**From the Principal’s Desk**

**School Review – opportunity to have your say**

Our school is scheduled for a school review from 17 to 19 November. The Department of Education and Training has introduced new performance reviews for Queensland state schools in 2015. The reviews do not rate or compare schools but provide independent and quality feedback to help schools continue to improve outcomes for students. All schools will have a review at least every four years. A final report is made available to parents and the community on the school’s website. The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a quality education for students. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the office. Further information about the reviews is available from the department’s website at:- education.qld.gov.au/schools/school-performance-assessment-framework.

**School Leadership 2016 – Nomination speeches**

On Monday next week we gather at 8:45am to listen to our Year 5 students present their nomination speeches for leadership positions in 2016. It is an exciting time for the students as they transition to the more grown up world of public speaking. Do come along and listen to the students as they put their best foot forward. After the speeches are over the voting takes place. Successful students are informed in the last week of school.

**Remembrance Day 2015 - Wednesday 11 November**

We will be holding our Remembrance Day Service at 11:00am next Wednesday. All are welcome to attend. Please come to the Undercover Play Area by 10:50am.

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**Dates to Remember**

**November**
- 16 – P&C meeting – 6:30pm
- 23 – Student Council Movie Day
- 26 – Swimming Carnival
- 30 – Year 6 Transition Day TSHS

**December**
- 1 – Year 6 Transition Day TSHS
- 3 – Great Attendance Day
- 8 – Report Cards go home
- 9 – Year 6 Graduation Evening
- 9 – Year 6 Farewell Parade
- 10 – Break-up day
- 11 – Clean-up day

**School Attendance**

School Target = 95%
Last week = 94%
This Week = 91.7%

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Meetings: 3rd Monday of the Month
From the Principals Desk continued….

Transition Day
The Transition Day to Toogoolawah State High was successful. Students were shown around the school and received loads of information. Thank you to Mrs Oxenford who accompanied the students on the day. The next orientation days are on Monday 30 November and Tuesday 1 December. Students will again travel by bus to the school.

Esk RSL Bursaries for Year 6 Students
The Esk RSL Sub Branch has allocated $1000 to be divided between four worthy Year 6 students later this year. Students have written and submitted an application in the form of a persuasive text which was approximately 300 words. Areas on which students wrote on were:- sport, cultural, academic or community. Entries will be judged by a small group from the RSL, Mr Crichton and the Year 6 teachers.

The aim of the bursaries is to reward and encourage students who are showing dedication to one of the areas mentioned above. The money has been made available by the generosity of the local community. We thank the Esk RSL sincerely for their support. Students were supported in their writing by school staff and was completed in school time.

Administration
Remembrance Day Service - Remembrance Day service is on Wednesday 11 November – 10:55am for 11:00am SHARP start. All welcome to attend.

Swimming – Admin ladies WILL NOT be phoning home if swimming gear is forgotten on Fun Swim days. It is the children’s responsibility to remember requirements for extra-curricular activities.

Head Lice

They’re back…
Head lice are very adaptable having survived solely on humans for 10 000 years. They are extremely common among school-aged children and are best dealt with using a community approach. You may also be reassured knowing that head lice are found in places other than Esk State School.

Some of the reasons head lice have survived for so long are:

- Each of their 6 legs ends in a claw – this allows them to easily grip the hair
- When they detect vibration, they are able to hide (conditioner helps to alleviate this problem)
- Head lice are able to ‘hold’ their breath for 20 mins – this makes it appear as though they are dead
- Eggs attach themselves to the hair using ‘glue’ like substance. Studies conducted on this ‘glue’ have revealed that even 45 different products failed to successfully dissolve it

The good news…
Now we know where they live; we know how to find them.

By following these steps, once a week, the control of head lice in your home (and then at school) will be greatly improved.

Step 1 Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it more difficult for the lice to grip the hair or run around;

Step 2 Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;

Step 3 Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;

Step 4 If lice or eggs are found; treat your child with a head lice treatment;

Step 5 If your child has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat since the eggs could be from the old infection.

Remember…if your child has head lice, tell anyone who has had head to head contact with them and ask them to check their family for head lice.

If we work together, our Esk State School community will finally eradicate these persistent little critters.

