



Esk State School

Ever Seeking Knowledge

Dear Esk State School Community,

I have been thoroughly impressed with the quality of teaching and learning happening across the school this week. Students have been bust working on their new units of work and our curriculum content is in full swing.

In the near future I will be releasing our class groupings for 2025. We are currently working through our predicted numbers and looking at our class make up for next year. It is important at this time that we get our predicted numbers as accurate as possible and I ask that if you are aware of anyone considering enrolling at our school for 2025 to please encourage them to contact us here at school.

During weeks four and six this term I will be holding school tours for any families who are considering enrolling at Esk State School. This will be a tour of the school with the Principal and a chance for families to ask any questions about our school. Dates and times for these tours will be published on Facebook next week and again I ask families to share this information with any interested families.

Our Prep enrolment interviews will be taking place over the next few weeks. These are a fantastic opportunity for our school to get to know the newest members of our school community.

Thank you to our families for the understanding with the change to swimming this week. Our filters are back running as planned and we are on track for swimming as normal next week. Later in the term we will make up the missed swimming time so that students receive their full curriculum entitlements.

Have a great week!

Kind regards,

Jonathan Case

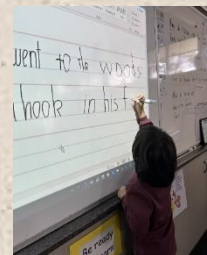
Principal

Around the classroom- Yr 1/2

Wow... we are in the second week back and already we are kicking learning goals! I would like to acknowledge all year 1 and 2 students who have embraced our new literacy approach with their consistent 'I can' learning attitude. Your confidence is evident in the reading and spelling results being achieved! We have also had a few visitors come in to watch us learn through this Jocelyn Seamer pedagogy approach and 1/2 showcased the approach with enthusiasm and confidence.

In other curriculum areas we continue to 'Learn Through Doing in Math', having lots of fun with hands on and partner cooperation activities. In HASS we are starting some local historical research with a unit based on Lars Anderson. Science has a machine focus with Push and Pull and in Technology we will be designing and creating a puppet with moving parts....I am planning to utilise mostly recycled materials for this project so be prepared for requests from home. Watch this space!

Welcome to our school and 1/2L Amelia and Ryland. We hope you enjoy being a member of our class team! I look forward to creating and learning with everyone throughout the next 10 weeks.



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Weekly Awards

Term 4 Week 1

PREP/1K

Wyatt – Being responsible

Elijah – Trying hard with his writing

Poppy – Trying hard in all subjects

1/2L

Molly – Showing kindness and friendship to others

Evie – Being a respectful and conscientious worker

Charlie – Working hard and being rewarded with fabulous reading and spelling results

3/4T

Ruby – Being a kind and caring class member

Jedikiah – Being an enthusiastic learner

Bella – A strong start to Term 4

4/5R

Baxter – Being an active participant in class

Brooklyn – Positive start in Term 4

5/6S

Will'm – Being willing to accept consequences for his actions with grace

Dennis – Being willing to have a go at anything

Haylee – Focussing on her work during class time

Welcome to Esk

Hudson, Lavla, Amelia, Navy, Ryland



Attendance Stars!

The class with the best attendance rate for week 1, was Yr 5/6S with 99.23%



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 have been continuing to learn about:

Restorative Justice

Important Dates: Term 4

OCTOBER

18 Bookclub Issue 7 – Orders Due 18th October

25 Day for Daniel/World Teachers Day

NOVEMBER

11 Remembrance Day Service

26 2025 Leadership Speeches

28 Swimming Carnival

DECEMBER

02 Year 6 Graduation Night

04 Presentation Night

05 Break Up Day / Year 6 Transition Day TSHS

Admin News

Mrs Lukritz and Mrs Dennehy

Enrolments for 2025

Prep Enrolments are now open for 2025.

If you have intentions on leaving the school at the end of this year, could you please advise Admin as soon as possible.

P & C NEWS

P&C Meeting: Monday 28th October @ 3:30pm in the Library.

Uniform Shop: Please complete a uniform order form available from the office foyer.

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TERM 4 SWIMMING TIMETABLE

Every Thursday

9:00am – 9:45am Year 3/4

9:45am – 10:30am Year 4/5

11:15am – 12:00pm Year 1/2

12:15pm – 1:00pm Year 5/6

1:45pm – 2:30pm Prep/1



YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Dear Year Six Parents,

On Tuesday 15 October (Week 3) at 3:15pm there will be a meeting for parents and caregivers to discuss this year's Year 6 Graduation which is to be held on Monday 12 December (Week 10).

We will talk about the theme for the evening, setting up the hall and the way the night runs.



HEALTHY CHOICES

Apricot Balls

- 1 tablespoon white chia seeds
- 1 cup soft and juicy apricots
- 1 cup traditional rolled oats
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 ¼ cups desiccated coconut



Combine chia seeds and ¼ cup water in a small bowl. Stand for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally or until mixture has thickened.

Place chia mixture, apricots, oats, honey and 1 cup coconut in a food processor. Process until well combined and mixture forms a thick paste-like consistency.

Place remaining coconut in a small bowl. Press and roll 1 level tablespoon of mixture into a ball, then roll in coconut to lightly coat. Refrigerate for 20 minutes or until firm. Serve.

2025 Yr5/6 Emu Gully Camp

Please remember to send your expressions of interest forms in for next year's Emu Gully camp. The most important aspect for us at this time is getting the numbers of students attending the camp. If you need more time with the deposit, that can be organised. Please talk to Mrs Rollston or Mrs Lukritz if you have any concerns.

