From the Principal’s Desk

‘Our Kids’ is a phrase you will hear from me often. This is what drives me: we are all in this together for each and every child. Whether that be us as a school staff, a school community or as the wider Esk community, we are all in this for ‘our kids’.

I have been teaching for just under 30 years. My early years were spent at Wallumbilla, Cunnamulla and then on to Principal at Eromanga, Bollon and Wallumbilla State Schools. 14 years ago we moved to Highfields so our son could complete his senior schooling at Toowoomba State High School. For this time I have been Deputy Principal of Highfields State School.

When not at school I enjoy supporting the mighty Brisbane Broncos. Trish, my wife, and I are also avid travellers, both in Australia and across the world. Travel highlights have including driving the Gibb River Road in Western Australia, trekking the Inca Trail, walking on the Great Wall of China, being amazed by the Taj Mahal and eating as much street food as we can in Hanoi.

I look forward to being part of the Esk community working with our kids.
Student Attendance and Learning
Esk State School takes the education of the next generation of community leaders very seriously: It is a place of learning. The more the students are at school, the more we can teach them and support their learning. Every Day Counts! If your child is unable to attend school on any day please contact the school to inform us of the reason.

New Staff
The school is happy to welcome several new people to its community. The first is Mr Mark Robertson, who is our new Master Teacher. Mark comes from Ipswich East State School and will be working in our school 5 days a fortnight with a clear agenda of improving student’s writing skills. Mrs Kerry Powell joins us this term as teacher of our 5/6D class while Mrs Dolan is tripping through Europe with Mrs Whiting, who is being replaced by Mrs Dennehy. Mrs Chin is also tripping through Europe and is being replaced by Mrs Falla. Our other new team member is Mrs Ella Green who starts as our new Chaplain. I’m sure Ella needs little or no introduction to most folks as she is current parent of our school. I’m sure you make all these people feel as welcome as I have.

Parent Teacher Interviews
It was great to see so many parents take the opportunity to see their child’s teachers at parent teacher interviews. If you were not able to make it to school this week please feel free to make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher over the coming term.

Staff Carpark
Please! Under no circumstances is the staff carpark to be used by anyone but staff. No parents or students are to drive or walk through the carpark. Please use the pedestrian gate at the Prep building in Ann Street. This is a major safety concern.

Master Teacher
Hi! I’m Mark Robertson and I’m the new Master Teacher. I’ll be working half my time at Esk State School and the other half at Toogoolawah State School. I have been a teacher for nearly 18 years and have come here from Ipswich State School. My main focus at Esk will be to support the teachers to help students to improve their results in writing. I love my sport and will often be found on the oval at lunchtimes with a footy or a bat and a ball. Come and join me!

Administration
TYME Festival – Due to the cancellation of this recent event, all monies paid for student participation now needs to be refunded to parents. Those parents or caregivers that have an email address registered with the school office, will have received a Request for Refund form. If you have not yet registered an email address with the school, your child will have been given a paper copy to take home to be completed. Please ensure that the form is filled out and returned to our office as soon as possible so we may complete the process.

Bookclub – Issue 7 Book Club catalogues will be issued shortly. This is a great time to start your Christmas gift shopping!! Enclosed in this newsletter is a flyer regarding a special offer for parents who purchase books from Issue 7. Check it out – you may be able to receive some free bonus books!!

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.

Newsletter
Due to the Year 3/4 camp in Week 2 of Term 4, there will be a newsletter today and again in Week 4. If there is any information that needs to be communicated outside these dates, a special letter will be sent home as necessary.
On Tuesday morning, Esk State School hosted the Torch Run for the Queensland Police Disability Games. We had members from the Queensland Police, Queensland Ambulance Service, State Emergency Service and the Queensland Fire Service in attendance. There were 13 runners who ran through Esk and onto our oval carrying a lit torch. Waiting around the oval were 14 students who assisted the runners transport the torch around the oval to the delight of the watching students, staff and parents. We were presented with a certificate of appreciation and a Queensland Police Mascot Bear.
Celebrations

