Dates to Remember

June
15 – Athletics – Track and Ball
17 – Special Music Parade
18 – Year 3/4 North Pine Camp
19 – Readers Cup
22 – 5/6 Emu Gully Camp
25 – Report Cards Home
26 – Free Dress- Student Council
26 – Last day Term 2

July
13 – First day Term 3

Term 2 Week 8
12 June 2015

From the Principal’s Desk

Transition to High School Meeting for Year 6 Parents
All Year 6 parents are invited to attend the next P&C meeting on Monday June 15 at 6:30pm when the team from Toogoolawah SHS will discuss the Transition to High School Program and Junior Secondary. This is a great opportunity for Year 6 parents to start preparing for next year.

Transition Sports Day
Please don’t forget that the Year 6 students are travelling to Toogoolawah State High School on June 26 (last day of school this term). Permission forms and the Tuckshop menu were sent home with the last newsletter. Ensure that you return your permission form as soon as possible. If you need another form please contact the office.

Attendance Data and Great Attendance Reward Day
We are a little way off of our goal of 95% attendance this fortnight! We are sitting on 92.1%. As you can tell by studying the graph, on the next page, that Fridays are trending as the day students are mostly staying away from school. Every day is important in your child’s education so it is vital that parents work at getting children to school. On another note it is awesome that 47.9% of our students have been at school for 95% of the term or better. These students will be able to spend some time on a jumping castle which will be set up at school on Thursday 25 June.

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.
From the Principals Desk continued….

What is Early Start?
The early years of schooling (Prep – Year 2) are a significant time for your child as they develop the foundational literacy and numeracy skills for success in future learning and in later life. Due to the rate of learning and development that occurs within these years, schools continually monitor your child’s literacy and numeracy progress to meet their individual needs. From 2014, we started using Early Start to track progress and measure growth in literacy and numeracy for your child. We are now using Early Start with students at four points in time – On-entry to Prep, End of Prep, End of Year 1 and End of Year 2.

How will Early Start benefit your child?
Your child’s teacher will administer the Early Start activities one-to-one with students. The teacher will enter your child’s responses into OneSchool, the school data management system, which will provide them with information to assist with their curriculum planning for your child’s learning needs. Each literacy and numeracy activity takes about 20 minutes to administer, providing a wonderful opportunity for your child and their teacher to get to know each other. Teachers have the opportunity to complete these activities four times with your child from when they start Prep until they finish Year 2. By administering Early Start, your child’s teacher will get a clear picture of what your child knows and understands. They will use this information to make decisions about teaching and learning, and to monitor progress over time so that your child’s needs are met. Schools will not generate individual student reports from the Early Start data and will not award your child a ‘grade’ based on their results.

How is Early Start being rolled out?
Following a trial period this year, all schools will be able to administer the On-entry to Prep materials with their students from 2014. End of Prep, End of Year 1 and End of Year 2 materials are continuing to be trialled before release later in 2014 and 2015. Visit [http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/advice/earlychildhood/early-start.html](http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/advice/earlychildhood/early-start.html) to find out more.

Report Cards
Report Cards will be sent home on Thursday 25 June. Education Queensland implements a uniform reporting process in all schools using a consistent five point scale as follows:
- Prep – Year 2 : Applying, Making Connections, Working With, Exploring, Becoming Aware
- Years 3 to 7: A, B, C, D, E

An important point that deserves clarification is that the 5 point scale has some subtle differences these days and that when we see a “Working With or C” on our child’s report card it means something a little different to what it used to on our own report cards, many years ago.
- The best description is that a “Working With or C” means a student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be – A “Working With or C” is ON TARGET or AT YEAR LEVEL STANDARD.

With this in mind, we must accept that it may be harder to get an “A” or a “B” than it used to be. These grades are no longer awarded simply to the top students in the class; they are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the criteria for their year level.

Some points to remember as you read your child’s report.
- The “Effort” grades are a really important reflection of whether your child is working to the best of their ability.
- An “A” for effort and a “C” for achievement indicates that your child is “On Target” for their age and “applying their best effort”. This grade should be celebrated with students because they have worked hard to be where they need to be.