Celebrations

Star Pupils
Prep
Outstanding and neat bookwork in Science
Presenting a happy, co-operative disposition week after week
Year Prep/One/Two
Trying his best in all subjects
A super effort in Science
Year One/Two
Fantastic engagement during class reading
Choosing excellent problem solving strategies
Year Two/Three
Great effort in all learning areas
Taking on new tasks with enthusiasm
Year Three/Four
A great effort in your Historical Narrative
Well done on reaching your Accelerated Reading goal
Well done on reaching your Accelerated Reading goal
Year Four/Five/Six
Excellent work in Maths
Year Five/Six
Looking for solutions not problems
Outstanding work in Geometry

Special Award
Prep
Working hard to improve handwriting
Putting in extra effort in caring for our school
Year Prep/ One/Two
Excellent work in all subjects
A super effort in Science!
Year One/Two
Great effort in writing
Using great reading strategies
Year Two/Three
Being a helpful student
Working independently
Year Three/Four
Working hard to finish your History
Year Four/Five/Six
Always trying her best in class
Year Five/Six
Her active involvement in all school activities
Outstanding work in Geometry

Mathletic Awards

Gotcha Gems
Peridot –
Opal –
Garnet –
Amethyst –
Aquamarine –
Topaz –
Sapphire –
Emerald –
Ruby –
Diamond –Diamond Peridot
(220 Gotchas) –

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Accelerated Reader Certificates
Year P/1/2 – Mrs Kitching
This term is really galloping away from us at the moment. We have been very busy exploring different concepts in Visual Arts this term, including primary and secondary colours, making a 3D hand drawings and using abstract colours to create an art work. In addition to this the Preps have been constructing letters in stories and the Year Ones and Twos have been analysing and producing Procedural texts in English lessons. In Science we have explored the concepts of movement, light and sound. Mrs Kitching has been impressed with our Number Fact knowledge and we are continuing to work hard to increase our recall in this area. We love our swimming lessons and are super keen to go to the pool.

Year 1/2 – Miss Quade
In English we have been looking at information texts. Students have been locating information within a text and answering comprehension questions. This fortnight we have been looking at the Northern Blossom Bat and the Pale-headed Rosella.

Year 2/3 – Mrs McTaggart
We have had a very busy fortnight. The class has earned a Whole Class reward of a class party. What this means is that every student in the class has earnt 50 Gotcha’s each, that is a total of 1250 Gotcha’s for the class so far this year, which is an average of 37 Gotcha’s a week. The Party will be happening next Friday in the last session of the day. A note will be sent home regarding the Whole Class Party. We have another student that has been awarded the Diamond Gem Card. Keep up the good work.

We are working on assessment items continually and it is very important that students are in attendance at these times. They are able to participate in the learning leading up to the assessment and consolidate their understanding of the concepts being learnt and assessed.

I have received a couple of forms from parents that can assist with supervising students at Fun Swim on Fridays. We still need more parents to help on these Fridays. If you can help, return the form to school with your child, if a new form is needed a new one can be sent home. To participate in Fun Swim on Friday students will need to have participated in their Thursday PE Swimming lesson. If a student is unable to swim on Thursday a note is required or a phone call to the office explaining why. When swimming all students need a swim shirt and swimming cap.

Year 3/4 – Mrs Nan
We are well underway with our last Arts rotation. Our talented artists from group 3 have been completing coil pots, which we will have photos of for the next newsletter.

Year 4/5/6 – Mrs Dolan
We are presently working on English, Maths and Geography assessment tasks. As we are revising number fact knowledge for our tests, there will be no homework sheets for the next two weeks. Any work on number facts at home would be of great benefit. On Monday morning (9 November) at 8:45 our Nominees for 2016 Leadership positions will deliver their speeches to the school and the voting process will then begin. Parents who would like to attend are more than welcome to come. The students have been working hard on their speeches and have had practice sessions today. Looking forward to seeing you there!
Year 5/6 – Mrs Smith

Don’t forget to send back your child’s Work Sample Folders so we can add this term’s work before it comes home for good at the end of Term 4. In Maths we have been practicing a range of multiplication strategies. In the coming weeks we will be moving on to division, number patterns and fractions. Later in the term we will need empty cereal boxes for our Maths Investigation. Please send in any cereal boxes you may empty during the term.