Star Pupils

**Prep**
- Great improvement in writing and spelling
- Extra effort with writing
- Doing extra neat in English

**Year 1/2 K**
- Outstanding improvements in reading
- Innovative information text presentation
- Excellent effort in English

**Year 1/2 Q**
- Great work in Maths
- Great effort in report writing
- A great start to the Term

**Year 3/4 M**
- Being a positive sports person
- Being a quiet achiever

**Year 3/4 N**
- Working hard to finish class tasks
- Improved attitude towards learning
- A great classroom helper

**Year 5/6 D**
- An amazing effort in Proze Inventory Reading
- A superb explanatory response in English

**Year 5/6 S**
- Being a good listener
- Putting her best foot forward
- Being willing to have a go

Special Award

**Prep**
- Doing a fabulous weekly calendar
- Putting more effort into her writing
- Concentrating on completing tasks

**Year 1/2 K**
- Great improvement in reading
- Working like a ‘Super Star’!
- Outstanding artistic efforts

**Year 1/2 Q**
- A great effort in reading
- Being a great helper
- An enthusiastic approach to Maths

**Year 3/4 M**
- Helping when it is needed
- Being patient with others
- Being an adaptive student

**Year 3/4 N**
- Great improvement in Maths
- Great attitude to learning
- Great work in Maths

**Year 5/6 D**
- Always being positive
- Using her fantastic memory
- Excellent answering in English

**Year 5/6 S**
- Working well and helping others
- Being a quiet achiever
- Taking time to “make it right!”

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Gotcha Award

- **Week 9 Term 3**
- **Week 10 Term 3**
- **Week 1 Term 4**

Gotcha Award is sponsored by Esk Newsagency
Celebrations Cont.

Mathletics Certificates

Accelerated Reader Awards

Pen Licence

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**Around the Classroom**

**Prep – Mrs Richter**

I was very proud of the way the preps made our new student feel welcome. It was lovely to see them be so caring and accepting. I was also very happy with their behaviour at the Torch Relay on Tuesday morning. They contained their excitement and followed all instructions. We have recently completed a unit of work on caring for others and I can see this has influenced some behaviours in the classroom and playground. To follow this up we are starting the Daniel Morcombe program next week. Children will learn more about looking after themselves and staying safe. Thanks to all the parents who could make it to parent/teacher interviews. I hope you found it helpful.

**Year 1/2 – Mrs Kitching**

Last term we ended our wonderful ten weeks with the most amazing event. It was so lovely to witness the student’s excitement whilst they constructed their own cars. So much thought went into designing our vehicles. I was impressed with construction techniques utilised. It was thrilling to see students not only offering to help, but co-operating to share equipment and ideas.

Finally the last day of term arrived and we “drove” our cars down to the library. Mrs Benson allowed us to park our cars in front of the big screen and we watched our movie within the comfort of our cars. Not a sound could be heard from anyone in the audience! During the movie, Mrs Kitching and Miss Quade paused the production to allow for an intermission and we all received a bag of popcorn and a popper! When the movie finished we lined up on the oval and had several car races. It really was the best way ever to end the term!

We would like to thank Miss Rhonda for tirelessly getting our boxes ready to transform into cars. Also a huge thank you to parents for donating boxes and then taking them back again. And finally to our bus drivers who allowed our bus students to take their cars home.

This term is going to be jam packed with wonderful things also. Watch this space next time for an update on what we are now focusing on.

**Year 1/2 – Miss Quade**

Welcome to the final term of the year. We have had a great start and are looking forward to a productive term.
Year 3/4 M – Mrs McTaggart

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had a relaxing and rejuvenating break. A Term 4 Letter went home with your children on Thursday.

Next Wednesday the year 3 and 4’s will be embarking on our camp adventure. Please ensure that all children’s clothing is marked with their name, this will improve identification of items found and hasten the return of lost items to children. Swimming starts soon please check your child’s swimming togs and shirt. Sudden growth spurts over the cooler months can catch us unawares.

