



Esk State School

Ever Seeking Knowledge



Hello Everyone,
As I write, I can hear the children working with Singer-Songwriter Josh Arnold. They are creating and shaping our School Song, to capture the story of this amazing small school, and the energy and heart of our staff and students. I am looking forward to the big 'reveal' this afternoon on parade.

As I advised earlier in the year, I was appointed to the position of School Improvement Coach with the Education Future Institute, and would be called upon as needed to work in that role. I have received my first deployment, and will be called upon one day a week for the next 10 weeks. I will still be fully undertaking my role here, so there is little impact to the running of the school. Mrs Denman will be the teacher in charge in my absence from site.

The annual Under 8's morning is on again this coming Wednesday. This free event is open to our whole community and is aimed at children from birth to 8 years. In the school setting, students in Prep to Year 2 participate. Please organise an adult to accompany your child as they move around the activities, as teachers are engaged in providing the various activities and will not be able to provide supervision. Please meet us at the hall for an 8:50am start – we will be down as soon as rolls are marked. The animal farm, police, fire brigade and Somerset Regional council sports and library staff are joining us. It is going to be a tremendous morning. By the way, if you are wanting to order food for first break, please remember to do so prior to the event, as our tuckshop works to the ordering system and is not positioned for impromptu orders.

It's Chappy Week next week as well! Thankyou Chappy Jennifer and Chappy Loretta for all that you do for our students and community.

Congratulations to Mrs Bowditch who has been selected by UniSQ to participate in the EduTREAK Cambodia international study tour!

- Mrs W.

Around the classroom – 5/6S

We have enjoyed being semiologists this term. In Science we have been learning about earthquakes, so we made our own seismometers and recorded an earthquake to create seismographs. You would not believe how high those earthquakes scored on the Richter Scale!



We have been using our laptops in a range of digital applications. We have used them to do a spot of online shopping as a part of our unit on Money. We are currently researching information for our Science Reports on an earthquake. Our laptops will then be used to create our multimodal texts. We also practice and rehearse skills like typing, number facts and reading comprehension on laptops.



Our gardens are growing well. We have made a tomato paste and a capsicum and tomato salsa using tomatoes, capsicum, basil and shallots we have grown ourselves. It is almost time to make our pizzas. I wonder what toppings we will be able to harvest from the various vegetable plots. The Year 5/6 Class will be making their pizzas on Friday 31 May (Week 7). We would welcome some parent helpers on pizza making day. If you are available, please let Mrs Smith know.



Weekly Awards

Term 2 Week 4

PREP/1K

Dustin – Being a good friend

Gabriella – Putting together letters and sounds

Charlotte – An amazing showbag presentation

1/2L

Riley – Showing kindness and helping others

Justin – For being a brave learner and having a go

Ava – Consistently producing work to the best of her ability

3/4T

Savannah – Being a cooperative class member

Liam – His keen participation in Reading Rotations each week

Liam – Acing his Maths Time assessment

4/5R

Axel – Being a cooperative class member

Cooper – His focus and knowledge in English

Charles – His ability to answer questions in detail

5/6S

Chase – Being a cooperative class member

Haylee – Looking for ways to help

Steeyl – Being willing to have a go

Pen Licence

Sienna



Attendance Stars!

The class with the best attendance rate for week 4, was Yr4/5R with 97.22%



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 learning about: Following school routines – **Our Behaviour Expectations – Caring for each others**

Important Dates: Term 2

MAY

22 Under 8’s Celebration: 9:00am – 10:30am

22 National Simultaneous Time

22 Year 3&4 Jacob’s Well Camp – **Consent forms due back to office**

24/25 Esk Show (Check out our school display!)

JUNE

03 P&C meeting @ 3:15pm in the library

04 TSHS Open Day and Year 7 Enrolment Session

12 Readers Cup

13 Athletics Carnival

19 Inter-School Athletics Carnival TSHS

20-21 Year 3/4 Jacob’s Well Camp

21 Rewards Day

Admin News:

Mrs Lukritz & Mrs Dennehy

THANK YOU

Thank you for the wonderful response in the paying of outstanding school fees.