Check out Emu Gully's website <https://www.emugully.com.au/> and their Facebook and Instagram pages - Emu Gully Adventure Education. There are many pictures of school groups participating in the activities.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bookclub – Issue 7
 Orders Due back to school by Friday 18th

FREE EVENT **READY, SET, SOMERSET**
 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPO
12 OCTOBER 2024
 10AM - 2PM
 SOMERSET CIVIC CENTRE
 ESK

Sponsors: Queensland Hydro, vivar 99.9, A&M Civil, get ready, Somerset Regional Council

Toogoolawah PICTURES
Sat., 12 Oct **Sat., 26 Oct**
 Doors: 7 pm Movie: 7.20 - 9.30 pm

Bookings welcome, please message us on Facebook - 'Toogoolawah Pictures - Alexandra Hall' or Text/Call 0467 301 924

Child to High School - \$8.00 Adult - \$10.00 Family - \$30.00
 Hot Dogs, Pop Corn, Snack Bar. Alexandra Hall, Toogoolawah.

GIRLS UNITED PROGRAM
 Come & Try
5TH, 18TH, 19TH & 26TH NOVEMBER 2024
 Girls ONLY from 6yrs - Ladies
 5:30 - 6:30pm

Cost **\$50** (to be deducted from fees if registering for 2025 season)

Scan the QR Code to register

More info: gattonredbacksforgirlsprogram@gmail.com facebook Gatton Redbacks FC

READY, SET, SOMERSET
 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES EXPO

A & M CIVIL BOOTCAMP CHALLENGE

Test your skills on the inflatable obstacle course!
SATURDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2024
 10am - 2pm
 Somerset Civic Centre, Esk

FREE EVENT

Sponsored by: Queensland Hydro, vivar 99.9, Somerset Regional Council

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P & C NEWS



DISCO MEAL DEAL

Disco Meal Deal order forms were handed out to each student last Friday.

If you have forgotten to order a meal deal, payments can be made tonight.

There will be hot food available as well as snacks, lollies, chips, and drinks.

P&C will have Zooper Doopers for sale on Friday afternoons \$1 each

Afternoon frozen treat. What a great way to end the week 😊

ZOOPER DOOPER

Cash Only

DONATE YOUR CONTAINERS TO HELP MAKE CHANGE



Every eligible container helps to make a difference
Hi Esk State School Community.

A collaboration of the Esk State School P & C and Student Council, are collecting used containers to help raise money towards much needed improvements around our school, through Containers for Change. We would appreciate your support to kick the goals of some amazing projects we are working on, including an upgrade to our school oval to include outdoor grandstand seating.

Containers for Change is a state-wide recycling scheme that enables charities and community groups who participate in the scheme to fundraise for their cause.

Every eligible container collected is worth 10 cents, which can really add up! So we are asking our community, friends and neighbours if they could also save their containers to be collected and donated to our schools program.

If we could ask you to please save your containers from landfill, bring them into the school to our many containers for change bins, some are conveniently located on the roadside of the teachers car park. Alternatively you can also drop off at any containers for change depot with our scheme ID. (C11419617)

Thank you very much for your help and support (and containers).

Yours sincerely
Esk State School P & C Association and
Student Council of Esk State School

What's eligible

Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L.



To find out more, visit containersforchange.com.au or download the Containers for Change Qld app.



Here's your organisation's member number. Keep it handy - share it with your supporters to raise funds and to track your fundraising efforts.

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*Esk Before-Afterschool
&
Vacation Care*



TERM 4 WEEK 2



Recent pics of our Vacation Care adventures from the school Holidays.

The children rode/scootered/walked the rail trail from Clarendon to Lowood then had a picnic and ice creams in the park.

We went to Queen’s Park in Ipswich and then to the Dinosaur display at Nicholas St Precinct, which totally fascinated the children.

We went up to Crows Nest National Park for a hike and picnic lunch

BUT the very best place voted by the children was “GAME OVER” in Oxley which had been recommended by Axel’s Mum Sheridan. . . .a definite return visit next holidays.



Reading

through the
Australian Curriculum



Reading

Learning to read is life-changing, with almost everything we do in society involving reading and writing.

In Queensland state schools, we teach students the vital components of reading (word reading and language comprehension) in a sequential order. This occurs across all learning areas and year levels, through the Australian Curriculum.

Our Reading Commitment

In October 2023, Queensland announced a new Reading Commitment to teach reading consistently using an evidence-informed approach. This approach to reading has been shown as the most effective and efficient way to teach all students to read. Updates to the Australian Curriculum closely align with this reading research and present a unique opportunity for Queensland to refine how we teach reading.

The Simple View of Reading



Gough and Tunmer, 1986; Tunmer and Gough, 1990; Hoover and Tunmer, 2020

The **Simple View of Reading** identifies components necessary for reading success. It shows that reading is the product of word reading and language comprehension. The Simple View of Reading is a settled framework to understand the components of skilled reading.

What we know about reading

Learning to read is a complex process. As reading is not a naturally developing skill, such as walking or talking, all students need to be taught to read words and understand the language of written texts.

It takes years of learning and practice to become a skilled reader. Texts we read also become more complex as we get older. This is why we teach reading from Prep to Year 10.

Our plan to teach reading

In Queensland state schools we teach reading every day, in every classroom. This occurs in English and other learning areas as students read and engage with a variety of texts.

Our evidence-informed approach to reading includes systematic synthetic phonics and word study to strengthen students' word reading skills.

We build students' language comprehension by reading and discussing texts, as well as teaching background knowledge, vocabulary and other important skills.

Our partnerships for reading

Before children come to school, families build oral language which is the foundation for reading.

At each stage of schooling, families and carers play an important role in supporting children to read and learn about the world around them.

As a department, we acknowledge that teaching reading is everyone's work.