Dates to Remember
March
16 P&C Meeting 6:30pm
20 Young Leaders Conference
25 Special Music Parade
27 Next Newsletter

April
1 Cross Country
2 Easter Bonnet/Crazy Hat Parade
20 Term 2 begins
2 Last day Term 1
3 Good Friday

Term 1 Week 7
13 March 2015

From the Principal’s Desk
Principal’s Conference
Luckily I managed to survive the conference without illness! Sadly this is not the case for our neighbouring principals. Mr MacDonnell, Mrs Rye, Mrs Cornford and Mrs Beu were taken very ill. Mrs Cornford has not yet returned to work. I’m sure we wish them a speedy recovery.

Great Attendance Club
Again this year we will be running the 100% Attendance Club. We are going to rename it the Great Attendance Club. Last year, to be able to attain this reward, attendance had to be 100%. In consultation with staff and students we are modifying this to be 95% but all absences will need to be explained for a student to attend. This term the Great Attendance Club will happen in the afternoon of March 31. Students with Great Attendance will be treated to a visit from a petting zoo and a little afternoon tea.

Social Media
We provide several ways for you to keep connected with the school. We have a Facebook page called Esk State School P&C Association and a Facebook page called Esk State School. Please like both of them so you can join in. There is also a great App called QSchools. It is available from the App Store or Google Play. It links to our Website and pulls newsletters, dates, documents and more. Our website is up to date and available at www.eskss.eq.edu.au. The newsletter, which is published fortnightly, is up on the site by the afternoon of Newsletter day.

Information Technology
All of our classrooms and library are equipped with electronic smart boards, and data projectors. Each has between 4 and 8 computers with a further 15 computers in the library. Students use technology for a wide range of purposes. At the end of last year the Student Council purchased 12 water and shock proof compact cameras. These will be used to make Claymation’s in the Visual Arts Curriculum.

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Meetings: 3rd Monday of the Month

Be Respectful
Be Safe
Be a Learner
From the Principals Desk continued….

Attendance
Our attendance goal is 95% per day! From Monday last week (2 March) to Monday this week we had had an average of exactly 95%! Well done. So far for the year our rate is 94.3%. Our number of unexplained absences is decreasing which is excellent. Please keep letting us know why your child is not going to be at school on any day.

Positive Behaviour for Learning - explained
There has been a change of name for our behaviour program from School-wide Positive Behaviour Support Program (SWPBS) to Positive Behaviour for Learning - PBL. The main reason for the change is that the name more closely aligns behaviour support systems with academic support systems. This change helps us to recognise that both of these (behaviour and academics) are side by side, as both have three levels of support. Both behaviour and academic systems have “Universal” support for everyone, then “Targeted” interventions for 5% to 10% of students and finally the “Intensive” support for 1% to 5% of students.

Examples of universal support for academic and behaviour are those things that happen for everyone, e.g. encouragement, rewards, explicit teaching, behaviour assemblies and contact with families. Examples of targeted support are: - regular small group teaching with identified students, working with the Support Teacher for Literacy and Numeracy, rule reminders, time out, detention and contact with families. Examples of intensive support are: - individual learning programs, contact with external supports such as the Guidance Officer, Occupational Therapist, suspensions etc. All of this is held together with our PBL Circles – our Systems (what we use), Practice (what we do) and Data (how we know what to do). These in turn support adults and students and help create informed decision making.

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.
Master Teacher – Angela Burgess

My name is Angela Burgess and I have joined the Teaching team here at Esk as their Master teacher. This is a new role and Education Queensland’s expectation is that the Master teacher will work with teachers to improve Literacy and Numeracy across the school. This is an exciting time and the added professional support will best serve our students.

Students have made great progress with the intensive work done with reading here at the school so we have turned our attention to improving our numeracy skills. Teachers are focusing on ‘turning kids on to math’ through the introduction of math warm ups and targeting support where it is needed most. This includes an emphasis on extending students who demonstrate some talent in mathematics.

Teachers will also receive regional professional development to enhance the teaching and learning of mathematics in this region. Numeracy is a high priority here at Esk State School and being numerate means more than being able to calculate, it’s about building confidence and skill to be able to use mathematics to function in everyday life.

I look forward to my time here at Esk State School and the opportunity to work with such great teachers and friendly, happy students.

