Dates to Remember
September
17 – Music Parade
17 – Principals 100% Club Afternoon Tea
18 – TYME Festival
18 – School Disco 6pm–8pm
19 – Year 6 & 7 Sports TSHS
19 – Last day Term 3
October
6 – Labour Day Holiday
10 – Next Newsletter

From the Principal’s Desk
Last Newsletter for this Term
This is the last newsletter for this term. It has been another busy term and a great learning one too. On behalf of all the staff I wish you a safe and happy holiday. Remember that school begins back on Tuesday 7 October.
Principal’s 100% Attendance Club
This term we are looking at about 33 students (so far) who have been at school every day this term. Next Wednesday I will have a celebration with these students. A photo will be in the newsletter next term. It has been a tough winter’s term with lots of illness among the students and staff. So well done for making it through.
Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher interviews will be held on 8 October 2014 between 3:15pm and 6:05pm. That’s the first Wednesday back next term. Please make good use of this to ensure you are kept up to speed on your child’s progress. Don’t forget that you can always make an appointment any time during the year to discuss progress.
Sporting Transition to High School
As part of our Cluster’s transition to high school, Toogoolawah State High School has invited all Year 6 and 7 students from our Cluster of schools to a sports afternoon at the High School next Friday 19 September 2014. The permission form, the tuckshop menu and other details were sent home last Friday. The permission form is due back now. If you haven’t sent it back please do so on Monday as we need to know final numbers for making teams and bus travel. This event carries no cost. It is a great way to help our students’ transition to high school that much smoother.
Parade
No Parade next Friday 19 September, due to Year 6 & Year 7 sports day at TSHS

Esk State School’s Explicit Improvement Agenda
Our agenda for improvement is to improve Teaching Practice, Deliver a high quality Curriculum, Build and Foster Partnerships, and Leadership and Capability.

Head Lice Alert!
Please check and treat as necessary.

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Meetings: 3rd Monday of the Month

Be Respectful
Be Safe
Be a Learner
2015 Leadership Program

Our 2015 Leadership program is underway. Participation in our school leadership program is voluntary for students who will be entering Year Six in 2015. Students who participate will be eligible to nominate for the positions of School Captain, House Captain, Music Captain and Student Councillor. They will be expected to fulfill certain responsibilities during the remainder of this year and next year.

Criteria for Selection:

- High level of leadership skills and demonstrated safe behaviours.
- Consistent adherence to school values and rules.
- Very high level of responsibility and a willingness to commit to activities associated with the role.
- Well-developed communication skills and respect for others
- Demonstrated ability to be a learner. Have quality personal presentation. A readiness to learn. Always wearing the school uniform with pride and having very regular attendance at school.

Students were today given the yellow application form. Mrs Dolan and I fully explained the process to students. Parents of our Year 5 students, please take time to read this form as it is quite detailed and students may need some assistance. Of interest will be the back page. Here it explains that an adult other than a family member needs to supply the student with a reference. Completed application forms need to be handed to Mr Crichton by Friday 17 October. Application form points will be added at the next staff meeting and a short list of applicants will be decided upon. Students who make the short list will be informed on Wednesday 29 October. They will then prepare their speeches with support from both school and home. Speeches to staff and students for short listed candidates will take place on Thursday 6 November. This will be followed by a voting process where students and staff are asked to vote for the candidates. The results of the election, combined with the application forms and speeches will be taken into consideration when deciding upon the 2015 School Leaders. Year Six School Leaders for 2015 will be announced at the end of the 2014 school year. Badges will be presented at the School Leader’s Induction Ceremony early in 2015. The school badge must be worn at all times. A student’s badge may be withdrawn in the event of misbehaviour at school or on the way to or from school. The Principal is the only person with the power to remove a badge. Return of the badge is possible and will need to be negotiated with the student, parents and the Principal.

