Term 2 Week 4

15 May 2015

Dates to Remember
May
18 – P&C Meeting 6:30pm
22 – Esk Show
29 – Biggest Morning Tea

June
3 – Donut/PJ/Hot Choc Day
5 – Athletics Field Events
8 – Queens Birthday Holiday
11 – Tabloid Sports 4-8 y/o
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

From the Principal’s Desk

NAPLAN
WOW! Our Year 3 and Year 5 students have shown great academic rigour over the last three days completing NAPLAN. I am very proud of their efforts and how they have conducted themselves throughout the process. Thanks to all the staff who have worked to prepare students for the tests. Results will be published in late Term 3, early Term 4.

RSL Bursary
This year, the RSL is again holding its Bursary for Esk Year 6 students. There will be four winners each receiving $250 and two runners up who will receive a certificate. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week I worked with the Year 6s to deepen their understanding of the Persuasive Genre. By the end of the session Thursday students had finished their writing on "Why I should be awarded the Bursary". Members from the RSL will judge the entries and meet the students towards the end of this Term. The Bursary will be given to the winning students in the last week of Term 4. Good luck to you all.

Esk Show
Students have been busy working on displays for the Esk show. Their work will be put up in the pavilion early next week.

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….

Full School Review
Full School Reviews are performed in all State Schools every 4 years. Our School’s Review will be carried out some time next term. The review will be managed by 2 or 3 reviewers who will come into the school for up to 3 days. They will be using our strategic documents to help guide the review. They will be speaking to people from all areas of our school community. They will gather deep information about the school, its performance and its standing in the community. It certainly is a wide ranging review. Once completed a formal report will be added to the School’s website and the Executive Summary will be published in the Newsletter. This Report (Executive Summary) details the Key Findings which are the practices and processes in which the school is excelling and the Key Improvement Strategies which are the Reviewers’ suggestions for improvements over the next 4 years. This Report, together with feedback collected locally will be collated and an Improvement Agenda for 2016-2019 will be developed in Term 4 after consideration of all feedback.

The National Young Leaders Day
The National Young Leaders Day is an annual event founded in 1997 to develop strong leadership values amongst young Australians. The Program consists of keynote talks, multimedia presentations and interactive learning that seeks a range of specific outcomes for young people who aspire to lead themselves & others well. This year our School Leaders attended the event on 20 March. It was a brilliant day filled with excitement, challenge and thought provoking information. A special thank you to Mrs Kunde for attending and helping on the day.

Student Protection Training
A big thank you to our many volunteers who attended the Student Protection training last Monday. The Department of Education, Training and Employment is committed to providing safe, supportive and disciplined learning environments, to preventing reasonably foreseeable harm to students and to responding when an employee reasonably suspects harm or risk of harm to students.
Student Protection involves:
- Working to make all state educational institutions safe, supportive and disciplined places for all students
- Taking action to prevent students being harmed at a state educational institution, and
- Reporting any suspicion you have that a student has been harmed or is likely to be harmed
The training was ably run by our Guidance Officer David Seng.

Administration
School Photos – School photos have finally arrived and went home on Wednesday. If you didn’t receive your order please contact the admin ladies.

Group photos such as House Captains, School Captains, Music Captain, Student Council, School Leaders and Instrumental Music can be ordered online now. You can collect the unique code and order form from the office to order these photos and view the sample photos.

Unexplained absences – It’s really important to let the school know when and why your child is absent from school. If no reason is given a note will be posted home to be completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible. Remember – EVERY DAY COUNTS!!

Book Club – Book Club catalogues have been handed out today. Book Club orders are due back by Friday 29 May. Thank you for your support.
PBL – Positive Behaviour for Learning

This fortnight we have been focusing on: TDL Toilet Drink and Line Up. When the first bell goes at the beginning of the day and at the end of both play times, the students have been asked to stop what they are playing and immediately TDL, so that they can be in class by the time the second bell goes. This may also stop any of the reoccurring “silly” behaviours that have started creeping in at this time.

They have also been reminded of the 1:1:1 rule (1 pump of soap, 1 push of the water tap and 1 piece of paper towel) and to wait and take turns when in the toilets.