Sport – Mrs Rollston

Cross Country - 1 April - Time to start running! The interhouse cross country is on Wednesday 1 April. This means we have less than 3 weeks to train for it. Please encourage your child / children to do some running every day or so. This will help them to complete the cross country easily.

Distances for each age group are: 5 years - 300m (1 lap of the oval), 6 & 7 years - 600m (2 laps of the oval), 8 & 9 years - 1km (1 lap of the school), 10 years - 2km (2 laps of the school), 11, 12 & 13 years - 3km (3 laps of the school)

Music – Mr Smith

What a great first rehearsal for our Concert Band. We have the biggest Concert Band in the history of Esk State School and we can even play up to bar 25 of our first piece of music. We produced a very large and powerful sound. Thanks to all the Mums who came to watch.

We are having a special music parade on Wednesday 25 March to see the progress of Junior Choir and our Concert Band which is packed full of beginners.

Junior Choir, which draws its members from Years 1 and 2 will perform their educational vocal rounds and their new song and the Concert Band will perform “Hot Cross Buns” and our song about cowboys called “Saddle Sore”.

We will also present band badges to our band members. Would both ensembles please wear a nice school uniform as their ensemble uniform. Concert Band will not need their black pants and shoes for this performance.
Food For Thought!

Banana Maple Date Muffins

1 cup wholemeal self-raising flour  1 cup white self-raising flour
3 tablespoons white sugar  1 cup chopped dates
3 ripe bananas, mashed  ½ cup evaporated low-fat milk
¾ cup maple syrup  2 eggs

Method:
Pre-heat oven to 175 °C. Combine dry ingredients in one bowl. Combine wet ingredients in another bowl. Add contents of wet bowl to dry bowl and combine, but do not overmix.
Pour into 12 muffin moulds. Bake for 15-18 mins.

Weetbix Slice with Chocolate Icing (Big hit with the HOG riders!)

1 cup self-raising flour  1 cup desiccated coconut
¾ cup brown sugar  3 Weet-bix, crushed
125g butter, melted

Icing
200g chocolate melts
30g butter
¾ cup 100’s and 1000’s

Method:
Pre-heat oven to 180 °C. Line a slice tray with baking paper and set aside.
In a bowl, combine the flour, coconut, brown sugar and Weet-Bix.
Stir in the melted butter and mix well.
Press the mixture in slice tin and smooth down with the back of a metal spoon.
Bake for 20 mins.

Icing: Place chocolate and butter in a glass bowl and microwave at 30 sec intervals, stopping to stir for 15 secs each time. When all melted, pour over the Weet-Bix slice and sprinkle with 100’s & 1000’s. Refrigerate for 15mins.
Celebrations

Star Pupils
Prep
Excellent effort in all areas

Year Prep/One/Two
Outstanding homework efforts

Year One/Two
Great efforts in Mathematics

Year Two/Three
Being a polite and respectful student

Year Three/Four
Good work in recording Science observations

Year Four/Five/Six
Persistence when solving problems in Maths

Year Five/Six
Speedy six times tables
Speedy nine times tables
Speedy 10 times tables
Speedy 11 times tables

Special Award
Prep
Learning resilience

Year Prep/One/Two
Working well in all areas

Year One/Two
Sharing during group activities.

Year Two/Three
Being helpful with his peers

Year Three/Four
Working hard to improve his classroom behaviour

Year Four/Five/Six
Being responsible and looking after other’s belonging

Year Five/Six
Working hard and helping others

Gotcha Gems

Gotcha Award
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Congratulations
Caring for the school grounds

Names and photographs removed for privacy reasons.

Accelerated Reader Awards

Mathletic Awards
**Around the Classrooms**

**Prep – Mrs Richter**
Head lice have been reported in the Prep Class. Please check your child’s hair regularly for head lice and eggs (‘nits’) – use a metal fine tooth ‘nit’ comb and plenty of hair conditioner applied to the dry hair, to make the task easier and more effective. To help children sit still for this, offer distracting activities, e.g. play a favourite video, provide games, encourage reading, offer a head massage. Can everyone please be vigilant about this so it doesn’t become a social issue. For the latest information please Google - Head Lice Queensland Health.