The end of semester report card is a culmination of your child’s results over the semester. With parent teacher interviews offered to all parents at the end of Terms One and Three, they are well informed of their child’s academic progress. It is important to note that not every aspect of every subject (English, Maths, Science etc.) is assessed and reported on each semester or term. This means that the result students receive on their end of semester report is indicative of the content that has been taught and assessed during that semester, and not necessarily indicative of the entire subject content. This means that a student’s results may vary from semester to semester, because they are being assessed and reported on different aspects of the subject/curriculum.
Fortnightly Newsletters

In August last year, it was decided that we would start printing our newsletters each fortnight. This was for a variety of reasons, the two main reasons were:

1. We had new photocopiers installed that would be able to print out the newsletter easier, but could only print out using A3 paper, not a mixture as we had been doing manually for many years. This was a cost and time effective option.
2. Time: putting the newsletter together and printing out on a weekly basis was taking up valuable time that has now been put to use in bettering the students education.

This leads to another concern that has been raised: Because the newsletters are now fortnightly, parents are forgetting to pay for things and seem be to losing track of what is going on at school.

There are a few ways that you as parents can stay connected and informed with our school.

Firstly, check out the calendar on the school webpage https://eskss.eq.edu.au it is regularly updated with up-and-coming events. Or download the latest newsletter if yours has been misplaced.

Secondly: Install the QSchools App on your mobile device. Each time the school posts something on the website you are alerted. (See advertisement above)

Thirdly: At the beginning of the term a Term Calendar is sent home with each student outlining events, outings & camps. This could be referred to throughout the term.

Fourthly: A page of indicative costs for the year is included in the first newsletter of the year. (30 Jan 2015 - it is also on the website if you would like to download.)

Fifthly: Phone Admin – 5424 4111. If you think something is coming up that you have forgotten about, the lovely ladies will be only too pleased to assist you.

Also: you can stay in touch with either Face Book page: Esk State School or Esk State School P&C. These are regularly updated too.
Administration

We are having way too many late arrivals – school starts at 8:40am!

PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning

Part of being positive about our learning is being positive about our school attendance. The students were told on Monday that Mr Crichton has ordered a Jumping Castle to reward those students who have attended school for 95%+ of Term 2. You can imagine the response from the children!

The students went over our: **Motto – Ever Seeking Knowledge**

**Values – Safety, Respect and Learning** and

**Rules - Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner**

Learning Support – Mrs Oxenford

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: **Twenty Questions:**
Take turns thinking of a person, place, or thing. Don’t say what you’re thinking of. The other person asks questions to guess what you’re thinking of. You can only say “yes” or “no” when you answer. You’re only allowed to ask 20 questions to guess what the object is.

Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorder – Dr Tony Attwood and Dr Michelle Garnett
Highfields – Friday 19 June – 9.30am-3.30pm
A presentation for parents, family members, care staff, educators, clinicians – anyone wanting to understand more about Autism Spectrum Disorder and how to support children and adults with ASD.
More information at [www.suelarkey.com](http://www.suelarkey.com) or see Mrs Oxenford

Music – Mr Smith

My favourite thing to do is to show off our musical kids to their Mums and Dads and Grandparents at our special music parades but on Wednesday June 17 at 8:45am we will have a super special guest come to see our Special Music Parade and that person is the Assistant Regional Director who is in charge of all the schools in our area. Her name is Mrs Deb Hails and guess what? She is Mr Crichton’s boss and she loves our school!!!

We will showcase our Concert Band, Senior Choir and Junior Choir. We will also feature some performers showing us the curriculum we have been doing in music, so the Preps will show us Easy G Chord on the Guitars, selected Year 5 and 6 students will demonstrate recorder and saxophone and our mystery vocal soloist will perform on guitar while singing.

This is going to be something to see and just about every student in the school is involved somehow.

I can’t wait.

Notice to ALL band members – Please wear your long black pants, black socks and black shoes to the performance on Wednesday. Hair accessories for girls will be black, maroon or white.
Athletics – Mrs Smith

We had a lovely day last Friday for the Field Events and the heats of the Sprints. By the end of the day the points were amazingly close - Ivory on 538 and Eskdale with 544. We saw one record equalled and another broken in our field events. Students have also earned points toward age champions. Medallions will be awarded to age champions once the running events have been added on.

