Welcome back to 2015

Welcome back to another great year at Esk State School. We are so pleased to see our students back at school. I hope you all had a great holiday and are well rested? We have many great events planned again this year so this will be a busy year too. I have included in this Newsletter a list of events, when they might happen and a rough idea of cost. (See page 3 of this newsletter.) I hope you will use this to help with family budgeting and planning.

This year we welcome two new support staff to our school. Mrs McConnel is our Pedagogical Coach and Behaviour Support Teacher and she works here one day per week supporting staff with teaching practice and behaviour. Mrs Burgess is our Master Teacher and she works here 5 days per fortnight supporting teachers with data and the curriculum.

Our first P&C Meeting for the year will be on next Monday from 6.30pm in the Library. A Parent / Teacher Meet and Greet evening will be held on February 16. I encourage as many parents as possible to come along. It will be a time to meet all the teachers and to visit classrooms. It begins at 6.00pm in the library.

Polling Booth
A polling booth will be at our Hall tomorrow. There will also be a BBQ run by the Masonic Lodge so bring some money along with you to grab a bit to eat.

Food and Drink Policy
Last year we started working on a School-wide Food and Drink Policy. We are continuing this work this year and will keep you informed through the newsletter and the P&C Association.

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.

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Keep up to-date with the latest news and events.
Day 8 Census

Next Thursday is Day 8 of the school year. On this day State Schooling takes a census of all students and teachers in the state. The number of teachers per school is calculated on these numbers. Our enrolments are at 170 and based on this we should expect another teacher. (I must state clearly that if our number drops we will probably not increase our teacher positions and classes would stay as they are now). Assuming that we do increase we are putting in place a plan to make the reformation of classes as smooth as possible. This will mean replacement of many students across the school. Currently class sizes are at 28 to 32. The change will bring that down to an average of 24. Next Monday all students but for most Preps will receive a letter stating which class and teacher they will have if the reformation takes place. Teachers and I have worked hard to consider which students will move. These decisions are made taking in consideration learning and social needs of students. If you are a Prep parent and don’t receive a letter it means your child is not moving.

Bus Committee Meeting

Each year there is one meeting of the Bus Committee. This committee is made up of myself, the owner of the Burns Bus run and any interested parents of students on any of the buses. The meeting will take place in the school library at 9.15 am next Friday 6 February. Please come along.

Lowood Swimming Carnival

What a fantastic carnival the Lowood carnival was! We had the victorious 9 & 10 years girls Age Champions. Congratulations girls, a great way to finish 2014!! Esk State School was placed 2nd in percentage trophy and 3rd in overall trophy! I was thrilled to witness the great effort our swimmers put in!! A wonderful effort from everyone.

Thursday 5 Feb 2015
“Day 8”
Please make sure your children are at school.

Administration

School Fees - Thank you to those parents who have already wished to pay their child’s fees for 2015. Unfortunately, final details are still being sorted and as previously advised, we will be ready to accept payment at Week 3. Over the next 2 weeks details regarding these payments will be finalised and a notice will be sent home either by invoice, or by newsletter item, that payments for school fees are due.

Fun Swim – Fun swim starts next Friday 6 February for years 1 to 6. $5 for 5 weeks. Payments can be accepted at the office from Monday 2 February.

Student Medications - If your child has medications held at our school, please take the time to come up to the Administration Office to check levels of medications, expiry dates, etc. and replace or remove as needed. If your child has an Individual Management Plan a copy needs to be provided to the school. This should be reviewed and signed by your doctor on an annual basis. Plans for 2015 should be handed in to the office as soon as possible to assist us with managing your child’s condition.

Money - A reminder – any monies being handed into the office MUST be in an envelope with the Student’s name, class and purpose of payment written on the front.

Sport – Mrs Rollston

PE Swimming lessons will begin in week 2 for years 1 - 6. All classes except for the 4/5/6 class will swim on Thursdays. The 4/5/6 class will swim on Fridays. Children will need to bring swimmers, a towel, a sun shirt and a swimming cap. They may bring goggles if needed. Please make sure that everything is named - including school uniforms. If any parents are able to help out with swimming it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Mrs Rollston or your child’s class teacher if you can help out.
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Please keep this handy as you set up your calendar for the year. It will help you know well in advance what is coming up and what costs are involved.

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Food For Thought!
Healthy Lunchbox Ideas........

