Dates to Remember
August
5 – Ice-cream Spider Day
7 – Lockyer Athletics
9 – Working Bee
10 – Ekka Show Holiday
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19 – Book Week Starts
19 – Book Week Performance
26 – Over 50’s Performance
28 – Newsletter
31 – Father’s Day Stall

From the Principal’s Desk
School Opinion Survey
Every family in the school (110) was given a School Opinion Survey – Parents to complete online. We have had 23 families out of a possible 110 complete the survey. Please would you complete the survey as a matter of urgency!! If you have misplaced your papers would you please contact us for a reissue.

Lockyer Athletics
We wish our Athletes every success in the Lockyer Zone Athletics scheduled for next Friday. (Details inside.)

Year 6 Graduation Movie
Could all parents of Year 6 students please send in a photograph of their child on their first day of school and a baby photo for the Year 6 Graduation Movie. You are able to email photos to us if that is easiest, to admin@eskss.eq.edu.au. Hard copy photos will be returned.

Full School Review
Full School Reviews are performed in all State Schools every 4 years. Our School’s Review will be carried out some time next term. The review focuses on nine areas (Domains) which are:-

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Full School Review Continued…..

**Domain 1: An explicit improvement agenda** - The school leadership team and/or governing body have established and are driving a strong improvement agenda for the school, grounded in evidence from research and practice and expressed in terms of improvements in measurable student outcomes. Explicit and clear school-wide targets for improvement have been set and communicated to parents and families, teachers and students, with accompanying timelines.

**Domain 2: Analysis and discussion of data** - A high priority is given to the school-wide analysis and discussion of systematically collected data on student outcomes, including academic, attendance and behavioural outcomes, and student wellbeing. Data analyses consider overall school performance as well as the performances of students from identified priority groups; evidence of improvement/regression over time; performances in comparison with similar schools; and, in the case of data from standardised tests, measures of growth across the years of school.

**Domain 3: A culture that promotes learning** - The school is driven by a deep belief that every student is capable of successful learning. A high priority is given to building and maintaining positive and caring relationships between staff, students and parents. There is a strong collegial culture of mutual trust and support among teachers and school leaders and parents are treated as partners in the promotion of student learning and wellbeing. The school works to maintain a learning environment that is safe, respectful, tolerant, inclusive and that promotes intellectual rigour.

**Numeracy Focus**

During this semester we are having a Year 1 to Year 6 focus on basic number facts. We are using classroom data from a point in time test and then working hard and teaching and learning numbers facts for a 5 week period. At the end of that time we give the same test again. Preps will be focussing on rhyming words and sight words. This ‘short-cycle’ data enables us to measure growth in student outcomes and enables students to know exactly how they are going!

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**THE 8 TRAITS OF EMOTIONALLY STRONG FAMILIES**

By Michael Grose

1. **Members come together regularly and enjoy each other’s company.**
   A variety of Strong Families Studies agree on one fact – that people in strong families come together either formally to share a meal or meet on people’s birthdays and other special events; or come together informally – they just hang out together.  
   How much time do you spend with your family?

2. **People share their feelings, even unpleasant feelings and they learn how to manage them effectively.**
   People in strong families connect on a deeper emotional level. When someone is unhappy or miserable; it’s not ignored. It’s acknowledged and it informs how people behave – whether to give that person space; provide a shoulder to lean on or simply to cheer them up. Does your family connect on an emotional level?

3. **Family members care deeply about each other – come together through difficulty.**
   People in strong families draw together when the chips are down and crisis happens. Hardship galvanises rather than pushes people away. Would your family pull together or disintegrate when hardship hits?

4. **Family members communicate and show emotion.**
   People don’t always get their communication right but there is a willingness to forgive transgressions of others and to look for ways to move forward rather than be stuck in the past. How much affection is shown in your family on a daily basis?