The final athletics events will be held on Monday 15 June. Every child will run a race and be in a ball game. Most will also be in a relay. Come along and cheer on our wonderful athletes.

MONDAY 15 June 2015

8:45  Teachers Mark Rolls in classrooms then organise March Past
9:00  March past, National Anthem then official welcome
9:10  Sprint Finals: 5 – 12/13 year olds
10:10 800 m Finals: 9 – 12/13 year olds
11:00  First Break
11:45 200m Finals: 9 – 12/13 year olds
12:15 Ball Games- all students Prep to Year 6
1:00  Second Break
1:45  Relays- students Prep to Year 6
2:10  Tug-o-war- Year 6 Ivory V Eskdale
2:20  Clean up then move up to the hall for the official announcements
2:30  Official Announcements – Team Esk 2015, Age Champions and Champion House
2:45  Dismiss children

Tabloid Sports – Mrs Rollston

This week we had the Tabloid Sports for the younger students. The points from the tabloid sports will be added towards the champion house trophy. Below are two photos of the younger students in action.
Celebrations

Star Pupils
Prep
Dominic Coup – Demonstrating leadership

Year Prep/One/Two
Charlize Burnett – Outstanding work in all subjects

Year One/Two
Illara Jenkins – Being a co-operative and supportive class member

Year Two/Three
Kearne Collins

Year Three/Four
No Award at time of printing

Year Four/Five/Six
Chase Girling – Always trying to achieve his best

Year Five/Six
Mac Walsh – Great results in Maths

Special Award
Prep
Saxston Scott Flanders – Great improvement in effort and application

Year Prep/One/Two
R Gibb – Great handwriting

Year One/Two
Beau Jasch – Completing “10 minute maths” with great results

Year Two/Three
Georgia Jess – Always helping others

Year Three/Four
Songhar Mak – Great effort on your dioramas
Jacques Richard – Great effort on your dioramas

Year Four/Five/Six
Danielle Andrews – Great attitude to work

Year Five/Six
Jesse Dingle – Lending a helping hand

Gotcha Gems
Peridot – Zaine Houghton
Opal – Benjamin Cox, Jack Drake-Muir, Darci Lawson, Nicholas Wilkes
Garnet – Madi Dennehy, Jack Holden, Amelia Prior, Saxston Scott-Flanders, Hayden Young, Elle Cox, Alli Dennehy, Jessica Lee, Blake Laycock
Aquamarine – Mariz Ratcliffe
Amethyst – Katie FitzGerald, Davis Rollston, Mac Walsh
Topaz – Bradley Beddow

Mathletic Awards – Calleigh Girling, Mia Byrnes, Georgia Jess, Jake Maden, Lochlan Rollston x 2, Harry Jermanus, Jack Bundy x 2, Briley Tritton, Bradley Beddow, Sam Bundy, Ryan Cook, Beau Jasch, William Black, Nedi Granzien, Zelma Harris

Accelerated Reader Awards – Hannah Brough, Thomas Connors, Joshua FitzGerald, Ticky Granzien, Shanay Jasch, Lexi Matheson, Chase Girling, Lillie Kranarenko, Darci Lawson, Tristan Phillips, Katie FitzGerald

Gotcha Award
Sponsored by Esk Newsagency
Congratulations

Violet Oliver-Price
Picking up rubbish

(No photo available this week)
**Around the Classrooms**

**Prep – Mrs Richter**
Don’t forget to wear joggers and bring your hat and water bottle for the Athletics Carnival on Monday.

**Year P/1/2 – Mrs Kitching**
This week we have made wonderful Possum houses in Technology. We have begun looking at Poetry and creating our own poems. Every day we look at the calendar, weather and special events. We are also beginning to learn about half past times and showing these on analogue and digital clocks.

Yesterday we had our amazing Tabloid sports day! Thank you to all of our parents who could come along to watch. We had so much fun.

Mrs Kitching is excited that we are learning so much every day! She has reminded us to bring our reading folders back on Mondays and Wednesdays so that we can continue to improve.

