From the Principal

Eat Smart be Healthy Awards

Congratulations to all our student finalists in the Healthiest lunch competition. A special commendation was achieved by class Green B, who won the overall healthiest class award, having the highest combination of lunchbox and skipping scores. Our most inspirational teacher award for this program was won by Ms Jay Semmler, teacher of Green B. We hope that all our children are now even more motivated to have healthy lunches at school each day. Thank you to Ms Jan Peak for coordinating this program at Eagleby this term.

Dreamworld Visit

Our prep students had the rare opportunity to pat a crocodile during the Dreamworld, “Wildlife for kids” visit last week. The other exotic animals on show included snakes, owls and lizards. Thank you to our prep teachers for organising the visit as a culmination to the student’s unit of work this term.

Around the classrooms

PREP students in PF class learn about force & motion with Ms Kumar

QUOCKA reading

Joining forces with the ladies from QUOTA to present the Year 3 reading program, are our adopt-a-cop Senior Constable Mark Haestier and students from Beenleigh SHS. Thank you to QUOTA for providing this invaluable program to our students. All participating students will also receive a free book from the program.

There were some excellent performances from our senior students in their dramatic performances of Ancient Rome.

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

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Thank you to our volunteers
On Tuesday we had the opportunity to thank our invaluable volunteers with a special lunch and performance from our school choir. Year 6 students and staff assisted the chef to deliver a spectacular lunch to approximately 50 volunteers! Eagleby State School would not be able to offer the multitude of programs and extra curriculum activities to our students if it were not for all the voluntary hours generously donated by so many people. I see the evidence every day of the educational advantage our students receive through a rich, diverse education. The community spirit in Eagleby is alive and well; education is definitely a community responsibility here!

Beenleigh SHS School Awards
Earlier this month, I had the pleasure of attending the annual Beenleigh SHS school awards. I am very proud to say that many past Eagleby State School students received special awards on the night. In particular, both Brooke Longham and Nathaniel Aganon were named School Captain and School Vice-Captain respectively. In addition, Jermeoin Dowdle was named a school prefect.
Other awardees on the night:
Blade Braithwaite; Jake Hunter; Anan Letchford; Gabbie Couto; Macauley Hodges; Jessica Longham; Wesley Moreira; Kym Morgan; Kiale Ritchie; Alicia Butler; Nathaniel Aganon; Jermeoin Dowdle; Brooke Longham; Courtney Szoboszlai & Kodi-Lee Chant.

School Reports
During the final week of this term, your child will be issued with a semester report detailing information about their progress at school, both academically and socially. If your child is not at school during this time, you will need to collect the report from the school office; reports will not be posted home with the exception of those students who have left the school permanently. Parent/Teacher interviews will not be scheduled this term. However if you would like to discuss your child’s progress with his/her teacher, do not hesitate to contact the school to make an appointment.

Homework Hints
Make it a team effort:
Remind your child that you’re not the enemy, says Jeffrey Bernstein, PhD, author of “10 Days to a Less Defiant Child.” "Let him know you’re on his team," he says.
Instead of pressuring him, give him a running start: Organise the material, help him do the first few problems, cheerlead as needed. Once a project is partially complete, it doesn’t seem so overwhelming

Play to the child’s strengths:
If a child is paralyzed by homework, says Bernstein, "Try to encourage his identity as an achiever." Instead of offering vague praise such as, "You’re a smart kid,” he recommends drawing specific parallels to areas in which the child excels. For example, if your son is going for a brown belt in karate, praise him for sticking with it while other kids dropped out, and encourage him to kick the homework in the head.
Resist the urge to punish:

Shouting, though often cathartic, is counterproductive. "Never pair something you want a child to do with anything aversive," says Alan Kazdin, PhD, director of the Yale Parenting Center & Child Conduct Clinic and author of "The Kazdin Method for Parenting the Defiant Child." "One of the worst things a teacher can do," says Kazdin, "is have a student write something on the board 100 times."

Speak the right language:

Kids relate to stories, not lectures. To win the trust of your son or daughter, suggests Bernstein, share a story about how you hated your seventh-grade maths teacher, too. "Make disclosures about times in your life when you procrastinated or felt overwhelmed," Bernstein advises.

Practice, practice, practice:

"Ask yourself, 'if I were a homework "coach," how would I approach the problem?"" suggests Dan Kindlon, PhD, a professor of child psychology at Harvard University and the author of "Too Much of a Good Thing: Raising Children of Character in an Indulgent Age." And Kazdin suggests starting out slowly, settling for two-minute increments of solid work, and then building from there. "You're not going to get 45 minutes of homework tomorrow," says Kazdin, "but next week, you will."