Bullying

I thought it would be a great idea to put a piece in the Newsletter to help parents and the community understand just what Bullying is. It may not be what you think. Over the next few newsletters I will be including further information. This is taken from “Bullying among young children, a guide for parents”. Published by the Australian Government Attorney-General’s Department.

What exactly is bullying?

Parents need to be clear about what bullying is – and what it is not.

It is not about children of roughly the same strength or power arguing or quarrelling or getting into the odd fight about something.

Bullying occurs when somebody who is less powerful than another person or a group is deliberately and (typically) repeatedly hurt without in any way deserving that treatment.

The children doing the bullying enjoy what they are doing and the victim is unable to avoid being bullied.

These are some of the ways a child may be bullied by peers at school:

- A child may be physically bullied by being continually struck or pushed around by another person or group.
- There may be repeated threats of what is going to happen next.
- Property may frequently be taken away or damaged.
- The bullying may be verbal, as in unpleasant name-calling and constant ridicule.
- A child may be bullied indirectly as happens when someone is excluded from an activity without reason or nasty rumours are spread about her or him.

Bullying may be carried out in any or all of these ways.

Identifying Bullying

It commonly begins when a child is ‘picked on’ by another child or by a group of children, is unable to resist and lacks the support of others.

It will continue if the children doing the bullying have little or no sympathy for the child they are hurting, and especially if they are getting some pleasure out of what they are doing – and if nobody stops them.

It takes place mostly outside the centre or school building at free play, recess or lunchtime. It may also happen on the way to or from the school or centre, and especially on the school bus if there is not adequate supervision.

Bullying may sometimes occur in the classroom. Here it is usually of a more stable, non-physical kind, such as cruel teasing, making faces at someone or repeatedly making unkind and sarcastic comments.

Identifying bullying is sometimes not easy. Carers or teachers are often not present when it happens, and children are often reluctant to tell anyone.

Bullying needs to be brought out into the open. Parents should encourage children who are being bullied to tell and get help from people they can trust.
NAPLAN

NAPLAN results have been published to schools. Last newsletter I shared our Reading and Writing results. This week I share our Numeracy and Spelling results. **Numeracy**: Our results are quite pleasing! In Year 3 there are 32% of students in the highest two levels and there are an impressive 79% of students at or about the National Minimum Standard. This is however below what was achieved when compared with Year 3s across the Nation. In Year 5 15% of students are in the highest two levels and there are 65% of students at or about the National Minimum Standard. This too is below what was achieved when compared with Year 5s across the Nation. In Year 7 there were no students in the highest two levels but very pleasingly 100% of them are at or about the National Minimum Standard, which when compared to Year 7s across the Nation is higher. **Spelling**: Our results have improved when compared to last year! In Year 3 there are 14% of students in the highest two levels and there are an impressive 86% of students at or about the National Minimum Standard. This is however below what was achieved when compared with Year 3s across the Nation. In Year 5 20% of students are in the highest two levels and there are 70% of students at or about the National Minimum Standard. This also is below what was achieved when compared with Year 5s across the Nation. In Year 7 there are 22.2% students in the highest two levels. This is about the same as the nation! Again 100% of students are at or about the National Minimum Standard, which when compared to Year 7s across the Nation is higher. In the next newsletter I talk about the last of the NAPLAN areas of Grammar and Punctuation.

**Graduation Slide Show – YOUR HELP URGENTLY NEEDED!!**

Each year we make a slide show of our graduating students’ time at primary school. This year we will be making the “movie” for both Year 6 and 7. A vital part of the movie’s structure is the photos of the students which we pull together from our files. But we also need two photos from you; one baby photo and one first day of school photo. Please send these in urgently to the office in an envelope with your child’s name written on the front. We will scan them and return them to you. Alternatively you can scan them and send them in yourself – jpeg format please.