**Year 1/2 – Miss Quade**
We’ve had another great fortnight in the Year 1/2 Classroom! Students have been doing a lot of writing and we have had some excellent sentences as a result. They have been exploring how noun groups and verb groups can be used to make their sentences more exciting. In Maths students have been working very hard on their ten minute maths. Ten minute maths is our daily number fact practice. Students focus on speed and accuracy while completing mental addition number facts.

**Year 2/3 – Mrs McTaggart**
The year 2/3’s have started Buddies this week with Preps from Prep and P/1/2. This happens on Wednesday afternoons. All students involved are very excited about doing Buddies. The Yr2/3’s have renamed Wednesday to “Buddy Day”!

Student portfolios will be going home on the last week of school with their report cards.

**Year 3/4 – Mrs Nan**
This semester in Technology children had to use their knowledge of an endangered animal’s habitat to construct a diorama of that habitat. The children did a marvellous job and used many everyday items to represent trees, mountains, rivers and waterfalls. The photos below show you some of their lovely work.
Year 4/5/6 – Mrs Dolan

Only a couple of weeks to go until the end of term! Where has the time gone? We have been busy with assessments and finishing off work for this term. Add in our sprints and ballgames practice for the Esk Athletics Track Events and Ball Games on Monday the 15 June and the days pass quickly. Looking forward to seeing our parents and caregivers on the day! Our Year 4 students go to North Pine Camp at the end of next week. I’m sure they’ll have a great time. A lot of excitement is building up for the Year 5/6 Emu Gully Camp at the beginning of Week 10. Please return the Medical Form and Movie/Dietary Requirements/Student Responsibilities Form as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

Congratulations must go to our latest Gotcha Gem recipients! These include Nicholas Wilkes, Jack Drake-Muir and Darci Lawson who received an Opal Gotcha Gem; Jessica Lee, Blake Laycock, Alli Dennehy and Elle Cox who received a Garnet Gem and Bradley Beddow who received a Topaz Gotcha Gem.

Year 5/6 – Mrs Smith

Students have been working on their contribution to a Panel Discussion in English in recent weeks. Next week the Panel Discussion will take place. Panel A will be on Tuesday 16 June, Panel B on Thursday 18 June and Panel B on Friday 19 June. Students may need to finish preparing at home and/or rehearse their speech.

At the beginning of the term children chose a novel to read for this term’s home assignment. The due date for Book Reviews has been changed to Tuesday 16 June. Book Review sheets were sent home last week. Note that children may choose to type their Book Review instead on writing it out by hand, they just need to follow the same format as the sheet.

We had a great time making pizzas together last week as the whole class reward for 30 Gotchas. Our next goal is a class movie which is the reward for 40 Gotchas. It is great to be able to reward such a hard working class.

Around our School

Student Council – Mrs Smith

Pyjamas, Hot Chocolate and Donut Day was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who joined us last week in their pyjamas to guzzle hot chocolate and scoff donuts. What fun! Poor teachers who had to deal with sugar addled brains later in the day.

- **Free Dress Day** - Friday 26 June. The last day of Term 2 will be a Free Dress Day for our students. Please make a gold coin donation to our Student Council for the privilege.

- **Ice Cream Spider Day** - Wednesday 5 August. The Student Council has decided to hold an Ice Cream Spider Day on Wednesday 5 August (Week 4). 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). 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. Next Term the Student Council will hold a Fathers’ Day stall during Week 8.

Year 3 & 4 Camp – Mrs Nan

All forms and payments should be returned. If not, please contact the office. A reminder that all students attending camp should be at school by 7:45am as the bus will be leaving at 8:00am.

Year 5 & 6 Camp – Mrs Dolan & Mrs Smith

Please return the Medical Form and Movie/Dietary Requirements/Student Responsibilities form as soon as possible.
The Biggest Morning Tea – Mrs Kitching

Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts this year to help find a cure for cancer. I am very pleased to announce that as a school community we raised the impressive sum of $636.05! This is almost double our total from last year. Thank you to all those who decorated a teapot or cupcake, your work is sensational! Also a big thank you to our business community for donating money and other items towards our cause. The following businesses entered a teapot and donated $5 each to do so.

