



Esk State School

Ever Seeking Knowledge

24th November, 2023

Welcome - Welcome to our school newsletter.

Positive Behaviour for Learning: Next week's PBL is adapting to change. "Change" of course, in life is inevitable. Teaching our students to show resilience in the face of change is a crucial part of our role in educating students on a school, family and community level.

Student Wellbeing: As we hurtle towards the end of the year you will probably be noticing levels of anxiety in some of our students start to increase. This is usual, some students get anxious about assessment and others (not looking into hard in the mirror here) just can't wait to get home go exploring, hit the skate park, get on the motor bike and head for the hills. I find that there are two periods of lull in schools. The June/July Doldrums and the few weeks before the Xmas holidays. Anything you can do to keep students engaged at school is greatly beneficial. Obviously, all extra- curricular content is also very welcome. Thankyou Mrs Maki Ramsey for your contributions on Thursday. The students loved it.

Teaching Reading at home and in school: I found this quote very interesting. *"Teaching students to write well about their reading, is about teaching them that their thinking matters. Still a teacher needs to be careful that the writing doesn't overtake the aesthetic experience we strive for to maximize engagement (Rosenblatt 1978; Ivey and Johnston 2013). One way to balance this is to allow writing about reading to be the choice of the reader, and to offer the reader choice of when to respond and even how to respond."* (Atwell 2014).
Serravallo, J., Reading Strategies Book

Principal Changeover: Esk State School substantive Principal, Mrs Roslyn Waldron, has indicated that she will be returning from leave in 2024.

Rob Nowlan
Acting Principal

Around the classroom - 2/3

Year 2/3 DR have been busy finishing off assessments and writing about our various adventures.

The year two recounts of our scavenger hunt have been entertaining and pleasing.

Year three students have enjoyed adding to their script ideas and will continue to develop their editing and typing skills.

Their computer skills have progressed steadily with guided support to try new programs and tasks.

Students have finished creating their simple machine and have enjoyed working in groups to make improvements.

We have included some fun activities like craft and outdoor games for the last couple of weeks.

Your child will be bringing home school supplies gradually over the next couple of weeks so their school bags don't get overwhelmed all at once. Start discussing with your child what food or drink they would like to bring for the shared party lunch on our last rewards day – a note will be sent home shortly.

It has been a busy, fun rewarding year for both of the year 2/3 DR teachers and we wish all families the very best for next year.





Weekly Awards

Term 4 Week 7

Prep

Serenity – Making many friendship groups

Grace – Dealing with friendship issues

Lincoln – Great improvements in writing

Allirah – Impressive writing efforts

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No awards this week

2/3RD

Gabe – Always helping friends and others

Laura – Being a good friend to all class members

Hailey – Always being so helpful and courteous

Joel – Always being willing to help others

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Aralia – A mature response to extra tasks

Phoebe – Diligent work across all areas

Henry – An honest effort in all he does

Bella – Taking on extra Homework

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Nellie – Dealing with issues as they arise

Sakura – Dealing with issues as they arise

Bentley – His effort with English assessment

Lily – Staying focused



Attendance Stars!

The class with the best attendance rate for week 7, was Year 1/2 with **91.11%**



Positive Behaviour for Learning

Each week our whole school has a PBL focus for the Star Awards presented on parade. The current unit of learning is "Our Behaviour Expectations".

Each class then has a lesson that develops that topic, and children are awarded according to the new learning for each week.

This week, all classes are learning about:
Interacting positively with others

Important Dates: Term 4

NOVEMBER

- 27 Student Council Movie Day Fundraiser
- 29 Swimming Carnival
- 30 TSHS Transition Day
- 30 Move Up Day

DECEMBER

- 01 TSHS Transition Day
- 01 Year 5 Leadership Speeches @ 11:15am
- 04 Year 6 Graduation Night
- 06 Presentation Night
- 07 Break Up Day
- 08 Transition/Clean Up Day

ADMIN NEWS: MRS BROUGH & MRS LUKRITZ Planning for 2024

Could parents/caregivers please inform the school if their child is not returning to Esk State School next year to assist us in our planning for 2024.

If your circumstances change, please notify the office on 54 244 111.

P & C NEWS

Uniform Shop: We will be open on

Thursday 18th January 2024

from 9am – 1pm for Uniform purchases prior to the commencement of school.

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MOVIE DAY

The Student Council will be holding a Movie Day on Monday 27 November during school time. Children will have a choice between the following movies –

Home Alone (PG), Bedtime Stories (G) and Ice Age 5 Collision Course (G)

Children who wish to watch the PG movie will need to bring back the signed permission form.

A Movie Deal can be purchased for \$5.00 per student. Money for Movie Deals will be accepted at the office until 3:00pm Friday 24 November, or you can pay your child's teacher on the morning of Monday 27 November. While the movie is free of charge the \$5.00 Movie Deal will include Free Dress, a small packet of chips, a zooper dooper, and a drink (popper, lemonade, lemon squash, Pasito, water).