**Administration**

**Fun Swimming** - starts in Week 3 of next term and goes for 5 weeks. The cost is $5.00 per student (**Years 1 to 7 only**). Some of you may have already paid for this at the start of 2014. If you are unsure that you have paid, please call our office on 5424 4111 to check prior to sending in payment with your child. Please remember that any money coming into the Administration Office needs to be placed in a sealed envelope with the following details written on the front – student’s name, roll class, what the payment is for, and the dollar amount enclosed.

**Parent Teacher Interviews** - A reminder that Parent Teacher Interview forms were sent home on Monday, 1 September and are due back by last day of Term 3 (19 September). Please ensure that your form is returned so you may meet with your child’s teacher if needed.

**Electronic Devices, Phones etc** - Please reiterate with your children that any phones, electronic devices, etc. are handed in to the Office for safekeeping, immediately upon entering the school grounds. These items may be collected after last bell of the day. Toys from home are also discouraged from being brought to school at any time.

**Lost property**: Next week we will lay out all the lost property items under A Block. Please come and check if any of the clothing belongs to your family. Any items that are named will be returned. Any items that cannot be returned will be donated to a local charity at the end of term.

**Sport** – Mrs Rollston

Reminder for Term 4: Swimming in PE lessons for **ALL** classes will begin in **week 3** after the holidays. Please make sure your child has all their swimming gear ready. Year 6/7 will be on Wednesdays (10:15). Year 1 (12:15), 1/2 (11:30), 2/3 (1:30), 3/4 (10:00), 4/5 (8:45) and 5/6 (9:30) classes will be on Thursdays. Preps will swim on Friday mornings after Parade. Children need to wear their **swimmers**, a **sun shirt** and a **swimming cap** in the pool. They also need to bring a towel and may bring goggles if required. Please make sure everything (swimming gear and school uniforms) is clearly named. If any parents/caregivers are able to help in or out of the pool it would be greatly appreciated especially in the younger classes. Having smaller groups means more swimming for the children. If you are able to help please let your child’s teacher know.

**Music** – Mr Smith

Our special music parade for Term 3 is on Wednesday September 17 in the hall. We will start with our Concert Band, followed by a performance by the Year 3/4 class and finishing with our Junior Choir and Senior Choir. Please come and see your child perform. Band students should wear your band uniform with black pants, black shoes and black socks. The Concert Band is also going to represent our school at the TYME Festival at the University of Southern Queensland on Thursday September 18. The bus is leaving at 8:15am so please make sure you are in time for the bus and please get your forms back.

Year 3 and 4 students should remember to get their instrument forms back as soon as possible to join the band next year.
Prep – Mrs Richter
All the preps have been working hard on their assessments. I have tried to make it fun as well as informative. They have needed some breaks so we have been playing physical games to break up the time spent at desks. Where possible the games relate to the task. For example in art activities we have been learning about warm colours compared to cool colours, so our physical games is “warm jelly” a ‘twister’ type game on the carpet. Next week we are making models of a favourite place in Esk. I have asked the children to bring a photo of their favourite place in Esk to share with the class. If it is easier you can email me their photo (arich66@eq.edu.au) or they can draw their special place. It would help them if you could go there and look at all the features of the buildings or gardens or play equipment on the weekend. Don’t forget to use your sense of smell and touch to learn about features. To help with this task we will need more collage, so small boxes, cardboard, plastic bottles etc would come in handy. Put your child’s name on anything they don’t want to share with the class. For example, if they find a container that reminds them of a special piece of playground equipment at the children’s park that they want to keep for their own model. This is part of their geography assessment this term.

Year 1 – Mrs Kitching
No report available from Mrs Kitching due to Illness

Year 1/2 – Mr Sanderson
Hello Parents and Care-Providers, the Little Eskies (we’re cool!) have been busy busy busy this week. There’s been assessment for most areas of the curriculum – Mathematics, English, Science, Geography, Technology, and Art. With extra-curricular activities like gymnastics, junior choir, Buddy Class, and the P&C fund-raiser BBQ adding excitement and further learning opportunities to an already packed timetable. The week ahead will see this trend continue as we finish our reading levels testing, the last of the assessment, and enjoy the extra-curricular activities such as the Music Parade and the School Disco.