- Lions club of Esk
- The Esk Fruit Shop (Thank you also for the donation of salad items for our morning tea.)
- The House of Kalu Babu
- The Esk and District Kindy
- The Esk Bakery (Thank you also for donations of bread and a savoury bun used in our morning tea.)
- Esk Veterinary Service
- The Esk Newsagency
- Belinda McNoulty for donating a raffle prize in excess of $200! The prize was drawn this morning on parade and Lloyd was the major winner and D Jenkins won the 2nd prize. Congratulations to both prize winners.

The winners of the teapot/cupcake section are as follows:

**Prep:** Imogen Trueman, **Year One:** Tyler Masters-Atkins, **Year Two:** Jack Bundy, **Year Three:** Elijah Green, **Year Four:** Storm Anderson, **Year Five:** Davis Rollston, **Year Six:** Kate Falla.

Special mention to the Pre- Prep entries: Jessica Blake and Claudia Trueman

Thankyou also to the parent entries: Mrs Kunde, Mrs Bundy, Mr and Mrs Black and Mrs Green. Thank you to the Esk State School staff for entering: Mr Crichton, Miss Jacqui, Mrs Rollston, Miss Rhonda, Mrs Richter and Chappy Ryan.

Finally thank you to all who came along and bought food items from our tireless staff, Miss Jacqui, Mrs Benson, Mrs Falla and Chappy Ryan who provided service with a smile.

Helping others gives me a real buzz. I was so proud of our efforts! Mr Crichton and I are both hoping to raise $1000 next year!
Chappy’s Chat

Qld Father of the Year – Do you know a father whose sacrifices go unnoticed? You can honour him today for the 2015 Queensland Father of the Year award! The goal of Queensland Father of the Year is to honour and celebrate the importance of fathers and father-figures throughout our state. Prizes for the award include a 5 night holiday at Sea World and access to Gold Coast theme parks (VIP passes). Nominations can be made online at www.qldfatheroftheyear.org.au or by downloading the nomination form and posting it into the SU head office at PO Box 1167, Eagle Farm Qld 4009. Criteria for nominations can also be found on the website. Nominations close on Friday, 17 July.

Please remember if you have any issues that you would like to discuss, whether it’s parent/carer/child struggles, relationship breakdown, life circumstances, confusion, feeling alone, grief or loss; that I am available to help in any way I can. Blessed to be a blessing – Ryan Green, School Chaplain

P & C News

P&C Meeting: Next P&C Meeting will be on Monday 15 June 6:30 in the Staffroom (D Block).

Aus Lotto Fundraiser
This runs for 8 weeks - which works out to $2.50/week. Numbers are $20 each and if your number is drawn you win $50 cash. Draw to commence once all numbers are sold. Thanks to those families who have purchased numbers. Please support this fundraiser, put your $20 in an envelope with your preferred number and pop into the P&C box in the office admin area. Thank you!

GET YOUR LUCKY NUMBERS NOW!

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Uniform Shop – The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday Morning 8:15am – 8:45am. We have lots of second hand jumpers in all sizes for only $2.00 each.

Tuckshop – The tuckshop desperately needs helpers. If you can help on any of the dates below, please call the Admin office or call in to the tuckshop on any Thursday. The tuckshop is our school’s major source of fundraising. Please help!

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What’s on at Somerset Civic Centre

Squaring the Wheel....How to complicate simple things

Jens Altheimer is a circus-theatre performer, puppeteer, magician, teacher and owner of a collection of ingenious thingummybobs.

In Squaring the Wheel, a quirky character finds topsy-turvy ways to look at a pile of junk. With a little imagination, a frying pan turns into a friend, a broom plays music, an egg takes a walk, and even the most ordinary household items become extraordinary fun.

Somerset Civic Centre Esk - Friday 26th June - 6.30PM
Tickets $18 www.somersetciviccentre.com.au
35 Esk-Hampton Road ESK 07 5424 2713

Check out our Facebook page to see how you can win a FREE TICKET to a special pre-show workshop!
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