Term 3 Week 9
11 September 2015

Dates to Remember
13 – Working Bee
14 – P & C Meeting 6:30pm
15 – Great Attendance Club
16 – Story Arts Festival
17 – TYME Festival
18 – Free Dress Day (Gold Coin Donation – Student Council)
18 – Last day Term 3

October
5 – Public Holiday
6 – First Day Term 4
7 – Parent Teacher interviews
19 – Pupil Free day
22 – PE Swimming Lessons start
23 – Day for Daniel –wear red
27 – Qld Orchestra Brisbane trip
29 – School Disco
30 – Fun Swim starts
30 – World Teacher Day

Student Attendance
School Target = 95%
Last week = 93.5 %
This week = 94.3 %

From the Principal’s Desk

Enjoy the Holidays
As this is the last newsletter for the term, it’s time to wish you all a good holiday again!!! It seems like only yesterday I was saying that at the end of last term. Thank you for your support of us in the work we do in educating your children. This, together with your encouragement is so appreciated. Have a safe and happy two week break. Don’t forget to book your Parent Teacher interview.

World Teacher Aide Day
Last Thursday we celebrated World Teacher Aide Day with a special lunch (and dessert of course) gifts and flowers. We thank our great TAs for the excellent support they provide so many of our students. Thanks Mrs Chin, Miss Rhonda, Miss Jacqui, Mrs Whiting, Mrs Dennehy and Mrs Delaforce!!
Unexplained Absences

The latest news stories from across the country about our children and young adults going missing creates a good opportunity to remind parents—if you don’t explain your child’s absence from school you are putting them at risk!! Imagine the horror story it would be if ---Your child leaves home for school but is marked absent on the roll!!!!!! IF WE DON'T KNOW IF HE OR SHE HAS BEEN KEPT HOME (for whatever reason) then IT MAY BE HOURS BEFORE YOU DISCOVER THEM MISSING WHEN THEY DON'T COME HOME. PLEASE I URGE YOU TO TELL US IF YOUR CHILD IS AWAY FROM SCHOOL!

Father’s Day

Wishing all our dad’s a very happy day last Sunday. Thanks for supporting the Student Council by purchasing gifts from the Fathers’ Day stall. I hope you were spoilt!

Parent Teacher Interviews – ONLINE APPOINTMENT BOOKINGS

Parent Teacher Interviews for Term 3 will be held on Wednesday 7 October from 3:00pm. Parents are strongly encouraged to make appointments to meet with teachers. This is an excellent opportunity to catch up on your child’s progress. Parents are reminded that they are welcome to contact teachers anytime for an appointment to discuss student progress. We now have an online booking system. Parents can go to the school website and click the link “Book a Parent-Teacher Interview”. From there you simply follow the prompts to select Year Level, teacher name and time. Consecutive times can be booked if your child has more than one teacher. If parents have multiple children they can be entered and consecutive timeslots selected. It is a very intuitive system which is easy to use and works on all devices. If you don’t have access to the internet simply ring or come into the school and an appointment will be entered on the system for you.

Chappy Donita

Donita Bundy started work at Esk State School last week as a Chaplain. She will be working on Fridays for the rest of this term and then Thursdays for the rest of the year. This will mean that both of our Chaplains with be working together. Donita is currently the Chaplain of Toogoolawah State School and works there 2 days a week. Welcome Donita.

Working Bee

The P&C will be holding another working bee this Sunday. This will continue the playground work of the last working bee. Today we had 10m of softfall delivered ready for spreading on Sunday. Please bring shovels, rakes and barrows.

Chaplaincy Funding

Applications for schools to apply for another three years of funding to support Chaplaincy are open now. Part of the approval process is to minute a motion on the P&C Minutes stating that the school supports Chaplaincy. At Monday’s P&C meeting I’ll be putting a motion forward that Esk State School should continue to be supportive of Chaplaincy.

Great Attendance Day

On Tuesday next week we celebrate the great attendance of our students who have been at school for 95% or more this term. This term we will be having a portable rock climbing wall, face painting and balloon twisting. Students attending will be notified on Monday. Any parent who does not wish their child to have face paint applied should inform the school by phone or email. The paint being used is a professional water based makeup suitable for all ages. It is manufactured to a very high standard and is non-toxic, skin safe, fast drying, easy to remove with warm water and soap. The art will be small, covering only a portion of the face. There looks to be 108 students attend the event.

Donation to school

We appreciate a recent donation to the school of $700 from the Order of the Eastern Star. We will be using these funds to support of Visual Arts program. Thank you!!

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: What am I?