P&C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting: 3 June at 3.15pm in the library

Uniform Shop: We are open Tuesday mornings

8:30am – 9:30am

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HEALTHY CHOICES

Anzac Slice

- 1 1/4 cups plain flour
- 1 1/4 cups rolled oats
- 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 150 gm butter, chopped
- 2 tbsp golden syrup
- ½ tsp bicarb soda
- 2 tbsp boiling water



Preheat oven to 180 degrees C. Grease and line a 3 cm deep, 19 cm x 29 cm slice pan with baking paper. Combine 1 ¼ cups plain flour, 1 ¼ cups rolled oats, 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar and 1 cup shredded coconut in a large bowl. Make a well in the centre.

Place 150 gm butter chopped and 2 tbsp golden syrup in a saucepan over low heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes or until smooth. Combine ½ tsp bicarb soda and 2 tbsp boiling water in a jug. Remove butter mixture from heat. Stir in bicarb of soda mixture. Add to flour mixture. Stir to combine.

Pour into tin and smooth down. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes until top is golden and the slice is cooked through. Slice and serve when cool.

CHATTING WITH CHAPPY

There's a tiny, silver box with a ribbon dressed on the top sitting on my office desk at school. It was a gift from a friend. A gift of encouragement. A gift to remind me that what I'm doing each day counts. That it is worthwhile. That it has meaning and purpose. And that I am valued for my work, but also valuable just for who I am. The words of encouragement inside this silver box say all that and much, much more.

We all need silver boxes of encouragement and even more than that, we need to be giving them away – often. At least one person in our lives needs a silver box right now. Who comes to mind?

But giving out silver boxes doesn't necessarily have to transpire literally. Not many of us have a stash of cute silver boxes with bright ribbons on the top piled up in our cupboard. (Wouldn't that be convenient?) Giving silver boxes can come in many shapes and sizes. A word of gratitude, an act of kindness, a helping hand for those in need, we can let our imagination run wild. The sky is the limit when we begin to consider what simple things we can do or give to bless one another.

In the very least, a personal word of kindness will not go astray for any of us this coming week. So can I encourage you to look around, there is someone close by who needs your 'silver box'. It is truly more blessed to give than to receive!

Somerset-Lockyer Readers Cup

Readers Cup is organised by the Qld Branch of the Children's Book Council of Australia. It is a state wide competition for young readers.

Teams of four to five students together read a set of books, and then compete with other teams to answer quiz questions from the books. Winners from regional competitions then compete in a state final.

2024 Books

The Dangerous Business of Being Trilby Moffat – Kate Temple



Ghost Book – Remy Lai

Huda was here – H.Hayek

Runt – Craig Silvey

Monster Island - George Ivanoff

Guest Quiz Master

Kate Temple

Books can be purchased from *A Lot of Books* at the event.

RAW ART INCURSION

On Monday 13th, each class participated in the Raw Art Incursion. The Prep/1 class made a Cat in the Hat collage, the Yr ½ class did ink portraits, while the upper grades made Dragon Tiles and Cone Critters from clay.



CHAPPY WEEK

MIGHTY COLOURING IN COMPETITION

WHEN: Monday 20 - Wednesday 22 May

WHERE: In the school library

TIME: First and second breaks

A colouring in competition will be held over three days for children in all grades.

Monday 20th - Preps, Grade 1, and Grade 2

Tuesday 21st - Grade 3 and Grade 4

Wednesday 22nd - Grade 5 and Grade 6

Come along both breaks, decorate a picture with lots of colour and see if you can win a prize.

See Chappy Jennifer or Chappy Loretta at school if you need more information.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Thanks to everyone who purchased something from our Mothers' Day Stall. It was a big success. We hope all the Mums out there enjoyed the things their children chose. Congratulations to Thomas from Prep who won the Mothers' Day Raffle. We are confident that Thomas's Mum would have enjoyed the unexpected bonus prize.

