**From the Principal’s Desk**

**Mrs Burgess (Master Teacher)**

I am sad to report that due to ill health Mrs Burgess is no longer able to continue in her role as Master Teacher at Esk and Toogoolawah State Schools. We thank Mrs Burgess for her work with staff and students alike. She will be greatly missed and we wish her good health and best wishes into the future.

**NAPLAN 2016**

As you will have heard in the Media the NAPLAN results have been published to schools. The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests were first implemented in 2008. These national tests replaced previous state and territory tests. They provide information on how Australian students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are performing in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

We are generally pleased with our results, which I summarised for you over the next two pages:-

The NAPLAN Student Reports will be coming home with today’s newsletter. Please read the instructions in the report to help guide your understanding.

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**Dates to Remember**

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**Monday 8 August**

Ekka public holiday
See you Tuesday!
Year 3 – National Minimum Standards Results

In Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy our students are similar to the Nation. In Reading our students are just below the results for the Nation. Against the National Minimum Standard our students are:

- In Reading – 70.8% of them are above the National Minimum Standard.
- In Writing – 91.7% of them are above the National Minimum Standard.
- In Spelling – 95.8% of them are above the National Minimum Standard.
- Grammar and Punctuation – 87.5% of them are above the National Minimum Standard.
- Numeracy – 91.7% of them are above the National Minimum Standard.

Year 3 – When compared to schools which are similar to ours:

- In all areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy our Year 3s are similar to schools like ours.
- When compared to the Nation we are similar to the Nation only in Reading and Numeracy.

Over all there has been strong improvement in Writing, Reading, Grammar and Punctuation and a slight drop in Numeracy.
Year 5 - National Minimum Standards Results
In Reading, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation our students are similar to the Nation. In Writing and Numeracy our students are just below the results for the Nation.
Against the National Minimum Standard our students are:-
In Reading – 90% of them are above the National Minimum Standard.
In Writing – 80% of them are above the National Minimum Standard.
In Spelling – 100% of them are above the National Minimum Standard.
Grammar and Punctuation – 95% of them are above the National Minimum Standard.
Numeracy – 81% - of them are above the National Minimum Standard.

Year 5 - When compared to schools which are similar to ours:-
In all areas of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy our Year 5s are similar to schools like ours.
When compared to the Nation we are similar to the Nation in all areas.

Over all there has been strong improvement in Writing, Spelling, Reading, with slight declines in Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy.
Administration

Student Attendance – Again, we cannot stress enough the importance of letting the school know if your child will be absent. Even if it is just for one day, please take the time to phone in, email, or drop us a note upon their return. It is extremely important that we keep your child’s attendance records up to date.

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.

Clothing and equipment – Please name all your children’s belongings. We do have a lost property box and will return any named items to their owners. Many lunchboxes and water bottles are nameless.

Head Lice – We have had some sightings!
Please check your child/ren’s hair and treat if necessary. For more information on treatment and prevention check out the website below.

http://conditions.health.qld.gov.au/HealthCondition/condition/14/165/351/Head-Lice

Celebrations

Gotcha Award

Congratulations

Names and photographs have been removed for privacy reasons

Term 3 Week 4 Winners

Prep – Year 2:
Year 3 – Year 6:
Bus and Community:

Gotcha Award sponsored by Esk Newsagency
Celebrations continued….

**Star Pupils**

Prep – Displaying a happy and resilient attitude
Year 1/2 K – Trying hard in all areas
Year 1/2 Q – Always completing tasks to a high standard
Year 3/4 M – Great effort in reading
Year 3/4 N – Great work in your garden journal
Year 5/6 S – Working hard

**Special Award**

Prep – Neat work in your song book
Year 1/2 Q – An excellent effort in spelling
Year 3/4 M – Having a warm and welcoming smile
Year 3/4 N – Trying hard to finish all class tasks
Year 5/6 S – Having solutions to problems

**Mathletics Award**

**Pen Licence**

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**Gotcha Gems**

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**Around the Classroom**

**Prep – Mrs Richter**

We have run out of scrap paper here at Prep if you have any A4 size paper you don’t need please send it in. One side should be blank. We also need small boxes for the collage/construction area. This term we are painting posters and adding words about our favourite book. Children will learn to write down more of the sounds they hear in words. Our focus is the vowel sounds and word endings. If you need a copy of the vowel song just ask us for one. Thanks again for your cooperation and patience.

