



# Esk State School

Ever Seeking Knowledge

February 26<sup>th</sup> 2021



Hello everyone,

Didn't 2/3M find a great way to welcome our new Adopt a Cop into the school! His official adoption occurred this morning, with Inspector M. Theisfield being able to make it to Esk SS to officiate at the ceremony. Welcome Senior Constable Adrian.

It was terrific to see the turnout of students attending the Brisbane Valley Rattler's Come and Try afternoon. Aside from the fun that the kids had, the interest shown gives rise to the potential of having a regular afternoon with the Rattlers here at school! Thank you Mr Scott for organising this for Esk kids.

Our newsletter is filled this week with information: Information about the Cookie Dough Fundraiser, the next unit of work for PE (that brings about the need for additional fitness training – so it is back to walking around the oval in the morning), news from the library, Sporting successes and much more. Please take the time to read the information, as our newsletter is the school's key communication tool.

So, yesterday I accidentally swallowed invisible ink ..... I am still waiting to be seen at the hospital! Keep smiling everyone. 😊

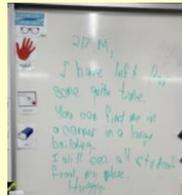
-- Mrs Roslyn Waldron, Principal

## *Around the Classroom: 2/3M-* *Mrs McTaggart*

It has been a whirlwind of a start to 2021 for 2/3M. Students are settling into the new routines quite well. Our focus in English this term is Mystery Narratives. We have been immersing ourselves into the Scooby-Doo series of Mystery Adventures. On Wednesday morning students were immersed into their own mystery adventure. On the whiteboard was a note from one of the classroom bears – *Huggy*.

Student's sprang into action and started searching the room for *Huggy*, first cleaning up the mess left. Mrs Waldron was informed immediately and came to assist in the search, to no avail. Students used the problem solving strategy of finding relevant and irrelevant information to work out the clues in the message left. During the day students used these clues to try and find *Huggy*, again to no avail. Lost posters were quickly composed for spreading the news around the school with *Huggy's* particulars. Mrs Waldron requested assistance from the local police, Constable Adrian.

Constable Adrian visited the school on Thursday and assisted in finding *Huggy*. He talked to the students about creating a BOLO for a Missing Person/Bear. The students led Constable Adrian to the hall, which was the general consensus with the clues left, he would be found there. Students were split into search groups and searched each corner of the Hall. The initial search was not successful. The class regrouped and worked out what they needed to do, look up. The groups went and searched again, with success. Damon was the first to find *Huggy*. Constable Adrian ensured *Huggy* was in good spirits and returned him to the class. Thank you Constable Adrian.



## Library News: Ms Benson

Throughout the year we have a number of competitions, events and celebrations.

This year we will have the opportunity to participate in Book Week activities, National Simultaneous Story Time, Poetry Feast, Readers Cup this year the Story Arts literature festival held in Ipswich and at Woodlands near Marburg.

Information and Communication technologies are taught through HaSS and assessed as part of the school curriculum for students in Years 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Teachers use the library area for Reading Eggs, Mathletics and general classwork throughout the week.

All are welcome to drop in and say hello to the library staff: Hilary and Jacqui. We would love to see you!

### *Lockyer Swimming Carnival*

Congratulations to the Esk/Toogoolawah swimming team for taking out 'overall winners' at the Lockyer Zone Swimming Carnival last Friday – a fantastic effort by all. Well done to Madeline and Amelia for selection in the Lockyer Zone Swimming team to compete at the Regional Carnival in March.



## Support Your Child's Learning

### Online Resources

Learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century involves students using technology and accessing online resources to develop a range of knowledge and skills. At Esk State School, students have access to a number of appropriate online resources that assist them to develop their reading, mathematical and keyboarding skills. Each of the sites below tailor tasks to meet the individual learning needs of each child.

### Studyladder

The Studyladder site enables students to complete tasks in a number of Learning Areas including Maths, English and Science. These tasks can be differentiated to suit the learning needs of each child from Prep through to Year 6. While there are literally thousands of activities to do, teachers generally set key tasks that relate to what is currently being taught so that students can practise and consolidate their classroom learning.

### Reading Eggs/ Reading Eggspress

Reading Eggs and Reading Eggspress are both sites that are used to assist students build their reading skills. Students from Prep to Year 2 usually work on Reading Eggs, while Year 3 to Year 6 students work on Reading Eggspress. The activities involve reading texts, games and songs. These are fun and engaging and motivate the students to keep exploring and learning.

### Typing Tournament

Typing Tournament helps students develop their keyboarding skills in a fun way through lessons, drills and games. Keyboarding is an essential skill for students as their use and knowledge of computers grows each year.

