From the Principal’s Desk

Day for Daniel!
The safety of your children is our greatest responsibility. As a school we use a variety of the Daniel Morcombe Foundation teaching resources and programs to help our children be safe in school, in the community and online. This year we also joined in the Day for Daniel by wearing red to raise awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention.

School Attendance
School Goal: 95%
Last Week: 94.8%
This Week: 94.2 %
World Teacher Day
This week we celebrate World Teacher’s Day. It is great time to reflect upon the extraordinarily complex job that is teaching. To take 25 individuals into your room and heart, help them learn the appropriate curriculum for their age and ability, while supporting them to make and keep friends, learn how to solve problems, show tolerance and generally be good future citizens for our community.
As complex as the job is, it is also amazingly rewarding. I have been meeting with our teachers individually over the past week and when asked the aspects of the job they enjoy, they have all mentioned the joy of working with students and seeing them succeed.
This week take the opportunity to say that one word to your child’s teacher we all appreciate but hear so little, thank-you.

Student Council Disco
Wonderful to see our student’s having such a great time at the Student Council Disco. Big thankyou to Mrs Rollston, Student Council members and school staff for giving our students this great opportunity.
Dear parents,

Every day our school transport assistance scheme helps thousands of students with disability travel to and from school.

As you would be aware, the former state government made a decision to transition the school transport assistance scheme to the federal government's National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS).

I have listened to parents and transport operators who are telling me they are concerned about the uncertainty as to who will deliver transport services under the NDIS and what it will mean for our most vulnerable students and their families.

These children who travel to school every day need the reassurance of certainty and routine.

That's why the Queensland Government will continue to operate transport assistance for students with disability under the current model until 31 December 2019 – a full six months after the transition to NDIS is completed.

We negotiated this arrangement with the federal government to help ensure there is no disruption to school transport for children with disability during the NDIS transition.

However, I understand uncertainty remains for families and for transport operators beyond 2019.

I am writing to inform you I have called on the Federal Minister for Social Services to ensure no child is disadvantaged during the transition to the NDIS. I have asked the Federal Government to allow Queensland to continue to provide school transport assistance for students with disability under the current model beyond 2019.

Yours sincerely,

KATE JONES MP
Minister for Education and
Minister for Tourism and Major Events

Administration

No hat = No Play – A reminder to parents that our school has a “No hat, no play” policy. Several students have been coming to school without their hats expecting to be given another to be used for the day. We stress that every student needs to bring their own hat to school. If you need to purchase a hat for your child, our uniform coordinator opens the uniform shop every Wednesday from 8:15 to 8:45am.
Celebrations

Star Pupils
Prep  Kirra B – Applying new skills to writing sentences
      Henry T – Trying harder and helping others
      Ryder H – Writing an excellent letter to a story character
Year 1/2 K  Kayden P – Exceptional writing skills
         Jordan H – For a wonderful writing effort
         Mia P – Always giving a 100%
Year 1/2 Q  Zachary L – Having an outstanding start to the Term
      Chelsea A – A great work ethic
      Blake L – Being a happy class member
Year 3/4 M  Ethan Y – His great “Have a Go” attitude
      Thomas H – Being an independent learner
      Beau J – Being a good role model
Year 3/4 N  Naomi J – Being a great camp helper
      Matthew H – Improvement in handwriting
      Jenah T – Great effort in swimming
Year 5/6 D  Helen B – Always ready to learn
      Addison M – Excellent effort with his English assignment
Year 5/6 S  Storm A – Putting her best foot forward
      Lexi M – Approaching school with a serious attitude
      Thomas C – Putting in a big effort in class

Special Award
Prep  Jessica F – Improving her writing
      Jaxson F-T – Improving in his English work
      Tiffany P – Always trying her best
Year 1/2 K  Declan M – An outstanding giraffe picture
        Bronte H – Having a kind and compassionate heart
        James E – Trying to improve in reading
Year 1/2 Q  Jakadus S – Being ready to learn
         Emma M – Being a happy and enthusiastic class member
         Ashleigh L-G – Excellent work in spelling
Year 3/4 M  Zaine H – Demonstrating great canoeing instructions
        Tyler J – Participating with gusto in a swimming challenge
        Lincoln W – Improved effort in English
Year 3/4 N  Briley T – Accepting challenges on camp
        Lochlan R – Showing compassion on camp
        Aidan C – Being a quiet achiever
Year 5/6 D  Danielle A – Excellent panning techniques
         Heidi H – Working consistently in English
Year 5/6 S  Zelma H – Focussing on the task at hand
         Bradley B – Completing homework
         Jacob J - Completing homework
         Ciara L – Being prepared and ready

Pen Licence – Naomi M and Brad C

Welcome to Esk — Annabell H, Cooper B, Riley B, Grace B
Celebrations Cont....

