From the Principal’s Desk

Met West Team

Congratulations to our 8 students who have been selected to represent the Lockyer region at the Met West Carnival in September. There is more information in the Athletics section of this newsletter.

Names and photographs have been removed throughout the newsletter for privacy reasons.

Dates to Remember

August
22 – P&C Meeting 6:30pm
23-25 – DDSW Music Camp
23 – Book Week Performance
23 – Book Week Dress-Up Day
25-26 – Book Week Book Fair
29 – Father’s Day Stall

September
2 – World Teacher’s Aide Day
12 – Great Attendance Day
15 – TYME Festival
16 – Last Day Term 3

October
4 – First Day Term 4
17 – Pupil Free Day

School Attendance
School Goal: 95%
Last Week: 91%
This Week: 91%
School SMS Message regarding Unexplained Absences

The Department of Education and Esk State School are always seeking ways to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your child or children and with this in mind we have been advised of a new departmental directive with regard to Unexplained Absences. From January 2017 all schools will be required to contact parents and carers to notify them if their child or children have not arrived at school. We will begin to introduce the steps to meet this directive this term, with a view to being fully compliant by Term 4, 2016.

Effective immediately we will be introducing the following policies:

- All children MUST be present in their classroom for roll marking on the second bell at 8.45am.
- Teachers will mark the roll and close it. Any child not in the classroom will be marked as Absent.
- Children who arrive after the roll has closed will be required to go to the office to collect a LATE SLIP for presentation to their teacher.
- Office staff will check and clear the Absence Line between 9.30–10.00am and a DAILY UNEXPLAINED ABSENCE report will be run.
- A generic SMS message will be sent to parents advising of their child’s absence and requesting an explanation.

How you can help us to keep your child/ren safe:

1. Provide a preferred current mobile phone number. If your number changes, advise us immediately. Families with shared care arrangements will be required to advise the school and provide BOTH parents/carers mobile phone numbers. In the event of an unexplained absence for a child in shared care, both parents will receive an SMS message. A “Student Details Update” form has been sent home with this newsletter. This form is also available to download from our website: https://eskss.eq.edu.au

2. Phone the Student Absence Line before 9.30am to advise of any/all occasions when your child/ren will be away from school. This is a 24hr recorded service, you can call it anytime (convenient if your child is up ill during the night!). The Esk State School STUDENT ABSENCE LINE number is (07) 5424 4160; we suggest you store this number in your phone.

3. If/when you receive an SMS message, call the Student Absence Line to explain the absence OR if you believe your child/ren is/should be at school contact the school office immediately to notify us.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding this new policy, please feel free to contact the office.

P&C Meeting
This week’s P&C Meeting was postponed. The next meeting will be on this coming Monday 22 August from 6:30pm in the Library. A short presentation will be given on asbestos in schools.

Staff Carpark
Please! Under no circumstances is the staff carpark to be used by anyone but staff. No parents or students are to drive or walk through the carpark. Please use the pedestrian gate at the Prep building in Ann Street. This is a major safety concern.

Administration

Payments to school – When sending payments to school, please send in an envelope with your child/ren’s name clearly marked and the reason for the payment. There are envelopes provided in the foyer for your use.

Book Week Performance – Payments for the Book Week performance are due by Monday 22 August. Cost is $5.00 per student.

School Arrival Time

Please note that children remain unsupervised until 8:15am. Please do not send your child to school before this time.
Hand Foot and Mouth – there has been some reported cases in the Esk District of Hand Foot and Mouth disease. Below is some information from Queensland Health regarding signs and symptom and prevention. Time-out from school is until all blisters have dried out.

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<td>Hand, foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is usually a mild illness that occurs mainly in young children, but can also affect older children and adults. It is caused by a number of different enteroviruses, particularly coxsackieviruses. People can be infected with these viruses but not develop symptoms of the disease.</td>
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**Signs and Symptoms:**
Hand, foot and mouth disease usually begins with a mild fever and a runny nose. This is followed by a sore throat and mouth, with the appearance of blisters in the mouth, and on hands and feet. Sometimes blisters may also be seen on knees, elbows or in the nappy area.