The students have been doing a great job in this area since being reminded.

Master Teacher – Mrs Burgess

Thank you to all those parents and caregivers who attended the Helping Children to Read sessions last fortnight. It was good to see so many interested helpers. The strategies and advice will come in handy with reading homework and instilling a love for books and reading.

The participants had lots of questions and a few laughs as we shared our experiences. Each participant took home a lovely book, and a tips sheet that summarized our session.

Esk State School will hold a Helping your child with mathematics workshop in the need future. Keep an eye out for the flyer in the school newsletter.

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?”
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.

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:
- feeling bullied
- feeling angry a lot
- getting into trouble
- feeling sad or frightened
- feeling worried

Child ATAPS can help children to:
- feel happier
- find ways to talk to people
- ask for help when they need it
- think things through

- feeling confused
- acting differently
- finding change difficult
- feeling like they need someone to talk to
- having trouble at school

- 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

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
**Music – Mr Smith**

Our new bass guitarists for 2015 have really been moving forward quickly with their band pieces. They can already play in 6/8 time while doing B flats, A flats and D flats with a great rock rhythm. These Bass players combined with our Trombones and Baritones are the engine room of our band. Great work, Jacob and Davis!

Wednesday June 17 will be one of the most important dates for music at Esk this year. We are currently in the early stages of securing the attendance of a very special guest to observe our Special Music Parade on this day. It will be a longer music parade than normal so we can show off as many of our talented students as possible. Performing artists will include Concert Band, Senior Choir, Junior Choir, 2 class items and a mystery singer/guitarist.

**Athletics – Mrs Smith**

This term the students will be engaging in a range of athletics skills during class time and Phys Ed Lessons. The following are athletics dates for this term:

- 9-13yr old **field practice** - Mon 25 May, Fri 29 May and Mon 1 June
- 9-13yr old **ball games and relay practice** - Wed 27 May and Wed 3 June
- whole school **march past and war cry practice** - Wed 10 June
- 9-13yr old **field events** and 5-13yr old **running heats** - Fri 5 June
- 5-8yr old **tabloid sports** (middle session)- Thurs 11 June
- Whole school **Athletics Carnival** - march past, running, ball games and relays - Mon 15 June
Celebrations

Star Pupils

Prep
Looking after other people’s feelings
Working mathematically
Working mathematically

Year Prep/One/Two
Always trying her very best
An amazing boat construction

Year One/Two
Working hard and trying his very best in all subjects

Year Two/Three
Always on task and learning
Being a co-operative class member

Year Three/Four
Working diligently on your power point presentation

Year Four/Five/Six
Always does her best in every subject area

Year Five/Six
our “Quiet Achiever”
Putting in 110% effort

Special Award

Prep
Demonstrating wonderful manners
Happily following directions

Year Prep/One/Two
Super keen to learn
Working hard in all subjects

Year One/Two
Being a supportive friend to her classmates

Year Two/Three
Being helpful in class
Being an independent learner

Year Three/Four
Improved effort in all areas

Year Four/Five/Six
Great enthusiasm in writing

Year Five/Six
Always being willing to lend a helping hand
Slowing down and focusing

Gotcha Gems

Congratulations

Gotcha Award
Sponsored by Esk Newsagency
Respecting TDL rule

Photographs and names removed for privacy reasons
Around the Classrooms

**Prep – Mrs Richter**

Thanks to everyone for an excellent effort with the History homework. We have helped the children assemble their photo-collage ready to add other items like baby socks and ribbons. So any small items like this from their memory box will be welcome additions for afternoon talk. We plan to add their little astronaut from the show display when we get them back. We have added to our café game and would like to borrow some ice-cream scoops if anyone can spare one. We have been learning about cones and spheres and other solids. Tabloid Sports day is coming up and the children will be practising their activities. All parents are most welcome to come and assist on 11 June. The Whole School athletics carnival is on June 15. The Preps will do ball games and relays and a sprint. Hope you can make it.

