Term 2 Week 4
6 May 2016

Dates to Remember
May
20 – Esk Show
20 – Newsletter
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
Explicit Improvement Agenda
One ‘arm’ of our Improvement Agenda is to improve student writing. Over Wednesday and Thursday this week Mrs Nan, Mrs Oxenford, Mrs Vale, Mrs Burgess and I attended a professional development day run by Education Queensland. It was held at the Gatton Cultural Centre.

NAPLAN
During this term and last students in Years 3 and 5 have been gradually preparing for the NAPLAN testing. The testing will happen next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students in Years 3 and 5 will complete 4 tests. All testing will happen in the morning of each of the three days. It will be important that student attendance be 100% during this time. If, due to illness, students do miss some testing they will be able to catch up on Friday next week, the “Catch Up” days. If you have any questions about the testing please don’t hesitate to contact me. Please try to ensure that students get a very good night’s sleep in the lead up to the test and during the test week. Ensure too that they are eating well over this weekend and next week prior to the testing.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
For our newer families to the school, we would like to explain what and how PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) is and how it is implemented within our school. PBL aligns behaviour support systems with academic support systems. This helps us to recognise that both of these (behaviour and academics) are side by side, as both have three levels of support. Both behaviour and academic systems have “Universal” support for everyone, then “Targeted” interventions for 5% to 10% of students and finally the “Intensive” support for 1% to 5% of students.
Happiness at Work

On the evening of Thursday 21 April, all staff from our cluster of Schools (Linville SS, Harlin SS, Toogoolawah SS, Esk SS and Toogoolawah SHS) were invited by their Principals to attend a twilight professional development session to experience what it means to have happiness and fun at work. The Happiness at Work Team, facilitated by Brett Leadbetter, lead us through many games and group activities which focused on finding out about people and their needs while having a huge amount of fun in the process. Attendance was excellent with 63 staff from across the Brisbane Valley attending. It was held at the Toogoolawah Hotel and catering for the event was excellent. Feedback from the night suggested that all staff had a thoroughly enjoyable time and would like to do it again, maybe once a year. Feedback highlighted the idea of building unity between staff in our Brisbane Valley cluster of schools.

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).

Head Lice Alert!

Please check your child’s hair and treat as necessary. The latest information regarding treatment and prevention can be found on the Queensland Health website: https://www.health.qld.gov.au
Celebrations

Star Pupils
Prep
Year 1/2 K
Year 1/2 Q
Year 3/4 M
Year 3/4 N
Year 5/6 D
Year 5/6 S
Putting in extra effort in all areas
Telling an hilarious joke!
An outstanding effort across all areas
An outstanding effort in writing
Always ready to learn
Being a great classroom helper
No Awards at time of printing
Great work in Mathematics
Great work in Mathematics
Working hard in class

Special Award
Prep
Year 1/2 K
Year 1/2 Q
Year 3/4 M
Year 3/4 N
Year 5/6 D
Year 5/6 S
A confident approach to lessons
Creating entertaining sentences
A great improvement in writing
Bringing joy to the class
Great work with your number facts
No Awards at time of printing
Working hard and smiling big
Striving for excellence

Mathletics Award
Accelerated Reader Award

Names and photographs have been removed for privacy reasons

Welcome to Esk

Gotcha Award
Sponsored by Esk Newsagency

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

Congratulations
**Around the Classrooms**

**Prep – Mrs Richter**
Thanks to everyone who sent in a baby photo for afternoon talk. We really enjoyed seeing these. We have taken a copy and returned the originals. Please see me if yours did not come home. We will be using these photo’s for English, History and Health. In Maths we have learnt how to measure height, length and width so have a little practise at home. We have been using big and little balls for throwing, catching, kicking and rolling. You might like to practise these skills as well.

**Year 1/2 K – Mrs Kitching**
Two short weeks in a row! We have been so very busy in our neck of the woods! Preparing a lovely gift for our mums for Mother’s day and writing up a storm! In Mathematics we went down to the hall to use the square grids and look at co-ordinates. It was so much fun we didn’t even realise we were learning new concepts. We had our best reading rotations ever this week. Everyone was engaged and trying their very best. Last Friday we wore free dress and enjoyed watching our Snoopy movie and the popcorn Mrs Kitching gave us. It took us a whole term and a bit more to get there with our behaviour, but we made it! Our next goal is free dress again, a movie and a hot chocolate!