ALERT! We will be sending home the fruits of the Little Eskies’ many labours toward the end of the final week of term. So if you see a pantechnicon truck pull up in your driveway, don’t panic, it’s just your child’s learning artefacts arriving.

It’s been really fantastic to have the mums and carers in the classroom this term. They have been able to value add to all the student’s learning in so many ways. So thanks Mrs B, Mrs M, Lynne and Phil. Don’t be shy folks, we can always use an extra pair of hands in the room, even just for a half hour once a week.

Year 2/3 – Mrs McTaggart
Homework is as normal with spelling and maths sheet. Home reading is changed when it is returned, as usual.
Students’ seedlings will go home next Friday for planting at home. Enjoy the beans that your child has nurtured.
Enjoy the holidays and I look forward to seeing many parents at the Parent/Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 8 October.

Year 3/4 – Ms Vaughan
The students are constantly amazing me with their progress. Year 3/4 have been working hard at an English assessment piece where they are required to plan, and create a retell of The Lorax by Dr Seuss from an animal character’s point of view. After writing their retell the students are to perform an oral presentation in front of an audience. Some students have presented already and the standard is spectacular.

In Science we are about to conduct an investigation to find out which bowl of porridge goes cold the fastest. Was Goldilocks right when she said that Mama’s Bears medium-sized bowl was too cold and Baby Bears little bowl was just right? We will use our scientific skills to determine the outcome.

The Year 3/4 students are also working towards performing a song which will hopefully be ready for Music Parade on the 17th of September.

Stay tuned for more information.

Year 4/5 – Mrs Nan
We are now working on our assessment piece for History. Each Student will chose an early Australian convict to research. They will then write an historical narrative imagining they are that convict. They will complete a timeline showing important dates in the convict’s life. As they will have time on the computer, could you please make sure they have their USB so they can save their work - especially any information they bring from home.

Year 4/5 – Mrs Dolan
No report available from Mrs Dolan

Year 6/7 - Mrs Smith
In Technology students have all completed a design proposal for a Makedo object. Makedo is a reusable connector system for creating amazing objects from recycled materials. Students should have all their materials at school ready to start building their object on Monday 15 September. The objects need to be finished and handed in by Thursday 18 September. Those attending the TYME Festival can hand their Makedo in on Friday morning but they won’t have any school time on the Friday to work on it due to the TSHS Sport Day.

There are a few disruptions to normal class time this week and next but we have steamed ahead when we can. In Maths we have been working on square and triangular numbers. Soon we will be looking at numbers less than zero. We have been getting class copies of the Courier Mail Newspapers this week and next which has been a great addition to our English unit on News Reports.

Don’t forget to send back the permission note for the Toogoolawah High School Sport Day on Friday 19 September.

We have reached the milestone with everyone in our class receiving ten Gotchas. So to celebrate we will be a sharing Ice-Cream Spiders on Monday 15 September. This will happen in the middle session.

**Year 6 and Year 7 Students - Mrs Smith & Mrs Dolan**

We have started work on the Year Book with the Students in Years 6 & 7. Students have been writing about events from this year and from years past. We would like some more photos. Please send in any photos of the following for each child in Year 6 and Year 7:

- A baby photo (For the Movie)
- A first day of school photo (for the Movie) regardless of which school your child attended.
- Any group photos from times at Esk State School (for the Year Book and Movie).

**Around our School**

**DISCO- Thursday 18 September- Mrs Smith**

The Esk State School Disco will be on Thursday 18 September from 6:00pm – 8.00pm. The theme will be **Fancy Dress**. Come dressed up in a costume. Be an animal, or a famous person or a type of person (clown, cowboy, football player) or something else. The only limit is your imagination.