**Year P/1/2 – Mrs Kitching**
We have been incredibly busy again! We have been looking at numbers 1-10 in Prep and focussing on numbers from 10 – 20 in our other grades. Doubles facts and Rainbow facts are almost becoming ready recall facts! In English we have been working with our word sorts and we have been closely looking at spelling patterns independently and with a partner. We then use these words to complete different activities in our work books.

In Science we have become Geographical investigators and we are looking at healthy and unhealthy habitats around our school. We were amazed to discover that in Science and Geography we have been looking closely at habitats. Swimming has now finished for the term and we have continued to train hard for Cross country. More training is needed for us to be up to speed.

Next week we will begin working with the students in 5/6 in Buddy rotations. We can hardly wait!

**Year 1/2 – Miss Mulligan**
On Tuesday, we started our first Math group rotations. The children were very happy to be finally able to use the computer for Mathletics! In Maths this week, we have been learning how to skip count quantities in 2s, 5s and 10s. In Science, we have recently started to learn about living things and the needs that they have. Over the past couple of weeks, I have also introduced classroom jobs for the children which they have actively taken on. Our classroom jobs include line leaders, behavioural managers and teacher helpers. As of last Friday, Fun Swims finished for our class. I am sure though that the children will be happy to instead exchange the time for some art activities! I encourage the children to keep reading at home and to continue to regularly hand in their home readers.

**Year 2/3 – Mrs McTaggart**
Over the last two week the class has been looking at various types of maps and their purpose in Geography. The class is very enthusiastic about the knowledge they are acquiring about our neighbours in the world.

Homework is always due back on Friday. It can be returned unfinished. This gives me a good indicator of how the students are coping with homework and what time management strategies they are using to have their homework completed.

This week the whole class returned their home readers and homework folders. What a brilliant effort for all students in the class. Keep up the brilliant work.

Swimming lessons are finished for Term 1 and a big thank you to the parents who came and helped out each Thursday.

**Year 3/4 – Mrs Nan**
We have now finished reading Kumiko and the Dragon. This week we have been busy writing our own opening paragraph describing the setting and how Kumiko was feeling at the beginning of the story. Some children have finished their paragraph and also illustrated it. We have included some of their artworks below.
Year 4/ 5/6 – Mrs Dolan

Year 4, 5, 6 have been working on their ‘Rowan of Rin’ lapbooks this week in English. The story has become even more exciting and we eagerly look forward to the next chapter to see what adventures Rowan is drawn into.

In Maths we have been learning a variety of strategies to help us with addition and subtraction. So far in Number Facts we have learnt 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables. Next week we start the 6 multiplication and division number facts.

In Geography we have studied the natural landforms and man-made buildings in the European countries of France and Italy. We are now looking to study the natural landforms, buildings and languages of countries in North America.

Camp forms went home this week for the Year 5 and 6 Camp to Emu Gully. Please return the forms and deposit as soon as possible. They are due back on 26 March.

Year 5/6 – Mrs Smith

Those students who have been practicing the speed of recall of our multiplication tables are flying ahead. This week we have focussed on the 12s which means we have been all the way through the times tables now. Rote learning of these number facts will give your child one of the most important building blocks for Mathematics for many years to come. Keep up the practice at home please.

Students will have their next Maths Assessment item on Monday 16 March. It will be a fractions test. It will focus on comparing and ordering fractions, fraction models and general understanding of fractions as well as the addition and subtraction of fractions. I strongly encourage students to revise and study at home prior to the test.

In English we are working towards our end of unit assessment item which is a comparison of the narrative version of Storm Boy and the movie version. The first home assignment – a Book Review is due on Thursday 19 March. Children have received a book review sheet to complete and should have been reading a novel at home for the past few weeks in the lead up to completing this assignment.
PBL - Positive Behaviour for Learning
Every Monday morning we start the week off with a PBL assembly (formerly known as SWPBS). Here we reflect on last week’s behaviours and highlight the expected behaviours for the week ahead and celebrate the positive behaviours and patterns that we have witnessed from the previous week.

Over the past two weeks we have focused on Positive Consequences within the classroom. This looks like a smile, a thumbs-up, a Gotcha, a classroom reward + many more, when we see our students following the classroom or school expected behaviours.

On Monday this week, we reminded students about proper behaviour in the toilets, how to report an incident and the importance of wearing a hat.

