Term 2 Week 10
17 June 2016

Dates to Remember

June
20 – Great Attendance Day
20 – P&C Meeting 6:30pm
23 – Biggest Morning Tea
24 – Last Day Term 2

July
11 – First Day Term 3
22 – Lowood Athletics

August
10 – Lockyer Athletics
16 -18 – DDSW Music Camp
19 – Jump Rope for Heart
22-26 – Book Week
23 – Book Week Performance
29 – Father’s Day Stall

From the Principal’s Desk

Sydney Canberra Camp

What an amazing experience the students and staff had last week in Sydney and Canberra. After a long night travelling on the bus to Sydney, we started our day off with McDonalds before heading to Taronga Zoo, a ferry ride across the harbour, walking tour around The Rocks and finishing at the Sydney Opera House. We jumped back on the bus, where some managed to grab 40 winks as we continued on our trip to Canberra.

Tuesday was a very solemn day, where we began our day at Parliament House, and ended it at the War Memorial. Three students respectfully represented Esk and Harlin schools and laid a wreath during the closing ceremony. This ceremony was posted on Facebook and is still available for viewing (it has already been viewed 602 times!).

Wednesday was another fun filled day starting with a visit to the Australian Institute of Sport. Then we went to the National Art Gallery. Students were able to see work from artists they have been studying during art lessons. Old Parliament House was an experience as the children were able to sit in the actual chairs that the Senators sat in prior to 1988. The day finished at the Australian Mint. We saw how money was made and how most of the heavy work is carried out by very clever robots. After an exciting dorm room competition, the children settled down to watch a movie before heading to bed.

Thursday – what a start. The children were up and had beds stripped, dorms empty and the bus packed by 6:40am – that’s a new record! The Museum was a huge hit, as we saw Pharlap’s heart, watched the dawn of Australia in a Circa Theatre (where our chairs move through four movies) and spent time in K-Zone, where they designed their own computer character and had an animated adventure. After lunch we arrived at the much anticipated Quest-a-con where 2 ½ hours just disappeared as we had so much fun working through the 6 levels. It was with mixed happiness and sadness that we all hopped back on the bus and started the long trip home. A huge cheer goes out to all our students for representing their schools so well. It was a week to remember forever.

School Attendance

School Target = 95%
Last Week = 92.7%
This Week = 93%

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Parents and Citizens' Association
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Meetings: 3rd Monday of the Month

Be Safe
Be Respectful
Be a Learner
From the Principals Desk continued…

Feedback on progress of the School Review – Part Two (the last newsletter contained information on Improvement Strategy 1)

Improvement Strategy 2 - Our second Improvement Strategy has 3 parts, as seen below.

Actions

1. Develop teacher capability to undertake diagnostic assessment in mathematics to improve teaching and student learning outcomes
   a. Initiate intensive work with two teachers using Newman’s Error Analysis (NEA) to analyse student errors, classify errors, plan and deliver appropriate remediation through differentiation.
   b. Target effective teaching strategies to overcome student errors in Mathematics.
   c. Develop a shared understanding of the action research process and how it facilitates school improvement.
   d. Document on-site evidence-based research to support the upskilling of staff in the use of NEA and the established suite of assessment tools e.g Pat-Maths, First Steps in Mathematics (FSIM).
   e. Develop a routine for student feedback regarding misconceptions, faulty rules, and problem solving strategies to overcome obstacles to success and set learning goals.
   f. Upskill staff through Professional Learning opportunities that focus on Problem solving in Numeracy and models for differentiation.

2. Implement the Seven Step to Writing Success (SSWS) program and monitor consistent practice across the school.
   a. Train lead teacher in the SSWS program.
   b. Align SSWS to explicit learning strategies.
   c. Coach teachers and teacher aides in the Seven Steps, techniques, resources, assessment and pedagogy.
   d. Observation and feedback from Lead teacher to ensure consistency of application.
   e. Develop student feedback routines to support student learning and goal setting.
   f. Aligning SSWS with the Naplan marking guide and Curriculum into the Classroom Guide To Making Judgement where necessary.

3. Develop a Roles and Responsibilities document for all staff participation in our work on Writing and Numeracy
   a. Form a working group to brainstorm then to collaboratively develop, review, edit and publish.
   b. Development Performance Plans are implemented and resourced to address our Improvement Agenda.

Reviewer’s comments on the second Improvement Agenda:-

- The master teacher is focussing their work around this improvement strategy. This work includes working with 2 teachers in and involves collecting and analysing student data and using this information to inform explicit teaching.
- The development of roles and responsibilities documentation is underway and supporting the development of distributed leadership in the school.
- Implementation of seven steps to writing success is commencing.
- The Assistant Regional Director provides observations that the work of the school is now more aligned around a more clearly identified agenda for improvement.

