to order your prizes.

Every student who has raised \$10 or more can choose a prize! 🎁 Pick a prize from your highest category, or mix and match up to a total of 5 prizes. Prizes can be ordered online (<https://myprofilepage.com.au>)

Don't want prizes? Donate to a cause instead! You get the choice to donate to Carbon Neutral (tree planting), Great Barrier Reef Foundation (coral planting or turtle protections), The Smith Family (reading support) or OzHarvest (providing meals).

If you get stuck, your sponsorship booklet contains everything you need to know.

Congratulations to all our fundraisers!

**Login and order
prizes before 17th
April!**

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Inter-House Cross Country Carnival

On Thursday 21 March we held our annual Inter-House Cross Country Carnival. It was fantastic to see so many students participating. All students gave it their all and ran their hearts out and performed exceptionally well on the day. A big congratulations to all participants with special congratulations to our Age Champions listed below:

	Boys	Girls
12 Years	Bailey Taal	Jessica Black
11 Years	Benjamin Jost	Maggie Isidro
10 Years	Lenny Rowe	Leila Wood
9 Years	David Sevostjanov	Aubrey McGaw

The House Trophy on the day was also a very close contest between both houses with **IVORY** claiming the Overall Cross Country Champions for 2024.



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The top five (5) place getters in each of the 9 – 12 Years Age Groups have been selected to compete in the Brisbane Valley Cluster Schools Cross Country Carnival on Friday 19 April 2024 at Toogoolawah State High School. Results from this carnival will enable us to select our strongest team to represent 'Brisbane Valley Cluster Schools' at the Lockyer Zone Cross Country Carnival' on Friday 3 May at Lake Apex, Gatton.



STAFF PROFILE

Mrs Annaleise Lukritz – Business Manager

How long have you been at Esk State School?
14 years



What does your role entail?

I am a Public Servant who is responsible for front of house, answering phones, the day to day running of the school, *and much much more!*

What is the most satisfying part of your work?

I enjoy all aspects of my role within the school, but I do love speaking with the children and seeing them progress and grow from Prep to Year 6.

When not at school, what do you enjoy doing?

I love being at home, baking, practicing yoga, riding my e-bike on the rail trail and spending time with family.

LARRIKIN PUPPETS

SOMERSET CIVIC CENTRE

FRIDAY APRIL 12, 10.30-11.30AM

35 ESK HAMPTON ROAD

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Enjoy zany characters, hilarious skits, interactive dance, and catchy songs. Learn all about puppeteering from Sesame Street and Muppets trained puppeteers Brett and Elissa.



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CHATTING WITH CHAPPY

Brought Nothing In, Take Nothing Out

I wonder what are the most important things in life for you? Perhaps it is climbing the corporate ladder, living comfortably and ensuring that you take an overseas holiday each year? Or maybe keeping up-to-date with the latest tech gadgets and not missing out on what is trending that will add ease to your life?

I have spent the past few weeks in Sydney attending to my father in hospital who was dying. He was 87, lived a beautiful life, and incidentally, wanted for nothing. Although he lacked for nothing, his possessions meant very little to dad. What mattered most on this earth to him was the relationships he shared with his family and friends. The attendance at his funeral was a testimony to this fact. People came from everywhere to my father's funeral, many whom my mother had never laid eyes on before.

Dad valued each and every friendship that he had slowly nurtured and always made others feel special. He had time for others. To listen. To love. To meet their need in some practical way. I was inspired to re-evaluate the friendships that I have and remember to hold each of them with very high regard. Dad knew that he brought nothing into this world and he would take nothing out. Accumulating deep lasting friendships, rather than accumulating more possessions was at the very heart of who he was.

Perhaps, like me, you have spent too much time on the wrong sorts of things. You have let slip the very thing that matters most – people, not possessions. We all need a reminder from time to time when we let the stuff we own take precedent over the people we know. May this be a gentle reminder to all who read this article, including the author herself, that we diligently take time to show respect, love and genuine interest to those who are most dear and precious in our lives.

Chappy Jennifer

TENNIS COACHING

Term 2 Tennis Coaching will commence on Thursday 18th April in the School Hall from 1:10 pm – 1:45 pm.



Cost is \$10 per child per lesson.



Enrolment forms will be available from the office or at the hall with coach.

Ian Myles



Esk Before-Afterschool & Vacation Care



TERM 1 WEEK 10



EASTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Week 1: 2 April - 5 April 2024
Week 2: 8 April - 12 April 2024

To secure your child's place in our Vacation Care Group, please book in with Ms. Chris, at your earliest convenience.

All children must arrive with a hat, water bottle, sleeved shirt and covered shoes.

Morning Tea, Lunch & Afternoon Tea are provided, please advise of allergies.

Excursion Fees Apply

Call or Text

0459 089 668

WK01



NO VACATION CARE - EASTER MONDAY

TUESDAY
Scoot & Skate at Esk
School Easter Arts & Crafts - Easter
Hats & Baskets

WEDNESDAY
Technology & Dance
Sesh Little Chefs - Make
Chocolate Eggs

THURSDAY
Aerial & Silk Play - Learn Silks &
High Rope Balance

FRIDAY
EASTER
PARTY
JUMPING CASTLE & EGG HUNT

MONDAY
Tutor: Place - Slime Science Day

TUESDAY
Arts & Crafts - Make your own Boomerang
Technology Day

WEDNESDAY
Adventures at the River

THURSDAY
Musical Games & Dancing

FRIDAY
Teddy Bear Picnic @ Fairways Park

WK02



We thank all the parents and carers who are participating in our Cadbury Fundraising Chocolate Drive. Your support is well appreciated by all of our hardworking P and C volunteers.

We do have a couple more boxes available in the admin office, if you would like an extra box to take to your workplace please come and collect.

Please, if you have any remaining chocolates please return to the admin office to allow another family to sell before the Easter break. All monies to be returned to the office no later than the 19th of April.

The family that sells the most chocolates will be rewarded a GIANT block of chocolate, a whopping 10kg Cadbury Dairy Milk bar that stands 1 metre tall that is valued at \$210.

STUDENT COUNCIL

We had a successful Hot Dog Day last week. Thanks to Mrs Danielle Smith who helped make the hotdogs for us on the day. We brought in \$432 on the day which made for a profit of \$222.20. We have been surveying the students to decide what we should spend our money on this year.

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