Term 2 Week 6
20 May 2016

Dates to Remember

May
20 – Esk Show
23 – Crazy Hair Day

June
1 – Music Parade
2 – Esk Athletics Field Events
3 – Athletics Carnival
3 – Newsletter
5 – Sydney/Canberra Camp
17 – Newsletter
20 – Great Attendance Day

From the Principal’s Desk

Our amazing students’ work on display at the Esk Show

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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….

NAPLAN and Year 6 Bursary

I’m pleased to say that implementation of NAPLAN went very smoothly last week. As I moved through classrooms I saw students engaged with the tests. A special thanks to you all for ensuring your students were at school, attendance was remarkable – close enough to 100%. Results will come back around September. We are very proud of our students for their hard work. During NAPLAN the Year 6 students were working on their Bursary applications. Many are finished with only a few to go. They should be handed to me by Friday next week.

Kindy Visit

Next Tuesday the Esk Kindy students will be coming to our school as part of their orientation to ‘the big school’. We look forward to seeing them and their parents and they participate in various activities.

Head Lice – Information for Parents (Part One)

Over the next couple of editions we will provide you with the latest information on head lice.

The presence of head lice is a very common childhood occurrence in many communities. The primary responsibility for the management and treatment of head lice in students belongs with parents. In some schools, the management of head lice infestations is a recurring and challenging matter. It requires commitment from the whole school community in a concerted effort to treat outbreaks and minimise transmission. Communication and support within the school community can be conducive to minimising future infestations. Individual schools determine the level of treatment assistance offered to parents in consultation with the school community.

Head lice (Pediculus capitis) are small, wingless, egg laying insects found on the human head. They grow to about 3.5mm (the size of a sesame seed or pin head). Head lice live on the hair and feed by sucking blood from the scalp. They are pale grey in colour before feeding and reddish brown after feeding.

Live eggs (sometimes called nits) are glued to the hair shaft within a distance of 1.5 cm from the scalp. They hatch in 7-10 days as young lice (nymphs). It takes up to ten days for the nymphs to become mature lice and begin laying eggs. Adults are larger than nymphs and a mature female lays up to eight eggs per day.

**Signs and Symptoms:** Detection of adult lice or nymphs on the scalp is the best way to determine if head lice are present. While most people with head lice will not develop an itch, a small number of people develop an itch due to an allergic reaction to the saliva of the louse. Scratching can give rise to secondary bacterial infections on the scalp. Swelling of lymph nodes (adenopathy) in the neck can occur in some people due to this infection.

The presence of eggs is not a reliable sign of active head lice. Eggs need the warmth and moisture of the scalp to hatch. Eggs that are further than 1.5cm from the scalp are dead or hatched and do not need to be treated. Dead and hatched eggs can remain in the hair for several weeks.

**Treatment:** Treatment should only be applied when live lice are found on the head. To break the cycle, all infested people should be treated at the same time.

There are two methods of treatment:

1. **Non-insecticidal treatment using the conditioner and combing technique**

   This is the same as detection using conditioner and combing (see above) except continue combing with the head lice comb until all the conditioner is gone. The conditioner blocks the louse’s breathing pores and stuns the louse. This, together with the slippery effect of the conditioner, makes it easy to mechanically remove the lice.

   Repeat the conditioner and combing method every second day to remove the young nymphs as they hatch. Continue until no live lice are found for ten consecutive days.

   This treatment method is equally as effective as insecticidal or other chemical treatments but generally requires longer treatment times. However, it may be preferred as a cheaper alternative to insecticidal or other chemical treatments.
2. Treatment with synthetic or natural insecticides or other chemicals

There are four groups of treatment agents available in different forms (ie. shampoo, mousse, and lotion) which can be obtained from chemists without prescription. All preparations must be applied strictly according to the manufacturer’s instructions. None of them should be used on children under two years of age, except on medical advice.

No chemical treatment kills all the eggs. A second treatment should be applied 7-10 days after the initial treatment to kill the nymphs that have hatched from the eggs remaining from the first treatment. Do not apply the treatment more than once per week as more frequent applications could lead to scalp problems and have little or no effect.

If lice are still found after three weeks of chemical applications, switch to the non-insecticidal method until no lice are found. Eggs are the most difficult stage to kill. The most effective way to remove eggs is to actually pull them off the hair using your fingernails.