Mathletics Certificates
Angus C (x4), Aidan C, Briley T, Maya L (x2), Storm A (x2), Mikayla M, Maya L, Hannah W, Thomas H, Bethany M (x2), Mikayla M, Hannah W,

Accelerated Reader Awards
Tyson C, Mitchell B, Bethany M, Briley T, Shanay J, Aamani L, Naomi M

Around the Classroom

Prep – Mrs Richter
The Preppies are enjoying their class Post Office which we set up for English. We have been writing letters to each other and they have been very entertaining. I am very proud of each and every one of them for improving their writing. The students are learning about the parts of a letter. All children had a go at making a Postie hat and learnt to sort the mail by name and number. We would love it if some of you could write to the Prep class and post your letter at the post office. This would help your child understand the purpose of the post office. We will read the letters at school. We usually write a letter to Santa so let me know if you would prefer your child NOT to. In History we are using the baby photos and family photos you supplied in Unit One to make a newsletter about our family memories. We are drawing a favourite memory to write about. Children are welcome to bring another photo of a favourite family memory if they wish to add it to their newsletter. If you haven’t supplied a photo the children will be drawing their memories for their page.

Year 1/2 – Mrs Kitching
This week our biggest focus has been on learning the time. Predominately o’clock, half-past, quarter to and quarter past time. We made our own clocks that were incredibly creative including a batman, owl and dinosaur clock amongst others. We also made human clocks and used our partners to be the hour hand and the minute hand and finally we made hoola hoop clocks using post it notes and hoola hoops. Another connection to time was made this week by Declan who reached 190 gotchas on our gotcha chart. This meant he got to have lunch with me and we had ten minutes together to talk about life and our lunch. I really look forward to this milestone event. I love having a special moment in time with the children I teach, I hope they enjoy it as much as I do.

Year 1/2 – Miss Quade
What a great start to the term we’ve had! In Maths we have been busy doing time. By the end of the year, year 1 students need to know o’clock and half past time. Year 2 students also need to know a quarter past and a quarter to. To learn this we have made our own clocks and are busy playing games to build our knowledge.

English this term will see us investigating narratives. We are looking at familiar stories and adding our own part to it. This has been a lot of fun as students can add their own personal touch to a story.

Don’t forget homework goes out every week, this includes the weekly spelling list.

Year 3/4 M – Mrs McTaggart
Wow we have been so busy. With camp that was absolutely great for everyone who attended. The students who stayed at school demonstrated their independence by completing the tasks left for them without required assistance. Well done to the students who stayed behind.
We are entering our assessment time again and it is critical that students attend every day. If students are absent every effort is made to find the necessary time for them to catch up on missed tasks. Homework is still going home each Friday regardless of if the homework book/folder is returned. Please check your children’s bags for their homework sheet.
Year 3/4 – Mrs Nan

My Time at School Camp  

By Hunter B

On the way to camp I said “I am so excited!” When we got there we were jumping up and down. After we put our stuff away we went to the ‘meeting place’. We met teachers, got our water bottles and got badges with our names and group on them. After a while the Year 4’s got to go canoeing, there was a lot going on. David got to play games with us. Tanks, Pipe Dreams and a skipping game. That night for dinner we had stew and damper that we made in the afternoon. Jo the cook, is a great cook, I thought, and she enjoyed our stew and said it was the best she had ever tasted!

After dinner we had dessert and then went on a night walk. We spotted wallabies and koala claw marks. When we went to bed Jenah, my bunk-buddy and I went to sleep.

The next morning I was woken up from the light coming in through the door. When I did all my jobs I went to play with the other kids. After we had breakfast the Yr. 3’s got to go canoeing! We had races, follow the leader, and other stuff. After morning tea we had lunch. We had little game before I left. I don’t want to go home, I thought, putting my stuff on the bus. When I got to school I got my luggage and waited for my parents.