Staff Carpark

Please note that no students are able to enter or leave the school grounds via the Ann Street staff carpark gate, regardless of if they are with a parent/carer or not. Students know that this is an “out of bounds” area.
Report Cards
Report Cards for Semester One will be sent home with students on Friday of Week One next term. Normally they would be sent home next week but we pushed the publication date out by a week so that there would be more teaching and learning time before Reports are collated. Education Queensland implements a uniform reporting process in all schools using a consistent five point scale as follows:

- Prep – Year 2 : Applying, Making Connections, Working With, Exploring, Becoming Aware
- Years 3 to 6: A, B, C, D, E

An important point that deserves clarification is that the 5 point scale has some subtle differences these days and that when we see a “Working With” or “C” on our child’s report card it means something a little different to what it used to on our own report cards, many years ago.

- The best description is that a “Working With” or “C” means a student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be and is ON TARGET or AT YEAR LEVEL STANDARD.

With this in mind, we must accept that it may be harder to get an “A” or a “B” than it used to be. These grades are no longer awarded simply to the top students in the class; they are only given to students who show that they are independently capable of working beyond the assessment criteria for their year level.

Some points to remember as you read your child’s report.

- The “Effort” grades are an important reflection of whether your child is working to the best of their ability.
- An “A” for effort and a “C” for achievement indicates that your child is “On Target” for their age and “applying their best effort”. This grade should be celebrated with students because they have worked hard to be where they need to be.

The end of semester report card is a culmination of your child’s results over the semester. With parent teacher interviews offered to all parents at the end of Terms One and Three, they are well informed of their child’s academic progress. It is important to note that not every aspect of every subject (English, Maths, Science etc.) is assessed and reported on each semester or term. This means that the result students receive on their end of semester report is indicative of the content that has been taught and assessed during that semester, and not necessarily indicative of the entire subject content. This means that a student’s results may vary from semester to semester, because they are being assessed and reported on different aspects of the subject/curriculum.

Gala Sports Day
Students from Year 6 will be going to Toogoolawah for a Gala Sports Day next Friday. Please ensure your permission forms have been returned by Tuesday 21 June. The Somerset Regional Council is providing a bus for our students free of charge.

Administration

Bookclub – Thank you to those parents who 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. Issue 5 catalogues will be out early next term.

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.

The Esk State School administration staff would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. See you all next term!
Celebrations

Star Pupils
Prep
Year 1/2 K
Year 1/2 Q
Year 3/4 M
Writing in sentences
Fantastic effort with your writing
Fantastic improvement in spelling
Fantastic effort in all learning areas

Special Award
Prep
Year 1/2 K
Year 1/2 Q
Year 3/4 M
Showing leadership at new tasks
Trying hard in all subjects
Outstanding writing task
Always trying her best

Mathletics Award

Gotcha Gems
Peridot –
Opal –
Garnet –
Amethyst –
Aquamarine –
Topaz –
Sapphire –
Emerald –
Ruby –
Diamond –
Diamond Peridot (220 Gotchas) –
Diamond Opal (240 Gotchas) –
Diamond Garnet (260 Gotchas) –
Diamond Amethyst –

Gotcha Award
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No Week 9 winners due to Sydney/Canberra camp and Visit from Fire Brigade

Congratulations
**Around the Classrooms**

**Prep – Mrs Richter**

It’s getting close to midyear now and some of the preps are really starting to make some headway. In English we have been learning how to recognise rhyming words. This can help you read and write new words. The children have been putting these new words into sentences to see if they make sense. In Maths we have been learning about 2 digit numbers and number patterns. We have had a go at writing numbers as words. In Science we are learning how the weather will affect materials. In Geography we are learning about recycling and how to look after special places. We will be putting our worm farm castings on the new garden bed ready for spring. In Health we are learning about which foods and activities help to keep us healthy. Some children in this class are leading very healthy lifestyles. Well done and have a wonderful holiday break together. After the break I will be on long service for two weeks and Mr Cowan will be replacing me.

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**Year 1/2 – Mrs Kitching**

Wow! What an incredible term we have had! I can’t believe the progress each and every student in our class has made. Thank you to all of our parents who have continued to help their child by reading on a daily basis and encouraging their child to complete homework tasks to a very high standard.