5. **Conflict is resolved respectfully and responsively, rather than ignored.**
   Parents will see conflict situations as opportunities to bring people closer together rather than take sides and apportion blame. Is conflict ignored or handled respectfully in your family?

6. **There is a strong sense of shared identity.**
   Strong, emotionally smart families have a strong sense of who they are. They generally have identifiable rituals and traditions that are passed down from one generation to the next. What are your key traditions and rituals?

7. **Decisions are shared and all members honour opinions and ideas.**
   The old autocratic parenting approach “Do as I say”, no longer works in Western families. Parents in strong families use an authoritative parenting approach to raise their children. What parenting approach do you use?

8. **There is a feeling of optimism and hope in the family.**
   Strong families usually have something bigger than them that they connect with – whether it is religion, caring for the environment or shared compassion for mankind – hope and optimism are gained from a shared set of ethics, beliefs or values.  
   How does your crew measure up?
Administration

**Woolies Earn and Learn** – We are currently only sitting on about 300 points! Please bring your stickers to school and leave in the box outside the Admin office or drop them in Esk’s box at the end of the checkouts in the Fernvale store.

**Learning Support – Mrs Oxenford**

**GAMES ON THE GO...**
Children learn language every single day and in almost everything they do! When you’re on the go, a perfect way to spend time with your child is to play a GAME ON THE GO...Here is an idea for a game that is easy to play, build language, and doesn’t cost a thing! Remember, play these games in the language you know best.

The game for this fortnight is: **Throw One Back**: Name 2 or 3 things that belong to the same group or category, and 1 thing that doesn’t belong to that group. Have your child tell you, or **throw back** the object that doesn’t fit. For example, if you say, “broccoli, celery, hotdog, lettuce”, your child would say, “Hotdog does not belong, because it’s not a vegetable.”

**Music – Mr Smith**

Members of the Senior and Junior Choirs and Concert Band behaved and performed in an exceptional manner at the Meals on Wheels “Christmas in July” event on 20 July. Everyone represented our school extremely well and made this excursion an absolute joy. Congratulations students on performing for our community and showing our town how great today’s kids can be!

Don’t forget that our Senior Choir and Concert Band are taking a bus trip to the University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba on Thursday September 17 to participate in the TYME Festival, a celebration of what students in state schools can achieve in music.

Preps are welcome to join Junior Choir from now to the end of the year. Come along and try it out.

**Library – Ms Benson**

**Book Week celebrations**

**70th Anniversary**

’B*o*b*s Light up our World’

Wednesday 19 August to Wednesday 26 August, 2015

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of Book Week throughout Australia, Esk State School will run its Book Week from Wednesday 19 August to Wednesday 26 August, the week lights up with a performance by Echelon Productions featuring some of the shortlisted books. This performance will be held from 1.30 on 19 August with a cost of $6.00 per student. This performance will be instead of the usual dress-up parade and is the Esk State school cultural experience for the year. Students may still like to dress as their favourite book character on 26 August to conclude our week (This is optional).

There will be many book prizes as usual and parents are welcome to view the Book Fair and the classroom activities that will be on display in the library from the 19 August.

Please send in the $6 per student in an envelope with your child/ren’s name and “Book Week” clearly written on the front.

**Congratulations**

One of our students has qualified to attend a Literacy Enrichment Camp for Gifted and Talented students, being held in Stanthorpe during the last week of term. To be invited to apply, students needed to meet at least 2 of the 4 sections of criteria. Although we had several students who met one of the necessary criteria, our student met 2 and has been asked to apply to attend. We wish you all the best on
Student Council – Mrs Smith

Ice Cream Spider Day - will be next week on Wednesday 5 August. Students can purchase a Spider Deal for $5 which will include free dress, ice cream in a cup, spoon, straw and a drink (juice, water or soft drink). Some children choose to pour their soft drink over their ice cream to create an ice-cream spider. Items can also be purchased separately - Drinks $2, Ice cream $2, Free Dress $2. Children can pre-pay or pay on the day.