In English we have been learning about news reports and have now begun looking at how to compose a written response to a news article. Next week students will practice writing a written response. For the final assessment task at the end of term students will choose a news report and compose their own written response.

Year 4/5/6 and 5/6 Technology – Mrs Rollston

Bridges

The 4/5/6 and 5/6 classes have completed their newspaper bridges as part of their technology assessment for this semester. Take a look at their awesome efforts.

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Around our School

Learning Support – Mrs Oxenford

GAMES ON THE GO...
What are the types of things parents can do at home to help their children become better at maths and improve their problem solving skills? Take advantage of every opportunity that's available including time spent in the car. The key thing to remember is that you want to ensure that children remain positive about maths, therefore you will need to skip the pencil and paper computations. Computations are easily done on the calculator. Children today need to become problem solvers!

Here’s a list of ideas that will improve mathematical thinking skills while you’re out in the car.

Brainstorming

Brainstorming helps assist the problem solving process and is also a skill that will assist children throughout their academic and working careers. Each time you see a speed limit, brainstorm all the possibilities that the number can be reached.

For example, if the speed limit sign is 60, state all the ways that 60 can be reached: 6 x 10, 40 + 20, 100 - 40, 120 divided by 2. Make sure you remind your children to use all four operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide).

Each time you see a car that's a certain colour, brainstorm all the items that are that colour. For example, yellow: banana, lemon, sun, bee etc. An extension of this activity is to brainstorm all the words that you can think of that begin with the same letter as the colour of the car. With yellow, they need to think of every word they can that begins with the letter 'y'.

Music – Mr Smith

Our trip to see the Queensland Orchestra on October 27 seemed to go flawlessly. Our bus trip was excellent and the performance was wonderful. The absolute best thing for me, however, was the sensationally good behaviour of our students. They were respectful, helpful and demonstrated the best behaviour possible. I was proud that day to be a teacher at Esk State School.

Heaps of forms from Year 3’s have come in to play an instrument next year. I will start the allocation process next week.

Student Council – Mrs Smith

Movie Day - the Student Council will be hosting a Movie Day on Monday 23 November. This will be the last event hosted by the Student Council for 2015. Movie Day will be held during middle session. The classrooms in B Block will each host one of the movies. Children are welcome to bring along a cushion, pillow, bean bag or sleeping bag to enhance their viewing comfort.

Students can purchase a Movie Deal for $5.00. This will include popcorn, drink and free dress. These can be purchased separately - $2.00 for a drink (soft drink, juice or water), $2.00 for popcorn (salty butter or caramel crunch) and $2.00 for free dress. You can pre-pay or pay on the day.

Children will be able to choose from these movies -Penguins of Madagascar (Rated G), Paper Planes (Rated G), Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (Rated PG) or Night at the Museum Secret of the Tomb (Rated PG). Note that to attend a PG movie students will need to have return a PG permission form. See overpage for the permission form and payment information. There are more forms available in the Admin Foyer.

Sport – Mrs Rollston

Swimming Carnival News
The swimming carnival for 9-13 years will be on Thursday 26 November. This year all ages will be able to compete in 25m and 50m events for all stokes - freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly. There will also be Ivory v Eskdale freestyle relays and the Ivory v Eskdale v Staff v parents relay.
The Student Council will be hosting a Movie Day on Monday 23 November 2015 during school time. Children will have a choice between the following movies – Penguins of Madagascar (Rated G), Paper Planes (Rated G), Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (Rated PG) and, Night at the Museum – Secret of the Tomb (Rated PG). Children who wish to watch one of the PG movies will need to bring back the signed permission form.

A Movie Deal can be purchased for $5.00 per student. Money for Movie Deals will be accepted at the office until 3:00pm Friday 20 November, or you can pay your child’s teacher on the morning of Monday 24 November. While the movie is free of charge the $5.00 Movie Deal will include Free Dress, Popcorn (salty butter or caramel crunch), and choice of Drink (soft drink, juice or bottled water). Children are encouraged to bring along a pillow or sleeping bag or bean bag or cushion so they can relax in comfort in front of their chosen movie. Children may purchase the items separately if they prefer. The prices are - $2.00 Drink, $2.00 Popcorn and $2.00 Free Dress.