**Year 1/2 – Mrs Kitching**

I have been so impressed with the improvements in reading and writing so far this term. We are learning how to write Information texts and have been skimming texts to find out important facts to include in our own texts.

We used a “Concept Map” to note important details about Jelly fish. A student remembered that a group of Jellyfish is called a “Bloom”. Another liked the fact that Jellyfish are actually 96% water. All students were amazed that Jellyfish are brainless creatures that drift in the water rather than swim.

On our wall of fame (outside our classroom) you can come along and see our concept maps and our mixed media artworks that also feature jelly fish.

Congratulations to our student who has reached the impressive total of 190 gotchas! This week Matilda and I shared a lovely lunch together as her reward for this effort. Also this week we have 2 students who achieved 170 gotchas, their reward was to have a day each of sitting in my swivel chair!

We are needing donations of large boxes for our end of term class party. If we fill up our car we will be joining with 1/2 Q to have our celebration in the hall. Both classes will be watching a movie in our very own “Drive-in movie theatre” we will be making our own cars to sit in and watch the movie on the big screen whilst all patrons will receive popcorn and a drink! Our boxes need to be big enough for a child to sit in, so far we have three boxes! Only 47 to go!

**Year 1/2 – Miss Quade**

We have had a great fortnight in year 1/2 Q. In Maths have been learning about time. So far we have looked at the days of the week, the months of the year and the seasons within the year. We are still looking at our number facts. Most of the class are using the count on and count back strategy. In English we are working on information texts. By the end of the term we hope to have written our own information text about an animal. In science we have been learning about the life stages of living things. The year two science class are growing some beans. We have learnt how important water is to grow beans!!

**Year 3/4 M – Mrs McTaggart**

Welcome to Week 4 almost half way through the term. The class is totally immersed in Poetry and they are all enjoying the unit immensely.

Return of homework has been lower than last term. Students receive one Gotcha for their completed homework and another Gotcha for home reading.

This week the class as a whole has earned 30 Gotcha’s each. This means that the whole class will receive a reward of a Movie during a session. Letters will come home regarding this reward time.
Year 3/4 N – Mrs Nan
So many children were disappointed their recounts weren’t in the last newsletter that I have decided to add a few more this week.

Today we went down to the petting zoo in the hall. There were lambs and goats and a pig. My favourite was the pig and the white lamb. The pig escaped and Mrs Nan caught the pig and it was squealing loudly. Then we fed the white lamb and it jumped on me. It was cute.

Today was really really fun because it was our petting zoo at school. Kaiden and I named a goat Junior and I also named a goat Batman. I named a sheep Shaun the Sheep. There were also chickens and ducks and one pig. Miss Jacqui was taking photos of Kaiden and me.

Today was the best day of this month because we went to the petting zoo in our hall for Great Attendance Day. When we went down I saw a lamb that I named Cutey. There was a little black chicken that I called Darth Vader but Sam called it Bob. I called a duck Christmas Tree because it had green feathers and a green beak. A little brown pig escaped and Mrs Nan picked it up and squealed.

Year 5/6 – Mrs Smith
Today was an Anita Archer Focus Day at Esk State School. Teachers from our cluster have been working on using Anita Archer’s active engagement strategies. We had visiting teachers come to our room to see how we do Maths and English. The children modelled using response cards, chants and choruses, choral reading, pair reading and paragraph shrinking. They did a great job in front of such a large and intimidating group of adults.

Don’t forget to send back your child’s Work Sample Folder. We have already created some pieces that will need to go in it. In English we have been reading and writing letters. In Maths we have been working on Operations- Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division. Students will do a Mathematic Assessment item on Monday 15 August. It will cover finance, money and operations. Additional practice and study at home would be a good idea for all children prior to the test.

