From the Principal’s Desk

ANZAC Day Services

We held a moving ANZAC Service at school yesterday. Our special guests were Corporal Bernard Box and Aircraftsman Brodie Kidd from Amberley RAAF Base. Corporal Bernard spoke of the ANZAC legend Simpson and his donkey. Our School Captains, Jessica and Davis ran the Service with great dignity. On Monday they will both march in the ANZAC Day street parade and lay a wreath on behalf of our school community. All students are invited to take part in the Parade as representatives of their various sporting and community groups or in their school uniform to represent the school. Students wishing to march in school uniform are to watch out for Mrs Rollston. She will look after you before and during the parade.

School Attendance

School Target = 95%
Last week = 94.8%
This Week = 95%
Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 2. We have an amazingly busy term line up. Our Improvement Agenda is focusing on writing. Teachers are undertaking weekly training in Seven Steps to Writing Success led by Mrs Nan who is a qualified trainer. We are also getting ready for NAPLAN (10, 11 and 12 May). Students in Years 3 and 5 are undergoing some practice tests to help get them prepared. It is a stressful time but staff are working hard to minimise the stressors. To help with your budgeting for this term I’ve added details of what costs are currently known:-

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Student Protection Training – Next Wednesday for any or all volunteers
A big thank you to our many volunteers who attend our school and help with the many activities we cover, especially helping in classrooms. Each year volunteers must participate in the Department’s Student Protection. The Department of Education, Training and Employment is committed to providing safe, supportive and disciplined learning environments. This is to prevent reasonably foreseeable harm to students and to respond when an employee or volunteer 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 will be run by our Guidance Officer David Seng next Wednesday 27 May at the Toogoolawah State High School, Common Room. Arrive at 8.45am for a 9.00am start. Training should conclude at approximately 10.00am.

Parent Teacher Interviews
We had a brilliant turn out last Wednesday afternoon for the Parent/Teacher interviews. Only one or two time slots remained unfilled. There were just over 100 interviews conducted in the 3 hours. A great effort. I trust that parents have a good feel for the progress their children are making. Don’t forget that you are welcome anytime to make an appointment to meet with teachers.

Esk RSL Sub Branch Bursaries for Year 6 Students
The Esk RSL Sub Branch has allocated $1000 to be presented to four ($250 each) worthy Year 6 students. Students will write and submit an application in the form of a persuasive text which will be approximately 300 words. The aim of the bursaries is to reward and encourage students who are showing dedication, interest or need in one or more of these areas:- sport, cultural, academic or community. This may be to ease the transition from Primary School to High School. It may be used to help purchase a musical instrument or buy the uniform for football or Guides. The Year 6 students will be having a meeting with the Principal and a representative of the RSL to explain the process in more detail and to answer questions. A short list of student entries will be selected by a small group from the Esk RSL Sub Branch and Mr Crichton. Students will be supported in their writing preparation by Mrs Oxenford and Mr Crichton. It is expected that students will not be helped with this task from home although it is certainly the place to help identify ideas for the writing piece. The work will be the students’ own. They will begin work on their texts while the Year 3s and 5s are doing the NAPLAN Tests on May 10, 11 and 12. This is the third year of the Bursary with funds made available by the generosity of the local community. We sincerely thank the Esk RSL Sub Branch for its support.

Child Safety Handbook for Year Six Students – To be handed out next week
The ‘Child Safety Handbook’ is compiled, produced and distributed by the QLD Police Legacy with forewords by the Commissioner of Police, Premier & Minister for Police. In keeping with the focus of caring for children and families, QLD Police Legacy are producing the ‘Child Safety Handbook’ as a much needed and vital resource guide for children, parents and teachers. QLD Police Legacy have targeted seven strategic areas in Queensland and are distributing free of charge, 10,000 copies of the handbook into each area for local primary school children to take home to their parents. The handbook is a quality A5 publication with colour covers, perfect bound and approximately 120 pages.

The goal of the campaign is to reach family homes and parents, raising awareness of child safety issues: from child-proofing the home and traffic safety, to how to respond to strangers, bullying at school and drug and alcohol abuse. In addition each area
handbook contains emergency phone numbers, specific to the local area, for children to use if they are home alone, feel threatened, hurt themselves or are in danger etc.