Apple Muffins

1½ cups self-raising flour
½ cup sugar
1 egg lightly beaten
2/3 cup milk or soymilk
1/4 cup canola oil
1 small to medium golden delicious apple
1-2 tbsp extra sugar

Sift flour into a bowl and sugar, egg, milk, and oil, stirring with a fork until mixed. Peel and dice apple, sprinkle with extra sugar and stir into mixture. Spray a 12 cup muffin pan with oil and spoon mixture into cups. Bake at 180°C for 15-20 minutes.

Literacy and Support – Mrs Oxenford
Booster Writing and Numeracy Projects offered to Year 5 students

There will be two online learning programs operating this term – Booster Writing and Booster Numeracy. The structure of the projects is similar to Project 600 however each project will only involve one 1 hour online lesson each week.

Both projects start next week and will run until Week 3 of Term 2. They are intentionally timed to finish just before NAPLAN.

Letters have been sent home to parents of selected Year 5 students explaining the project. If you do not wish for your child to participate, please contact Mrs Oxenford.

Literacy Support lessons off and running – Please return signed consent letters!

Literacy Support lessons are provided to selected students during LOTE or Cultural Studies time. Students need to meet strict criteria to be offered Literacy Support lessons.

Parent consent forms for Literacy Support were sent home this week. Please sign and return the form to the office so that your child can be withdrawn from LOTE/Cultural Studies for Literacy Support.

The groups from Mrs Dolan’s and Mrs Smith’s rooms are already off to a flying start and were very enthusiastic during their first lesson for the year. They enjoyed learning how to use ‘5 senses and feelings’ in their writing to make it more appealing to the reader.

Speech-Language Screeners for all Preps

This year at Esk State School, a speech and language screening for all children in Prep will be completed. This screening will be completed by an Education Queensland Speech-Language Pathologist.

Language is important for learning, literacy and educational success. This screening will look at your child’s overall language skills such as their sentence structure, grammar, ability to follow directions, understanding of basic concepts, etc.

Results will be scored and used for planning and support within the classroom. You will be contacted by the Speech Language Pathologist if needed.

If you have any questions regarding this service please contact your Mrs Richter or Mrs Oxenford.

Free access to counselling in Esk for children 11 years and under

Child ATAPS (Access To Allied Psychological Services) provides up to 18 FREE counselling sessions for children 11 years and under in Esk. The first step is to visit your GP and ask for your child to receive help from ATAPS. A psychologist regularly visits the Somerset Civic Centre here in Esk. Six free sessions are provided initially. If you require more sessions you can return to your GP and ask for more help. You can access up to 18 free sessions in total.

The same help is available for children 12 and over as well as adults however there is a waiting list for these age groups. You can still visit your GP and ask for help from ATAPS. Help can be fast-tracked depending on your situation. Please see over page for information.
MIND HEALTH AND WELLBEING PROGRAM

Did you know your child may be eligible for free allied psychological services through Child ATAPS?

CHILD ATAPS: ACCESS TO ALLIED PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES

Working with community-based mental health providers

WHAT IS ATAPS?

The Access to Allied Psychological Services (ATAPS) program is an Australian Government initiative that fully funds access to up to twelve one-hour psychology sessions for eligible people when they receive a referral from their GP.

The West Moreton-Oxley Medicare Local helps deliver this program in partnership with community-based mental health providers through our Mind Health and Wellbeing Program.

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CHILD ATAPS PROGRAM

The Child ATAPS Program is for children aged 11 years and under. The ATAPS Program is available to people aged 12 years and above.

Child ATAPS is a program that will help children talk about what is happening in their life and learn new ways of dealing with problems. It is for children who want to feel better. Sometimes mum, dad or a carer attends the sessions.

Children go to Child ATAPS if they are:
- getting bullied
- feeling angry a lot
- getting into trouble
- feeling sad or frightened
- feeling worried
- feeling confused
- acting differently
- finding change difficult
- feeling like they need someone to talk to
- having trouble at school

Child ATAPS can help children to:
- feel happier
- find ways to talk to people
- ask for help when they need it
- think things through
- solve problems
- feel more in control
- make good choices
- learn new ways to feel better

See your GP to discuss eligibility or for more information on the Mind Health and Wellbeing Program Child ATAPS. Contact us on:

Phone: 3381 1831  Fax: 3470 5658  Mobile: 0409 868 854
Email: ataps@westmoretonoxley.com.au
Web: www.westmoretonoxley.com.au