**Year 1/2 Q – Miss Quade**
We have had another busy fortnight in the year 1/2 class. We have particularly enjoyed the reading groups this term. Twice a week we join together with Year 1/2K for reading groups. In reading groups we complete literacy activities on the computer, spelling and sight word practice, guided reading and comprehension lessons. We require some parent helpers to assist with some of the groups. If you are free on Monday or Wednesday 9.00 am to 10.00am and would like to help out please let us know.

**Year 3/4 M – Mrs McTaggart**
We are still working on our new English unit of work about persuasive texts and how to be persuasive. The whole class earnt 10 gotchas each and were rewarded with a Free Dress Day on Tuesday this week. It was great to celebrate this small milestone as a whole class.

Homework is timetabled to be returned to school on Friday morning and to go home Friday afternoon. This term you will find reading remains a priority. Children should read at least four times a week and a recording sheet has been included with their homework. Maths facts are to be completed for homework as well. A sheet is sent home for this. Homework is sent home even if the homework folder is not returned to school. The students name and date is written on the top of the page and put in their school bags. If your child states that they do not have any homework they should double check their bags.

**Year 3/4 N – Mrs Nan**
No report at time of printing

**Year 5/6 D – Mrs Dolan**
No report at time of printing

**Year 5/6 S – Mrs Smith**
This has been another busy fortnight. In Maths we have been working in the area of Time. Children are currently completing an assessment task “Rodeo Round Up” which is due on Tuesday 10 May. Also due soon is the home assignment for the term which is a Book Review. Book Reviews are due on Thursday 19 May. In English we have been looking at a range of informative texts and imaginative texts and soon we will be starting on the assessment item for this unit which will be a persuasive text.

**Year 5/6D and 5/6S Geography – Mrs Rollston**
This week your child was given a questionnaire and wrote 3 questions to complete as a part of their Geography assessment. They need to interview someone who has been through an extreme weather event and their answers need to be brought back to school on or before next Wednesday.
**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.

*Mothers’ Day Stall* Thanks to everyone who showed their support for the Student Council by purchasing something from the Mothers’ Day Stall.

**Sydney/Canberra Camp – Mrs Smith**

Invoices for the fifth payment were sent home recently. Note these are due for payment by **Friday 20 May**. Many parent have already paid $400 for their child to attend camp but some are still outstanding. If you are not up to date please ensure you remedy this soon. If you are having troubles paying please contact the office.

Camp Letters were sent home recently. These included: general information, the final cost of camp, an updated itinerary, a copy of the what to bring list, a permission form, a medical form, a PG permission form, a dietary requirements form and a student agreement for each student to sign. Note these forms need to be completed and returned to school with the final payment by **Friday 20 May**.

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the national capital. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

**It’s Show Time – Mrs Whiting**

Children can enter 6 sections at the show, these are - Cookery, Photography, Floral Arranging, Fruit & Vege, Art and Needlework. Information for each of these is available at the Esk Newsagency or online on the Show Society’s web page.

Children will once again be able to purchase Gingerbread men, Patty Cakes and (biscuits for Prep-Yr3) to decorate at home then return either to school or direct to the Showgrounds. **Students will not be walking to the show again this year.**

The cost of the gingerbread men and cakes will be $2 each the biscuits $1 this fee includes the entry and tray.

There is a limited number of each, money for entry is to be given to Mrs Whiting or Miss Jacqui anytime now.

**Library – Ms Benson**

2016 Ipswich Poetry Feast
The Ipswich Poetry Feast is an exciting initiative of Ipswich City Council supported and driven by the local community. Total prize value $7500.00

Competition categories Age – 5-7 years, 8-10 years, 11-13 years
Opening date – 17 April, 2016
Closing date- 29 July, 2016
Entries are to be the authors original work.
Entry forms available from the library
Sport – Mrs Rollston

Cross Country

Today students from Esk State School competed at the Lockyer District cross Country after being placed at the Lowood District Cross Country two weeks ago. We hope they had a great day and ran their very best.