Lower School Fun Swim – Mrs McTaggart
Fun Swim has finished for Term 1 and we wish to thank the parents who came on Fridays and helped with the supervision of the students while in the pool. Many eyes made the job much easier.

Student Council News – Mrs Smith
Thanks to everyone who came to the Disco hosted by the Student Council last week. It was a great way to start the year for our new leaders. The Medieval theme proved to be fun and interesting. Our next event will be Movie Day on Monday 30 March (Week 10). Permission Slip and Movie Deal form over page.

Mrs Kitching certainly looked the part in her royal costume, she just needed a crown!

Thanks Mr & Mrs Kitching for supplying most of the medieval paraphernalia and for taking all the photos in the Photo Booth.
Year 5 & 6 Camp – Mrs Dolan & Mrs Smith
This week students in Years 5 & 6 received information regarding the Emu Gully Camp which will take place from Monday 22 June to Wednesday 24 June (Week 10 Term 2). Please keep an eye out for this paperwork and if you don’t receive it please contact the office for another copy. Note that a deposit of $100 is required before the Easter break for each student who will be attending this camp.

Year 6 Shirts – Mrs Smith
This year we will have a special shirt for those students who are currently in Year 6. Students in Year 6 got together last week to decide on a design. Below is the Year Six Shirt Designs for 2015. Students in Year 6 received a letter this week with the details. Please fill in the order form and return it to school with the money ($39) by Friday 27 March. Note that once the order has been sent we will not be able to order more shirts as there is a minimum order of ten shirts. The logo on the back of the shirt will be filled with a list of all the children and teachers. The shirt will be maroon and purple with black piping. Logos will be printed in black.

Learn about Your World
Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2015 like Nele, who is 15, is outgoing and positive and who likes being involved in her community. Together with her school-mates, she had organised a fundraiser effort involving participation in a 300-km hiking trail into the Black Forest. Besides playing the piano and saxophone in a band, she also performs in street festivals and helps out at the farmers’ market. Prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Students arrive in July 2015 for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Spain all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit our website www.scce.com.au, email us at scceausf@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501.

*photo of previous student*
MOVIE DAY

The Student Council will be hosting a Movie Day on Monday 30 March 2015 during school time. Children will have a choice between the following movies – Man from Snowy River (PG), Big Hero 6 (PG), House of Magic (G), and Amazonia (G). Children who wish to watch one of the PG movies need to bring back the signed permission form.

A Movie Deal can be purchased for $5 per student. Money for Movie Deals will be accepted until 9am on Monday 30 March. While the movie is free of charge the $5 Movie Deal will include Free Dress, Popcorn (salty butter or caramel crunch), choice of Drink (soft drink, juice or bottled water) as well as first choice of seating at their chosen movie. 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 Drink, $2 Popcorn and $2 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 30 March 2015.

Signed: _______________________________

Name: _______________________________

Date: _______________________________
Chappy’s Chat

Paper Planes – Last week in the school hall we had the Epic Paper Plane Competition!!! What a turnout we had too...with an absolute ton of students from Prep to Year 6 all having a go at their aerofoil-paper-engineering skills. There were ups and downs (with planes and emotions), and loops and spins going on, but we also had some fantastic distances covered, and one plane even reaching the end of the hall with a 24 metre flight. Hopefully with the end of the comp this also means that there is less paper lying around the house now, or maybe it has just opened up a whole new world of interest for you and your child to explore. Maybe next year we can have a parent’s verse students session too..? Winners will be announced at next week’s parade as we are having school photos this week.

Big Night Out at Toogoolawah SS activity hall happens again on Friday 28 March, and is open to students from years 5-8/9. This coming “BNO” will be a messy-food-games night, and will be oozing with FUN. Along with some great activities, we will also be having supper (not dinner this time round) and some discussion time around life and the Bible. Parental permission is required to attend, so for more details and forms, please see Chappy.