Child Safety Handbook cont.
For active curious children there is always the risk of unforeseen danger. Police officers deal daily with the tragic results of accidents. This handbook outlines positive steps towards prevention measures. In each of the five areas businesses are being asked to sponsor the ‘Child Safety Handbook’ in their local district to help raise funds to ensure the campaign’s success. The credentials of such callers can be checked, if wished, by contacting QLD Police Legacy Head Office on (07) 3236 2276.

Administration
Dental Van - Has your child had a dental check-up?
The school dental van is currently servicing Esk State School! To be seen by the school dental van, please complete and return the “Intent to attend form” which was issued to your child. If you did not receive a form, please contact the school office for a copy.

Once you have returned your form, the school dental van will eventually contact you via phone to make an appointment time for your child/children. Please be aware: Parents or legal guardians must
now attend these appointments with their child/children. Children will no longer be called over from class, so please make sure you return your “Intent to attend form” so we can contact you for an appointment. See you soon!

**Bookclub** – From the next issue of Bookclub, all orders being paid by credit card will need to be done through the Scholastic LOOP Ordering System. This is a system that gives the parents control over the order of products and payments directly to Scholastic. After ordering an email will be forwarded to your email address confirming the order. Orders can still be accepted on paper with a cash payment as we have done in the past. LOOP is simply another easy option for Parents. Information has been included in this newsletter regarding the new process. Please read the information carefully.

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- You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
- All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child’s classroom if you order by the close date.
- There’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.
Celebrations

Star Pupils
Prep       Trying hard in handwriting
Year 1/2 K  Writing up a storm!
Year 1/2 Q  A fantastic effort in Maths
Year 3/4 M  Being an active learner in all areas
Year 3/4 N  Great work in Maths group
Year 5/6 D  
Year 5/6 S  Being willing to lend a helping hand

Special Award
Prep       Setting a good example
Year 1/2 K  Working well in all subject areas
Year 1/2 Q  Great results in Maths
Year 3/4 M  Attaining his goal of “Improved Effort for Learning”
Year 3/4 N  Being a great ‘elbow buddy’
Year 5/6 D  
Year 5/6 S  Leading by example

Gotcha Gems
Peridot – 
Opal – 
Garnet – 
Amethyst – 
Aquamarine –Laws
Topaz – 
Sapphire – 
Emerald – 
Ruby – 
Diamond –
Diamond Peridot (220 Gotchas) –
Diamond Opal (240 Gotchas) –

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Congratulations
Around the Classrooms

Prep – Mrs Richter
You should have received your detailed letter about what’s happening in term two and how you can help. This letter had all the dates that you may need to remember this term. It is going to be busy! For afternoon talk we are asking the children to bring a baby photo of themselves and also a recent family photo that includes all members of your family. We will scan these and give you back the originals. It would help if a name was attached to each photo. We will also save these pictures for History in Term three. Students can talk about how they have grown and changed and all the things they can do now that they are bigger. Don’t forget the Anzac Day holiday on April 25 and the Labour Day holiday on May 2.

Year 1/2 K – Mrs Kitching
Firstly a very big thank you to the parents who came along to the Parent/Teacher interviews. If you didn’t get an opportunity to speak with me, and you would like to, please contact me so that I can make time available to you. We have had a very busy week spotting items in our school grounds that pertain to ANZAC day, we certainly have some wonderful traditions in our school. In class we made our own poppies to wear for our ANZAC service and we all listened respectfully to the ANZAC service at our school. All children wrote a recount of the service and these are located outside our classroom. Reading groups began again this week and we still really would like a parent helper for Monday and Wednesday for an hour from 9 am to 10 am. It would be so lovely to have you come along and join in with us whilst we are on our Reading pathway to success!
We would love donations of boxes, tubes, bottle tops etc as we will be building a mode of transport for our unit of work in technology. Your junk could become our treasure! Wishing all of you a lovely long weekend, I hope to see some of you at the services in Esk on Monday if you can make it.