Our next Student Council Event will be a Pajamas and Hashbrown Day on Thursday 6 June (Week 8).

Esk State School P & C
(with principal approval)

Expressions of interest are being sought by the P&C to run swim club and swimming lessons at Esk State School pool from Sept-April.

[This opportunity sits separately from school delivered programs.]

The hire of the Esk State School pool for this small business / new business opportunity is at NO CHARGE. We just kindly ask that you offer FairPlay vouchers (swim club) and Swim start vouchers (swimming lessons 0-4) as part of your business model.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay/providers/register>

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/swimstart/providers/register>

A successful applicant will be required to meet:

- Child safety requirements eg. blue card (paid)
- The DoE requirements outlined in Statement of expectations: Water safety and learn to swim programs (available on request). This outlines qualification requirements.
- \$10 million public liability insurance.
- Lifeguard accreditation, including current CPR

Please email pandc@eskss.eq.edu.au with your expressions of interest no later than 1 August 2024.

Your expression of interest will be discussed at the August meeting of the P&C in partnership with Mrs Waldron (School Principal).



The poster features a background of colorful Lego bricks. At the top center is the Esk Show Society logo with the tagline "Bringing the Community Together". Below the logo is a purple box with the text "Lego competition" and "Esk Show 120 year anniversary. From 1904 to 2024". A blue box contains the entry details: "Entries will be taken at the 'Betling Ring' and will start from Saturday 25 of May at 9:30 am and will close at 10:30 am. Late entries WILL NOT be taken." A green box lists "Age groups" as "Under 7's (year 2+younger)", "Year 3-6", and "High school". An orange box lists "Themes – eventic to Esk in 1904" as "Township", "Farm life", and "Transport + timber". A red box lists "Prizes" as "1st place - \$25 dollars", "2nd place - \$15 dollars", and "3rd place - \$10 dollars".



The poster has a black background with red and white text. At the top, it says "NAB AFL AUSKICK IS NOW BACK AT" in white. Below that is a banner with the "nab AFL Auskick" logo, the slogan "come find your awesome", and the "AFL PLAY" logo. The main title "Esk State School" is in large white letters, followed by "THURSDAYS SECOND LUNCH" in bold white letters. The event details are listed in yellow and white: "Starts: Thursday 23rd May", "TIME: Second Lunch", "VENUE: SCHOOL OVAL", "LENGTH - 4 WEEKS", and "COST - \$40 (INCLUDES PACK)". There is a yellow arrow pointing to a QR code. Below the QR code is another QR code and the text "CLICK HERE TO REGISTER:" in yellow. At the bottom, it says "CLICK HERE FOR FIRST SESSION COME & TRY FOR FREE" in yellow and white, and "CONTACT TSHANTI PARRY FOR MORE INFORMATION" in white, with contact details "E: TSHANTI.PARRY@AFL.COM.AU - P: 0499 399 729".

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Esk Before-Afterschool & Vacation Care



TERM 2 WEEK 5

Outcome I: Children and young people have a strong sense of identity.

Our children feel safe, secure and supported, they develop their autonomy, interdependence, resilience and sense of agency, as well as confident self-identities and a positive sense of self-worth while they are interacting with their peers.



This was evident when the children chose to work with the new pretend play resources this week.

They mimick experiences they observe in their everyday lives, and experiment with different characters through their interactions with each other.

When they are totally involved in their play, they are making sense of the world they live in and developing important skills which will set them up for future learning, personal growth, social connection and engagement.

Through Role play, they expand their thinking, their life experiences and practice social skills such as sharing and taking turns.

Year 3&4 Jacob's Well Camp

Please note: Consent Forms
are due back

Wednesday 22nd May 2024



Esk Grand Hotel Raffles

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

**Thank you Esk Grand Hotel
for your support!**