**Year P/1/2 – Mrs Kitching**

It has been a flying start to the term! We have been very busy learning about o’clock times. You may have spotted us wearing our very own wrist watches yesterday. They looked so very cool. We know that when the big hand points to the twelve it is an o’clock time. We also know that there are sixty minutes in an hour. Our Year 5/6 Buddies helped us make them. Mrs Kitching loves listening to the older buddies explain activities and answer our questions. We have developed an amazing relationship.

In English this week we have been looking at character profiles, adjectives, nouns and pronouns! We have also been very busy finishing off our Show work, ready for the Esk Show.

In Science we are continuing to explore the properties of different materials.

We need to remember to bring our reading folders back every Monday and Wednesday so that we can continue to improve in reading.

**Year 1/2 – Miss Mulligan**

I just wanted to say a huge big thank-you and goodbye to all the students and families of Year 1/2. I have really enjoyed getting to know you all and thank-you for making me feel welcome. I really appreciated all the kind farewell cards and gifts that the students gave me. I will miss you all and wish you a happy year with the new Year 1/2 teacher.

**Year 2/3 – Mrs McTaggart**

This term we have commenced investigating and identifying the differences between Celebrations and Commemorations. This has tied in with recent Commemorations this term.

Homework is not to be a difficult task for students or parents. The expectation is that the student has attempted some of the work. This assists in informing me what students have maintained from their learning at school. It is alright for homework returned on Friday’s to be incomplete.

Home Reading has changed as indicated in the last newsletter. In order for students to increase their reading fluency and expression when reading students need to read one book three to four times in the week. Below is an example of what a student could do when reading:

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Each reading still requires an adult’s signature in their reading folder to indicate that this has been completed.

There have been some enquires about spelling homework. Instead of Sound Waves this Term we have introduced a new program called “Words Their Way”. Students have been split into ability based groups based on each student’s individual achievement in a placement test. Students have three thirty minute sessions of Word Study each week within their group with a designated adult. Further information about this new program will be disseminated through newsletters and on the school website so keep an eye out for that. Sight Words are still being sent home for learning.
**Year 3/4 – Mrs Nan**
We have been working very hard this term to finish our Science research on our endangered animal so we can complete a power point. Some children still need to finish their research booklets and save pictures of their animal and its habitat. Could you please discuss this task with your child? If they need to look for pictures at home they may save it on their USB and then save it to their Science folder at school.

We have also been working on our multiplication tables. We are concentrating on our 5X and 10X.

**Year 4/5/6 – Mrs Dolan**
Our focus for this week has been the NAPLAN tests. Year 5 students sat for the tests on Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. They did a great job and worked diligently throughout the sessions. Well done! We have also been completing our class items for the Esk Show which will begin on Friday next week. Make sure you get to the Show to see the amazing work they have done. Next week we get back to our normal class routine!

**Year 4/5/6 & 5/6 Technology, Science and History – Mrs Rollston**
Our owls are well under way. It is important that students bring their materials to school on Wednesdays (5/6) and Friday (4/5/6) so that they can complete their owls in the next two weeks.

We will be finishing our science experiments and our newspaper articles on Henry Parkes in the next week as well. Most of this will be done in class time.

**Year 5/6 – Mrs Smith**
We have been hard at work. With NAPLAN now behind us we will power on through the next couple of weeks in the lead up to the report cards being written. In the English unit students have watched the movie “Polar Express” and are doing the lead up work to complete their Film Review. This process has taken a little longer than I had planned so please push back the due date for “ENGLISH Written Film Review” to Thursday 28 May.

On the Term Calendar please delete “MATHS assessment Division” from Monday 18 May and add “MATHS assessment Number Crunch” to Monday 25 May. This new assessment item will include division (split strategy, compensate strategy and problem solving) as well as the fractions concepts we will be learning and practicing in the coming weeks including - unit fractions, adding and subtracting fractions and problem solving.

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**Around our School**

**Student Council – Mrs Smith**

The Mothers’ Day Stall made a profit of over $300. Thanks to everyone who supported the stall by buying something for their Mum or Grandma. It will be exciting to see if the Fathers’ Day Stall does as well later in the year.