### PM eCollection

The PM eCollection provides students with access to a variety of levelled fiction and non-fiction texts. It is designed to help improve reading and comprehension skills and provides students with opportunities to engage in guided and independent reading activities.

All of the online resources are available for students to access when at home. To do this, please go to the School's Website and click on the link to the Student Portal at the bottom of the page. Your child will need to use their correct user name and password for each site.

If you would like some more information about these online resources please contact your child's class teacher.

Barbara Tabulo (Head of Curriculum)



# Weekly Awards

Term 1, Week 4

## Prep/1K

Hailey – Always being respectful

Alex – Working well in all subjects

## 1/2 T

Gabe – Being a respectful class member

Sienna – Writing a creative Dreamtime story

## 2/3 M

Maggie – Always being respectful to those around her

Jace – Being respectful and using his manners

## 3/4 SR

Chase – Modelling respectful behaviour

Cameron – Good focus during group rotations

## 5/6 SR

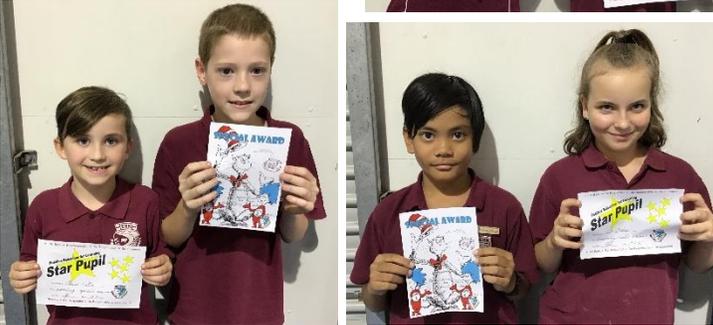
Ella – Demonstrating respectful behaviours

Alex – Sharing his narrative idea

## 5/6 R

Yuna – Being a respectful student

Isabelle – Working well in all subject areas



## Positive Behaviour for Learning

Each week our whole school has a PBL focus for the Star Awards presented on parade.

### Term 1 Week 4 Focus was:

**P-6:** Be Respectful

### Term 1 Week 5 Focus is:

**P-6:** Be Responsible

### Attendance Stars

Attendance at school is hugely important. Even being 5 min late each day really impacts – it is the equivalent to missing 1 day of school per term!

That's why we celebrate the classes with the highest attendance rate each week. A good rate is 94%+

#### Term 1 Week 4 Results:

P/1K = 86.6% 1/2T = 87.61% 2/3M = 92% 3/4SR = 97.14%  
5/6R = 90% 5/6 SR = 86%

### Important Dates:

#### March

15 – P&C meeting (TBC)

19 – National Day of Action against bullying and violence

24 – Cross Country

30 – School Performance Tour

#### April

1 – Rewards Day

19 – First Day Term 2

## PE Update: Mrs Sippel

**Gymnastics** – Gymnastics has now concluded for the term. It has been great to see students develop their strength, balance and coordination skills over the last five weeks. Thank you to Coach Chloe and Coach Liz from PCYC Gymnastics Fernvale for sharing their knowledge and expertise.

**Cross Country** – As of week 6 we will be training for Cross Country in PE lessons. We are also starting 'walking/running around the oval' from 8:30 – 8:45am as additional training for all students in P-6. We will be doing this every day until our Cross Country carnival on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of March. Students are to make sure they have a water bottle and hat.

# YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE

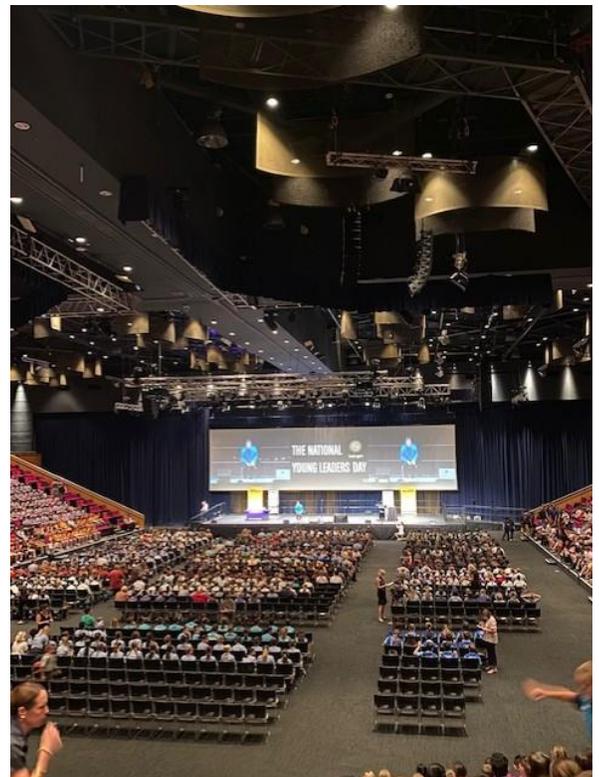
On the 24<sup>th</sup> of February, the Year 6 School Leaders were lucky enough to attend the 2021 National Young Leaders' Day. We thank Mrs Brough and Mrs Oxenford for taking us into the Brisbane Exhibition Centre, and also last year's student council for raising enough money to pay for us to attend.

