Dates to Remember
November
28 – TSHS Year 6 Transition Day
29 – TSHS Year 6 Transition Day
29 – Prep Open Day
30 – Special Music Parade
December
1 – Last Swimming Lesson
1 – Last Music Lesson
2 – Lowood District Swimming Carnival
4 – Esk Community Choir
5 – Great Attendance Day
6 – Report Cards go home
6 – Year 6 Graduation Evening
7 – Farewell Parade
8 – Break-up Day
9 – Clean-up Day

School Attendance
School Goal: 95%
Last Week: 90.3%
This Week: 89.9%

From the Principal’s Desk
School Leaders for 2017
The Year 5 Students did an awesome job of delivering their Leadership Speeches last week. It was great to have so many students willing to put themselves out there and ask for votes from our school students and staff. The lucky and skilful recipients of Leadership positions for 2017 are:
- School Captains - Thomas and Layla
- Music Captains - Hannah and Aislinn
- Eskdale House Captains - Jacques and Faron
- Ivory House Captains - Shanay and Naomi
- Student Councillors - Bradley and William

Congratulations to our new leaders. You will receive your badges when you sign your oaths in first term next year.

I wish all these students the very best for the coming year of leadership and I thank all students who didn’t receive a position for joining in the process. That in itself is a great learning opportunity for life. Also a thank you to staff who helped with the organisation of leadership process.

Outside Hours School Care
We are working with all parties concerned to move for the establishment of a centre at Esk State School. We await the Licence to use our premises and for the provider to get Service Approval from the Early Childhood department. The school will keep the community updated on progress during this process via our Face Book page.

Last Newsletter for 2016
I wish to thank our whole school community for its support of learning in our school during 2016. It has been a busy year with gains in many areas. I wish you all the very best for the holidays and New Year. I look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

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

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

Classes and Staffing for 2017

Our current enrolment numbers for 2017 indicate that we have enough students to form an eighth class. A teacher for that class has not been announced yet but we are able to begin the year from Day 1 with 8 classes.

Miss Quade has been transferred to a Brisbane school. We whole-heartedly thank Miss Quade for her calming presence in our school and for her skills as an educator. She will be missed. Next year we welcome Miss Bean on staff to take a Year 1/2 class. She is very keen and excited about being appointed to our school. There are no other changes to our staff for next year.

Investing for Success Funding – Snapshot Report

During 2016, we focused on maximising the benefits of this funding for our students. After reviewing our 2016 Investing for Success agreement, it is clear that we are on track to meet or exceed our targeted student outcomes. We continue to implement our initiatives to ensure that every student succeeds. We received $90,630.

Initiatives implemented include:

- Support for NAPLAN Students Years 3 and 5 students
- Provide support for students identified as being close to moving into the Upper two Bands of NAPLAN in Numeracy and Writing and to increase the percentage of students at or above the NMS
- Curriculum Review to ensure alignment to the Australian Curriculum
- Provide Professional Development to enhance teacher knowledge and understanding of the Australian Curriculum
- Build teacher-team capability and capacity to use the Curriculum’s Content Descriptions, Elaborations, Achievement Standards, Assessment Tasks and Guides to Making Judgements to develop quality rigorous teaching and learning programs
- Develop knowledge and understanding of benchmarks and assessment for, as and of learning

We improved student outcomes by:-

- Employing 1. A Head of Curriculum, 2. Extra classroom teacher time and extra Support Learning Teacher time (1 day per week each) 3. Teacher Relief time to enable teachers to work and plan together

As a result of our Investing for Success funding these first 3 points have been addressed and as a result, the most significantly improved student learning outcomes are seen in point 4:-

1. Our Curriculum and Assessment documents are well on the way to completion.
2. Class sizes were reduced marginally.
3. Teachers were scheduled to collaborate and feedback with the Leadership Team and each other.
4. Students with results in the Upper 2 Bands of NAPLAN increased significantly from 2015. In 8 of the 10 areas of NAPLAN Esk State School is statistically similar to or better than the nation.

Expenditure:- As of 21 November, 2016, $82,663 has been expended. The remaining $7967 will be used by the end of 2016. These are wonderful results. Congratulations to all the staff, students and parents for all your exceptionally hard work.

Break-up Day Fun Swim

On Thursday 8 December, students from each class will be going to the pool for Fun Swim. Below are the times for each class. If you are able to come down and help, that would be great.