Pyjamas, Hot Chocolate and Donut Day will be on Wednesday 3 June (Week 7). Children can pre-order or pay on the day. A Donut Deal will cost $5.00 and will include - Pyjamas or Free Dress, 2 donuts and a hot chocolate with 2 marshmallows. Or these items can be purchased separately for $2.00 each - Free Dress $2.00, Pyjamas Dress $2.00, 2 donuts $2.00 and Hot Chocolate with 2 marshmallows $2.00.

**It’s Show Time – Mrs Whiting**

Students will not be walking to the show again this year.

Children can enter 6 sections at the show, these are - Cookery, Photography, Floral Arranging, Fruit & Vege, Art and Needlework. Information for each of these is available at the Esk Newsagency or online on the Show Society’s web page.

Children will once again be able to purchase Gingerbread men, Patty Cakes and Biscuits (biscuits for Prep-Yr3) to decorate at home. Students will be given their items to decorate on Wednesday and can return their creations either Thursday or Friday morning.

The cost of the gingerbread men and cakes will be $2 each the biscuits $1 this fee includes the entry and tray. There is a limited number of each, money for entry is to be given to Mrs Whiting or Miss Jacqui anytime now.
Year 3 & 4 Camp – Mrs Nan

Forms for the North Pine Camp will be sent home soon.

Year 5 & 6 Camp – Mrs Dolan & Mrs Smith

All students going to Emu Gully camp must have their completed forms and money in by 5 June 2015.

Biggest Morning Tea – Mrs Kitching

This year on May 29 we will be hosting our own version of the Biggest Morning Tea. At first break, students, parents and our community are welcome to come along and purchase some food and a beverage from our hall. In addition to this we will be running the Biggest Morning Tea “decorated cup cake and/or coffee pots” competition. Entries can be purchased from Mrs Kitching or the office for $1 per student or $2 per non-student. We would love our business community to participate as well and any business entry will cost $5. All money raised will go directly to the Cancer Council. Donations over $2 are tax deductable. Prizes will be awarded for the best entry in each grade and the best non student entry and best business entry.

If you would like to donate any prizes or food for the morning tea please let me (Mrs Sue Kitching) know.

Last year our school community raised $320 which was a wonderful effort. We are a small school with a very big heart. I really hope you can join us in our fight to find a cure for cancer. Cancer does not discriminate and many of us have been personally affected by this disease. Together we can make a difference.

Best wishes,

Sue Kitching

Food For Thought!

Sue Dengate

Fed Up with Children’s Behaviour

Former teacher and psychology graduate, author of the famous Fed Up series, Australian of the Year (2005), Sue Dengate has been interested in food intolerance after recognising the effect of foods on her own children. In the past 22 years, Sue has spoken to tens of thousands of parents in Australia, the USA and the UK. Further information on Sue’s work at www.fedup.com.au.

This talk includes ...
- Arguments, oppositional defiance, tantrums,
- Bedwetting, sneaky poos, sticky poos
- Asthma, itchy skin rashes, migraines
- Difficulty taking a nap, frequent night waking
- Depression, unexplained terrors, difficulty concentrating
- Hidden and new food additives, what’s wrong with fruit

‘It was the most fascinating two hours I have spent in a long time…’- Guys about Town

Sue’s Fed Up, FailSafe Cookbook and DVD Fed Up with Children’s Behaviour will be available at the talk at discounted prices.

CASH, CHEQUE only
**P & C News**

**P&C Meeting:** Next P&C Meeting will be on Monday 18 May 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 schools major source of fundraising. Please help!

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Below is an example of the healthy food available from our Tuck Shop.
7 days until

Come along to

Esk Show
On Friday 22 & Saturday 23 May

Roving Kids Entertainment * Displays
Food * Side Show Alley * Show Bags * Fireworks
Young Farmers Challenge * Celebrity Cook Off
Dance Performances * Hip Hop Workshop
Sheep Dog Demonstration * Chain Saw Racing
Woodchopping and much more

There are many sections that have children’s categories:
Do you have a veggie patch, pot plant, garden, chickens?
Do you enjoy building lego, scrap booking, knitting, cooking?
There is something for everybody!

For more information contact the
Secretary on 0408769445 or email secretary@eskshow.com.au
Visit our website www.eskshow.com.au
to view all the show sections and get your entry forms