Take turns giving clues to guess objects that you think of. Your descriptions will sound like a riddle! For example, if you are describing a goldfish, you could say, “I’m orange, I swim, and I have fins. What am I?”
Administration

**Woolies Earn and Learn** – Please send any Earn and Learn stickers to the office by Friday 18 September (last day of Term). Thank you to all the families that sent their stickers in, we have collected over 10,000!

**B Point Payment System** – A reminder that almost all costs for excursions, activities, etc. will now be invoiced as we have been advised that BPoint is the Department’s preferred method of payment.

Please keep an eye on your emails or regular mail deliveries for receipt of any outstanding invoices. We realise that it takes time to get used to something new, so if you need any help, instructions for processing payments by this method can be obtained by contacting our Administration office at the school.

**Spare Clothes** – If your child has been given any spare clothes to wear home, could you please make sure that they are washed and returned as soon as possible. We only have limited sizes left. On the other hand, if your child has outgrown their school uniforms and you would like to donate them to the school, please drop them to the ladies in the Admin office.

Music – Mr Smith

Thank you to all the families for coming to support our Special Music Parade on Wednesday. Once again it was an outstanding morning with superb performances by all the students. It has been a great Term of music!

**TYME Festival** – If you haven’t already returned your permission form and $12.00 could you please do so by Monday. All students attending need to bring their lunch, water bottle and hat.

**Senior Choir you must wear a maroon school shirt (not sports shirts or Year 6 shirt).**

**Band students please make sure you are wearing your long black pants, black socks and black shoes, and bring your instruments and music folder. Any hair accessories should be black, white or maroon.** Band shirts will be handed out before school.

Inspiration At Home – Fundraiser

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 phone 54244111 or visit the School Administration Office. Please have your orders, cash and/or cheques to the Admin Office by next Wednesday 16 September. There is still time to look through the book in the foyer.

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. In Term 3 we sharpen our attention to include a focus on Number Facts.
The Ipswich District Teacher-Librarian Network will once again host the StoryArts Festival in September at a variety of venues in Esk. Authors and illustrators include Oliver Phommavanh, James Foley, Andrew Plant, Nina Rycroft, Lesley Reece, Sally Heinrich and James Moloney.

This festival provides students the opportunity to interact with acclaimed authors and illustrators. The event is organized and funded mainly by the Ipswich District Teacher-Librarian Network. The StoryArts Festival Ipswich began in 1995 as the Ipswich Festival of Children’s Literature and has been held every two years since then. The festival offers FREE sessions for children.

We plan to inspire young people to buy and read more books and gain an appreciation of the processes involved in writing and illustrating. We also aim to enthuse teachers and parents about the value of stories and encourage them to promote literature to young people.

The Ipswich District Teacher Librarian Network is a group of dedicated Teacher-Librarians from primary schools in Ipswich and rural schools such as Lowood, Rosewood, Esk and Toogoolawah.

Please advise the school if you do not wish your child to attend.

Oliver Phommavanh who wrote the book Con-nerd, is a guest author for the 2015 Story Arts festival.

Students from Prep to Year 6 will attend the festival this year at the Esk venues on Wednesday 16 September. This event is part of Esk State School’s literacy focus.

Thank you to the two anonymous benefactors who paid extra money so that no child missed out on attending the Book Week performance last Friday. It was extremely kind and generous of them and ensured all the children were able to enjoy the performance.
Celebrations

Star Pupils
Prep
Year Prep/One/Two
Year One/Two
Year Two/Three
Year Three/Four
Year Four/Five/Six
Year Five/Six
Writing a compound sentence
Great progress with her reading
Being a supportive and caring class member
Working well in English rotations
Great work in Word Study
No awards at time of printing
Contributing positively to our classroom

Special Award
Prep
Year P/ One/Two
Year One/Two
Year Two/Three
Year Three/Four
Year Four/Five/Six
Year Five/Six
Always being kind to others
Great attitude to his learning
Great effort in Maths
Being ready to learn
Great craftsmanship with your coil pot
No award at time of printing
Leading by example

Mathletic Awards

Gotcha Gems
Peridot –
Opal –
Garnet –
Amethyst –
Aquamarine –
Topaz –
Sapphire –
Emerald – Ruby –
Diamond –

All names and photographs have been removed for privacy reasons.

Accelerated Reader Awards

Gotcha Award
Sponsored by Esk Newsagency

Congratulations
Showing Respect
Prep – Mrs Richter

No report at time of printing

Year P/1/2 – Mrs Lougheed

As my time with the class draws to an end this week, I would like to thank those parents and community members who have helped me in the classroom. The extra support is a very valuable assistance to the students’ learning and progress. I would also like to thank the children themselves. They have been a lovely, friendly and enthusiastic group of students to work with.