- 1/2 – 9.45am – 10.30am
- Prep – 11.30am – 12.00noon
- 3/4 – 12.00pm – 1.00pm
- 5/6 – 1:30pm-2:30pm

Thank you to our Volunteers

On Tuesday 15 November the staff from Esk State School provided a special morning tea to say a big “Thank You” to all our volunteers. We really appreciate all the time you put into making our school great.
2017 Enrolment Survey

2017 Student Enrolment Survey

Each year in Term 4, schools start the planning process for staffing the next year. To help us with student number calculations, parents are asked to provide the following information to assist our school plan for the 2017 school year.

We understand that some families may not be 100% sure of their plans for next year, but ask that you give the best advice possible at this time. Should your circumstances change from that indicated on this form, please advise the school as soon as possible.

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Family Name: _____________________________

Names of Children who WILL NOT be returning to Esk State School in 2017 (This excludes those children who are leaving Esk State School to attend highschool.)

_________________________________________ Current Year Level ____
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Do you know of any children who are not currently enrolled at our school, but who may be planning to attend Esk State School in 2017? Could you please provide contact details for these families so that we may send them an enrolment pack?

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**Celebrations**

**Star Pupils**
Prep  Wyatt J – Becoming a good leader and role model  
Year 1/2 K  Matilda K – Writing an exciting narrative  
  Annikia C-R – Being an enthusiastic member of our classroom  
Year 1/2 Q  Rowan H – An excellent effort in Maths  
  Imogen T – An outstanding narrative  
Year 3/4 M  Cheyanne M – Excellent effort in swimming  
  Olivia Brown – Being an enthusiastic learner  
Year 3/4 N  Ryan C – Working well with Mrs Dennehy to catch up  
Year 5/6 D  Liana H – Excellent Panel Discussion  
Year 5/6 S  Jessica L – Putting in 110% effort  
  Hannah B – Outstanding work on your Panel Discussion  
  Katie F - Outstanding work on your Panel Discussion  

**Special Award**
Prep  Caitlyn C – Writing fabulous addition and take away stories  
Year 1/2 K  Jordyn K – A creative collage  
  Bronte H – Having a warm and caring personality  
Year 1/2 Q  Riley G – An outstanding job in Maths  
  Amelia Prior – Working hard in Reading  
Year 3/4 M  Sunny M – Being a supportive friend  
  Eddy B – Working co-operatively in small groups  
Year 3/4 N  Mia-Rose H – Helping keep our room clean  
  Savannah G – A tremendous effort at the Swimming Carnival  
  Briley T – A tremendous effort at the Swimming Carnival  
Year 5/6 D  Jessica M – An amazing speech  
Year 5/6 S  Aamani L – Outstanding leadership with the Panel Discussion  
  Jessica V – Outstanding work on your panel Discussion  
  Seonedin G – Outstanding work on your panel Discussion  

**Mathletics Certificates**
Maya L (x2), Ethan Y, Sunny M, Songhar M, Kayden P, Bethany M, Zelma H, Angus C

**Accelarated Reader**

**Great Attendance Day**
Great Attendance Day will be held on Monday 5 December for students with 95+% attendance. We will be having a pool toy day at the pool. A note will be sent home with eligible students next Friday, so they can bring their togs on Monday.
**Around the Classroom**

**Prep – Mrs Richter**

Thank you to all our parents for your support this year. We have had a great year together. Just a reminder that next Wednesday is our Special Music Parade and the Student Council Movie Day. Please return your PG permission slips and payment for the movie deal and bring along a pillow to enjoy the movie with.

Enjoy your holidays and I look forward to seeing you all around the school in 2017.

**Year 1/2 – Mrs Kitching**

I can't believe we are in the final weeks of this school year! It has been such an incredible journey for all of us this year! Over the past terms the progression in each and every student in 1/2 K has been a pure joy to observe. I am most impressed with our vastly improved written pieces of work, including our connections to spelling and handwriting. Each and every student has improved remarkably in reading and I thank all parents for their support in this regard.

We were very excited yesterday to discover the surprise gift on my chair, which included a lovely letter from Santa. We discovered our Elf’s name is Jingles and he is reporting to Santa on our progress each day.

To each and every person who has assisted in the running of our classroom this year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all. I am wishing you all a very happy holiday season, filled with lots of love, laughter and of course quality time with your cherubs.