Easterfest is an amazing event that takes over the City of Toowoomba from 3-5 of April. There are free musical performances at numerous venues, including shopping centres and cafes throughout Toowoomba, and of course there is the main Festival at Queens Park with tickets (1 day to full festival) available online or at the gates. With stacks of artists playing all types of genres (including Rock, Rap, Pop, Indy, Jazz, Reggae, Heavy, Instrumental, Praise, Gospel, Techno and pretty much everything in between), rides, food and resource stalls, SU Kids World, sports activities, a pro-bmx crew, on-site camping for 3 day goers, the list is endless...Easterfest is an awesome experience that is basically on our doorstep…and maybe up the hill a bit. For more info and pre-purchased tickets, you can check out Easterfest online, or once again, come and see Chappy for more details. Blessed to be a blessing – Chappy Ryan

Names and photographs removed for privacy reasons.
A HUGE thank you to the 11 bakers and 11 volunteers who provided a mountain of goodies and their time for the morning tea. The morning was very successful and the riders were all happy and full by the time they left.

Michael P&C President and Dave Ride Captain

A few of the Harleys that parked outside the school grounds on Sunday morning

110 HOG riders eating and catching up with friends from around the region

Next P&C Meeting – Monday 16 March 6:30pm in the Library. Everyone is welcome.
Cross Country Meal Deal $6.00 (Form MUST be returned by Friday 27th March)
If adults require a Meal Deal, an order must also be returned by 27th March

Name: ......................................................... Class: .................. (Please tick one box from each line)

☐ Chicken and Gravy Roll  OR  ☐ Ham and Cheese Roll

☐ Apple  OR  ☐ Banana

☐ Water  ☐ Apple Juice  ☐ Strawberry Milk  ☐ Chocolate Milk

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Social evening

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Beginners to Advanced
18 months to Seniors
Esk, Gatton, Helidon & Plainland Studios
Affordable family rates
Come and Join Us
Experience the Love of Dance!
Phone Miss Shandell on 0437013198
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Esk & District Cricket Club

Esk & District Cricket club would like to thank The ARDNOX Group for their sponsorship of the club. The ARDNOX group is the biggest earthmoving company in the Brisbane Valley and Somerset region based in Harlin and are specialists in road building especially gravel roads, flood ways and culverts. Through their generosity the team and coaches now have club shirts and hats. We looked like a team at last.

Craig Eastment, ARDNOX Managing Director and Construction Director presented the boys with their new sporting outfits at McConnel Park on Saturday, 27 February where the team were playing their final game for the season against Hatton Vale/Mulgowie before the finals. Craig said that ARDNOX has always been supportive of local clubs and schools, for example ARDNOX, as donated to four local schools especially to their special needs departments and believe that supporting local youth means supporting our future.

ARDNOX Sponsorship - A local business supporting the regional community.

Gurumba Bigi - G’day

Indigenous Culture program for young people

Date: Wednesdays during school term 1, 2015
Starting 11 February 2015
Finishing 1 April 2015
Time: 3.15 to 5pm
Where: Trax Community Church
41 Railway Street, Lowood
Pick up: Parent/carers must arrange pick up
Consent: Parent/carers must sign a consent form

NOTE: Please wear old and comfortable clothes - some days we might be dancing, or painting or grinding up ochre and it may get messy.

Background artwork by program participant Caitlin Robinson-Cleary

Connecting Indigenous young people to culture in Somerset
Phone 6424 4060 | www.somerset.qld.gov.au
The Regional Arts Development Fund is a Queensland Government through Arts Queensland and Somerset Regional Council partnership to support local arts and culture.
Membership fees for 2015 are now due, and we would like to invite you to renew your membership. Please support your local show.

At the 2014 Annual General Meeting, the following fees were set at $24.00 for a family membership and $12.00 for a single membership, this membership gives you unrestricted access to the Show on all days. Primary school children age 12 and under are given free entry, high school children & pensioners will pay concession rate on both days unless they become members.

This year you can renew your membership online. Go to www.eskshow.com.au/membership to renew.

Our new website is regularly being updated with details of the events and displays at this years show. You can also find updates about the Esk Show from our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/EskShowSociety.

The show schedule is available on our website at www.eskshow.com.au/schedules. You can print / download the full schedule or individual sections. We would like you to consider whether you require a printed copy of the Schedule. Please complete your choice at the bottom of this form.

Yours Sincerely

Sally Jess
Acting Secretary

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
(You only need to complete this section if you are NOT joining / renewing via the website)

Please return to PO Box 69, Esk Qld 4312

Fee enclosed (please select)
☐ $24.00 Family (2 adults and all children 12 and under) ☐ $12.00 Single

| Name: |  |
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