The students have been very busy finalizing testing and assessment tasks. They were very interested to see the Esk Township and the school on Google Maps and particularly excited to explore them on Google Earth. They were fascinated to see both the satellite views and the street views. Extra excitement has been enjoyed as we worked on the bear masks in preparation for the Teddy Bears Picnic on Saturday. Most of the class enjoyed performing with the Junior Choir’s first performance at the Music Parade on Wednesday. On a more serious note the students have been very involved with the lessons on child safety from the Daniel Morcombe Child Safety Program.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Crichton and all the staff at the school who have given me such fantastic support throughout the seven weeks. I am sure that the people of the Esk Community are already aware of what a good school you have in your town. The staff members at the school definitely take your child’s education and well-being to heart and go well above and beyond what is expected of them. I am going to miss the continued and close interaction I have enjoyed with all the school community whilst undertaking this contract. Thank you.

Year 1/2 – Miss Quade

This fortnight has seen the Year 1/2 take our science outside. In science we are exploring push and pull. We went outside and kicked and pushed balls about to see if the amount of force used affects the object’s movement. Not only were the students learning, this also gave them a great opportunity to practise turn taking. Over the next fortnight students will further investigate other factors that influence movement.

Year 2/3 – Mrs McTaggart

On Wednesday of last week and this week the Prep Buddies went on to Mathletics with assistance from the Year 2/3 students and created their faces and worked on a Maths concept. This was quite a trying time for all involved as computers being computers they didn’t want to cooperate but the Yr2/3 and Prep Buddies were very patient and dealt with error messages and finally logged on. We accomplished this with 16 out of the 28 buddies, with some Year 2/3’s having 2 Preps to help with logging on and completing the tasks.
Year 3/4 – Mrs Nan

In our Arts Rotations we have been very busy completing our coil pots. Students were able to attach coils and variations of a coil using the score, slip, blend method. Below are some examples of the finished pot.

We are also very busy writing our adaptation of the poem Desert Community. At home you can continue talking to your child about poetry and the special language features (like rhyming) that are found in poetry texts. Hopefully we will be able to publish our poems early next term.

A big thank you to all those who have donated seeds or seedlings to our garden. Without your generous support we would not be able to keep our garden going. As you can see we are having great success with our carrots. With the holidays almost here we will need the garden watering. If you are able to help out with this job could you see me before next Friday.

Year 4/5/6 – Mrs Dolan

No report at time of printing

Year 5/6 – Mrs Smith

Students have been hard at work creating an Ad for a holiday destination. Monday will see the students presenting their Multi Modal Advertisements to the class. Our Maths unit has run a little over time so the assessment items for the Space unit will be completed in the coming week. This will see us finishing up both Maths and English units just before the holidays. Well done students for getting through all the work you have done this term. In other GOOD NEWS each child has achieved 50 Gotchas so we have celebrated with a Games Session this week. Work Sample Folders will go home following Parent/Teacher Interviews at the beginning of Term 4.

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

Both classes have been designing and some have started building their technology project for this Semester. The children will be working in small groups to build a bridge out of newspapers. When they are finished the bridges will be tested to see if they are the right size and can hold a certain amount of weight. Hopefully we will have some awesome bridges to show you in a future newsletter.

Congratulations

Congratulations Hannah Brough on being accepted to the Literacy Enrichment Camp for Gifted and Talented students.

We hope you have a wonderful time next week!
**Around our School**

**PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning**

This fortnight while going over our Motto, Values and School Rules, Mr Crichton changed things up a bit and he asked all the adults present to say them out loud.

The students were again commended for the way they have been moving quickly to TDL (Toilet, Drink and Line-up) and especially for lining up quickly, ensuring that lunch boxes are put away at the end of play times and for showing respect for each other especially during the soccer games.

Students were reminded to: Keep wearing their hats if they want to play. Not to take someone’s hat and run away with it as it is very annoying (and no fun at all really!) and students should use the High Five if someone is teasing them.

The staff were asked what positive behaviours they had noticed over the past week and this is the result:

- Green Machine – students are looking after each other’s safety and showing respect to each other.
- Some students are making positive changes being friendly and sharing towards other students.
- Prep’s not reacting when situations arise and are practising the Hi 5 in the playground.
- Students using the Tuckshop are using lovely manners when putting in their orders and picking them up.

We had a wonderful visit from Constable Luke. He came to assembly to say hello to the students and asked them to say hello to him if they should see him around the school or in the town.