Fathers’ Day Stall - Monday 31 August to Friday 4 September. The Student Council will hold a Fathers’ Day stall during Week 8.

Free Dress Day - Friday 18 September. Gold coin donations please.

PBL Assembly – Positive Behaviour for Learning
On our PBL Assembly this week, we discussed that students should be playing in the correct and safe areas and not go in the ‘Out of Bounds” areas. Also the students were reminded to walk in the courtyard regardless of how excited they are to go to lunch or play. Thirdly - Hats should be worn everyday – No Hat, No Play!

Sydney/Canberra Trip 2016 – Mrs Smith
This week students in Year 4 and 5 received a letter regarding the proposed Sydney/Canberra Trip for 2016. It is scheduled for Sunday 5 June to Friday 10 June 2016 and will cost approximately $620. We have included an itinerary as well as some other information. Please have a read and send back the slip stating whether or not your child will be coming along. If you have any concerns or questions, please give me a call or make an appointment to come and see me.

Lowood Athletics – Mrs Rollston & Mrs Smith
Last week on Tuesday and Friday a lot of our students represented the school at the Lowood District Athletics. All the students put in a huge effort and represented the school extremely well. At the end of the carnival we were presented the Average Trophy which is given to the school with the highest average after their points are divided by the school population from 10 years - 12 years. We also had two students winning age

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

**Star Pupils**

- Prep
- Year Prep/One/Two
- Year One/Two
- Year Two/Three
- Year Three/Four
- Year Four/Five/Six
- Year Five/Six

- Working well in class
- Working well in all subjects
- An outstanding effort in behaviour
- Being a good role model in class
- Improved neatness in your History Book
- Outstanding work in Time

**Special Award**

- Prep
- Year Prep/One/Two
- Year One/Two
- Year Two/Three
- Year Three/Four
- Year Four/Five/Six
- Year Five/Six

- Great Handwriting
- Being a wonderful role model for others
- An improved focus in Maths
- Being an active participant in English
- working hard to finish tasks
- Always being willing to lend a helping hand

**Gotcha Gems**

- Peridot –
- Opal –
- Garnet –
- Amethyst –
- Aquamarine –
- Topaz –
- Sapphire –
- Emerald –
- Ruby –
- Diamond –

**Gotcha Award**

Sponsored by Esk Newsagency

**Congratulations** to

our first

Diamond Gotcha recipient

She will now begin to collect her second set of Gotcha Gems.

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Prep – Mrs Richter

Don’t forget to take your money for the Spider-ice-cream/free dress day to the office before next Wednesday. The student council will appreciate the support.

The preps have been working hard this term to write rhyming word families. (eg. cat, mat, sat) Now we are trying to write sentences that end with rhyming words. (eg. I see a bee. He finds a tree.) This has been a real challenge for most of the children. They want to start with the target words. If you could do some at home it would really help them cement this concept in their brain.

In Maths we will be exploring data. The children pose questions and record yes/no responses to their question. (eg. Do you like bananas?) Then we attempt to interpret the data. (eg. How many like bananas?) You may like to play these types of games at home to assist in the development of this concept.

Book week is coming up and the preps will start working on their craft to help decorate the Library for Ms Benson. You can check it out when you come to the Book Fair.

Year P/1/2 – Mrs Kitching & Mrs Lougheed

We have been very busy in the last two weeks, finishing off old units and starting new ones before I took Long Service leave. Before I left I was very delighted to have lunch at the Green Tables with the first person in our class to reach Diamond Gotcha status! The week before that she was able to sit on my chair for the day because she had achieved 190 gotchas overall!

Sometimes in life we have to take leave for personal reasons. I am so fortunate that Mr Crichton has supported my decision and that Judy Lougheed has stepped in. I know the children are in exceptional hands and I look forward to many light bulb moments in Term 4. Thank you to the many families who took time out to wish me well, I love living in Esk and I love the genuine concern and care of all I come in contact with. I am very pleased to let you know that I am home now recovering two days earlier than expected, I hope to be able to walk to the mail box by the end of the week unaided. Have a great term everyone. See you all in Term 4.