Year 1/2 Q – Miss Quade
We have had a fantastic start to the term in the year 1/2 Q classroom. In English this term we are looking at persuasive language. This week students examined chocolate wrappers and identified the language used to persuade us to buy the chocolate. Over the term we will continue to look at different persuasive techniques. In mathematics we are looking at patterning. Students will identify and continue growing patterns and complete number patterns. We look forward to another busy and exciting term.

Year 3/4 M – Mrs McTaggart
It was great to meet and talk to so many parents last week at Parent/Teacher Interviews. If you would like to make an appointment because you were unable to come on the night, contact the office and we can arrange a before or after school interview.
We have started on our new English unit. It is about persuasive texts and how to be persuasive. Mrs Nan and I are continuing to work closely with Science, Technology, Drama, Geography and Reading Groups.
Homework is still timetabled to be returned to school on Friday morning and to go home Friday afternoon. This term you will find reading remains a priority. Children should read at least four times a week and a recording sheet has been included with their homework. Maths facts are to be completed for homework as well. A sheet will be sent home for this. Homework is sent home even if the homework folder is not returned to school. The students name and date is written on the top of the page and put in their school bags. If your child states that they do not have any homework they should double check their bags!
Have a relaxing long weekend.

Year 3/4 N – Mrs Nan
Congratulations to those children from Yr 3/4 who went to the Cross Country Today.
Unfortunately over the holidays some of the gardens had become overgrown with weeds and children have been very busy cleaning the gardens out so we were able to plant some autumn and winter vegetables. Hopefully we are going to have a lovely crop of lettuce, beans, snow peas and cauliflower. Thank you to those who helped move our bush house. By next week we should be able to start sowing our own seeds in our seedling trays.
This week we are starting our diorama of our endangered animal. If your child has not brought in a shoe box could you please send one in as soon as possible?

Year 5/6 D – Mrs Dolan
Welcome back to a new term! Thank you to those parents who came to the parent-teacher interviews. If you were unable to come, I am available most afternoons after school if you would like to make an appointment at the office. We are presently reading Moon Bear Rescue in our English unit, learning how these animals are captured and caged so that their bile can be extracted. There are many points of view being expressed in discussions! Number facts are one of our focuses this term. Over the next two weeks 3x and 4x need to be revised as well as 2x, 5x, 10x. Number fact knowledge will be of enormous benefit to those in Year 5 with NAPLAN approaching. Reading at home is earning Gotchas at school for many students. 5 x 15 minutes of reading at home recorded and signed by the student’s parent/carer will achieve a Gotcha. Keep reading!!!
Year 5/6 S – Mrs Smith

We have certainly hit the ground running this term. We are already well into both English and Maths for the term. The first Maths Assessment is a guided inquiry “How many chairs would best fit in our hall for a concert?” Children have been madly measuring and calculating all week. These are due in on Tuesday 26 April. We have also begun our Analysing Tree Peace power points for English. These are due in on Thursday 5 May.

Parent Letters, Work Sample Folders and Term Calendars were sent home last week so if you have not received them please ask your child for them. This week we celebrated every child in the class reaching the 20 Gotchas milestone with a class free dress day and some outside play time.

Around our School

Student Council – Mrs Smith

Mothers’ Day Stall Week 4 -Tuesday 3 May to Friday 6 May- The Mothers’ Day Stall will be open before school 8:15-8:40 and at first break (11-11:25) each day. Items vary in price from $1 to $5. Remember early birds get the worm. Once we have sold out there won’t be any more available. Items include- necklaces, bracelets, vases, mugs, bath fizzers, pens, key rings, candles and much, much more.

Crazy Hair Day Week 7- Monday 23 May- Students can purchase a Crazy Deal for $5 which will include- a drink, chips, free dress and hair coloured by the Student Councillors. Or these items can be purchased separately- $2 drink (soft drink, juice or water) and chips, $2 Free Dress and $2 to have your hair coloured by the Student Councillors. Students can come with already Crazy Hair or rely on the efforts of our Student Councillors to Crazy it up for them. We will have a range of hair spray colours available.