The blisters usually last for 3–5 days. Dehydration can sometimes occur as the pain from the blisters may stop the person from eating and drinking.

In rare cases those infected with hand, foot and mouth disease caused by Enterovirus 71 go on to develop neurological disease such as meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain), encephalitis (inflammation of the brain itself), or paralysis.

**Treatment:**
No specific treatment is required for mild hand, foot and mouth disease. Paracetamol can be given to relieve fever and discomfort. If fever persists, or if you are worried about other symptoms, consult a doctor.

**Transmission:**
The virus is spread from an infectious person by contact with:
- fluid from the blisters
- their nose and throat secretions (such as saliva, sputum, or nasal mucus)
- faeces.

A person with hand, foot and mouth disease is most infectious in the first week of the illness. Skin blisters are no longer infectious when they have crusted over, but the virus can be spread in faeces for several weeks after the person has recovered.

**Prevention:**
The best protection against HFMD is maintaining good hygiene measures that prevent contact with infectious substances from the sick person.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly before handling food; and after going to the toilet, touching soiled linen and articles and changing nappies.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and soiled items, including toys.
- Avoid sharing cups, eating utensils, items of personal hygiene (eg towels, washers and toothbrushes), and clothing (especially shoes and socks).
- Teach children about cough and sneeze etiquette:
  - cough and sneeze into the elbow (rather than hands) or cover with a tissue
  - put used tissues in the bin straight away after use then wash hands.
- Allow blisters to dry naturally. The blisters should not be deliberately pierced because the fluid within the blisters is infectious.
- Children and staff with hand, foot and mouth disease should be excluded from school and childcare facilities until all blisters have dried.

**Health outcome:**
Hand, foot and mouth disease is a viral illness common in children. Symptoms are usually mild, and include high temperature and small blister-like lesions on the inside of the mouth, palms of hands, soles of feet, and the nappy area.

**Pregnant Women:**
There is no clear evidence that HFMD causes any problems with pregnancy or the unborn baby. However, pregnant women may pass the virus to the baby if they are infected shortly before delivery or have symptoms at the time of delivery. Newborns infected with the virus can, very rarely, develop serious and sometimes fatal illness.

**Help and assistance:**
For further information, please contact your local doctor or call 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) 24 hours a day 7 days a week for the cost of a local call.
Celebrations

Gotcha Award

Congratulations

Term 3 Week 5 Winners
Prep – Year 2:
Year 3 – Year 6:
Bus and Community:

Term 3 Week 6 Winners
Prep – Year 2:
Year 3 – Year 6:
Bus and Community:

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Star Pupils
Prep  Making breakthroughs with her learning
Year 1/2 K  Great improvements in reading
Year 1/2 Q  Great work in sentence writing
Year 3/4 M  Working well in Maths groups
Year 3/4 N  Great job in weaving
Year 5/6 S  Being willing to have a go

Special Award
Prep  Improved reading and writing
Year 1/2 K  Outstanding contributions in English
Year 1/2 Q  Outstanding effort in sentence writing
Year 3/4 M  Great effort at working independently
Year 3/4 N  Great participation in Maths groups
Year 5/6 S  Working hard to complete set tasks
## Gotcha Gems

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## Around the Classroom

### Prep – Mrs Richter

The Prep Class are having a wonderful time in English giving me their opinion of all the exciting rhyming stories we are listening to. The aim is to make a poster of our favourite story. The hard bit is to write down a sentence about what we like the most. Lucky we have done a lot of practise over the year and most of the children are more confident now. In Maths we are telling addition stories and learning what a total is. This will take a lot of repetition for some children. Don’t forget to send your child in costume next Tuesday for the book week dress up day. Also remember to check out the art work and book fair in the Library.

### Year 1/2 – Mrs Kitching

In the past fortnight we have been very busy continuing to fine tune information reports. With our Buddies’ assistance we were able to compose a short information report on ourselves using the Publisher software on our computers. We have also studied facts on turtles, dolphins, and zebras that have enabled us to compose our own information texts.

In Mathematics we looked at the medal tallies from the United States, Australia and South Korea and composed our own bar graphs. These graphs clearly showed that the United States once again is in the lead for overall medals.