Mrs. Judy Lougheed is replacing Mrs. Kitching for the next seven weeks in the Prep, 1/2 class. She is a very experienced teacher who has been in the profession for over forty years. Mrs. Lougheed retired from full-time teaching at the beginning of last year after having spent the previous twenty-five years at Kilcoy Primary so that she could spend more time travelling with her husband.

When not teaching she likes to travel. She has travelled extensively throughout Australia and the rest of the world. At home, on her farm, at Sandy Creek she enjoys riding her horses and her quad bikes as well as spending time outdoors in her rose gardens and rainforest.

Mrs. Lougheed is enjoying working with the class and is looking forward to being with the P/1/2’s for the rest of the Term. She would like to welcome any parents, who may have a little spare time, to come and help in the classroom.

Year 1/2 – Miss Quade

Year 1 and 2 have been very busy learning our number facts this term. Within number facts we are focusing on our doubles. The aim is for students to memorize their double facts and to have a quick recall of them. A great way to help students with this is to do occasional verbal quizzes at home, in the car or whenever you have a spare couple of minutes. Homework has also started up this term. Included in their weekly home work is a number facts sheet relating to the focus of that particular week.

Year 2/3 – Mrs McTaggart

Over the last fortnight we have been very busy learning about the Sun and how the Earth’s rotation causes night and day. This week we investigated the position of the sun at various times of the day and the intensity of the suns warmth. Next week we are conducting an investigation of shadows and how they change throughout a day. Everyone is enjoying the Science investigations and are very enthusiastic.

Homework goes home on Monday and is due back on Friday.
**Year 3/4 – Mrs Nan**

What a great time we had making our scones using the pumpkin from our garden. I have included the recipe below.

**Pumpkin Scones**

**Ingredients**
- 1 tablespoon of butter
- ½ cup of sugar
- ½ teaspoon mixed spice
- 1 egg
- 1 cup of cold mashed pumpkin
- 2 cups of SR Flour

**Method**

1. Preheat oven to 225c
2. In a bowl, combine butter and sugar with an electric beater. Add egg, spice and pumpkin and beat until well combined.
3. Stir through flour.
4. Using an ice-cream scoop, scoop mixture into a greased muffin tray. (should make 12)
5. Bake for 10-20 minutes. When cooked, they should be brown.
6. Serve warm with butter.

**ENJOY**

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**Year 4/5/6 – Mr Huntley**

We would like to say a huge “Thank-you” to Mr Huntley, who has been teaching the 4/5/6 class for the past three weeks.

On Monday we welcome back Mrs Dolan from her Long Service Leave.

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**Year 5/6 – Mrs Smith**

We have had a busy start to the term with lots of athletics and music to squish into our hectic timetable. Now things should settle down for the next couple of weeks so we can get back into school routines. In Maths we are trying to improve the speed and accuracy of our number facts. In particular we are practicing our times tables. These will be tested each Monday so we can map the progress made this term. We have also been working on our operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Extra practise at home would be beneficial for all.

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[Image of Our Vegie Gardens need your help!]

Do you have any spare Bamboo stakes?

We also need vegie seeds or vegie seedlings for replanting the gardens over the next week.
P & C News

P&C Meeting: Next P&C Meeting will be on Monday 17 August 6:30pm in the Staffroom (D Block).

Uniform Shop – The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday Morning 8:15am – 8:45am.

Letter from the President:  
As you may know we are organising a **working bee on Sunday 9 August from 8:00am – 10:00am**.  
At this point we have had a couple of people volunteer their time but it would be good to see a few more newer faces and not just the usual ‘suspects’, remember many hands make light work.  

