From the Principal’s Desk

School Opinion Survey
The 2016 School Opinion survey is now open and will be open until July 29 2016. An information letter was sent home to the selected parents. This outlines how to access and complete the survey. The survey is designed to help schools identify what they do well and what needs improvement. Responses are confidential. Students and staff also complete the survey. If you need access to a computer to complete the survey please contact us and we will assist you.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Refresher
On Tuesday last week the whole staff met together to review what is working well in our behaviour management processes and what needs tweaking. Some important points about PBL are:-

• Positive Behaviour for Learning is our school’s process for teaching expected social and behavioural skills so the main focus can be on teaching and learning.
• We must all work together to communicate our focus on social and academic performance and that they are interrelated. One affects the other.

Clear expectations are the cornerstone for teaching and learning about expected behaviours. Our clear set of 3 positive schoolwide behaviour expectations, Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be a Learner provides:-

• consistency in language
• consistency in what to teach
• consistency in what to recognise
• consistency in what to correct

The cornerstone for everything PBL!

Dates to Remember

July
29 – Lowood Athletics

August
3 – Hot Choc/Donut Day
8 – Ekka Holiday
10 – Lockyer Athletics
19 – Jump Rope for Heart
23-25 – DDSW Music Camp
22-26 – Book Week
23 – Book Week Performance
23 – Book Week Dress –Up Day
29 – Father's Day Stall

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

School Attendance
School Target = 95%
Last Week = 94.7%
This Week = 93.8%

Term 3 Week 2
22 July 2016

Esk State School
49 East Street, Esk Q 4312
Phone: 07 5424 4111 Fax: 07 5424 4100
Absentee Messages: 07 5424 4160
Email: admin@eskss.eq.edu.au
Web: www.eskss.eq.edu.au

Parents and Citizens' Association
Email: pandc@eskss.eq.edu.au
Meetings: 3rd Monday of the Month

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be a Learner

Great state. Great opportunity.
From the Principals Desk continued….

School Review
Yesterday we had the Six Month Review. Reviewers met with the Leadership Team and staff. The process took 2 hours. Results will be published in due course. You’ll remember a few weeks ago we published the results of the Three Month Review.

Lowood Athletics
Next Friday 29 July, Toogoolawah State School is hosting the Lowood Athletics, starting at 9:30am. This year a change has been made to the program and only students who are 10 to 12 years old will be competing. This change has reduced the number of days required for the competition from two days to only one day.

Toogoolawah State High School's Open Day and Careers Expo - is on Tuesday 16 August from 4:00pm-7:00pm. It will be a great learning opportunity for:
- Students transitioning from Year 6 to Year 7
- Students in Year 10 and 11 to learn OP and QCE information
- Students exploring career and university options
- Parents/carers who want to be involved in their child’s education
- Community members who want to support their local High School

ALL students, parents/caregivers, relatives, neighbours and community members are invited. Universities, Career and VET (Vocational Education and Training) organisations will be on hand to provide student-centred information and advice. Student leaders of our School will be in attendance to provide parents and caregivers with a very informative tour of the school. The tuckshop will be in full operation and you will be entertained by the School Band and various other forms of student entertainment. Coffee and cake will be available from our Hospitality students and our Student Council will be selling sizzling sausages. Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to meet our expert teachers, hear relevant university and career information and be part of your student’s day-to-day education. Bring the family and enjoy an educational experience!

Student Absences
As a reflection of how serious the Education Department is on the reporting of student absences to schools, they have provided several thousand dollars to each school to install an administrative system which will contact parents if a student is absent without a reason. The purpose for this move is purely based on keeping students safe. Imagine the shock we would all feel if you thought your child was at school but actually wasn’t!!!!

Administration

Bookclub – If you have missed out on handing in your Bookclub order to the office today, don’t panic, you can still use the LOOP ordering system until 6:00pm on Sunday night. Thank you to those parents who have utilised our new LOOP ordering system. I’m sure you will agree that it is by far a more simple option which gives you more control of the ordering process.

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.

School Opinion Survey - The School Opinion Survey is a suite of surveys undertaken by the Department of Education, Training and Employment each year to obtain information on important aspects of schooling. Selected parents, students and staff will do the survey. Which parents are selected is determined by a formula which the department runs through our computer system. It then gives us the list of parents to ask to do the survey. Your responses to the survey are completely confidential.

Your cooperation in doing the survey is very important to us. I thank you in advance for putting special emphasis on doing the survey. We request that it is completed by Friday, 29 July.

If you do not own a computer or can’t access internet, we are offering the use of our Library computers every afternoon from 2.30pm-3.30pm. Please see the office staff if you would like to use our resources.

