



Esk State School

Ever Seeking Knowledge

Hello everyone,

Within our newsletter this week, you will find reports on the many significant events that have occurred over the week – the ANZAC day commemoration, the interschool cross country and the introduction to our new school Guidance Officer. David Clark has now been assigned to Esk School for the duration of the year and has already commenced working with our students.

Alfred Attwater has been successful in his application for the School Grounds Officer – facilities and grounds, and will be commencing with our team here on Monday 29th. Alfred lives in the area, and has significant experience in the building industry. At this stage, Alfred will be working Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays – though flexibility has been built in to assist the school if needed. Welcome Alfred to the Esk State School Family!

Parent/Teacher interviews have been a large part of our week. Over the three afternoons, 53 interviews were undertaken. This is nearly half of our student body, and a tremendous turnout. Parental interest and engagement with their child's learning is the biggest influencing factor in a child's success, so thank you for attending. For those who missed this opportunity, teachers are willing to make a separate appointment with you, at a mutually convenient time. Please contact the office to make this happen.

On November 1, 1875 Esk State School was officially opened. Now if you do the maths, you will realise that next year is our 150th anniversary! It certainly is something that is worth celebrating so we are beginning our work in preparation for this event. A subcommittee of the P&C has been established for this purpose. Chappy Loretta is the convenor and will be liaising with the community, school and P&C to make this celebration happen.

To commence the preparation, the school has engaged with Josh Arnold – a singer song writer – who works with schools to write a school song. Josh will be here later in the term to work with the instrumental music students and school leaders.

We are also looking for people (parents, staff, P&C and wider community) who may be interested in being part of the anniversary committee. There are so many different aspects of a 150th that will need to be coordinated! If interested please make contact with myself or Chappy Loretta on ltyle10@eq.edu.au. We are also chasing down some stories! Chappy Loretta will be on that too. There are many children who have a multi-generational connection with the school. 😊

- Mrs W.

Around the classroom – 1/2L

Lest we forget

This week in 1/2L we remembered the soldiers and the animals who went to war. We read the story *Anzac Biscuits* by Phil Cummings and then had lots of fun measuring and mixing our own special cookies. They were delicious! On Wednesday our word of the day was respect and we discussed and shared our own respectful actions. We did a fabulous job of putting this respectful behaviour on display as we remembered those who went to war during our school ANZAC Day ceremony. We also had lots of fun making poppies to place under the flag during the ceremony.



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Weekly Awards

Term 2 Week 1

PREP/1K

William – For trying hard to achieve his goals

Charlotte – For trying her best in all areas

Willow – For writing great sentences

1/2L

Molly – Confidently sharing her expertise with her peers

Zara-Lee – Confidently striving to face challenges with a positive attitude

George – Excellent progression in reading

Roy – Excellent progression in reading

3/4T

Jedikah – Having a growth mindset

Hudson – Excellent recall of number facts

Bella – Positive attitude towards learning

4/5R

Laura – Putting in every effort to do her best

Leila – Putting in every effort to do her best

Brooklyn – Being a happy and friendly class member

Henry – Being a dedicated student

5/6S

Kai – Displaying a thirst for knowledge about how his brain works

Dennis – Great improvement in reading

Dayne – Being in the right place at the right time



Welcome to Esk
Cooper and Archer



Attendance Stars!

The class with the best attendance rate for week 1, was Yr4/5R with **96.43%**



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 other**

Important Dates: Term 2

MAY

- 03 Bookclub orders due
- 06 Labour Day Holiday
- 07 Prep Vision Screening
- 08-09 Mother’s Day Stall
- 13 Raw Art Incursion
- 13 P&C Meeting @ 3:15pm
- 22 Under 8’s Celebration – 9:00 – 10:30am
- 22 National Simultaneous Time
- 24/25 Esk Show (Check out our school display!)

Admin News:

Mrs Walsh & Mrs Lukritz

Book Club

Book club has been handed out. Can orders pleased be placed online or to the office by 3rd May 2024.

Year 6 Shirts

Orders and Payments Due by 3rd May 2024

P&C NEWS

Next P&C Meeting:

13th May @ 3:15pm in Library

Uniform Shop:

We are open Tuesday mornings
8:30am – 9:30am

LIBRARY NEWS

National Simultaneous Storytime 2024

Wednesday, 2 May 2024



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. Now in its 24th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

About the author

Aura Parker is an award-winning illustrator, writer and designer. Her picture books are joyful with a playful sense of humour, brimming with details to explore. Aura Parker's storytelling through words and pictures inspires imagination, courage and

TEACHER PROFILE

Mr Richard Murdoch – HPE Teacher at Esk State School and Toogoolawah State School

How long have you been a teacher at Esk State School?

This is my first year at Esk State School, however, it is my 16th year of teaching.

What other schools have you taught at?

Trinity Lutheran College – Gold Coast
Pacific Lutheran College – Sunshine Coast
St Pauls Lutheran College – Caboolture
Bounty Boulevard State School – North Lakes
Normanton State School
Brisbane Valley Cluster Schools – Linville SS, Harlin SS, Toogoolawah SS, Esk SS.

What grades do you teach?

Currently in my role as HPE teacher I teach across all grades from Prep – Year 6. In 2023 I took a 12-month relieving position at Normanton State School in the Gulf of Carpentaria. During this time, I was teaching across Year 7-10.

What is the most satisfying part of your role?