Chemical Head Lice Products
The following types of active ingredients were approved in Australia by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (2003) for use against head lice:

- Pyrethrins, eg. Amcal Head Lice Foam, Lyban Foam
- Synthetic Pyrethroids (bioallethrin, permethrin), eg. Paralice, Quellada Head Lice Treatment
- Organophosphates, eg. Exolice Medicated Foam, Lice Rid
- Combinations of Herbal and Essential Oils, eg. Quit Nits Natural Head Lice Treatment, Herba Lice.

Treatment Outcomes: Checking whether the treatment product is effective
It is essential to check the effectiveness of every treatment after a product has been on the hair for the recommended amount of time and before washing it out:

- Comb the hair with a fine tooth head lice comb, wiping the comb onto a white tissue after each sweep.
- Repeat until whole head is combed and little treatment formulation is visible on the hair.
- After five minutes examine the tissues and assess the lice as dead (no movement), inactive (louse is stationary but moving legs or antennae) or active (louse moving).
- If the product is effective, all lice should be dead.

Administration
Child Absences: If your child is absent for any reason, please phone the Admin Office on 5424 4111 to let the school know. A reason must be recorded for each absence as directed by State Schooling (Ed Qld).

BookClub – Bookclub brochures have been handed out. Please have all orders in by Friday 3 June 2016. 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. Please read the information below.

- Simply grab your Book Club Catalogue
- For a quick start, just click on ORDER above
- OR Register first to save your details for next time (existing Scholastic Store customers can simply log in)
- Select your school and your child’s class
- Add your child’s first name & last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- All orders are sent 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
- Afterwards, there’s no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details back to your school

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Celebrations

Star Pupils

Prep  Applying herself to reading
       Showing confidence in lessons
Year 1/2 K  For a sensational story about Nurses
Year 1/2 Q  Excellent use of vocabulary in writing
             Reading with fluency and meaning
Year 3/4 M  Being a helpful class member
             Excellent improvement in reading
Year 3/4 N  Great work in Word Study
             Great effort with your Word Study reflection
Year 5/6 D  Fantastic effort in home reading
Year 5/6 S  Working to capacity at all times
             Being a willing helper

Special Award

Prep  Contributing to “brain-storming” sessions
       Enjoying school and trying hard
Year 1/2 K  Trying hard in all subjects
Year 1/2 Q  Always completing tasks with enthusiasm
             An outstanding effort in Maths
Year 3/4 M  Being a quiet achiever
             Improving in work effort
             Persevering whilst reading
Year 3/4 N  Working well in Maths groups
             Great effort in cursive writing
Year 5/6 D  Always being positive and trying his best
Year 5/6 S  Having a serious approach to learning
             Working well in Maths

Mathletics Award

Accelerated Reader Award

Gotcha Award

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Congratulations

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

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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 –

Names and photographs have been removed for privacy reasons

Around the Classrooms

Prep – Mrs Richter
Thank you to everyone who has bought in a coat hanger and some items to help make the wind ornaments this term. We will be starting this activity next week. This is part of our science where we learn about the properties of materials and match materials to a purpose. Children are welcome to bring in wind chimes/ornaments for afternoon talks. Thanks also to Mrs Trueman for the surprise afternoon talk. It was an amazing and rare opportunity to see such a tiny newborn animal. We are learning about growth in our Health unit so we will follow this up with some research. We will be adding new assessments and work samples to the children’s folios next week so if you borrowed one to look at please return it ASAP.

Year 1/2 K – Mrs Kitching
In our classroom we have a class pet or mascot. He is an owl and we named him Mr Owen Hooty Tooty. He has his very own back pack with owls on it and an owl keychain, an owl pencil case with lots of colours, scissors and glue and his own journal. Every three days someone in our classroom gets to take Owen home for two nights. When Owen visits a house the person who has him as a guest writes about their adventures together. So far this year Owen has been to Dreamworld, the Optometrist, birthday parties and Pipeline Park. Some of his favourite activities has been riding quad bikes, climbing trees, reading stories and snuggling. Our book of Owen’s adventures may just end up in the library for other classes to enjoy later in the year. Everyone loves Owen. Rumour has it that next term he has a new friend for us to meet. We look forward to sharing our lives with this new mystery pet.