Year 3/4 Camp – Mrs Nan

A reminder to all children going on camp that all forms were due back at school today along with the final payment. If you have not done this, Monday morning is the latest that they can be accepted. On Wednesday morning, students will be required to bring their own morning tea. Please place all morning teas in either a paper or plastic bag. There are no facilities to store lunch boxes. There will be a separate letter coming out about the procedure for next Wednesday morning. All medication needs to be labelled by the chemist with the students name and dosage. A medication register will need to be completed on arrival at school on Wednesday morning. All medication will need to be handed in to Miss Jacqui before the bus leaves on Wednesday.

Year 5/6 – Mrs Powell

My name is Kerry Powell, 5/6D teacher. I am really glad to welcome you and your child to my classroom this term. I taught in the primary grades as a relief teacher in Western Australia for eight years, while my children were young. I have worked at Collinsville State High School for the first semester of this year as an English and Art teacher.

This year my family and I have moved to Queensland and chosen to make Esk our home. So far my husband and I have enjoyed this wonderful town and community.

I am looking forward to meeting, as well as knowing each student in my class and their parents. This term will be challenging academically, I am planning activities to develop the creative skills and interests of the students. I hope to make this academic year, an educational, as well as a fun-filled year for the students.

If you would like to meet me to discuss your child’s performance or any other problems that he/she is facing in class, feel free to make an appointment to meet me before or after school.

Year 5/6 – Mrs Smith

Hello and welcome back to Term 4. We hope you have all had a happy holiday. It is hard to believe that for some students this will be their last term of primary schooling. Work Sample Folders, Term Calendars and Parent Letters were sent home this week. Please send back the Work Sample Folders in a couple weeks so we can add the work completed this term. Students have already begun the new English unit in the last three weeks for Term 2. This unit will continue for the first seven weeks of Term 4. In this unit students will listen to and read stories by the author Jackie French. They will compare two stories (Grandma’s Shipwreck and Somewhere Around the Corner) and identify aspects of author style. In Mathematics we will begin a unit next week. It will be on Chance and Data and will go from Week 2 to Week 5.

5/6 Classes - Mrs Smith

On the last day of Term 3 both 5/6 classes made their Makedo creations. What a fun and messy day it was.
Year 5 Students - Mrs Smith

The Year 5 Students have started the process of applying for leadership positions for 2017. Children currently in Year 5 have each received an application form so they can decide if they wish to apply for any leadership roles in 2017. The positions include - School Captains, Sports Captains (Ivory and Eskdale), Music Captains and Student Councillors. These are some of the 2017 Leadership dates:

- Friday 14 October - 2017 Leadership Applications due to the office
- Wednesday 26 October - Shortlist of Nominees announced
- Wednesday 16 November - 8:50am 2017 Leadership Speeches delivered

Year 6 Students - Mrs Smith

In Term 4 the Year 6 students will continue to compile the writing and photos that will comprise the Year Book they will receive at the end of the school year. While we have received some photos there are many who have not yet sent in their photos for the Year Book and Year 6 Movie. **We ask for a baby photo and a first day of school photo of each child in Year 6 and any other group photos of school events you are willing to share.** Photos can be sent in digitally or in a hard copy version. Please 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

Mrs Dolan and Mrs Whiting

As many of you would be aware Mrs Dolan and Mrs Whiting are spending much of Term 4 trekking around Europe. They have been sending photos back so we can see what a wonderful time they are having. Here they are having tea at Buckingham Palace. The other photo is of the cute little cottage they stayed in when at the Lake District. Jealous yet?

Around our School

Student Council - Mrs Rollston

The Student Council will be holding a disco on Thursday 27 October from 6pm - 8pm. The theme for the disco will be farm / country.

Disco deal - $5 (entry, drink, chips and a glow bracelet) Disco Deals must be received at the Admin office by 3:00pm Tuesday 25 October.

Or pay separately at the door: Entry $2.00, Drinks $2.00, Chips $1, Glow bracelets 2 for 50c
Swimming – Mrs Rollston

Swimming will commence in week 3 of this term for all classes. Please make sure your child has swimmers, a swimming shirt, a towel and a swimming cap (all named). They may also bring goggles if needed.