Recently we have been looking at and constructing information texts. You can see our latest efforts on our outside wall, featuring amazingly colourful penguins as well as incredible facts. We are also very close to our next classroom party. If we achieve this on Friday next week we will be watching a dvd, wearing free dress and having a hot chocolate with marshmallows. I will advise parents if this is going ahead.

Finally outside our classroom we have the fundraising thermometers for the Biggest Morning Tea. We have been counting money on a daily basis and have enjoyed watching the thermometers rise!

Enjoy the holiday period with your children. I look forward to working with you all again next term.

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**Year 1/2 – Miss Quade**

With another term coming to an end I just wanted to say a big thank you for all your support at home with homework, home readers, sight words and everything else you do to help your child have a productive and wonderful day at school. We are still doing loads of learning up until the end of the term. At the moment we are working on information texts and learning some great facts about animals and countries.

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**Year 3/4 M – Mrs McTaggart**

We are near the end of the term, and as it draws nearer, students become tired. Please ensure that your children get a good night’s sleep ready for a day of learning. Every day counts in a child’s education.

Since this will be the last newsletter item for the term I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you in Term 3 Week 2. I will be away the first week of term but Mrs Jennifer Hope will be taking the class for the week. She has worked with the class before.

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**Year 5/6 Sydney/Canberra – Mrs Smith**

If anyone has found a grey and red battery compact (for multiple devices) in their child’s possessions, could you please give to the Admin.
Sydney/Canberra Photos
## Around our School

### Athletics — Mrs Smith

**NEW RECORDS**: We had two new records set and one which was a tie with an existing record. Congratulations to the following students who exceeded all expectations:

1. Girls 12 High Jump 1.35m
2. Girls 9 High Jump 1.08m
3. Boys 10 High Jump 1.14m (equal record)

### AGE CHAMPIONS

#### TROPHIES

- Ball Games Trophy: Ivory 149 beat Eskdale 117
- Tug-o-War Trophy: Eskdale 2 to Ivory 0
- Champion House Track and Field Trophy: Ivory 2249 defeated Eskdale 2187

### Library — Ms Benson

**Ipswich Poetry Feast**

As part of the Ipswich Poetry feast competition, poet Lorraine Marwood visited Esk State School and worked with some of the Year 3/4 students. The competition is a national competition run to encourage young and aspiring poets. The students composed some wonderful work and will enter their poems in the competition which closes at the 29 July, 2016. The competition is open to children and adults with prize money, medallions and certificates to be won.

### 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: **Throw One Back**: Name 2 or 3 things that belong to the same group or category, and 1 thing that doesn’t belong to that group. Have your child tell you, or throw back the object that doesn’t fit. For example, if you say, “broccoli, celery, hotdog, lettuce”, your child would say, “Hotdog does not belong, because it’s not a vegetable.”
Biggest Morning Tea

Next Thursday 23 June 2016 we will be hosting our Biggest Morning Tea event in the hall at 11 am. We would love our school community to come along and show their support. We will have small plates of food and larger plates of food on sale for $2 and $5 as well as some single items for 50c. All people who come along on the day will receive a lucky door ticket and have a chance to win a wonderful container of winter goodies. We invite you to come along and enjoy the experience with your child or grandchild and who knows maybe you will win a prize. All of our teapot entries will be on display in the hall as well. We have some incredibly amazing efforts this week. A huge thank you to local businesses in the Somerset region who have taken this opportunity to showcase their business by decorating a teapot.

We also have tickets for $1 each for our raffle, featuring thirteen prizes including 4 separate vouchers for IGA in either Esk or Toogoolawah for $100 each! We will be having another raffle drawn on the day and tickets will be 50c each, you could win a box of fruit or a mystery prize!

You can donate to the Biggest Morning Tea online please see our link https://secure.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/registrant/FundraisingPage.aspx?RegistrationID=996320#.V2HHOHLhYXZ.facebook or in person on the day or beforehand, just see Mrs Kitching if you would like to do that.

If you would like to enter the teapot/cupcake competition you can purchase a teapot or cupcake from Mrs Kitching or Mrs Richter (if you are in Prep). All primary school students need to pay $1 per entry. High school students and parent entries are $2 and pre-prep are $1. There will be one winner in every category. All entries need to be handed to Mrs Kitching by Tuesday 21 June 2016.

Our current total is $1500! We are aiming for $2000! Help us get over the line and support us in any way you can. I so look forward to seeing you all next Thursday. Small community, big heart! Together we can make a difference!

The Biggest Morning Tea Monster Raffle

Thank you for the kindness of members of our community who have donated the following prizes. All proceeds will go to the Cancer Council and will count towards our fundraising efforts. So far we have 13 prizes......