Students can pre-purchase a Disco Deal for $5. Disco Deals will include- entrance to the disco, a drink, chips, lolly bag and 1 glow bracelet. Disco Deals need to be paid for by 3pm Tuesday 16 September. Items can also be purchased individually- Entrance fee $2, Drinks $2 (softdrink, juice or water), Chips $1, Lolly bags $2, Glow bracelets 2 for 50c and Glow necklaces 80c each.

The Student Council will set up the hall during the day so no one will need to come to school prior to the doors opening at 6pm. Staff will be available to supervise children from 6pm until 8pm that night. Note: at Esk almost all the school staff attend and help out at Discos. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated staff.

Parents are welcome to attend free of charge. Note that no children who are not students of Esk State School will be admitted. No high school students please. Parents should arrange for their child/ren to be picked up from the hall at 8pm promptly. Note that children will not be permitted to walk home unaccompanied and that parents will need to come to the door to collect their children.

The P&C will be running a BBQ outside. Please see P&C notices for details. Parents and children should eat outside the hall. Tables and chairs will be available.

**Morning Sports Program Starting**

Mrs Machin is ending the sports activities in the hall at play times on Thursday. Instead she is going to run field games on the ovals before school on a Wednesday morning. Next Wednesday she is playing a field game on the bottom oval for Year 4 to 7 students. She will then, on the next Wednesday move to the top oval for Year 1 to 3 – alternating between weeks. We will draw up a timetable next term so students will know which oval and when.

**Cricket Clinic**

A one day cricket clinic will be held at Esk State school on **Thursday 18 September, 2014**. Each class will attend a session during the school day in their physical education time which is supervised by a Queensland cricket coach and Mrs Rollston (PE teacher) who will guide students through a number of activities designed to enhance their throwing and catching skills.

**Esk State School - Thursday 18 September**

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The Heat Vists Esk State School
Linc Energy Regional Tour On Way

Brisbane Heat duo Nathan Reardon and foundation BBL player Alister McDermott head this week’s Linc Energy Regional tour through south-west Queensland, with the roadshow also providing a homecoming of sorts for recent Heat recruit Reardon. Reardon, who will link with Brisbane for the first time in BBL|04 after previously playing for the Melbourne Renegades and Adelaide Strikers in the KFC T20 Big Bash League, has enjoyed a return to his old home town of Chinchilla during the tour. McDermott is no stranger to the region either, having done two previous visits to the area for the Heat. The tour has taken in visits to Roma, Chinchilla, Dalby, Esk and Toogoolawah.

Reardon and McDermott, the son of former Test fast bowling great Craig McDermott, have joined the week-long tour by Queensland Cricket High Performance Youth Coaching Co-ordinator Vic Williams who has conducted a Pace Bowling Roadshow in the region for the first time as part of the program.

Queensland Cricket State Development Manager Matt Williams, a former Roma resident, is also a part of the tour, along with Toowoomba-based QC Regional Cricket Manager Bruce Deem and Game and Market Development Staff Sean Dyball, Eliza Weste and Kate Geerings.

As State Development Manager, Williams said the tour would provide a timely touchpoint for potential players, volunteers, coaches and administrators.

“Cricket is well into the annual sign-on period around the State through Play Cricket month, and we’re looking forward to providing a boost for the local cricket bodies in each of the centres we’re visiting,” he said. “We’ll be doing some coach education, a MyCricket.com.au session for the volunteers, MILO T20 Blast School Cup activities and some talent ID and specialist coaching through the Pace Bowling roadshow program,” Williams said.

Food for Thought! – Mr Sanderson

New research is showing that sugar is changing the cellular structure of adiposity cells (the body’s ‘fat’ cells). When this change takes effect the body seems to say, “Oh, this is your ‘normal’ body weight” and tries to maintain that weight, despite your best efforts to change to your genetic weight. This means it is twice as hard to lose weight and twice as easy to put it on. A shock revelation from the research—sorry dieters—is that it takes about ten years to get the adiposity cells back to their original genetic state. The results of this research have been proposed as one reason short- to medium-term dieting doesn’t work. But don’t despair, all is not lost! Just removing one sugary item, such as soft drink from a child’s diet can have significant impact, and besides water is cheaper!