One of the most enjoyable things about this role as a teacher is the immense satisfaction and enjoyment I get knowing that as a collective we are changing children's lives. Especially in my job as a HPE teacher I get to see each student's personal growth and development as they progress through primary school.

When not teaching, what do you enjoy doing?

Playing golf. Bushwalking and hiking. Exploring new places.

HEALTHY CHOICES



Vegan Hummus Avocado Wrap

1 flour tortilla
3 tablespoons hummus
¼ avocado, thinly sliced
1/3 cup alfalfa sprouts
2-4 slices tomato
4 slices cucumber

Gather the ingredients. Bring flour tortilla to room temperature. Spread hummus down the middle of the tortilla. Arrange avocado, alfalfa sprouts, tomato and cucumber on top of hummus and fold up into a sandwich wrap.

Chappy Jennifer

AUSTRALIAN EARLY DEVELOPMENT CENSUS

Building a national picture of child health

From May 2024, our school, along with thousands of others across the country, will participate in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC).

The AEDC is a teacher-completed census (similar to a questionnaire) which provides a comprehensive picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

The AEDC is an Australian Government Initiative and is completed nationally every three years.

Children don't miss any class time while the AEDC is completed, and parents/carers don't need to supply schools with any new information.

In the previous 2021 AEDC, our school profile indicated that our students were most at risk in the "language and cognitive skills (school-based)" domain.

We used the results to inform school decision making to purchase additional speech language pathologist time, additional teacher aide time, and update the phonics approach.

The data collected through the AEDC is used by schools, communities and governments to better understand children and families' needs, and identify the services, resources and support they need.

AEDC data is reported at a school, community, state/territory and national level. AEDC results for individual children are not reported and the AEDC is not used as an individual diagnostic tool.

Some teachers have found that completing the AEDC made them more aware of the needs of individual children and their class, and that the data was useful for planning for transitions to Year 1 and developing programs.

Participation in the AEDC is voluntary, however the AEDC relies on all schools with children in their first year of full-time school participating in the collection. Parents/carers don't need to take any action unless they choose not to include their children in the census.

To find out more about the AEDC and how it is being used to help children and families visit: www.aedc.gov.au.

If you have any questions, you can contact Mrs Roslyn Waldron on 0459 875 502 or rjwal0@eq.edu.au



Hello. My name is David Clark and I am a Guidance Officer at Millmerran SS, Harristown SHS and Esk SS. I have been a Guidance Officer for six years. Before that I was a teacher in both primary and High schools for over 25 years (Bundaberg, Eidsvold, London and Maryborough).

Guidance officers are specialist teachers, who provide a range of services to students and their school communities.

Their diverse roles include providing advice, counselling and assessments for a broad range of issues, and leading whole school wellbeing programs.

Whether it be related to education, personal and family matters, career guidance, or mental health, our guidance officers provide targeted support to meet the needs of students.

They also connect students and families with specialist staff and organisations to offer every available support.

Importantly, guidance officers have the tools to empower students and build safe and supportive school communities where students can thrive.

Kind regards,
David



MOTHERS' DAY STALL



The Student Council will be running a Mothers' Day Stall in Week 4. Buy something nice for your Mum this year. We have a range of items ready for purchase including- cups, candles, bath fizzers, socks, lunch bags, planters, photo frames and keyrings.

- When- Wednesday 8 May and Thursday 9 May 8:30-8:50 and 10:50-11:05
 - Where- C Block Classroom
 - Prices- from \$10 to \$1 (note all prices are in whole dollar amounts)



Interschool Cross Country

- With thanks to Miss Vicki from the Highschool who supplied the photos.

The Interschool Cross Country Carnival ran exceptionally well last Friday. It had a fantastic 'community feel' at the high school with all of their students, students from each of the primary schools in the cluster as well as a large number of parents. It was nice to see all students and parents in the cluster come together for an event. Photos below show some of our students in action!

Following on from this carnival is the Lockyer Zone Cross Country at Gatton on Friday 3rd May. The following students have qualified for the Zone Carnival: Jessica, Bailey, Chase, Grace, Ben, Damon, Dennis, Leila, Lenny, Baxter, Cooper R, Chace, Aubrey, and Gabe. Congratulations on making it to the next level of competition!





Esk Before-Afterschool & Vacation Care



TERM 2 WEEK 2

Last week the children were looking forward to playing the games they loved, but one day they couldn't decide whether they wanted to play 'Dodge Ball' or 'Stuck in the Mud'....so Miss Sammy combined the 2 games together which excited the children so much, they kept playing it over and over again. They decided on their teams and if they were hit with the ball from the opposite team they had to go and stand up with their legs apart in the opposite team end and wait for one of their players to throw the ball through their legs before they could go back to their side and continue playing. It was a great afternoon. 😊



TENNIS COACHING

Term 2 Tennis Coaching will commence on Thursday 18th April in the School Hall from 1:10 pm – 1:45 pm.

Cost is \$10 per child per lesson.

Enrolment forms will be available from the office or at the hall with coach.



Ian Myles



Year 6 Shirts

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Toogoolawah PICTURES

Saturday, 27 April **Saturday, 11 May**

Doors: 7 pm Movie: 7.20 - 9.25 pm Doors: 7 pm Movie: 7.20 - 9.30 pm

WICKED LITTLE LETTERS

GODZILLA-KONG THE NEW EMPIRE

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.