We are also looking for some new people to fill in some hours once a week at the tuckshop. If anyone can help Tamara, especially for the first session, contact the office or myself. While we do have fundraisers throughout the year the tuckshop is our bread and butter and it is critical we keep it going, all be it for one day a week.

Anyone wishing to get involved can either contact the front office or myself on 0418153449.

Michael Rollston  
P&C President

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**Tuckshop Roster**

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FUNDRAISER
for Esk State School

We’re teaming up with ‘Your Inspiration at Home’ to raise funds for our school. ‘Your Inspiration at Home’ is your passport to experiencing flavours from around the world, right in your very own kitchen. Their Award Winning, All-Natural products are of the finest quality & freshness and are all Hand Crafted, Hand Blended, Hand Labelled & Hand Bottled. Preservative Free, Free of MSG, contain NO Added Gluten and are Low in Salt.

To view the catalogue and/or place an order, please contact the Fundraising Coordinator on 54244111 or visit the School Administration Office.

Fundraiser tasting session 28 August 2015 in the school staffroom
3:30pm
COME ALONG AND ENJOY – RSVP ASAP 54244111
Esk District Cricket Club will be running a MILO in2CRICKET program after school from 3.15 to 4.30 at Esk State School beginning in September. The program involves fun, safe activities that teach kids the basic skills to play cricket, in a supportive, non-competitive environment.

The cost of the program is $80.00 which includes afternoon tea and a pack containing a backpack, MILO, Aussie Cricket Crew membership, bat, hat, shirt and ball.

Contact Hilary Benson on 0419028154 if you are interested.

Upper Brisbane Valley Chaplaincy Bush Dance

Special Guests:

John & Darlene Murphy
plus
The Tumbleweeds

When: Saturday 5th September 2015

Where: Toogoolawah Alexandra Hall

Time: Sausage Sizzle 6.00pm

   ($2 sausage/bread/salad)

   Dancing Starts 7.00pm

Cost: $5 Child/Adult

   $10 Family

   Supper included in cost

   Canteen also available

For more information contact me on 0428820430
Catharina Kusay School Chaplain

Toogoolawah PICTURES

Sat., 1st Aug
‘TERMINATOR GENISYS’ m
Doors: 7.00 pm Movie: 7.30 - 9.50 pm

Sat., 8th Aug
‘PAPER TOWNS’ m
Doors: 7.00 pm Movie: 7.30 - 9.40 pm

Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8 Family: $25
Snack Bar: Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, T’wah
Inquiries: 0438 149 954
BICYCLE IDENTIFICATION CARD

Thousands of stolen bicycles are recovered by police every year. Most owners never see their bikes again simply because the owner cannot be located. Report bicycle thefts to the police regardless of the value of the bike and provide the details that you have recorded on this card.

www.nhwq.org

Take the time to fill out the details below. Keep this record in a safe place.

BICYCLE PARTICULARS

MAKE (e.g. Trek):

MODEL (e.g. Superfly 100):

STYLE (e.g. mountain bike):

COLOUR/S:

SERIAL NUMBER:

Usually located on the underside of the bike near the clock set and bottom bracket area

DATE & PLACE OF PURCHASE:

PURCHASE VALUE:

IDENTIFYING FEATURES:

(Handles/stem/rim/axle etc.)

BICYCLE SECURITY

- Never leave your bike unattended and unlocked – even for a short time (it only takes seconds to steal a bicycle)
- Secure your bicycle with a quality bike lock to something solid (ensure that the bike cannot be lifted off)
- If it’s easy to remove, take off your front wheel and secure it to the rear wheel
- Remove accessories off the bike like lights, pumps and your helmet
- Use a security device that is not easy cut or removed.

For non-urgent crime contact PoliceLink on 131 444. For further information on bicycle security and engraving your bicycle visit:


Toogoolawah State High School

DATE CLAIMER

2015 Open Day and Careers Expo
Tuesday 18 August
4 – 7pm