Throughout the experience, we have met the following Australian Leaders: The Honourable David Hurley, Josh Pyke, Anastasia Woolmer, Darius Boyd and Lachie Smart. They were inspirational to the thousands of kids who attended.

To prove the knowledge we learnt -- we now know that David Hurley is the Governor General of Australia. Josh Pyke is a master of the Arts. Anastasia Woolmer is the world's best memory champion – and demonstrated that she could remember 200 digits. Darius Boyd was a Bronco's Champion, and the last but not least is Lockie Smart. Lockie Smart is the youngest person to circumnavigate the world solo at the age of 18.

All of these speakers are leaders in their field, and shared with us what it took to be a leader.

## ■ The Year 6 Student Leaders, Esk State School



# Billy G's Gourmet Cookie Dough

It's the P&Cs first fundraiser of the year, with the orders arriving just in time for the Easter Break.

Billy G's is an Australian family owned and operated business. There are ten (10) dough-licious flavours including their popular Choc Chunk and NESTLE® SMARTIES® cookie dough. There is even a **cheese flavoured Doggie Dough** for your special furry family members! The cookie dough is only available through fundraising and is not sold in stores, so stock up!

**Orders will open today.** Visit [www.cookie dough.com.au](http://www.cookie dough.com.au) and register to create your child's cybersafe fundraising profile. Instructions are in your child's order form. You have until the 17<sup>th</sup> of March to order so make sure you get the dough-rolling and create your online fundraising page today! (*Collection date is Wed 31 March. Helpers will be needed to prepare the orders. Please contact the school office if you are able to assist.*)

**How do prizes work?** Help your child fundraise more by setting a prize goal! Students who sell 1 tub or more are entitled to an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time by sharing your fundraising page! There are 12 prizes up for grabs and prizes will be automatically ordered at the end of our fundraiser based on the number of tubs sold.

**Apple Prize Pack Leaderboard Challenge!** If your child becomes the highest tub seller in our leaderboard they will automatically go in the draw for the chance to win an Apple Prize Pack valued at \$3,300. How exciting! Let's get fundraising!

## DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP

Last week, how to use the Drop/Stop/Go lane was covered, and we only had 1 car that decided to park in the lane this past week, which is a terrific improvement. Thank you everyone. This week, it is time to revise other entry and exiting regarding dropping off and picking up.

**The main message this week is that the nearest gate may not be the best gate for your child to enter or exit through.**

We have had a couple of near misses this week due to parents escorting students through the staff car park. Student safety was improved by being escorted by parents, though it doesn't take away the danger when staff are actively arriving/leaving. There is a considerable blind spot due to the buildings. *The staff carpark is not to be used by students to access or leave the grounds.*

Safe access is through the gate near the prep building, the gate through Dirran Yarni (near pool), the bus shelter gate or the main gate at the front. *The front gate is the only exit where staff are on duty, and it is the recommended spot for student collection.* The P&C installed a covered area for students waiting to be collected, and the duty teacher will support kids being picked up in the stop/drop/go zone or direct them to parents parked further afield on the school side of the street. Student collection from the other gates is fine, though not supervised.

# WELCOME TO EBANC

ESK Before/After School & Vacation Care Centre



Last week the children decided they wanted to catch some grasshoppers out on the oval. Lyla and Caitlyn were the best grasshopper hunters and between them caught over 25. Lenny and Hunter held the bug catchers for the girls and helped them put the grasshoppers inside.



## Uniform Shop

The Esk State School P&C Uniform shop is open each Monday morning at 8:30am.

Our school retains both winter and summer uniforms. There are a variety of different styles of uniforms available.

Cash based sales only.

## ABK KARATE

(Anderson Bushi Kai)



Instructor – Dai Renshi -  
Dion Wengel (Probationary  
5th Degree Black Belt)

**Monday & Wednesday  
Night**

**6.00 - 7.15 pm**

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