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

Friday:
5/6 D - 10:15 am

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.

Music – Mr Smith

Would all students in Year 3 who would like to do Instrumental Music next year, please get their instrument preference form back so that Mr Smith can start allocating band instruments for next year. Students who have played a school-owned instrument in 2016 should start thinking about getting their own instrument for band next year.

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.

Estimation and prediction are essential skills in maths. So, the games for this fortnight all use: Prediction

- Have children try to predict what the most popular colour of car will be during the first 20 minutes of your road trip. Have them count and compare their answers.
- Have children predict how many trucks they will see.
- Tell them how many kilometres your trip is and have them predict the time you will arrive at your destination.
- Ask them to predict how long the traffic light stays a certain colour.
- Predict how many petrol stations you'll pass,
- Predict what the cost of the petrol will be.

Chappy’s Chat

Hi everyone! I'm Ella Green your new school Chaplain. For those of you who don't know me I am the wife of Ryan (previous Chaplain) and the mum of Elijah, Isaac and Noah. I feel very honoured to be a part of our school community in this way, and will strive to do my best in this position. Chaplains are here to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to the students, staff, parents and wider school community, no matter their faith or background. Please feel free to come and have a chat. I will be at the school Wednesday, Thursday and every second Friday. I look forward to meeting you all!
We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Esk Fruit Shop for your weekly donations and also Brisbane Valley Hire & Sales for your donations for our last 2 fundraisers. Your support is much appreciated.

Thank you to all the helpers that came and helped for the Lockyer Antique Motor Association lunch on the 1st of October. We had a very successful day.

We have a new fundraising co-ordinator!!! Tori is motivated and has lots of brilliant ideas for our school, so keep your eyes posted to see what's coming.

**Cookie Dough Fundraiser** - This Term we are running a Cookie Dough fundraiser for Esk State School!! There are 10 varieties of dough available to suit your tastebuds. Ordering processes will run for 3 weeks making all forms and payments due back at the Esk State School Admin, Thurs 27 October, giving you all ample time to purchase/sell. For every sale whether its 1 tub or 100 tubs there is a prize for each form completed and returned. Online purchasing is available (but completed forms are to be returned to the school before the 27th). There are 2 promotions in conjunction with the Cookie Dough fundraiser - All gingerbread & shortbread cookie dough sales receive a free cookie cutter in the shape of Gingerbread Man or a Christmas Tree, which is a great idea for gifts, Christmas holiday activity or even the Christmas dinner table. The second promotion is the chance to win iPad minis, Go Pro Heros, UE speakers, iPod shuffles, Samsung Galaxy Tablets & more- If you’re lucky enough to find a golden sticker under your cookie dough lid!! So get selling to your family, friends and neighbours just in time for Christmas. Goodluck guys!

Look out for your fundraising form with this newsletter.

**Tuckshop Menu** – We have a few changes to our menu. Please note: if you do not send your order in on a brown paper bag, please include 10 cents to your total for us to supply one.
# Esk State School

## Tuckshop Menu

Open Wednesdays both breaks

### Sandwiches/Wraps/Salads

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### Meal Deal's $5

1. Pizza
2. Spaghetti Bolognese

With Drink of your choice from Drink List

### Snacks / Treats

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<td>Vanilla Ice Cream Cup</td>
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**Please write order on a brown paper bag with Child's Name, Class & Break on it. Orders are to be at Tuckshop no later than 8.45am. Bags available at tuckshop 10c each.**

**Volunteers always needed. Please see me at Tuckshop if able to help.**
The Esk & District Cricket Club are now signing on any interested players for the 2016/2017 competition. The club has teams in the Under 10’s, Under 13’s and Under 16’s teams. No experience necessary.

- All ability levels welcome - Years 10 to 16 (girls and boys)
- Club gear available for all players – helmets, pads, bats, box etc
- Participants will need their own whites – long pants, polo shirt and cap or hat
- Training at Toogoolawah State school in the cricket nets
- Call Hilary Benson for more information 0419028154