Best wishes, Mrs Sue Kitching

**Year 1/2 – Miss Quade**

What a fantastic year we have had up in year 1/2 Q. It’s hard to believe we’ve squeezed so much in this year. Thank you for all the support parents give at home, your support (at home) makes such a big difference to their learning. Thank you to all the parents and community helpers who have assisted us in some way to keep our school and class running smoothly. Students have worked very hard this year and will appreciate the break over the summer holidays although this does not mean the learning needs to stop. You may like to help your child keep a journal of what they do over the holidays. Take the opportunity to visit the local library or practise mathematics skills by planning timetables and organising any exciting day trips.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer break.

**Year 3/4 M – Mrs McTaggart**

I would like to begin by thanking each and every parent and caregiver of Year 3/4M for the support you have given both in and out of the classroom. It has been an absolute pleasure to be a part of each and every child’s academic, personal and emotional learning journey this year.

Although students start to tire as we near the end of term, it is important that they attend every day. There is still a lot of learning students need to experience that helps them grow as individuals.

With the weather being so warm, ensure that your child has a water bottle. It is very important that students rehydrate themselves. Water bottles are kept in the fridge, this keeps them cool, and helps cool the students after they have been out at break times.

Homework is still going home each Friday regardless of whether the homework book/folder is returned - please check your children’s bags for their homework sheet. There will be no homework in Week 10. In Week 10 there will be a break up party, a note will go home closer to the event.

Schoolwork will slowly start going home over the next two weeks this will alleviate a large amount of items going home in the last week. If your child is finishing the school year earlier than expected let me know and their items will be sent home preventing any losses of items that can be reused next year.

**Year 3/4 – Mrs Nan**

As this is our last newsletter I would like to thank those parents who have volunteered in my classroom this year. A big thank-you also goes to Mr Graham Rutherford for his help with the garden, Maths Groups and Reading Rotations. Without his help our gardening would not be possible. I would also like to thank those who have helped in our garden by donating seeds or seedlings and watering the garden during our breaks. A big thank-you to Mrs Andrews for her donation of seeds through Mitre 10.

During week nine and ten we will be doing many Christmas activities which will require students to have their own glue and scissors. Waiting to use another student’s tools slows down the task and children fall behind and either don’t finish or complete it incorrectly. This leads to disappointment. Could you please check with your child and send these items along next week.

Our class breakup day will be Thursday 8 of December. During that day we will have a movie, a fun swim and a class party. A short note regarding the class party will come out next week.
Year 5/6 – Mrs Powell
Dear Students and Parents,

We have reached the stage of the year where things just seem to speed up rather than slow down! The end of the academic year is two weeks away, (that is a mere 6 days with Mrs Powell).

We have had the results back from our Year 5/6 Assessment tests. In English, Maths and History the children’s progress will be reported on in week 10.

I would like to say good bye and wish students all the best for the new school year. We all look forward to a well-deserved summer break and holiday. Good luck to all our Year 6 children as they move to their next schools.

Have a good summer break,

See you all in Beautiful Esk

Year 5/6 – Mrs Smith
Happily we have now finished our Panel Discussions which was our major assessment item for English this semester. In Maths students are currently working on a Guided Inquiry called “Course for a Cause”. A parent letter was sent home last week detailing events for the last two weeks. If your child failed to bring home a letter please contact the office for a new copy.

Year 6 Students – Mrs Smith
This week the children finished compiling photos and writing for the Year Book and The Year in Review that will be presented at both the Graduation and Farewell Parade. We have even completed a read through of the script for Graduation and finalised the details of the Program. So we are well prepared for the up-coming events.

Note there are many Year 6 Transition activities planned for this Term.

• Monday 28 November - TSHS Transition Day - only those attending TSHS in 2017 invited
• Tuesday 29 November - TSHS Transition Day - only those attending TSHS in 2017 invited
• Tuesday 6 December - Graduation Evening - 6:15pm All Year 6 Students, Parents and Friends invited
• Wednesday 7 December - Farewell Parade - 8:50am All Year 6 Students and school community invited
• Wednesday 7 December - Year 6 Pool Party - 1:30pm All Year 6 Students invited

P&C News
Uniform Shop - We would like to thank Ella for stepping in to help out in the uniform shop next year, because of this we will keep uniform day on a Wednesday morning as per usual, sorry for any confusion.