Sport – Mrs Rollston

Esk Cross Country

Before the holidays we had a fantastic inter-house cross country. Congratulations to all the children who competed - you did so well.

The points at the end of competition were Ivory 403 and Eskdale 318.

Congratulations IVORY

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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 9 May, Mon 16 May, Mon 23 May 11:30-1pm
- 9-13yr old ball games and relay practice - will be held during First Breaks in Week 7
- whole school march past and war cry practice - Mon 30 May 2:15pm
- 9-13yr old field events and 5-13yr old running heats - Thurs 2 June
- 5-8yr old tabloid sports (afternoon session)- Thurs 2 June
- Whole school Athletics Carnival: march past, running, ball games and relays- Fri 3 June

The next newsletter should contain a program for the field event day and the athletics carnival with approximate times so that parents can attend events that interest them and their children.

Library – Ms Benson
2016 Ipswich Poetry Feast
The Ipswich Poetry Feast is an exciting initiative of Ipswich City Council supported and driven by the local community. Total prize value $7500.00

- Competition categories Age – 5-7 years, 8-10 years, 11-13 years
- Opening date – 17 April, 2016
- Closing date- 29 July, 2016

Entries are to be the authors’ original work.
Entry forms available from the library

Readers Cup 2016
The Readers Cup is a reading competition involving 5 students reading a selection of novels and compete with other schools to answer quiz questions about each book. The competition is organized by the Children’s Council of Australia and locally organised by the Ipswich District Teacher Librarian Network and Somerset Regional Council.

The competition is held each year in Lowood on Friday 17th June, 2016.

The Readers Cup competition challenge students to read a variety of genres, work collaboratively in a team and continue to foster an enjoyment and love of reading. It allows students to compete at a regional and state level and meet other students with a passion for reading.

This year’s team comprises of Davis Rollston, Seoneidin Granzien, Hannah Brough, Jessica Versace and Aamani Laws with reserve Darci Lawson.

Learning Support – Mrs Oxenford
GAME 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: 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.

Music
Well, it’s been another big start to music this year with 36 students in the Instrumental Music program and lots of music tests happening on Glockenspiels, Recorders, Guitars, Electronic Keyboards and of course singing. Senior Choir started on April 14 with a huge turn-out for our first rehearsal of 2016.

We will have a similar performance schedule to last year, beginning with our Special Music Parade in Week 8 of this term.

Our wonderful electronic keyboards provided by Student Council, P&C and community donations are being heavily utilised this term as we dive into even harder keyboard music this year.

Congratulations to all our beginners who have made it into our Concert Band. Keep practising and could you also please start organizing your band uniform. It consists of long black pants, black shoes and black socks. The band uniform shirt is provided by the P&C and is given to band students before each performance.
Sydney/Canberra Camp – Mrs Smith

Invoices for the fourth payment of $100 were sent home recently. Note these are due for payment during April. Many parent have already paid $300 for their child to attend camp but some are still outstanding. If you are not up to date please ensure you remedy this soon. If you are having troubles paying please contact the office. Final Payments are due by Friday 20 May.

Camp Letters were sent home on Tuesday this week. These included: general information, the final cost of camp, an updated itinerary, a copy of the “what to bring list”, a permission form, a medical form, a PG permission form, a dietary requirements form and a student agreement for each student to sign. Note these forms need to be completed and returned to school with the final payment by Friday 20 May. Our itinerary is below - very exciting!!

SYDNEY/CANBERRA TRIP 2016 ITINERARY

SUNDAY 5 JUNE
6pm Students arrive at school to sort gear
6:30pm Bus arrive at school to load luggage and passengers
7:30pm Depart Esk for overnight travel to Sydney via Pacific Highway with comfort stops en-route

MONDAY 6 JUNE
7am Breakfast – Brookvale McDonalds
9:30am Taronga Park Zoo- self guided tour
11:30am Packed lunch at the zoo
12:30pm Sydney Harbour Ferry- catch the ferry across Sydney Harbour from Zoo to Circular Quay
   Walk around Circular Quay and the Opera House to Mrs Macquarie’s Chair
2pm Coach to collect passengers for coach tour of city highlights- Harbour Tunnel, Bridge and Rocks area
3pm Depart Sydney for Canberra with comfort stops en-route
7pm Arrive at Eaglehawk Holiday Park and check into rooms
   Dinner at the accommodation upon arrival