1. $100 voucher to be used at IGA or Home Hardware in Esk or Toogoolawah.
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3. $100 voucher to be used at IGA or Home Hardware in Esk or Toogoolawah.
4. $100 voucher to be used at IGA or Home Hardware in Esk or Toogoolawah.
5. Coffee Percolator – BV Hire and Sales
6. $20 voucher - Esk Butchers.
7. 1 x 1hr Massage – Sammy Powdrell
8. 1 x 1hr Massage – Sammy Powdrell
9. Clairol Professional Pack – Manuela Laycock
10. Innoxa Bath Products – Esk Pharmacy
11. 1 x Free Hair Cut – AJ’s Barbers Shack
12. 1 x Free Hair Cut – AJ’s Barbers Shack
13. 1 x Free Hair Cut – AJ’s Barbers Shack

All raffle tickets will be $1 each. You can purchase them before school from Mrs Kitching, at 2nd break or before parade on Fridays. This raffle will be drawn on Friday 24 June 2016 at our weekly parade and winners will be notified.

There will be another raffle running on the day. Tickets are 50c each and First prize is a fresh fruit basket from the Esk Fruit Shop and Deli.
Breakfast Club
A word from Esk State School Breakfast Club......

- Breakfast Club operates on Thursday mornings from 8.15 am
- Our generous sponsors are the Esk Friendly Grocer
- The workers come from the Esk churches and people of goodwill
- The donation tin is to assist our Chappy Ryan with his many incidental ministry expenses

The workers often comment on the good manners and behaviour of the children. Well done kids, parents and teachers!
Jocelyn Cameron - Convenor

Chappy’s Chat

Queensland Father of the Year Award - The aim of the award is to recognise the significant role fathers play in their children’s well-being and development and to raise awareness of the value of fathers in the family and the community. It identifies and honours outstanding fathers for their exceptional commitment to raising their children or for their exemplary contribution to the development of children in the community. Nominations can be made online at qldfatheroftheyear.org.au or please see Chappy Ryan for a form. Nominations close 15 July 2016.

KIDS GAMES!!! Coming these holidays...the most exciting thing for primary students to hit Somerset!!! Kids games is an awesome few days of Fun, Craft, Sport, Food, and excitement had by all, and it’s held right here in Somerset in Toogoolawah. Please check out the flyer for details, and I hope to see you at KG 2016!!!

Struggling with debt, bills piling up and no idea how to pay for it all...then CAP may be just the answer for you. Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is an award winning debt management charity that has a growing network of services throughout Australia. Thousands of families have been released from the pressure of debt through a combination of advice, financial education, budgeting and/or insolvency services. No...CAP is not just for Christians. No...This is not a gimmick...CAP services do not cost anything and are a completely free service. CAP’s unique and non-judgemental approach means you are supported all the way as you take each step out of debt and towards freedom. CAP is also a recognised and trusted organisation within the finance industry, with an understanding that CAP involvement leading to better results for all. Their aim and motivation is to see people living life in abundance free from the crippling grip/weight of debt. For more information you can contact CAP on 1300 227 000, or speak to Chappy Ryan, grab a flyer and start your journey towards being debt free now.

P & C News

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.

Our next P&C meeting is
Monday 20 June 2016
6:30pm in the Staffroom (D Block)

We would like to welcome all our new families to Esk State School and invite everyone to attend.
ELECTION DAY STALL FOR OUR SCHOOL CHAPLAINS
(Ryan Green and Catharina Kusay)
Toogoolawah High School,
Esk, Harlin and Linville State Schools

ESK STATE SCHOOL
Middle Street, Esk

SATURDAY, 2nd JULY, 2016

Contributions of baking, preserves, plants, books, handicrafts welcomed

Please deliver to the school after 7.30 am
or contact Jocelyn at Esk 5424 2553 or Carolyn at Toogoolawah 5423 0747
if you would appreciate collection

Toogoolawah PICTURES
Sat., 18th June  pg
Doors: 7.00 pm   Movie: 7.30 - 9.25 pm

Sat., 25th June  m
Doors: 7.00 pm   Movie: 7.30 - 10.15 pm

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

Cobb+Co MUSEUM
MUSEUM ZOO
27 JUNE – 8 JULY
10AM – 3PM | WEEKDAYS ONLY

Take a walk on the wild side these winter holidays!

Catch a Museum Zoo Show, head out on safari,
make your own wild animals and more.
Ages: 5-12   Cost: $50 per child
Book online at cobbandco.qmp.qld.gov.au