The uniform shop will be open on Tuesday 29 November for Prep orientation day.

The uniform shop will be open on Wednesday the 18 January 2017 for all your back to school uniform requirements and all the pre-ordered uniforms will be ready on this day too.

Thank you to the Esk butcher shop for receiving and storing our cookie dough order for our latest fundraiser. Much appreciated.

Thank you to all our Tuckshop volunteers and parents who supported the Tuckshop during 2016.
Swimming – Mrs Rollston

Congratulations Eskdale on winning the Swimming Carnival today. The team spirit among all the children was amazing. Lowood District Swimming Carnival will be in Lowood next Friday 2 December. Notes will be going home for those students who qualify to attend.
Literacy and Numeracy Support – Mrs Oxenford

14 students nominated for BRAINways Summer Camp

Fourteen Esk State School students from years 1 to 6 have been nominated to attend the two day BRAINways camp at the University of Southern Queensland towards the end of the school holidays. To qualify, students needed to achieve either top band in NAPLAN Reading or Numeracy or top level in recent PAT Reading or PAT Maths tests.

This is the first time Esk State School has nominated students for this event. We wish any attending students all the best and hope they have a wonderful learning experience.

GAMES ON THE GO...

What are the types of things parents can do at home to help their children become better at maths and improve their problem solving skills?

Take advantage of every opportunity that’s available including time spent in the car. The key thing to remember is that you want to ensure that children remain positive about maths, therefore you will need to skip the pencil and paper computations. Computations are easily done on the calculator. Children today need to become problem solvers.

Here’s a list of ideas that will improve mathematical thinking skills while you’re out in the car.

Number Facts

There are 12 months in the year, each time you get in the car, take the first 5 minutes to review the facts based on that particular month. If it’s July, that’s the 7th month. Have your children skip count by sevens and do some quick drill on the 7 times tables. When the month changes, so do the math facts!!

I hope you have enjoyed the Games on the Go ideas for language and maths.

Happy Holidays!!

Library News – Ms Benson

Please return all Library books as soon as possible. If books are lost/missing please send a note to let us know so we can remove from our system.

Chappy’s Chat

Wow last newsletter for the year! Just letting you all know that Scripture Union run camps for Years 5-12 over the Summer holidays. If you’d like more information about these please come and see me. I’m sad to say goodbye to all the Year Six students, but know that you will all do amazing things in the future!

I hope you all have a great break, and I look forward to seeing everyone else in the New Year. Hope you all have a safe and happy holiday. God bless. Chappy Ella

Community News

BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE!

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France next year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It’s fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you’d like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on rl@scce.com.au

Breakfast Club

Hi from Breakfast Club!
As the School year draws to a close, I would like to thank the volunteers who happily work in the Breakfast Club each Thursday, our sponsor - the Esk Friendly Grocer, and the children who are enthusiastic and courteous customers. We appreciate being able to use the hall kitchenette which is a great facility.

Breakfast Club was the initiative of one of the school parents, who also ran a Christian Kids’ Club after school, and has been operating for eight years. We have been told by teachers that Breakfast Club has a really positive affect on students which is great to hear. Any donations we receive go towards Chaplaincy which also exists to be of assistance to students.
On behalf of the Breakfast Club helpers, I wish the staff, students and parents the blessings of Christmas and a safe, happy and refreshing holiday break. Jocelyn Cameron -Breakfast Club Convenor.
Toogoolawah PICTURES

Sat., 26th Nov  m
Doors: 7.00 pm  Movie: 7.30 - 9.40 pm

Sat., 3rd Dec  m

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

Toogoolawah Community Gym - Manager Jayne 0420 974 683  (Behind the tennis court)

NEW HOURS - NEW CLASSES - NEWCOMERS ONE WEEK FREE IN DECEMBER (please book) - We know you will stay!!!!!!!

We thank Somerset Regional Council for granting us that as from Thursday 1st December the hours will change so we can offer you even more classes and better training times especially for all people with young children at school. Drop the children off and then come to class or gym.

Remember we are fully air conditioned also for your comfort.