Lunchbox Idea!
Sausage Rolls

500g low-fat mince (try kangaroo or venison for something different)     1 clove garlic, crushed (optional)
3 chopped shallots                                                                            1 tbsp chopped parsley
Commercial puff pastry ready-cut sheets        salt to taste

Preheat oven to 180 degrees C.
Mix mince with shallots, garlic, parsley and salt. Cut pastry sheets in half. Place a sausage shape of mince in the middle of the sheet. Roll over, prick top. Cut to required lengths. Bake 20 minutes or until cooked.
Celebrations

Star Pupils

Prep
Fantastic interpretation of data.
Great listening in this week’s Art lesson
Year One
No Awards this fortnight
Year One/Two
Best work in Diary Writing
Year Two/Three
Learner: Handing in completed homework every week.
Excellent understanding of new work in fractions.
Year Three/Four
Learner: An outstanding retell and oral presentation.
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Being a great learner this week.
Year Four/Five
Neat work in your Science book.
Always working hard in Maths and Reading groups.
Year Five/Six
Amazing efforts in reading.
Year Six/Seven
Building a great Pyramid.
Completing and handing in Science Homework.
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Special Award

Prep
Using classroom resources effectively.
Speaking and Listening well
Year One
Outstanding effort in Science
Year One/Two
Big improvement in observing classroom rules.
Year Two/Three
Learner: Handing in and reading his home reader each day.
Great work in all learning areas.
Year Three/Four
No Special awards this week.
Year Four/Five
Being a good team member in Science.
Showing improvement in participating in classroom discussions.
Year Five/Six
Helping others with computer tasks.
Helping others with computer tasks.
Great effort in PE.
Year Six/Seven
Assisting others with emailing work.

Mathletics Certificates

Accelerated Reader Certificates

Gotcha Award
Sponsored by Esk Newsagency

Congratulations

Welcome to Esk
Jessi Deifenbach-Kerr

Names and photographs have been removed for privacy reasons.
Celebrations cont....

**Gotcha Gem Cards**
Peridot (20 Gotchas)
Opal (40 Gotchas)
Garnet (60 Gotchas)
Amethyst (80 Gotchas)

**Teacher Aide Day Friday 5 September**
Teacher Aide day was celebrated with a luncheon that was supplied by all the teaching staff. The Aides also received a lovely chocolate flower arrangement, gift bag with fudge, bath bombs, a bottle of wine, and beautiful handwritten notes from the staff and children thanking them for all the work they do around the school and in the classrooms. Our Aides are a valued part of the staff here at Esk State School and we wanted them to feel special and appreciated on their day.

Teacher Aides: Mrs Chin, Mr Crichton (Principal), Mrs Whiting and Miss Jacqui. Absent: Miss Rhonda.

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**Community News**

**Somerset Regional Council**

The **School Holiday Program**, starting at $20 per child per day, includes such activities as netball, tennis, futsal, basketball, gymnastics, karate, AFL and lawn bowls and each day has a special activity such as a jumping castle, pedal go karts or swimming. This program will be in Esk on Tuesday 23 September, Fernvale on Thursday 25 September and Kilcoy on Friday 26 September. Flyers sent home today with the newsletter.

**Somerset Skate Clinics** are free to the public and will be launched in Esk on Saturday 27 September with prizes available on the day. The clinics will then run each Saturday in Esk until 1 November and will then begin in Kilcoy on Saturday 8 November and continue for four weeks. The clinics will be coming to Fernvale, Lowood and Toogoolawah in 2015.