Year 5/6 – Mrs Smith

Next week we will begin preparations for our English Assessment. For this unit students will compare two stories (Grandma’s Shipwreck and Somewhere Around the Corner) by Jackie French in a Panel Discussion. Children will write a prepared speech with a time limit of two minutes. Following the delivery of their speeches in their Panel Discussion each child will then ask and answer questions. Each Panel will have eight members. Panel Discussions should take just under an hour each. These Panel Discussions will take place during Week 7 (Panel A on Tuesday 15 November @ 1:35pm, Panel B on Thursday 17 November @ 12:05pm and Panel C on Friday 18 November @ 9:35am). If parents would like to come along and view some of the Panel Discussions they would be most welcome. Students will find out which Panel they are on next week and be assigned a topic to prepare.

In Mathematics we have just finished our unit on Chance and Data. The next unit will be on Number. It will focus on Operations, Factors and Multiples. Following this the students will take part in a Guided Inquiry called “Course for a Cause”. This inquiry will focus on Location and Transformation.
Year 5 Students – Mrs Smith
The Year 5 Students have started the process of applying for leadership positions for 2017. This week the Shortlist of Nominees was announced. The students will prepare speeches in the coming weeks which will be delivered to the school at the special parade at 8:50am on Wednesday 16 November. Parents and community members are welcome to attend this parade. These children have been shortlisted for the following positions:

- School Captains- Hannah Brough, Naomi Machin, Shanay Jasch, Thomas Connors, Aislinn Granzien and Layla Kunde
- Sports Captain Ivory- Hannah Brough, Naomi Machin, Shanay Jasch, Aislinn Granzien, Zachary Charnock and Addison Mosley
- Sports Captain Eskdale- Thomas Connors, William Lukritz, Layla Kunde, Storm Anderson, Maddison Gallagher, Bradley Beddow, Jacques Richard and Faron Sabine
- Music Captain- Hannah Brough, Shanay Jasch, Thomas Connors, Aislinn Granzien, William Lukritz, Zachary Charnock, Layla Kunde and Bradley Beddow

Year 6 Students – Mrs Smith
This week the children finished making their Invitations for Graduation. These were sent home with the children on Tuesday. If you did not receive one please check with your Year 6 child. We have been hard at work compiling photos and writing for the Year Book. We have now finished the sections on years in the past and the first half of this year. Next we will be tackling Student Profiles.

We have been asking for Baby and first day of school photos for a while now, but are still missing photos from the following students:

* Baby Photos- Danielle, Helen, Brad, Jack, Chase, Jacob J, Pascale and Serah
* First Day of School Photos- Helen, Pascale and Serah.
* Thanks we have Photos from- Alli, Katie, Nedi, Charlie, Liana, Sophie, Aamani, Nicholas, Darci, Jessica L, Jessica M, Jessica V, Andrew and Davis.

Please send in these photos as soon as possible so we can continue to work on the Movie and Year Book. Label all photos with your child's name.

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

* Wednesday 2 November- TSHS Orientation Day- only those attending TSHS in 2017 invited
* Monday 14 November- TSHS Gala Sport Day- All Year 6 Students invited
* 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

Around our School

Athletics
Congratulations to Jessica Versace who competed at the Queensland Schools Athletics Championships last week. She placed 9th in the 12 years girls high jump. What an awesome effort.

Student Council
Thank you to everyone who supported the school disco. The next (and final) student council event for this year will be a movie day next month.
The Quest – a first for Esk State School— Mrs Oxenford

On Thursday October 13 and Friday October 14, a team of three Year 5 students travelled to the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba to compete in The Quest. This was the first time Esk State School had entered a team in the Quest. The students were selected based on their recent NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy results. The Quest is a team challenge developed and presented by BRAINways EDUCATION.

Thursday was a ‘Preparation Day’. The team was exposed to the information they would need to compete in the Challenge day on the Friday. Over three sessions the team prepared for The Sciences (Thermodynamics); The Humanities (Norse mythology) and the Mathematics (The geometry of circles). The students found the experience both interesting and challenging. Well done Stewart Harris, Hannah Brough and Thomas Connors.

Swimming – Mrs Rollston

Swimming has started really well. A big thank you to the parents who have come along and helped out - it is really appreciated. Please ensure that your child brings a sun shirt and a swimming cap along to swimming each week.

We will be holding our inter-house swimming carnival on Thursday 24 November for 9 years - 13 years. Swimming lessons in the older classes will be used to practise some of these events.