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

Star Pupils
Prep
Always listening and learning well
Always working hard and doing her best
Year 1/2 K
Working hard in all subjects
Steady progress in all areas
Year 1/2 Q
Excellent effort in handwriting
Great results in spelling
Year 3/4 M
Excellent handwriting skills
Always using his manners
Year 3/4 N
Working well to finish class tasks
Great improvement in handwriting
Year 5/6 D
Excellent effort in English
Working hard on Geography homework
Year 5/6 S
Working hard and smiling big
Being a great member of the Human Race

Special Award
Prep
Working hard and not quitting
Great listening and thinking skills
Year 1/2 K
Great progress in writing
Trying so hard in Mathematics
Year 1/2 Q
Fantastic results in Number Facts
Excellent results in spelling
Year 3/4 M
Wonderful manners in class
Playing safely in the classroom
Year 3/4 N
Working well in Visual Arts
Great work in weaving
Year 5/6 D
Staying focussed and working on-task
Great work in mapping
Year 5/6 S
Putting her best foot forward
Sharing his great ideas with the class

Welcome To Esk

Mathletics Award

Pen Licence –

Accelerated Reader Awards

Gotcha Award
Sponsored by Esk Newsagency

Congratulations

Term 3 Week 1 Winners
Prep – Yr2:
Yr3 – Yr 6:
Bus and Community:

Term 3 Week 2 Winners
Prep – Yr2:
Yr3 – Yr 6:
Bus and Community:

Names and photographs have been removed for privacy reasons
Around the Classrooms

**Prep – Mrs Richter**
For our History unit starting next fortnight, could all children please bring in a family photo to use. Mrs Richter will be returning on Monday and we thank Mr Cowan for looking after our Preps while she was on Long Service Leave.

**Year 1/2 – Mrs Kitching**
We have been so busy already this term. The class had a wonderful time with our buddies this week. We have been learning how to use the school cameras and we will be learning how to use the Publisher programme on the computers in the next few weeks. We will be composing information reports on ourselves and one on an animal for our English task.
We are also now participating in focussed spelling lessons every day and last week six students in our class achieved 100%! One student achieved the next level on our Gotcha chart and got to sit in Mrs Kitching’s chair for the day! Antoher student is very close to achieving 190 gotchas and is looking forward to having lunch with Mrs Kitching when that happens!
A lot of our students are attending Junior Choir practise and are really enjoying the chance to sing!
Next week we will be returning to our Reading rotations on Mondays and Wednesdays. Full steam ahead!

**Year 1/2 – Miss Quade**
What a great start to the term we have had! We are very busy in English. This week we read Stellaluna, this prompted us to research more information about bats. Students are learning how to take notes from information and put them into informative sentences. In Maths we have started a ten minute maths booklet. Students will work at their own pace and aim to improve their accuracy and time with number facts.

**Year 3/4 M – Mrs McTaggart**
Welcome back to Term 3. I hope everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating break. At the end of last term students wrote a letter to parents requesting school supplies be replenished for this term. Response to this letter has been good and thank you to all parents/caregivers who supplied the requested supplies at the beginning of this term.
Homework has been sent home this week. If you feel that your child has not received homework check their school bag. This week’s homework will be due in on Monday next week.
I wish to thank Jennifer Hope for taking the class for the first week of this term. Students have started all the required work that was left in my absence.

**Year 3/4 N – Mrs Nan**
Monday of the last week of school saw almost everyone from our class attend the Great Attendance Day. On returning to the classroom we all wrote excitedly about our visit. Here are a number of the children’s recounts.

*Today was Great Attendance Day for the attendance reward. We went to a petting zoo. There were lots of animals at the petting zoo. There were lambs, sheep, a pig, ducks and chickens. I think the pig was the cutest.*
On Monday I thought it was a normal school day, but when I got into the classroom I was so excited that I was going to the best Great Attendance Day. It was the petting Zoo. Some of the animals were ducks, goats and lambs. My favourite was the pig. At the end the pig escaped so Mrs Nan caught it and the pig squealed and screeched. Also we got to give a lamb milk. The lamb was pure white. Then we washed our hands with something. I didn’t know what it was.

Year 5/6 – Mrs Smith

Work Sample Folders and Report Cards were sent home last week. We hope you enjoyed having a look at the work your children did during Term 2. Please send back the Work Sample Folders so we can add the work completed this term.

Our English unit is well underway. In this unit students will listen to, read and view extracts from literary texts set in earlier times. Text will include “My Place” by Nadia Wheatley, “My Australian Story: Snowy - The Diary of Eva Fischer” by Siobhan McHugh, “A Waltz for Matilda” by Jackie French and personal letters written by migrants to Australia in the 1950s.

In Maths we have been working on Money and Financial Mathematics. The unit includes income and expenditure, calculating costs, investigating savings and spending plans and calculating discounts on sale items.