**Take home a big brother or big sister** - Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan and USA will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralia@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
Thanks to all of the families, staff and members of the community who turned out for our first fundraising social night. The 'It's Spring' evening was well attended and we've received a lot of positive feedback about the evening. We are on our way to raising the funds for the new refrigerator and a new oven/cooktop for the tuckshop, but we still have a lot of funds to raise. Please read about our up and coming fundraising initiatives below and give us a hand to raise the several thousand dollars we need for the tuckshop equipment.

**Tuckshop –** Can you spare 2 hours on a Tuesday or Thursday morning? **The Tuckshop needs volunteers.** If you can help, please let the admin know, or drop into the tuckshop and see Lesley or Kim. Out of our 120+ families we only have two helpers!

**P&C BBQ at next School Disco**
Yes we'll be back making burgers and sausage sizzles at the next school disco on Thursday 18 September 6pm - 8pm. We'll make sure we have more burgers this time as we sold out pretty quickly last time. If you’re dropping the kids off why not buy them a burger or sausage sizzle for dinner before the disco, or if you staying for the duration, have dinner with us and support your local P&C. Hamburger, Cheese Burger or Vegie Burger $5.00 each. Sausage Sizzle $2.50 each. If you know you are going to be there on the night and you’d like to pre-order for yourself or the kids, text Mel Hatch-Green on 0411465114 with your order and the time you’d like to collect it and we’ll ensure you are well fed!

**P&C Meeting next Monday night -** 15 September at 6.30pm in the school library - all welcome!

**6/7 Graduation update**
Thank you to those 6 year 6/7 parents who attended our recent P&C meeting to discuss the year 6/7 Graduation Evening. It was unanimously decided not to provide a sit down dinner for the night but rather the P&C facilitate a sausage sizzle at second break after Graduation night followed by a pool party for the year 6/7 students in third session. **Could any year 6/7 parents who can either assist with the sausage sizzle or donate ingredients for the sizzle & party please contact Mel Hatch-Green, Michael Rollston or Bec FitzGerald - to date we have one parent donating goods and one parent helping with the sausage sizzle.** Please let us know if you can donate or help. Thank you...

**Aus Lotto Fundraiser**
This runs for 8 weeks - which works out to $2.25/week. Numbers are $20 each and if your number is drawn you win $40 cash. Draw to commence once all numbers are sold. Thanks to those families who have purchased numbers. Come on folks, please support this fundraiser, put your $20 in an envelope with your preferred number and pop into the P&C box in the office admin area. Thank you!

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**HOG Riders morning tea - shout out to our wonderful bakers!**
The Harley Davidson Owners Group will be heading our way on **Sunday October 5th** for morning tea. In the past these catered mornings have been wonderful fundraisers for the P&C so we look forward to having another great fundraising opportunity that gives our school families a break from putting their hands in their pockets to financially support the P&C. We would however, ask for assistance from all of our bakers out there who have provided us with awesome sweet and savoury goodies to present to our biker friends in the past. If we can get as many bakers on board as possible as we are expecting close to 130 bikers on the morning, **if you could create 2 dozen of your finest home baked treats** to bring to the tuckshop on Sunday 5th October between 8am and 9am, or they can be popped into the tuckshop freezer prior to the event if you are going away that last long weekend of the school holidays. Please contact Mel Hatch-Green for further details or to advise if you can bake for this event, AND if you can help out on the morning with the set-up, BBQ and pack up from 8am - 11.30am please let us know - we’ll need about 6-8 helpers on the morning. Please contact Mel Hatch-Green on 0411 465114 or email justmel7@bigpond.com. Thank you to the ladies who have already volunteered to bake, we still need another 3 or 4 bakers on board, so please let me know if you can help out.
Cricket Sign-on Day
Cricket Skills and Fun Afternoon in McConnel Park,
Toogoolawah
17th of September, 2014
Come and try!
• 3.15 pm to 4.30pm
• All ability levels welcome- Years 8 to 16 (girls and boys)
• Attend an afternoon of cricket fun
• Learn skills
• Every junior receives a gift
• All equipment provided