Medicare Locals gratefully acknowledge the financial and other support from the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.
P & C News

P & C Meeting - Monday 2nd February at 6.30pm in the Library. All welcome :)

Change of Tuckshop Convenor - As of this week our Tuckshop Convenors from 2014, Lesley Chambers and Kim Newell have resigned from their positions effective immediately. The P&C would like to wish Lesley and Kim all the best in their future endeavours and thank them very, very much for doing such a great job in the tuckshop in 2014. We are pleased to advise that we have received an expression of interest in the Tuckshop Convenor position from a new parent to our school, however we will need another week to organise the tuckshop for opening. Therefore, at this stage the tuckshop should be operating at least one day per week from Week 3. A notice and new menu will be sent out as soon as it is ready.

If you are interested in volunteering one morning per month to assist in the Tuckshop, please contact Mel Hatch-Green on 0411 465114 or email justmel7@bigpond.com.

Friday February 13th - "LOVE IT" Social Fundraising Night - Last year's "It's Spring" Social Fundraising night was such a success, this year we are holding another one in February. The day before Valentines Day will be the perfect time to celebrate LOVE! This will be one of our major fundraisers for the year and we would LOVE to see you and your family there. The P&C will be cooking up a LOVEly BBQ dinner, serving LOVEly beverages at the licensed bar, there will be LOVEly LIVE music by some fantastic local artists and some very LOVEly raffle prizes and a lucky door prize. So come along and show your LOVE for Esk State School by supporting this night, bring the family and enjoy an evening out. Friday 13th February from 5pm until 8pm. A notice with more details will be sent home next week.

**SEEKING RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS** If you can donate a prize or know of a local business who can donate a raffle prize for the social night, could you please contact Mel Hatch-Green on 0411 465114 or leave prizes with Miss Jacqui in the office. Many thanks :)

Harley Owners Group - Morning Tea Sunday March 8th 2015 - The HOG Riders love our little town so much they are returning in 2015 for another scrumptious morning tea at Esk State School. This is an excellent fundraiser for the P&C with the last morning tea netting over $950 in profit. Could you please make a note of the date - Sunday 8th March 2015 as we will need about 6 helpers and about 12 bakers to make this another successful fundraiser. Please let Mel Hatch-Green know (0411 465 114 or justmel7@bigpond.com) if you can assist or bake.

The P&C have secured another catering fundraiser in May 2015, approximately 50 participants in the Victoria Variety 4WD Trek will be visiting our school on Monday 5th May 2015 and we will be providing lunch for the trekkers. If anyone is able to assist with preparing and or serving lunch on this day, please contact Mel Hatch-Green over the coming months.

Community News

Swimming Caps – Esk Pharmacy has a large stock of swimming caps. Swimming caps are $2.50 each but if you mention you are from Esk State School they will give you a 10% discount on the caps.

Esk District Junior Cricket Club will be running a MILO in2CRICKET program for girls and boys aged seven to 11. The program will be held after school from 3.15 to 4.30 at Esk State School. 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.

MILO in2CRICKET is a fun skills program and a great way to get a taste of cricket. No experience necessary! You get to hang out with your friends, be active, play games and learn some great cricket skills!

Numbers are limited! Contact Hilary Benson on 0419028154 if you are interested.
KILCOY SCHOOL OF DANCE – Enrol now 2015

Classes in Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Tap, Hip Hop, Cheerleading & Acrobatics classes.

We have timetable packed with a variety classes to help you fuel your passion for dance.

For details on class times call Leanne on 0408 072334 or email dance_qld@bigpond.com

Or go to our website

www.kilcoyschoolofdance.com.au

Toogoolawah PICTURES

Sat., 31st JAN
‘The Hobbit
Battle of the Five Armies’ m
Doors: 7pm Movie: 7.30 – 10.20 pm

Sat., 7th Feb
‘Big Hero 6’ pg

Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8    Family: $25
Snack Bar. Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, T’wah
Enquiries: 0438149954

Brisbane Valley Bulls
JRLFC SIGN-ON
Saturday 7 February
Esk Recreation Grounds
9am-12 noon

Looking for all players boys & girls, all ages.
Come & join a great sport & club.
Anyone interested in refereeing, coaching & first aid please come along.

Families may be eligible for the State Govt. GET STARTED PROGRAM to have their children’s fees paid for by the government.

Please contact Tracey (0438 718 684) or Lorraine (0438 697 819) for more information or email: bvjuniorbulls@gmail.com