We have also been enjoying more work by the Australian author Aaron Blabey who is shortlisted for this year’s Book Week event with his hilarious “Piranhas don’t eat bananas” book. We have written about this book and created artworks with paper clay for the library display.

Finally we would like to thank those parents who have brought along cardboard boxes for our end of term celebration. We have 27 boxes so far and need another 23! We also would love donations of silver foil pie plates, to be used as our headlights.

### Year 1/2 – Miss Quade

This fortnight we completed our Book Week art. We read the book “Piranhas don’t eat Bananas”. Students then coloured in their picture of a piranha and attached a peg or split pin to make the jaw move. We researched interesting information about Piranhas and also wrote sentences too. Make sure you check out the art work displayed in the Library next week.
Year 3/4 M – Mrs McTaggart
This week the class has been working on their Poetry assessment. I am looking forward to reading their humorous poems that they have created. The next step in the assessment process is presenting their poem to the class. This will entail practicing how to speak in front of an audience.

Book Week is next week and the class completed their book week creations this week. They will be on display in the Library next week.

This week the whole class received their reward of a Movie in class.

Year 3/4 N – Mrs Nan
A vital part of your children’s homework is their reading. Children should be reading nightly and your help would be appreciated by:

(A) Discussing the story.
(B) Listening to your child read.
(C) Helping work out unknown words.
(D) Completing the HOME READING DIARY.
(E) Providing a wide range of interesting materials.
(F) Encouraging your child to read in bed before going to sleep.

Your child brings home two library books each week. They can use these to read to you. They do not need to read whole books in one night. In fact a chapter book may take a whole week.

REMEMBER Homework is due on Friday.

Year 5 – Mrs Rollston
Our Science assessment which will be coming up towards the end of term or early next term will involve using a shoe box. It would be appreciated if the students could start looking for a shoe box to use.

Year 5/6 – Mrs Dolan
Year 5/6D has been busy finishing their English Unit to start their Assessment Task next week and have already completed some of their Maths Assessments. We took some time out to create our Book Week activities yesterday and they are AWESOME! You really should try to see the amazing work these students have put into their item, they will be on display next week in the Library. Four of our class students are off to Band Camp next week. What a wonderful learning experience for them! Only four weeks to go until the end of term!

Year 5/6 – Mrs Smith
Today we started work on our English Assessment Item. We will spend most of our English time during Week 7 completing this task but some children may need to take theirs home to finish off. We will have a peer feedback session on Friday 26 August. Following this feedback session students will make changes to their draft and reprint ready to take home. Over the weekend students should seek an adult to give them feedback too. On Monday 29 August students will have a small amount of school time to make changes to their draft before a final print and handing in for marking.

Our next English unit will focus on the author Jackie French. We will be reading multiple texts written by this author over the coming months. Next week we will start reading “Somewhere Around the Corner” in class time.

The Home Assignment for Term 3 is a Book Review. These are due on Thursday 25 August. Note students can complete this on the worksheet or on a computer and submit a printed copy.
Around our School

Literacy and Numeracy 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: Word Building: Give your child a word. Ask him to add another word to it to make a new word. For example, if you say, “rain”, your child could add the words “coat”, “bow”, “hat”, or “fall” to make the words “raincoat”, “rainbow”, “rain hat”, and “rain fall”.

Athletics – Mrs Rollston

Congratulations to all 11 students who represented our school and Lowood District at the Lockyer Athletics Carnival last Friday - you all put in huge efforts. Eight of these students were placed in at least one event and have been nominated to compete at the Met West trials in early September. Well done to the following students:

Jacques Richard (10 years) - 1st 100m, 1st high jump
Elijah Green (10 years) - 1st long jump (new record), 3rd high jump
Faron Sabine (10 years) - 3rd discus
Naomi Machin (10 years) - 1st 800m (new record), 3rd 200m, 3rd long jump
Layla Kunde (10 years) - 2nd long jump
Sophie Lawrence (11 years) - 1st shot put (new record), 1st long jump, 2nd 200m, 3rd 100m
Shanay Jasch (11 years) - 3rd discus, 3rd long jump
Jessica Versace (12 years) - 1st high jump (new record), 1st long jump, 1st discus & Age Champion

Jump Rope For Heart – Mrs Rollston

Well done to all students that skipped today. You all have improved your skipping so much. Thank you to the children and families who did some fund raising for the Heart Foundation. Please make sure that you bring in the money raised with the fundraising sheet as soon as possible. See some photos over page.
Library – Ms Benson  

Book Week 2016 theme is: ‘AUSTRALIA - STORY COUNTRY’.  