TUESDAY 7 JUNE UNIFORM DAY
7am Breakfast at the accommodation
8:15am Depart accommodation for Parliament House
9am Parliament House- Parliamentary Education Office- role play parliamentary debates
10am Hospitality
11am Tour of the Senate and House of Representatives
11am Mt Ainslie- Lunch
1:30pm Australian War Memorial- We Will Remember Them, Discovery Zone & Closing Ceremony
5:15pm Depart War Memorial to go back to the accommodation
6pm Return to accommodation then Dinner

WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE
7am Breakfast at the accommodation
8am Depart accommodation to travel to the AIS
8:30am Australian Institute of Sport
11am National Gallery of Australia
12:30pm Lunch at the Sculpture Gardens
1:30pm Old Parliament House- Museum of Australian Democracy
2:30pm Drive by tour of the embassies, high commissions and the Prime Minister’s Lodge
3:30pm Royal Australian Mint
5pm Black Mountain- Telstra Tower
6pm Return to accommodation then Dinner

THURSDAY 9 JUNE
7am Breakfast at the accommodation
9am National Museum of Australia
11:30pm Lunch at Regatta Point
12:45pm Questacon
3:30pm Depart Canberra for Sydney
6:30pm Dinner- Hogs Breath Campbelltown
7:30pm Depart Sydney for Esk- comfort stops enroute

FRIDAY 10 JUNE
7am Short stop in Nerang- Breakfast
9am Arrive back at Esk State School to unload the coach then go home to sleep
P & C News

**P&C Meeting:** Next P&C Meeting will be at 6:30pm on Monday 16 May 2016 in the Staffroom (D Block).

**Uniform Shop:** The Uniform Shop is open on Wednesday mornings 8:15 am – 8:45am. If you are unable to come at this time, you can complete an order form and leave with payment in the P&C box in the foyer and your uniform order will be completed and delivered to your child’s classroom.

**Tuckshop:** Please find the updated Tuckshop Menu over page.
Esk State School
Tuckshop Menu
Open Wednesdays both breaks

SANDWICHES/WRAPS/SALADS
(Toasted/Plain or Bowl)
Ham/Chicken & Cheese.................. $2.50
With Salad.................................. $4.50
Plain Salad................................. $4.00
Egg & Lettuce............................. $2.50

DRINKS
Chocolate & Strawberry Milk....... $2.00
Apple or Orange Juice................. $2.00
Bottled Water 600ml................. $1.00

HOT FOOD
Beef Pie.................................... $3.20
Mini Pies (2).............................. $2.00
Sausage Roll............................. $2.50
Chicken Chippies (5)................... $2.50
Homemade Pizzas..................... $3.50
(Ham & Pineapple / Meatlovers)
Cheeseburger......................... $3.50
(Homemade Patty, Cheese & Sauce)
Fried Rice............................... $3.50
Spaghetti Bolognese................. $3.50
Sauce (BBQ/Tomato)............... $0.30

Meal Deal’s $5
1. Pizza
2. Spaghetti Bolognese
With Drink of your choice from Drink List

SNACKS / TREATS
Homebake......................... $1.00
Fresh Fruit Cup..................... $1.00
Chips (Sea Salt/Honey Soy)...... $1.50
Frozen Fruit Juice Bars.......... $1.00
Mini Lux Fruit Iceblocks ......... $1.00
(Apple, Watermelon, Blackcurrant)
Vanilla Ice Cream Cup .......... $1.50

Please write order on a brown paper bag with Child’s Name, Class & Break on it.
Orders are to be at Tuckshop no later than 8.45am. Bags available at tuckshop 10c

Community News

Toogoolawah PICTURES
Sat., 23rd April - m
Doors: 7:00 pm  Movie: 7.30 - 10.20 pm

Sat., 30th April - pg
Doors: 7.00 pm  Movie: 7.30 - 9.25 pm

Child to High School: $6
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