Lesson times:
Thursday:
8:50 3/4 N
9:35 3/4 M
10:20 1/2 K
12:15 Prep
1:30 1/2 Q
2:00 5/6 S

Friday:
10:15 5/6 D

If any parents (particularly in the younger classes) are interested in helping out at the pool it would be greatly appreciated. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are available.

Fun Swim starts Friday 4 November
Music – Mr Smith
The Concert Band and Senior Choir will be performing at the Over 50’s Club at the C.W.A. Hall in Esk at 10am on Wednesday November 9. Would Concert Band and Senior Choir members please return their signed permission forms to school. If you do not return a permission form you cannot come to the Over 50’s Club excursion. Would performers please remember to bring their lunch, hat, water bottle and school bag. Band members will need their long black pants and black shoes.

Literacy and Numeracy Support – Mrs Oxenford

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.

Brainstorming

Brainstorming helps assist the problem solving process and is also a skill that will assist children throughout their academic and working careers. Each time you see a speed limit, brainstorm all the possibilities that the number can be reached.

For example, if the speed limit sign is 60, state all the ways that 60 can be reached: 6 x 10, 40 + 20, 100 - 40, 120 divided by 2.

Make sure you remind your children to use all four operations (add, subtract, multiply and divide).

Each time you see a car that’s a certain colour, brainstorm all the items that are that colour. For example, yellow: banana, lemon, sun, bee etc. An extension of this activity is to brainstorm all the words that you can think of that begin with the same letter as the colour of the car. With yellow, they need to think of every word they can that begins with the letter ‘y’.

P&C News

Thank You -Thank you to everyone who supported our Billy G’s Cookie dough fundraiser. All orders were collected and sent yesterday and we had a very positive response in sales! For everybody that collected orders please be aware that the cookie dough will be back for collection in 2 weeks on Thursday the 10th Nov, at the tuckshop between 2:00pm -4:00pm. As this product comes frozen it is important that it be collected that day or please make prior arrangements if this day/ time doesn’t suit by phoning either Robyn on 0419783735 or Tori on 0433393976. Thank you once again for your support in helping to raise money that goes towards your school. We hope you all enjoy your cookies!!

P&C Meeting – 21 November. This will be our final P&C Meeting for the year.
3/4 Camp Stanley River

Making our dinner – Stew and Damper

Canoeing on the Stanley River
BRISBANE VALLEY COMMUNITY NAB AFL AUSKICK PROGRAM
Where: Fernvale Sports Park - home of the Brisbane Valley Rattlers JAFCA When: First session is on Saturday 22nd October 2016
Time: 8:30 – 9:30am Length of program: 7 Weeks*
Cost: ONLY $75.00
FIRST SESSION IS A ‘COME & TRY’ SESSION
When participating in NAB AFL Auskick every participant receives their very own AFL football, Backpack, hat, football pump, stickers & much, much more!
For further information visit aflauskick.com.au or call 3865 8700. *Weather permitting

NDIS READINESS WORKSHOP
TAKING PART IN THIS WORKSHOP WILL INCREASE YOUR PREPAREDNESS FOR THE FUTURE AND READINESS FOR THE NATIONAL DISABILITY INSURANCE SCHEME (NDIS) WHICH WILL BE ROLLED OUT IN QLD FROM 1ST JULY 2016.

Date: 7th November 2016
Location: Toogoolawah Childcare Centre, 27 Garfield Street, Toogoolawah Childcare Centre.
Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Register Now – Places Limited

OTHER SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE.
If you would like to discuss any of the topics further or would like to speak to someone at a state level please mention this to the Presenter or phone Parent to Parent.

Free call 1800 777 723 or Ph: 0411 542 272.
Email: info@pararentsouthcoast.com.au.

Refreshments provided.
Please complete one registration form per person.
Registations are available at www.parenttoparent.org.au/events or by calling Parent to Parent on Free call: 1800 777 723.
This workshop is an NDIS Participant Readiness activity funded by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services.

Toogoolawah PICTURES
Sat., 29th Oct
Doors: 7.00 pm Movie: 7.30 - 9.20 pm
Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8 Family: $25
Snack Bar. Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, T’wah
Inquiries: 0438 149 954

Sat., 5th Nov
Child to High School: $6
Adult: $8 Family: $25
Snack Bar. Hot Dogs & Pop Corn
Alexandra Hall, T’wah
Inquiries: 0438 149 954
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