Book Week 2016 will run from Monday 22 August to Friday 26 August.  

Book Week is a celebration of Australian Children’s literature and the authors. Australian children’s books are short-listed for the Book of the Year awards in the following categories: Early Childhood, Younger Readers, Picture Book of the Year and Eve Pownall Award for Information Books.  

To emphasise the importance of this week, classroom activities will be undertaken and all students will complete an art activity based on one of the Children’s Book Council Short-listed books. These activities will be on display in the library during Book Week.  

**Book Fair** - Thursday and Friday – before school and first break  

**Book Performance and Dress-Up Day** - Tuesday 23 August  

Class Activities on display all this week.  

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**Book Week Performance**  

Our Book Week in Schools production for 2016 is 'FAIR DINKUM' and the production for Esk State School will take place at 9.30am on Tuesday 23rd August in our school hall at a cost of $5.00 per student. Envelopes and information page has been provided with this newsletter.  

*Fair Dinkum* - A Bunyip has taken over the billabong and young Tilly, despite her best efforts, is unable to do anything to help get rid of it. When a stranger comes into town, hopes are high that he might be able to help, but Andy the Swagman finds the bunyip too much even for his larrikin skills to contend with. However, just as things seem hopeless Andy and Tilly find that together they might just have the answer by digging deep into one of the country’s greatest resources – its books!  

Students can come dressed as a book character from your favourite book or a well-known Australian or character! Please note that there is no Dress-Up Parade, so costumes should be able to be worn all day or removed.  

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**P& C News**  

**Next Meeting:** Monday 22 August, 6:30pm in the Library. Not sure what it’s about?? Why not come check it out. We are always happy to welcome new members to help make decisions about things around our school, what needs to be done and what will benefit our children. The meetings also provide information about in and around your child’s school, what’s happening, things students are focusing on, behavioural issues, great things students are doing, plus more. Thanks to all who have been attending.  

**Uniform Shop:** Do you have any school uniforms that are no longer needed? Our stock of second hand uniforms has run low and we are in need of any uniforms in good condition that can be resold. Please drop off to the Admin office anytime or to the uniform shop on Wednesday morning before school.  

The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday morning from 8:15am -8:45am. If you are unable to come to school at this time and you would like to order uniforms, please find the order forms in the foyer under the P&C Section of the noticeboard. Complete the form, include your payment and leave in the P&C locked box. Your order will then be filled and delivered to your child.  

**Tuckshop:** Thanks to all our amazing helpers, and thanks to all the parents who support our Tuckshop.
Community News

Esk District Cricket Club

The Annual General meeting for the Esk District cricket club will now be held on Friday the 26 August at 3:30pm in McConnel Park, Toogoolawah.

Sign on for cricket teams will be held in September in McConnel Park. Dates and times to be announced after the AGM.

Toogoolawah PICTURES

Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8    Family: $25
Snack Bar, Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, T'wah
Inquiries: 0438 149 954

Sat., 20th Aug    PG
Doors: 7.00 pm
Movie: 7.30 - 9.40 pm

Sat., 27th Aug    M
Doors: 7.00 pm
Movie: 7.30 - 9.45 pm
Teddy Bears Picnic

10am to 2pm Saturday, 10 September

Pipecliner Park, Esk

Performances

Community event - fun for all ages
Bring a blanket and smile
For more information phone Council (07) 5424 4000

Stalls and food

Mt Tarampa Little Athletics

SIGN ON!

Little Athletics is a Fun, Social Sport based on Track and Field, all specially modified for kids, ages 3 to 17!

Orientation: Friday August 26th
Time: 4pm-5.30pm
Where: Mt Tarampa Athletics Oval

Profkes Road, Mt Tarampa

*Behind the Primary School*

Online Registration Now Open!

Find Out More:
www.mttarampalac.com.au

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