Eagleby State School Song

A huge thank you to Sharon Sheppard our music teacher for composing a fantastic school song. It was such a surprise on assembly last week and an even bigger surprise that the students were able to keep such a big secret. I really appreciate the time and effort it took to create such a wonderful tribute to our school. I’d like to thank the choir for their wonderful performance.

I look forward to sharing afternoon tea with you each Thursday following assembly.

Have a great week!

Suzanne Jolley - Principal

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING IN 2014

Excluding Year 7 Students

Please complete and return to the school office.

- Child/ren’s Name/s: _______________________________ __________________________

- 2013 Class/es: ____________________________________ _________________________

- 2013 Year Level/s: ________________________________ __________________________

- Reason for departure: 
  _____________________________________________________ _________________________

Your name:         Signed:          Date:
Prep 2014
If your child was born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009, they are eligible for Prep in 2014. We are currently conducting prep interviews at the school in preparation for next year. If you have a child eligible for Prep or know someone who does, please collect an enrolment pack from the office and we will organise an interview time. Our Prep readiness program for 2014 continued today with our second transition day.

Late Arrivals
The number of student late arrivals to school in the mornings is of some concern. Teachers use this valuable time in the morning to prepare the students for the daily program and begin teaching. Often students miss out on this preparation due to being late for class. Thank you for ensuring that your child is at school by 8.40am and in class on time.

Lara Smith – Deputy Principal

Students of the Week - 31-10-13
- SL - Georgia - Putting in extra effort during class discussions.
- SB - Corben - Outstanding behavior & focus during learning time.
- PF - Malachi - For being a kind & helpful friend.
- PP - Dylan - Being confident & using a loud clear voice when practicing the leadership speech.
- PKW - Miss-Kitty - Showing compassion & kindness to others when they are sad.
- BP - Alex - For his excellent contributions in Science discussions.
- BJ - Baran - Excellent reading during shared reading.
- BM - Hamish - Showing a responsible attitude during his prep-practice.
- GR - Wesley - Working enthusiastically with such a positive attitude.

Students of the Week - 7-11-13
- SL - Tia - For doing a wonderful job with her writing & using editing strategies.
- PF - Te Takoha - For a super effort in making the right choices & using Talk, Walk, Report.
- PKW - Jarred - Participating in all class discussions especially in science.
- AB - Mcauley - For a great improvement in attitude to learning.
- AK - Paris - 100% in maths.
- BP - Isabella - Being a respectful & responsible student who always tries her best in class.
- BJ - Chloe - Fantastic improvement in both pat M & R tests.
- BB - Nickolas - Making an effort in all areas.
- BM - Caleb - For putting in a great effort in completing his tasks on time.
- GR - Natalie - Working consistently well in class to complete set work.
- GG - Bailey - Taking ownership of own learning.

Recipients of Diamond Awards are:

Congratulations & well done !!!!!

Absentee Phone Line - (07) 3442 5360 please use this number instead of the office number. Please leave child's name, date and reason for absence.
Eagleby State School is a public place. We all have a right to be together in a sanitized and cared for space. So last week’s SWPBS Lesson was …

Put Rubbish in The Bin
1. Walk to the eating area
2. Take your food out of the wrapper
3. Walk to the rubbish bin
4. Put wrapper in

In Blue P this term we have been learning about ‘matter’ in Science. We have been doing interesting experiments with solids and liquids. This week we conducted an experiment investigating whether ice or chocolate melted faster. We found that ice melts faster than chocolate!

Robyn Chohan…………..Blue P

It has been good to finally have the vegetable garden in production for the whole year. Our garden club has been running weekly, with a lot of participation from the junior school. The students help with preparing the soil, planting, mulching, watering and picking the vegetables. This year we have grown lettuce, zucchini, cucumber, broccoli, cauliflower, potatoes, beetroot, carrots, strawberries, tomatoes, eggplant, cabbage, sweet corn, silverbeet, spinach, beans, snow peas, pumpkin, leeks, spring onions, and various herbs. Most of these vegetables are then used in our kitchen program.

Many thanks to volunteers Jim and Noeline, and teacher Mellissa Mayfield who have helped with the garden club this year. On Thursday afternoon for the next couple of weeks we will be selling excess vegetables near the front gate, with money raised going towards next year’s garden club. I look forward to another productive year in 2014.