Today we celebrated everyone in our class receiving 40 Gotchas this year. We were lucky enough to be able to knead our own dough then roll it out to make our own pizzas. Mmm they smelled almost as good as they tasted. It is great that there are so many wonderful human beings in the 5/6S class.

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 start 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 sent 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.

No parade next Friday due to the large number of students attending the Lowood District Athletics Carnival.

Good luck to all our students.
Library – Ms Benson

Book Week

The CBC Book Week 2016 theme is: ‘AUSTRALIA - STORY COUNTRY’. Book Week 2016 will run from Monday 22 August to Friday 26 August. There will be a Book Week performance as we had last year that the students enjoyed. On the performance day the students are also asked to dress up. Other activities include classroom activities and Book Fair. This year the Book Fair will be held only on Thursday 24 August and Friday 25 August in the library before school and at first break.

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.

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.

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!

Readers Cup

On the 17 June four members of the Readers Cup team travelled to Lowood to be part of the 2016 Readers Cup competition. The team had a fantastic day and came fourth overall against fierce competition from the 19 other primary school teams. At the same competition, eight high school teams competed with Toogoolawah State High school winning first place. Students from the 2015 Esk readers Cup team were part of the day. The high school team will be heading to the State Finals in Term 3. A great day was had by all!

Student Council News – Mrs Rollston

Pyjamas, Hot Chocolate and Donut Day - On Wednesday 3 August the Student Council are holding their Hot Choc & Donut Day. Children can wear their PJ’s if they like, but please make sure you send a change of clothes in case they overheat!

Children can pre-order or pay on the day. A Donut Deal will cost $5.00 and includes: Pyjama’s or free-dress, 2 Donuts and a Hot Chocolate. These items can be purchased separately for $2.00 each – Free Dress $2.00, Pyjama Dress $2.00, 2 donuts $2.00 and Hot Chocolate $2.00.

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: Mix-Up: Tell your child 4 or 5 words that are all mixed up, but that make up a sentence when they are in the right order. Ask your child to put the words in the right order! For example, if you say, “outside, is, it, cold”, your child would tell you the sentence, “It is cold outside.” To make this trickier, ask your child to tell you 2 sentences with the same words. For example the words, “outside”, “is”, “it”, and “cold” can also turn into the question “Is it cold outside?”
Community News

Biggest Morning Tea – Thank you to everyone

This year my goal for the Biggest Morning Tea event was $1000. I thought it was ambitious but achievable given that the previous year we had raised $660. I did not anticipate for a second that not only could we achieve that amount but we would in fact triple my initial goal. Thanks to the generosity of our Somerset community in particular the Helping Hands charity organisation that donated five $100 vouchers for the Esk Friendly Grocer, we were off and racing. We sold so many raffle tickets. We had community groups in Coominya come on board and design teapots. One grandmother crocheted a teapot for our competition. Our online fundraising page enabled our funds to grow and grow. On the morning of our Biggest Morning Tea we almost ran out of food with people coming from far and wide to attend this special event.

Thank you does not seem sufficient. There are many, many people who made this year’s campaign a success: In particular Melissa Falla who walked the streets of Esk asking for donations for this great cause; The wonderful students of our Student Council, who happily gave up their lunch breaks to serve during our Biggest Morning Tea and to sell raffle tickets; Every single person who bought a teapot or cupcake collection to decorate.; Every single person who purchased a raffle ticket; Everyone who attended our day, chatted and bought food and raffle tickets; and Mr Crichton who released me from my class so that I could participate in this day.

I had an absolute blast! I am so very happy to let you all know that as a school community our final tally was $3481.90, poor Mrs Dennehey had to make three fundraising thermometers in the end! I really believe that we lived up to the saying “small community, big heart, together we can make a difference”! All of our money has been banked with the Cancer Council of Australia and will go directly towards Cancer research. Best Wishes, Sue Kitching

Toogoolawah PICTURES

Sat., 23rd July G
Doors: 7.00 pm  Movie: 7.30 - 9.40 pm

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

The Biggest Morning Tea
Monster Raffle Winners

$100 IGA voucher (Helping Hands)
K Moore
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R. Allen
$100 IGA voucher (Helping Hands)
Shane
Coffee Percolator (BV Hire and Sales)
A. Quade
$20 voucher – (Esk Butchers)
K. Byron
1 x 1hr Massage – (Sammy Powdrell)
B. Condon
Lorraine Lee Linen Gift Pack – (Kym Byron)
N. Trueman
Clairol Professional Pack – (Manuela Laycock)
AJ Barber Shack
Innoxa Bath Products – (Esk Pharmacy)
Holden Family
1 x Free Hair Cut – AJ’s Barbers Shack
Whiting Family
1 x Free Hair Cut – AJ’s Barbers Shack
M. Wheeler
1 x Free Hair Cut – AJ’s Barbers Shack
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30—EVENING—7.30
31—MATINEE—2.00

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