Children may purchase the items separately if they prefer. The prices are - \$2.00 Drink, \$2.00 Chips and Zooper Dooper and \$2.00 Free Dress. Children are encouraged to bring along a pillow or sleeping bag or bean bag or cushion so they can relax in comfort in front of their chosen movie.

Please return the applicable forms to the office.

HEALTHY CHOICES

Chocolate Lunchbox Balls

2 cups almond meal

12 dates

2 tablespoons cocoa

2 tablespoons milk

1 cup coconut

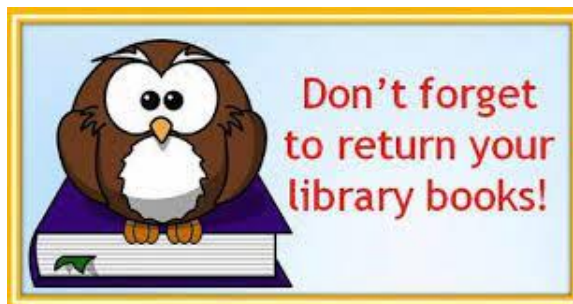
Place all ingredients except for the coconut in a food processor. Process until well combined. Roll into tablespoon-sized balls and then roll in the coconut.

Refrigerate until firm.

Chappy Jennifer

Library News

There will be no borrowing for students after Week 7. In Week 8, all books need to be returned ready for stock take.



Principal's Celebrations of Success

Term 4 – Week 8

Achiever of the Week

Mrs Dennehy - Reliability

Students of the Week

Laura Thompson

Scarlett Gibb –

Responsibility

Celebration of Success

Eno Ramsay - Resilience



Tuckshop News

Swimming Carnival



Please note: Tuckshop will be CLOSED on Wednesday 29th of November for the Swimming Carnival but will be serving a sausage sizzle & a selection of food and drinks from the Pool Kiosk.

PLEASE BRING CASH FOR KIOSK PURCHASES!!!

Menu Options

Due to the end of term approaching, the tuckshop will run out of certain frozen items.

Please check availability of food at the window when handing in your order.

ESK STATE SCHOOL PRESENTATION TWILIGHT EVENT



Wednesday, 6 December, 2023

5:00pm for a 5:30pm start

Esk State School Grounds – Top Oval

You are Invited

Esk State School Community would like to invite all parents, carers and extended family to attend our annual Presentation Evening. The students at Esk School are ready to celebrate the year's achievements and would also like to perform a whole school item for you.

This year, we are having an outdoor event at twilight. We ask that the children arrive at 5:00pm for a 5:30pm start in School Uniform. Bring a blanket for the ground, or a folding chair for comfort. A simple meal and drinks will be available for purchase, or you are most welcome to picnic while you wait.

While we certainly hope that the weather works with us, however should there be a rain event, we will move the evening into the school hall.

We hope you can join us!

Staff of Esk State School

2023 ESK STATE SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Wednesday 29 November 2023

Esk Swimming Pool

Senior Swim Carnival: 9.00am – 1.00pm (8-12yrs)

Senior Swim Carnival: 1.30am – 3:00pm (5-7yrs)

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

9.00 – 10.30	Senior Races (8-12/13yrs) <i>All students will have the opportunity to swim 25m and/or 50m events.</i> <u>50m Events</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50m freestyle - 50m backstroke - 50m breaststroke - 50m butterfly -
10:30 – 11.10	First Break and Play <i>*Times may be modified depending on how the event schedule is tracking</i>
11.10 – 1.00	Senior Races (8-12/13yrs) <u>25m Events</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 25m freestyle with kickboard - 25m freestyle - 25m backstroke - 25m breaststroke - 25m butterfly - Relays (if time permits) - Age Champion Presentations
1.00-1.15	Senior students exit the pool and change Marshalling for junior students commences
1.15 – 3.00	Junior Races (5-7yrs) <i>Depending on your child's age, they will participate in some of the following events;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Freestyle Kick with a kickboard - Freestyle with/without a kickboard - Noodle Race - Team Mat Race - Mixed Relays - Novelty Games (If time permits)



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Esk Before-AfterSchool & Vacation Care



TERM 4 WEEK 8



We spent some time inside last week due to the very hot afternoons and especially when we had that amazing storm on Wednesday.

These afternoons seemed to be a lesson on discovery, which is encouraged at Before and After school care.

Remi discovered the colours changed to the rhythm of the music played on the Bluetooth music box.

Ava discovered that kinetic sand can be solid as well as crumbly at the same time.

Charlie discovered that the Jenga blocks didn't have to be the same colour on each level when he stacked them up.

Axel enjoyed discovering the new K-Nex kit I bought for them.

Charlie, Lilly and Ella discovered they were more flexible than they thought when playing Twister.and the whole group discovered some facts about eating fruit and vegetables from Miss Sammy(our health and fitness coach) at afternoon tea time.



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