Lockyer Netball – Mrs Kitching

Last week the Met West Netball trials were held at Limestone Park in Ipswich. Eight teams from different districts competed in two days of competition. For the first time in over six years three students from Esk were selected to play for Lockyer District. The girls participated in five training sessions with Mrs Jacqui Williams and Mrs Sue Kitching at Lowood State High School hall. On the first day of competition the girls were so excited! We left Esk at 7am and chatted all the way there. Our first game was against Central district and we managed to score goals against this very strong side. We played four games on our first day and the last game of the day the Under 11 side defeated Fassifern 10 -3! Mrs Kitching had no voice left from all the cheering she did. On the way home in the car all conversations stopped at Blacksoil. Mrs Kitching was very surprised to turn around and see her two under 11 players fast asleep!

On Thursday we had another three games and Lockyer was competitive in all games. All girls displayed impeccable manners and were an absolute delight to coach. One of the Under 12 girls from Lockyer was selected as a shadow player for the Met West team!

Next year Mrs Kitching is hoping even more Esk girls trial. This year only 10 girls trialled in each age group. Ipswich had over 70 girls in each age group trial. It was a wonderful experience and the skill level of all players has improved amazingly!

Music – Mr Smith

Get ready for our special music parade on Wednesday June 1 at 8:45am in the Esk State School Hall. This music parade will feature our kids involved in the following presentations.

- Concert Band
- Senior Choir
- Band Badge presentation
- Guitar Class demonstration
- Vocal Solo, and more.

It is important that band members wear the correct band uniform which is the band shirt, long black pants, black shoes and socks with maroon, white or black hair attire for girls.

The band shirt will be made available for band members to change into at 8:15am in the music room on the day of the special music parade. Miss Jacqui will be there to organize this.

Athletics – Mrs Smith

This term the students will be engaging in a range of Athletics skills during class time and Phys Ed Lessons. The following are athletics dates for this term -

- 9-13yr old field practice - Mon 9 May, Mon 16 May, Mon 23 May 11:30-1pm
- 9-13yr old ball games and relay practice - will be held during First Breaks in Week 7
- whole school march past and war cry practice - Mon 30 May 2:15pm
- 9-13yr old field events and 5-13yr old running heats - Thurs 2 June
- 5-8yr old tabloid sports (afternoon session)- Thurs 2 June
- Whole school Athletics Carnival - march past, running, ball games and relays- Fri 3 June

The program has been included on page 9, for the field event day and the athletics carnival with approximate times so that parents can attend events that interest them and their children.
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: What am I?
Take turns giving clues to guess objects that you think of. Your descriptions will sound like a riddle! For example, if you are describing a goldfish, you could say, “I’m orange, I swim, and I have fins. What am I?”

P & C News

P&C Meeting: Next P&C Meeting will be at 6:30pm on Monday 16 May 2016 in the Staffroom (D Block).

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.

Community News

Toogoolawah PICTURES
Sat., 7th May - pg
Doors: 7.00 pm  Movie: 7.30 - 9.40 pm

Sat., 14th May - m
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
Friday 20 May & Saturday 21 May

Kindergarten and primary school children have classes in these sections and some are

* Pet Parade
* Fine Arts
* Horticulture
* Fruit & Vegetable
* Photography
* Needlework
* Cookery
* Horses
* Farm Produce
* Poultry

Every kindergarten and primary school aged child that enters an exhibit into the show will receive 3 tickets valued at $1.00 each.

1st prize winners will receive 5 tickets and 2nd prize winners will receive 3 tickets.

These tickets are only valid for games/rides and food vans within side show alley.

Tickets can be collected on Saturday 21 May after 3pm from the secretary’s office.

Visit our website www.eskshow.com.au to get all the information you need to know about our 2016 Esk Show.

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One Million Stars to End Violence
Toogoolawah Craft Workshop

Join the Friendly Crafters Group for a star weaving workshop.
Free Event – Materials supplied
When: 15 May
10am – 1pm
Where: Playgroup Building, McConnell Park

The Domestic Violence Action Centre (DVAC) would like to invite you to participate in our ‘One Million Stars to End Violence’ campaign.
The ‘One Million Stars to End Violence’ campaign aims to unite people around the world by making and displaying coloured ribbon stars. The goal is to weave 1 million stars and to display them throughout Queensland between 2012 – 2018.

Each star represents a commitment to ensure women and children’s right to safety and respect.