Year 1/2 Q – Miss Quade
We achieved another class reward!! This time our class worked towards a biscuit making session. Students made 6 different flavoured biscuits, they were Jam Drops, Rice Bubbles, Coconut, Milo, Chocolate Chip and Sugar flavoured. For our next reward we are working towards a craft session. To earn a class reward students need to show a range of classroom behaviours that contribute to a productive working environment. Some examples are quiet and calm lining up, using no voice during independent work, partner voice when working in small groups, saying nice things about each other’s work and raising hand to speak. We have had great fun in English. We have been exploring traditional fairy tales and fractured fairy tales. We have been discussing stereotypical attributes of characters from traditional fairy tales. The children enjoyed drawing their own ‘non-stereotypical’ version the fairy godmother from Cinderella.

Year 3/4 M – Mrs McTaggart
The Esk Show is this weekend and the Year 3/4’s have contributed to the school’s display by writing an Acrostic Poem for Pulses, which is the show’s theme for year. You can see the students work on display at the show. We are half way through the term and assessment begins for all students in preparation for report cards. It is very important that all students attend school as much as possible. Each and every day students learn new key concepts and also revisit concepts that have been taught. Just 15 minutes of reading any book, magazine or cartoon each night will help improve a child’s reading ability.
Year 3/4 N – Mrs Nan

Our focus in Writing this term has been Persuasive Texts. During the next 2-3 weeks the Year 3 and 4’s will be starting their assessment on this topic. As a class we are working on the point of view ‘Homework Should Be Banned’. You can discuss this topic with your children giving them arguments for and against.

Another big thank-you to Junior Landcare for their donations of two more trays of seedlings. They were planted Tuesday.

Well done to all those children who finished their Diorama. They will be on display at the Esk Show over the weekend.

Year 5/6 S – Mrs Smith

We have begun work on this week on the English Assessment item. Students will be writing a persuasive text about whether the narrative text “The Last Tree” or the informative text “Planet Protectors” is better. We will be working on these during school time some students may choose/need to work on their assessment at home too. These are due in on Friday 27 May (next week). Note your child may ask you to read their assessment and give them feedback.

Around our School

Student Council – Mrs Smith

**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. The colouring of hair will be done class by class during the morning session. The drink and chips will be served at second break.

Sydney/Canberra Camp – Mrs Smith

This week we had our last camp meeting with students and sent home the last camp letter before we leave on the Sydney/Canberra trip in Week 9. Students received their Camp Booklet and we looked at a map of Taronga Park Zoo. We also ran through the collection procedures for Sunday 5 June. Final Payments are due by **Friday 20 May**. Also due this Friday are all the forms sent home early this term; permission form, medical form, PG permission form, dietary requirements form and a Student Agreement which each student is to sign. Thanks to all those parents who have assisted in the smooth organisation of this event with their prompt payments and returning of forms.

Athletics – Mrs Smith

We are fast approaching the time for our school athletics carnival. Note that children who will be absent for the Field Events on Thursday 2 June can preregister their throws and jumps to still be considered for house points, ribbons, placements and a position in the school team at Lowood Athletics next term.

Athletics Days Programs with anticipated timings were included in the last newsletter. If you missed out please ask me for an extra copy. Please note that we cannot foresee everything that will happen over these days so the timings are only approximate.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

This week our PBL Focus Respect! We have been focusing on say Good Morning to each other as students arrive at school. When someone says Good Morning it is respectful to say Good Morning back. We are also focusing on having respect for our school grounds by keeping rubbish in bins or in lunchboxes.

Healthy Lunchboxes

Library – Ms Benson

Readers Cup competition
The Somerset Lockyer Regional Readers Cup will be held on Friday 17th June at the Lowood State High School Hall on Prospect St, Lowood. Parking will be available on Prospect Street.
Teams are invited to arrive by 10am for a 10.30 start. This should allow time for toilets and a snack. Students are welcome to picnic outside the Hall after the event. (approx. 1:00pm to 1:30pm)
Books will be available for purchase on the day.
Our quiz master for both competitions will be Brian Falkner author of Super Freak and Taskforce: Team Recon Angel.

Each team will consist of a maximum of five students. Only four students may compete at any one time and teams are encouraged to rotate members each round.
PRIMARY BOOKS – Years 5 & 6
Super Freak by Brian Falkner
Elephant Man by Mariangela Di Fiore
Tom and the Midnight Garden by Philippa Pearce
Escape from Wolfhaven Castle by Kate Forsyth
On Track by Kathryn Apel
Laugh your head off

Music – Mr Smith
Our Special Music Parade is coming up on Wednesday June 1 at 8:45am. Would band members please wear their correct band uniform which is long black pants, black socks, black shoes and maroon, black or white hair attire for girls. Your band uniform shirt will be available before the concert from Miss Jacqui in the music room to change into for the concert. Just a taste of the musical items on at this concert follows:

Senior Choir
Sound of Silence by Simon and Garfunkel
All Things Shall Perish
Drunken Sailor

Band Badge Presentations

Concert Band
Power Rock arranged by Michael Sweeney
Louie, Louie by Richard Berry

Recorder
Louie, Louie

Guitar
Circle by Harry Chapin

Would Mums or family members of new band members please come and pin the band badge on their child?