Please return the applicable forms to the office

MOVIE DEAL:

Student Name: _____________________________ Class: ___________________________

☐ $5.00 Movie Deal or/
☐ $2.00 Free Dress
☐ $2.00 Drink
☐ $2.00 Popcorn

Please find enclosed $___________

PERMISSION SLIP: Student Council Movie Day

I do / do not give permission for my child ___________________________ Class________________ to view a PG film on the 23 November 2015.

Signed: _____________________________

Name: _____________________________

Date: _____________________________
The much anticipated **Annual Chappy’s Handball Competition** is on again this term!!! We have already completed round one with students competing in dual level year groups. So, first up we had the 1’s and 2’s versing, then 3’s and 4’s, and now the 5’s and 6’s. With the full 12 square court layout it takes a little while to warm up, but the students have had some great rallies. If time permits we shall run a second round across all groups to decide the winners for this year’s Championship.

**A2B** is our Senior Boys group that started a couple of weeks ago with an open invite going out to our year six students. The group gathers during first break on Fridays mostly with the aim of having fun, to be something a little special for the year six cohort as they prepare to move on from primary schooling, and to reflect on some of the things we can learn and apply from our activities. Topics like team work; guidelines, rules, and personal choices; communication; goals; values; and personal qualities to name a few. It’s a great group, and although it can be a bit boring to talk sometimes...well...sometimes it’s good to talk about stuff, but not too much.

As always there are great **SU camps** on during the coming holidays, including SchoolzOut specifically for year 6 students, The Quest Christian Faith Camp, Father/Son Gents Camp (boys only!), Camp 628 for those middle years, and Ubertweek (that’s ‘oober’) Summer Technology camp. If you would like more info see Chappy, or check out SU Camps on the web.

If you would like to discuss any of the things mentioned or anything else, please come and see us or let the lovely staff know and we can catch up with you. Blessed to Be a Blessing – Chappy

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**P & C News**

**P&C Meeting:** Next P&C Meeting will be on Monday 16 November 6:30pm in the Staffroom (D Block).

**Uniform Shop** – The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday Morning 8:15am – 8:45am. If you are unable to visit our uniform shop during this time, please pick up a Uniform Order form from the Admin Foyer, fill out your order and leave it with your payment in the P&C box and your order will be filled and given to your child.

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**Tuckshop Roster for Term 4** – Can you help for just 2 or 3 hours. **We can’t run the tuckshop without helpers.** As you can see from the roster we have no helpers for the whole term! Please phone the office on 5424 4111 if you can help out.
Community News

Toogoolawah PICTURES
Sat., 7th Nov
‘PAN’ pg
Doors: 7:00 pm Movie: 7:30 - 9:35 pm

Sat., 14th Nov
‘The Martian’ m
Sat., 21st Nov
‘The Intern’ m
Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8 Family: $25
Snack Bar. Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, T’wah
Inquiries: 0438 149 954

Koffee and Kids
Esk families we want to meet you!

Esk Community Connection Point and Anglicare S Q would like to invite you to a family friendly tea party. Come along for a chat and some sweet treats and share your ideas about what local families need in their community.

We will also have a heap of delicious kid sized snacks and activities for tots, so please bring them along and explore this great community facility.

Where: Esk Community Connection Point, 9 Heap Street, Esk
When: 1:30 - 2:30pm Tuesday, 19 November 2015

New faces are always welcome

Esk State School
P & C Meeting

Monday
16 November

6:30pm in the Staffroom

New faces are always welcome
SEE YOUR STAR SHINE BRIGHT

STARLITE DANCERS end of year concert
SOMERSET CIVIC CENTRE
SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 6PM

Pre sold Concert Tickets Available Now
Adult $15
Aged Concession $12
School Aged $10
Under school age Free

After the 10th November or At the door on the night:
Adult $17
Aged Concession $14
School Aged $12
Under school age Free

Contact Shandell 0437013198 for more information

Disco Memories – Oct 29

[Images of people]