Richard Ferrari
Facilities/Grounds Officer

Garden Club 2013

WIN A FAMILY TENNIS PACK VALUED $500

To go into the draw to win, simply:
1. Like us on Facebook: facebook.com/BeenleighBlaze
2. Come along to the BEENLEIGH HOME GAME & WEAR RED to support the Beenleigh Blaze.
3. Post a comment/photo on the Facebook page or follow us on twitter @BeenleighBlaze

The Asia Pacific Tennis League (ATL) - Queensland Conference is coming to town:

When: Friday 22 November from 6pm
Where: Beenleigh Tennis Club

Come along to see Queensland’s best elite tennis players as they compete head to head. PLUS enjoy music, food stalls, fun tennis activities, score prizes and experience team tennis with the local community.

Support Your Team & Win!
Next P & C Meeting will be Wednesday 4th Dec at 3pm in the seminar room

### Uniform Shop Opening Hours

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### Tuckshop

Tuckshop is open **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday** for 1st and 2nd breaks.

Please use Australian currency only as we are unable to bank foreign currency.

New tuckshop menu became effective 7th November 2013. As reported in previous newsletters some items experienced a price rise to cover an increase in cost to us from our suppliers. New menus have been sent home. If you did not receive a copy & would like one please see the office.

**NO HOT FOOD WILL BE SOLD DURING 2ND BREAK**

All **2nd break lunch** orders MUST be collected from the Tuckshop. There is no class basket this break.

### Notices

School banking is every Friday. Please hand banking to class teacher and please make sure you have completed a deposit slip so your banking can be processed.

**PLEASE SEE INCLUDED IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING CHANGES TO SCHOOL BANKING**

If you can spare some time, we need volunteers to help in the uniform shop and the tuck shop. If you are able to help out please leave you name and contact details at the office or see Yvonne in the uniform shop or Sandy in the tuck shop.

**Year 7 Graduation:** - Your graduation payments can be left at the office. Whether paying in full or installments all money must be placed in an envelope with your name, class and amount included written on your envelope, payment must be finalized by 2/12/13.

Do you have photos of school activities taken during your child’s attendance at Eagleby State School? Could we please borrow these photos? The P&C will scan the photos and give back to the student. Please put your child’s name and class on back of the photo and leave them in an envelope at the office.

**Subway:** This will be offered again on the first Monday of the month, this time being on **Monday 2nd Dec.**

Order forms will be handed out closer to the date.

**Saturday 7th December**

**Eagleby Community Markets**

**Held by the Eagleby Community Association Inc**

**Where:** Fryar Road Hall Eagleby

**When:** First Saturday of each month

**Time:** 8am - 12pm

**Bigger and Better!!!**

- Live Entertainment
- Market Stalls
- Food stalls
- Traditional Hangi food
- Jumping castle
- Face painting
- Fruit and Vege
- Records & CD’s
Swimming Lessons
Prep - Year 3

Reminder to parents who have children attending swimming lessons.

Swimming Lessons will commence on Monday 25th November
& Finish on Friday 6th December
Your child is required to wear (along with their swimmers) a sun safe shirt & sunscreen.

AN INVITATION
to our
Musical showcase
Current & future students
Wednesday 20th November 4.30pm - 6.00pm (in school hall)

As part of our school community you are invited to attend our annual music night of entertainment.
Come along and gain information regarding our programs & be entertained by our instrumental students & choir.
A Sausage Sizzle & refreshments will be available.

Hope to see you there - Sharon, Krystal & Sean (the music team)

Eat Smart Be Active
This term students have taken part in the Eat Smart B Active Program. They were very excited to share their lunch boxes and count the points of their healthy food choices. The students became very aware of which foods had healthy benefits and which foods they should keep at home to have as a treat. Skipping continues to be part of daily activities with students enjoying the fabulous free skipping ropes that were donated to the school.
Lots of certificates have been given out to students across the school due to their remarkable achievements in gaining top marks for healthy food choices. The names of these students were placed in a hat for the chance to win an MP3 player. Ms Jolley drew the winner during assembly last week. Bailey was the lucky winner! Baily said, “I like the MP3 player because I get to jump to the skipping song, play the games and dance to the other songs. I was a bit surprised to win but I felt amazed!” Well done Baily.
Also, 4 fruit platters were given to 2 classes each week for getting the highest scores in the school. Congratulations to Blue P, Purple KW, Green B and Blue B.
The challenge continues with students continuing to pack creative ways to make healthy, nutritious food choices.
Well done everyone and may your good work continue!
Mrs Peak
Learning Support: Literacy and Numeracy
Coordinator Eat Smart B Active Program

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