For more information phone Council (07) 5424 4000

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ATHLETICS CARNIVAL PROGRAM

THURSDAY 2 June 2016

8:45     Warm Up and General Organisation
9:00-9:45 9 year -12/13 year Field Events Rotation 1
9:45-10:50 5 year -12/13 year Heats of Sprints and 200m
10:45-11:30 First Break
11:30-1pm 9 year -12/13 year Field Events Rotations 2 and 3
1:00-1:30 Second Break
1:30-2:15 9 year -12/13 year Field Events Rotation 4
2:15-2:45 Clean Up and Finalising Ribbons for Field Events

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Note that children who will be absent from school on Thursday 2 June may pre-record their throws and jumps. If they do so they will be eligible for places, age champion and house points and selection in the school team.

Most children who finish first or second in an event will be selected to represent the school at the next level, but some events have start heights, qualifying times/distances etc. Children who make the team will be notified in writing.

FRIDAY 3 June 2016

8:45     Mark Rolls then Organise March Past
9:00     March past, national anthem then official welcome
9:10     Sprint Finals: 5 year – 12/13 year
10:10    800 m Finals: 9 year – 12/13 year
11:00    First Break
11:45    200m Finals: 9 year – 12/13 year
12:15    Ball Games- all students prep to 7
1:00     Second Break
1:45     Relays- all students prep to 7
2:10     Tug-o-war- Year 6 Ivory V Eskdale
2:20     Clean up then move up to the hall for the official announcements
2:30     Official Announcements – Team Esk 2016, Age Champions and Champion House
2:45     Dismiss children

Sprints
5, 6 and 7 year olds- 50 m
8 and 9 year olds- 80 m
10, 11, 12 & 13 year olds- 100 m

Note times for events are estimates only and may not be accurate on the day.
As a way of encouraging students to pursue and enjoy reading, writing, and creativity, the Local Chaplaincy Committee will be presenting “Creativation” – Growing Creativity through Creation. By encouraging our young generations to grow through personal expression we hope to enhance and promote creativity, skills and opportunity for life...to think outside [or inside] the box.

There are to two main parts to the “Creativations” Fest – 2016. First up will be a Writing Competition where students have the opportunity to enter a narrative (story) on Friendship/Friends/Family as the topic. The second is a chance for students (and staff or parents) to showcase works of art around the theme of Hope.

Writing entries will be judged by an expert panel, and prizes shall include arts and craft supplies, literature, tuckshop vouchers, achievement certificates, and medallions for category winners.

PLEASE NOTE: This is an extra-curricula activity/opportunity and is not considered as part of the student’s regular required work, nor should it take the place of study required for regular subject work.

**Short Story Writing Competition**

- **Format:** Hand Written/Typed
- **Text Type:** Narrative (story)
- **Size:** A5 Booklet (max 10 pg.)
- **A6 Folded Booklet (8 pg.)**
- **Topic:** Friendship/Friends/Family
- **Cost:** 50 cents per entry upon registration
- **A6 Pre-Print Booklet (prep only) available from Chappy Ryan**

**Categories:** Individual year levels from Prep to Year 6

**Entries Due by:** 6th May 2016 – **EXTENDED until Friday 13 May 2016**

Guidelines - Writing Competition:
- Commendations will be given for use of illustrations, but the text is our main focus.
- Number of pages includes the front and back covers and may be used as pages for the story.
- All work must be the “student’s” (not mum, dad, grandma, etc.) original work, otherwise they shall not be considered for the competition.
- No name or other identifying material should appear on the work.
- Students can enter a maximum of three pieces of work if they wish.
- Students shall need to attach a registration slip and provide payment for each piece of work upon registration.
- Judges decisions will be final

**Arts and Sculptures Showcase**

- **Type:** Painting, Moulded, Craft, Misc (Digital, metallic, robotic, technology, engineered, etc.)
- **Topic:** Hope
- **Size:** Small-Medium
- **Due by:** TBA
- **Cost:** N/A

This is for display purposes only to showcase some of the different formats through which creativity may be expressed and to highlight a core element that we all need and can give to each other – Hope. Only pieces appropriate for school display will be permitted. Pieces may also be utilised for display at Esk Show either by School or personally.
Guidelines – Arts and Sculptures:
- Works of art may display the artist’s name or identifying material.
- Please include a description to explain the relation of the work to the topic.
- Please include a registration slip with each piece to confirm ownership.

Registration Forms
Please hand in to Chappy Ryan with payment when registering your work.
One slip per entry required.
All payments received go towards the cost of prizes.