Esk District Junior Cricket Club is a registered club with the
Get Started initiative so Get in the game. Every participant goes into the draw for a $50.00 voucher from AMart Allsports

Somerset Region
MOBILE HUB
Supporting you to access the information and services you need
ESK
Thursday 18 September 2014
10am - 11.30am
Friendly Grocer
101 Ipswich Street Esk

Representatives from the following groups will be available to speak with you:
• Family support
• Disability support
• Housing support
• Youth activities
• Carers support
• Aged care...and more

For more information phone
Somerset Regional Council on 5424 4000

Jamie's
MINISTRY OF FOOD
AUSTRALIA
Join us for a Community Information Session
Jamie's Ministry of Food Ipswich.

Come and join us for a Jamie's Ministry of Food community information session, delivered with the support of the Somerset Regional Council. The session will provide information for community organisations on the five week cooking program, how to book clients into the program, group booking information and more.

Where:
Fernvale Community Hall,
32 Banks Creek Road, Fernvale, QLD 4300.

When:
Tuesday 16 September 2014.
Time:
12.00pm – 1.00pm

Presenter:
Darren Foxcroft, Ipswich Centre Manager

RSVP: info@thewoodfoundation.com.au by Friday 12 September.
Fireweed
Senecio madagascarensis

Fireweed is an introduced weed that competes strongly with pasture species and is toxic to livestock. Fireweed is responsible for disease, slow growth and poor conditioning of cattle, and can result in death. Heavy infestations of fireweed often result from neglect of nearby invasive fireweed infestations in previous years, and lack of good ground cover caused by overgrazing, drought, fire or cultivation.

Declaration details
Fireweed is a declared Class 2 pest plant under the Land Protection ( Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2000. A Class 2 pest is one that has already spread over substantial areas of Queensland, but its impact is so serious that we need to try and control it and avoid further spread onto properties that are still free of the pest. By law, all landholders must try to keep their land free of Class 2 pests and it is an offence to keep or sell these pests without a permit. A local government may serve a notice upon a landholder requiring control of declared pests.

SUPPORTING SOMERSET VOLUNTEERS
Somerset Regional Council is pleased to deliver several events designed to acknowledge and build Somerset sporting clubs and volunteer organisations. We hope you can join us.

EXCELLENT CLUB COMMITTEES
Tuesday, 14 October
6pm, Esk Bowls Club
This is a very valuable workshop for club committees. This session will provide information on legislation and regulations, how to get the best out of your members, and keeping your club on track.
RSVP by Thursday, 9 October

BOUNDARIES AND CONFIDENTIALITY
Tuesday, 21 October
6pm, Fernvale Futures Complex
Workshop on Basic Practice Guidelines – for helping hands and support people.
This training workshop will deliver basic practice guidelines including boundaries, confidentiality, self-care, and managing vicarious trauma.
RSVP by Friday, 17 October

SAVE THE DATE
International Volunteer Day
Friday, 5 December 2014
Somerset Civic Centre, Esk

RECRUITMENT AND PROMOTION
Thursday, 18 September
9.30am, Simeon Lord Room, Esk Library
Need to boost your volunteer recruitment? Find out how you can link with volunteers and available opportunities in the community. This session will explore the most effective ways of promoting your volunteer group and activities in Somerset.
RSVP by Tuesday, 16 September

GRANT WRITING
Wednesday, 19 November
7pm, Alexandra Hall, Toogoolawah
A grant writing workshop combined with briefing on the Community Benefits Fund.
Tips and advice for community groups preparing to write grant applications and specifically the Gambling Community Benefit Fund.
RSVP by Monday, 17 November

For information and bookings contact
Somerset Regional Council on 5424 4000
or mail@somerset.qld.gov.au

The following organisations have made these events possible:

All sessions are free. Eighty applicants and limits on numbers.

Great state. Great opportunity.