**Student Council – Mrs Smith**

**Fathers’ Day Stall** - Thanks to everyone who supported the Student Council’s Father’s Day Stall. We brought in almost $900 and made a profit of $308.77.

**Free Dress Day** - Friday 18 September will be a Free Dress Day at Esk State School. The Student Council are asking those who come in Free Dress to make a Gold Coin Donation. Please make sure all clothing and shoes are appropriate for school.

**Spending Money** - The Student Council voted recently to support two of our specialist programs - Music and Phys Ed. $1000 will be spent on equipment for the Pool. This will include flippers, noodles, sinking things and storage. They are also purchasing three new pianos for the Music Room (including keyboards, stands and headphones. This will also cost approximately $1000.

**Term 4 Events** - The Student Council will host two events in Term 4 - a School Disco on Thursday 29 October and a Movie Day on Monday 23 November. Details of these events will be in the newsletter next term.

**Sydney/Canberra Trip 2016 – Mrs Smith**

It appears we have enough students to go ahead with the Sydney/Canberra Trip in 2016. Please note we will require an initial deposit of $100 by Friday 13 November 2015 from each student planning on attending. If you have not decided whether your child will be attending please try to do so soon.

**Sport – Mrs Rollston**

**PE - Getting ready for swimming**

Swimming in PE will start on Thursdays in week 3 of Term 4 for all classes. Could you please check that your child has swimmers, a sunshirt, a swimming cap and a towel so that they are ready to swim for the first swimming lesson. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about swimming lessons. Parent helpers for the younger classes would be appreciated if you can come along. Lesson times will be published in the next newsletter.

**Day for Daniel – Mrs Rollston**

Esk State School has registered for Day for Daniel.

We will be wearing red on Friday 30 October to support this.
P & C News

P&C Meeting: Next P&C Meeting will be on Monday 14 September 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.

Tuckshop – There will be no Tuckshop during the last week of Term 3. Thanks for all your support and help during Term 3, especially to the three mum’s who have volunteered in the tuckshop. If you can help out for two or three hours please phone the office and lock in a timeslot.

Tuckshop Roster for October

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Congratulations:
Week One Winner: Danielle Jenkins
Week Two Winner: Dave Muir
Week Three Winner: Ronda - Stihl Shop

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Spreading softfall.
Please bring: wheel barrows, shovels or rakes.

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Food For Thought!

NO MORE FUSSY EATERS!

Do you have a fussy little eater in your home? Is it a battle to get your little one to eat a piece of fruit, munch on their greens or try something different? How does a child become fussy in the first place? So many questions!!! But don’t worry, the answers aren’t far away.

A 2012 interview of Nutrition Experts by the Sydney Morning Herald suggested that rather than restricting children’s diets with the same foods everyday just because you know it will get eaten, it’s better to give your little tykes a variety of foods to try. Don’t worry if they don’t eat it right away. Often a child needs to be presented with a new food 5 – 10 times before they will try it. Stay neutral and ignore tantrums as it is important not to give in otherwise your child will associate kicking up a fuss with getting the foods they want. Once they’re hungry they’ll become less fussy and you can break the pattern and give your child the variety of foods and nutrients they need for healthy development.

Most important of all is for your little one to see you trying new foods and eating fruit and vegetables too – you’re their most powerful role model of all!

Lunch Box Suggestions

Cut up fruit and vegetables into small slices – children like food that’s easy to hold and quick to eat (remember, lunch time is their chance to run around and play with their friends so they want food that’s quick to eat and gives them energy to learn and play!)

Think colour. Kids love fruit salads. Or try making a salad or salad fillings with a variety of colourful vegetables, such as grated carrot/celery, cherry tomatoes, lettuce, baby spinach, avocado, cucumber, beetroot etc.

Try substituting fresh fruit for dried fruit as a treat.

Include fruit in sandwiches (e.g sliced apple, dried dates, pineapple) or make a rice salad to last the week and include celery, garlic, apple, sultanas, grated carrot etc. Best of all, involve your kids and get creative together!

For great tips and healthy ideas check out the Eat Smart B Active website: http://eatsmartbactive.com.au

Community News

Cricket
We have a number of interested children who are looking to form an under 10 or under 13 team for this season. If you are interested or participated in the Milo in2 Cricket program at Esk or Toogoolawah please come to the
Cricket Sign-on Day
Thursday 10th and 17th September, 2015
3.15 pm to 4pm
At McConnel Park, Toogoolawah
Or text/contact Hilary Benson 0419028154
Registration forms have been sent home today. Check inside your child’s bag.