Year 5/6 D & 5/6 S – Mrs Smith
Technology this semester will be taught by Mrs Smith on Fridays. Children will be designing their own Makedo Creation and then building it from recycled materials. We will be needing lots of egg cartons, cardboard boxes and cardboard tubes during the creating phase of the Technology unit. Please send in any your household produces rather than throwing them in the bin.

Year 6 Students – Mrs Smith
In Term 3 all the Year 6 students started to compile the writing and photos that will comprise the Year Book they will receive at the end of the school year. We are now asking each Year 6 parent to send in to school some photos for the movie that will be shown at the Graduation Evening and at the Farewell Parade during the last week of school. We ask for a baby photo and a first day of school photo of each child in Year 6 and any other group photos of school events you are willing to share. Photos can be send in digitally or in a hard copy version. Note we will scan hard copy photos and return them. Please label all photos with your child’s name.
Student Council – Mrs Rollston
Thank you to everyone who supported the hot chocolate and donut day this week. A big thank you goes to Woolworths Fernvale who gave us the donuts at a big discount. It was greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to Mrs Smith for coming in and helping on her day off.

The next student council event will be the Father’s Day Stall which will run from 29 August until 2 September before school and at first break.

Jump Rope For Heart – Mrs Rollston
Our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart this term. Jump Off day is Friday 19 August. All classes will be involved in a variety of skipping activities during the morning session. Children can wear red on jump off day. An information letter and flyer will be with this newsletter.

Litersacy 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 “rainfall”.

Athletics – Mrs Rollston
We had a great day at Toogoolawah SS for the Lowood District Athletics Carnival. All the students that went, put in a great effort which ended up producing some great results. Overall we finished second to Fernvale SS and we managed to win the Average Trophy (dividing the total points by the number of children aged 10-12 at the school). GREAT JOB ESK!!

Three of our students won Age Champion for their respective age groups. Well done Naomi Machin (10 years girls), Jacques Richard (10 years boys) and Jessica Versace (12 years girls).

Eleven of our students were placed in at least one event and will represent the Lowood District at the Lockyer District Athletics Carnival next Friday at Lowood SS. They are: Naomi Machin, Layla Kunde, Jacques Richard, Elijah Green, Faron Sabine, Joshua FitzGerald, Sophie Lawrence, Shanay Jasch, Pascalle Riley, Songhar Mak and Jessica Versace.

Good luck next week.
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.

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 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.

Year 3/4 Camp – Mrs Nan
A reminder that all camp “expression of interest” forms should be returned. If we don’t have enough attending the camp it will have to be cancelled. If you have not returned your form, please do so as soon as possible.

P& C News

Next Meeting: Monday 15 August, 6:30pm in the D Block Staffroom. 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 childs school, whats happening, things students are focusing on, behavioral issues, great things students are doing, plus more. Thanks to all who have been attending.

Upcoming events: P&C will be holding a BBQ at a Machinery Auction for Paul Wilkes on Hampton road on Saturday the 13th August for breakfast and lunch if any volunteers would like to help please contact Robyn 0419783735 for more information.

Tuckshop: It’s wonderful to see so many tuckshop helpers this year, well done team.

Uniform Shop: The Uniform Shop is trialling new hats due to parent feedback. They are still in the same price range. Please contact Ronda in the uniform shop for more info.
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.
HARLIN STATE SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION
CAR RALLY SCAVENGER HUNT
SUNDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2016
GATES OPEN 7AM - NOMINATIONS IN BY 8:30AM - DRIVERS BRIEFING 8:45AM - KICK OFF AT 9AM
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Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8    Family: $25
Snack Bar. Hot Dogs & Pop Corn

Inquiries: 0438 149 954

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TUESDAY 16 August 2016
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- Year 10 & 11 OP and QCE Information
- Interactive Activities
- Career Displays and Information
- Apprenticeship, Traineeship and University Information

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Are you interested to see how High School has changed?

Coffee Shop - Great Food - Entertainment
Passport prizes drawn at 6.30 pm under 1 Block
Check out the prizes when you arrive!
For further queries, please phone the school office on 07 5423 4444
www.toogoolawahshs.qld.edu.au

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