



Esk State School

Ever Seeking Knowledge

Dear Esk State School Community,

I hope that everyone has been enjoying the rain this week. I would like to congratulate all of our students for the way in which they have handled the changes to lunch times this week as a result of the rain.

Next Thursday is our annual swimming carnival. I am looking forward to attending my first whole school carnival since commencing as Principal. I encourage all members of our school community to attend and support our students. Please see the full schedule of events which will be found later in this newsletter. I would like to thank Mr Richard Murdoch and Mrs Sarah Dennehy for their leadership and work with our swimming program this term.

At Esk State School we are committed to ensuring that all of our students are able to attend school. As a Principal I am a firm believer in supporting all of our students to be at school every day and financial disadvantage should not stop students being at school. With the current cost of living crisis our school is aware that many families are feeling the pinch when it comes to the household budget. We are extremely fortunate to have a supportive community who have donated a range of resources to support student attendance. This includes our breakfast club, spare school lunches as well as spare school supplies and uniforms. I would like to thank the wonderful Esk community for their generous donations to our school.

It is great to see our students arriving at school in the mornings eager and ready to learn. However, it is important that students are not arriving before 8:10am as this is when school staff are rostered on for duty. If parents are needing to drop their children before 8:10am we have a great before school program.

Kind regards,
Jonathan Case

Around the classroom- Yr 3/4

We're another week closer to the finale of the school year! Students have been busily working through their assessment tasks. These include writing an adventure narrative for English, coding a guessing game using Scratch for Digital Technologies, creating a poster about a celebration or commemoration for HaSS and performing a drama based on storytelling for The Arts... lots of variety to keep the interest levels the right way up.

In music with Ms Denman, the class have been happily learning our catchy school song "Good Better Best." It is goosebump material!



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Weekly Awards

Term 4 Week 7

PREP/1K

Dustin – Being a kind, friendly personality

Leo – Trying so hard with his assessments

Jadon – Great efforts in his English

1/2L

Amelia – For being a kind friend and helping others

Ryland – For his 'can do' attitude and starting set tasks promptly

Molly – For completing assessment tasks like a superstar

3/4T

Tai – Being a calm and cooperative class member

David – Great work planning a narrative

Jai – Making the most of every learning opportunity

4/5R

Cooper – Staying calm when issues need to be sorted

Athena – Responding to feedback

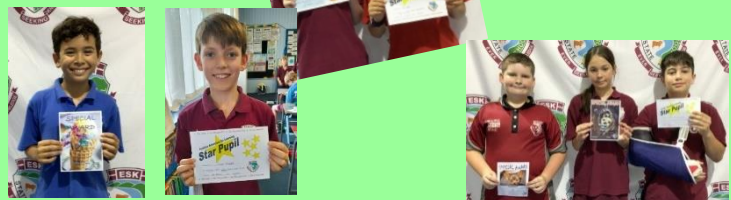
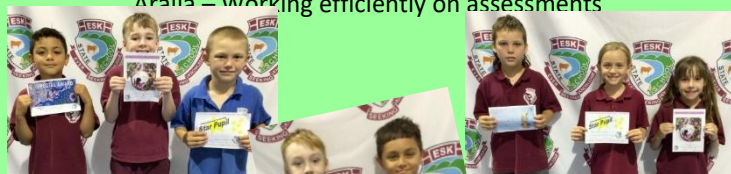
Chace – A more focused week

5/6S

Mani – Showing empathy for others

Bentley – Being willing to have a go

Aralia – Working efficiently on assessments



Attendance Stars!

The class with the best attendance rate for week 7, was Yr5/6S with 92.86%



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: **P-2 Apologising, 3-4**

Changing Friendships, 5-6 Meeting new people

Important Dates: Term 4

NOVEMBER

26 2025 Leadership Speeches @ 11:30am

28 Swimming Carnival

DECEMBER

02 Year 6 Graduation Night

02 Year 6 Orientation – Faith Lutheran College

04 Presentation Night

04 Year 6 Farewell Parade @ 9am

04 Year 5/6 Class Break Up Day

05 Break Up Day / Year 6 Transition Day
TSHS

Admin News

Mrs Lukritz and Mrs Dennehy

Enrolments for 2025

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.

Lost Property

As the term draws to a close, please check the Lost Property bins for missing belongings.

P&C NEWS

P&C Meeting: Monday 25th November @ 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 TIMETABLES

Every Monday and Thursday until the end of term

Monday Timetable

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|-------------------|----------|
| 9:00am – 9:45am | Year 1/2 |
| 9:45am – 10:30am | Year 4/5 |
| 11:15am – 12:00pm | Year 3/4 |
| 12:15pm – 1:00pm | Year 5/6 |
| 1:45pm – 2:30pm | Prep/1 |

Thursday Timetable

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|-------------------|----------|
| 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 |



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.

HEALTHY CHOICES

Mini Bacon Frittatas

4 rashers bacon, diced
4 large eggs
¼ cup milk
¼ teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons fresh parsley leaves
2/3 cup shredded cheese
Few drops tabasco sauce, to taste



Heat the oven to 180 C.
Spray muffin cups with nonstick cooking spray
In a large skillet over medium heat, brown the bacon. Drain.
In a medium bowl, whisk the eggs and milk until well blended. Add the salt, parsley and tabasco. Mix well.
Add the bacon and ½ cup of the shredded cheese to the mixture.
Fill the prepared muffin cups about two-thirds full. Sprinkle the remaining cheese over the filled muffin cups.
Bake for 18-22 minutes or until the frittatas have puffed and set. Remove the pan to a rack and use a knife or spatula to loosen the sides. Lift them out onto a plate to cool.

CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER

As a means of raising funds for chaplaincy, Chappy Jennifer will be holding a Giant Jellybean Guessing Competition at the Grade 6 Graduation Night. Lots of prizes have been kindly donated from local businesses including IGA, Esk Fruit and Veg, Brisbane Valley Roasters, Nash Cafe, Felicity Madden Florists and Short Cut Hair Salon in Crows Nest.

Please come along prepared to give generously to the work of your chaplain.
Tickets will be 3 guesses for \$5.00.
Thank you for your support.
Chappy Jennifer

Prep Transition

We will be holding one more Prep Transition morning for incoming Preps on the following date from 9:15am – 10:30am.

- Tuesday 26th November.

Come along and engage in activities in our Prep classroom and in our play areas. We hope to see you there!



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P&C NEWS

**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
H 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 100ml and 3L.

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

C11419617




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

CHATTING WITH CHAPPY

The drive between my home and work is a windy, rural drive that is broken by the occasional kangaroo or koala resting on the road. It's a peaceful drive: not many cars, no traffic lights, and nothing to break the quiet solitude that gives me opportunity to think or sing on the way to and from work.

However, this all changed abruptly one afternoon recently. Without warning, a huge branch from a towering gum tree up ahead, came crashing down swamping the entire road with leaf litter, sticks and a thousand shards of the fallen branch, which I certainly didn't have a hope of budging. My way was blocked and disembarking from the car, I inspected the damage. There was only one thing to do: wait until help arrived.

One hour later a team of people were still working tirelessly to remove the rubble that remained. Eventually, together, we cleared the road and made smooth passage possible.

Roadblocks in our own life can come up suddenly out of nowhere. We ought not to boast that all is going well, and we are confident in ourselves, because truly we are clueless as to what lays ahead that could quickly halt our progress.

We need one another. To encourage each other and help others to stand strong and persevere when the going gets tough. We simply cannot be lone agents bearing the often-heavy load that life brings by ourselves. We have a duty to support each other, doing to each other as we would want them to do to us.

Without the assistance of others, I would never have arrived home. This experience made clear that we all have a part to play in caring for one another and no one person's role is less important than another. Let's look beyond our own needs to consider others. What will you do or say today that will lift another when they are feeling low?

Chappy Jennifer

ESK STATE SCHOOL PRESENTATION NIGHT

Wednesday, 4 December, 2024

Somerset Civic Centre

5:30pm – Finger food provided by Esk SS P&C

6:30pm – Official proceedings to commence

YOU ARE INVITED

Esk State School 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, receive awards and -- most importantly -- would also like to perform the School Song for you.

As a thankyou for the support experienced by school this year, the P&C is providing complimentary platters of finger food for our school community, so that the students are able to eat prior to the event. Drinks will be on sale. (Non-alcoholic)

While it is a family event, the students of Esk State School will need to be in School Uniform and sit in class groups with their teaching team.

We hope you can join us!



2024 Esk State School Swimming Carnival

Thursday 28th November 2024

Esk Swimming Pool

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

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

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

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| 9.00 – 10.30 | Senior Races (8 - 12yrs) <i>Students need to have demonstrated competence in the stroke and distance to compete in the 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 yrs) <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 |
| 1.30 – 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 - Novelty Games (If time permits) |



Esk Before-Afterschool & Vacation Care



TERM 4 WEEK 8



Some of the things the children did this week at Before & Afterschool Care.

Summer was feeling quite crafty.

Team building while working with the magnetic shapes.

Some free time in the under covered area.



2025 LEADERSHIP SPEECHES

On Tuesday 26 November we will be holding the Leadership Speeches for our 2025 School Leader positions.

Parents and family members are welcome to join us from 11:15am for an 11:30am start in the school hall.

Toogoolawah PICTURES
Saturday, 30 Nov
Doors: 7 pm Movie: 7.20 - 9.35 pm

VENOM
THE LAST DANCE
IN CINEMAS

Child to High School Student - \$8.00 Adult - \$10.00 Family - \$30.00
Eftpos on Door. Hot Dogs, Pop Corn, Snack Bar.
Bookings welcome, please message us on Facebook -
"Toogoolawah Pictures - Alexandra Hall" or Text/Call - 0467 301 924

Toogoolawah Christmas Tree
Saturday, 14th December
4.30 - 8.30 pm

Free Rides for the Kids Fireworks
Twilight Markets BBQ
Ham Wheel Christmas Raffle
Live Entertainment Stilt Walkers
Photos with Santa

Gift Tickets - \$15.00
for Presents with Santa
Available at Toogoolawah IGA Office
Monday to Friday from 8.30 am - 3.00 pm. CASH Only.
Age: 0 - 2
Girl/Boy: 3 - 5, 6 - 8, 9 - 10
Inquiries: Tania - 0438 147 291

Esk Grand Hotel Raffles

The first Friday of the month benefits
our Esk SS P&C!

Thank you Esk Grand Hotel for your support!



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