Junior Choir will not be performing at this Special Music Parade. They will, however, be a highlight of the Term 3 Special Music Parade.

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 Subs:
Say 2 or 3 sentences that are exactly the same except for one word. Ask your child to tell you the word that you changed in the sentences. For example, your sentences could be, “I folded your shirt and put it into your drawer. I folded your undershirt and put it into your drawer” or “I ironed your shirt and put it into your drawer. I folded your shirt and put it into your drawer” Your child would then tell you the words you changed were “shirt” and “undershirt”, and “folded” and “ironed

P & C News

Tuckshop – An “Athletics Day” meal deal form has been included in this copy of the newsletter. We welcome parents welcome to use these forms as well to pre-order their lunch, as there will only be limited “extra” food available on the day. Tea, Coffee, Poppers, Cake and Fresh Fruit Cups will be available from the tuckshop throughout the day.
Athletics Carnival

Meal Deal

The Tuckshop is offering two meal deals for the Athletics Carnival Friday 3 June 2016.

1. Ham and Salad Roll & Water  2. Pie, Fresh Fruit Cup and Water

Please complete the order form below and return to the school with payment no later than 3:00pm Wednesday 1 June, 2016

If you require more order forms please pick one up from the office foyer.

Adults are welcome to pre-order their lunch too as only pre-ordered meals will be available on the day!

Fresh fruit cups, poppers, water, tea, coffee and cakes will be available all day

Child’s Name: ____________________________________________________
Year Level: ______________________________________________________

☐ Ham and Salad Roll & Water $5.00

☐ Pie, Fresh Fruit Cup and Water $5.00

Total Payment enclosed: _______________________

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2016 National Excellence in Teaching Awards (NEiTA)

Nominations open: 18 April 2016

Do you know any outstanding educators at your early learning centre, primary or secondary school or in your community? Why not nominate them for an ASG National Excellence in Teaching Award.

Nominate online at asg.com.au/nominate
To request a promotional kit visit asg.com.au/neita
For general enquiries call 1800 624 487

Nominations close: 31 July 2016
A Ladies Only Self Defence Workshop

ABK Roo Dojos of Esk Invite Mums and over 18 year old daughters to take an active part in our Womens Self Defence Seminar & Workshop.

Be guided by professional martial art instructors in standing your ground, harnessing fear and owning the moment. Be amazed by simple and easy to learn techniques that will give you ability, strength and confidence in an unexpected moment.

Date: Monday 6 June 2016

Time: 5.30 pm

Where: Esk state School Hall

Please wear loose sports or comfortable clothing.

Supported by the Esk State School.
CEDAR Centre Community Hub

has an exciting new project and we want you!!!!

Don’t pigeonhole yourself just because you have been out of the workforce while your children were small – or you left school early to work – or you are newly arrived in Australia.

We are offering:
- CHC33015 Certificate III in Individual Support
- CHC20015 Certificate III in Community Services
- BSB30415 Certificate III in Business Administration

The CEDAR Centre Community Hub offers:
- Support with assessments/language/mentoring
- Access to computers and printers
- Access to people who can help
- Linkages with community networks
- Hands on experience
- Access to self-study areas and groups
- Support engaging in the community

We honour cultural diversity and value difference.

Come along to our new Centre at 57 Brook Street (Queensland Dairy Association Coop Limited building)

We can discuss your unmet needs and even help you fill out the forms. You may be eligible for funding to do the course you choose.

This Skilling Queenslanders for Work project is proudly funded and supported by the Queensland Government.

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Toogoolawah PICTURES

Sat., 21st May - ma
Doors: 7.00 pm  Movie: 7.30 - 9.30

2 Week Break for Toogoolawah Ball & Show -
Child to High School: $6  Adult: $8
Family: $25
Snack Bar Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, 'Twah
Inquiries: 0438 149 954

Sat., 11th June - m
Doors: 7.00 pm  Movie: 7.30 - 10.15 pm

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