MON - WED - FRI 7am to10am  
TUE AND THUR remain the same 4pm -7pm

Monday 7am Group Fitness  
Wednesday 7am Group Fitness  
Friday 7am Group Fitness  
Friday 7.45am Yoga Therapy

THAT'S 13 CLASSES PER WEEK - ALL MULTI LEVEL  
3 GREAT QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS

PLUS FULL USE OF THE GYM DURING OPENING HOURS, PLUS ACCESS TO WEIGHT LOSS/FITNESS CHALLENGES FOR $5.00 - $10.00 – money donated to local charity, PLUS PERSONAL TRAINING AT ITS VERY BEST - 1/2 hour or 45 minutes sessions - maximum 3 people (limited spaces though)

Kids Welcome (just bring something to occupy them – Maybe homework!!!!!!)

ALL THIS FOR EITHER CASUAL, WEEKLY, MONTHLY OR 3 MONTHLY DEALS. EVEN DIRECT DEBIT AND GREAT CHRISTMAS SPECIALS START DECEMBER READY FOR NEW YEAR!!!!!!!

This is YOUR community gym. Come and say hello please. We are so excited about our next stage of development starting. What next we ask!!!!
Toogoolawah Taekwondo

Classes (during school terms)
Toogoolawah Tuesdays
Beginners 4.30 - 5.30pm
Advanced 5.30 - 6.30pm
Esk Saturdays
Beginners & Advanced 9.30 - 10.30am

Cost $11 per person per class
Terms passes available
$50 membership per student

Round 9
Get Started Vouchers
25th January, 2017

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE
SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2016 4PM

SANTA ARRIVES AT 4.30PM
COME & SEE SNOW FOR YOUR LITTLE ONE

SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY
AT 8.45PM

FREE ENTERTAINMENT
DODGEBALL, BUNNY RACE, CASTLE, CAR & PLANE & TRAINS

SANTA CLAUS & MR. WONDERFUL

FACE PAINTING
PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE DRAW 6.30PM
GET YOUR TICKETS ON THE NIGHT

GREAT HOT FOOD
SOFT DRINKS & LICENSED BAR

MAJOR SPONSORS
THE BUTCHER SHOPPE, RAY WHITE ESK/TOOGOOLAWAH, ESK VETERINARY SERVICES, BRISBANE VALLEY HIRE & SALES, HELPING HANDS, ESK JOCKEY CLUB, ESK CAMPAIGN TROPIC BLINDS, ESCAPE CAFE, ESC K CAR CARE, ESK CARAVAN PARK, COUNTRY BRIND, YE OLDE COUNTRY SHOP, MOORES OF KULLU, BARNES BAKERY, RON DEVON, ESK NEWSAGENCY, CLUB HOTEL ESK, ESK FRUIT SHOP & DELI, ANDY’S HOME MAINTANCE, ESK WINE NOSE MISTI TOR WINN, ESK RURAL FIRE BRIGADE, SOMERSET COUNCIL, THE STYLE SHOP, BRISBANE VALLEY COLLEGE, AUDI POST ESK, NASH GALLERY, ENIGMAS CAFE, FOTIFY YOUR STUDIO RED OXER CAFE, ESK STATE SCHOOL P & C, GIRL GUIDES, GATTON TARGET, BRISBANE VALLEY TIMBERS

TOOWOOMBA BASE’S
10TH BIRTHDAY PARTY
YOU’RE INVITED
SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER, 10am - 2pm
WHERE: Toowoomba Hospital, Toowoomba Airport, McDougall Street, Toowoomba
RSVP: admin.towoombalifeflight.org.au or phone (07) 2237 209 by Monday 5 December 2016

Water Exercise Class
Esk Pool
Monday and Wednesdays – 9am Sharp
For Information please call 54241146

“Carols in the Park”

McConnel Park
TOOGOOLAWAH, Friday, 2 December

Pipeliner Park
ESH, Saturday, 17 December

6 pm – Free barbecue
7 pm – Carols

Carol singing, Entertainment, Free gifts
Sponsored by Somerset Regional Council, LJ Hooker Esk & Toogoolawah, Esk Lions Inc, Brisbane Valley Churches Working Together
Ray White Rural Esk | Toogoolawah in conjunction with the Brisbane Valley Apex Club & Brisbane Valley Care and Concern are proud to announce that this year we will be taking part in the #alittlerayofgiving campaign to help children smile this Christmas!

All you need to do is drop a wrapped present into either of our offices (Esk or Toogoolawah) from 1 December and we will make sure it is delivered to a deserving child in our community on Christmas Day. This is a wonderful initiative and we hope everyone can support it.