From the Principal

Mayor Pam Parker farewells our Graduates

Our year 7 graduates celebrated the finish of eight years of schooling with a stunning awards night with Mayor Pam Parker and families sharing in their excitement. Thank you to our P&C Association, graduation committee and staff for organising a wonderful farewell for our students. We wish all our graduates the success for the future; they will be sadly missed. Our senior students have been excellent role models for our students throughout the year and we are confident that they will succeed in whatever profession they aspire to in the future.

Rock-Ed Christmas Concert

We had a record attendance at our joyous Christmas concert last Friday evening; the school choirs and each class gave outstanding performances to culminate a great year of learning. This special annual event was a great success due to the hard work from students, staff, P&C, parents and the community working together. I am very grateful to everyone’s contributions in making our concert an especially memorable one for all the students.

‘Kids Hope’ Mentors

At this time of the year we have opportunities to thank the many volunteers that help our students; Lesley Anne Finter, coordinator of the “Kids Hope” mentor program provided a celebratory morning tea for all students, mentors and families last week. The mentors spend one hour each week for the entire year with their student, providing much academic and emotional support. These special people make a difference every day in the lives of our students and we are very grateful for their ongoing support.
The Preps enjoy the final TEYS lunch for the year

Sponsors from TEYS Australia, YMCA, Twin Rivers Care and PCYC attended a special lunch last week as a token of our appreciation for their support throughout the year. Thank you to chef and Rob for coordinating the lunch.

Homework Centre Celebration

Thank you to Sam Mao from the Smith Family and our volunteers (including our year 7 students Andrew & Ethan) for all they have contributed to our weekly homework centre throughout this year; a special thank you to coordinator, Jan Peak for her dedication in maintaining this important learning centre.

New Electronic Sign

Eagleby State School will have a new electronic sign installed at the front of the school over the holidays in preparation for 2014. (I am a little disappointed that I did not have the opportunity to use it before I left....... ) The new sign will further assist with communication between the school and the community.

Farewell to Staff

At the end of this term, we farewell Ms Gizing Sonboli who will complete her contract and we also say goodbye to Ms Reanne Sims who has accepted a permanent position in Rockhampton. We thank them both for their great contributions to Eagleby State School and they will both be sadly missed.

We farewell Ms Kellie Kemp at the end of term who joins Ms Angela Brudenall and Ms Johanna Ward on maternity leave; we look forward to welcoming these three exceptional teachers back to the Eagleby fold in the future.

After nearly 10 years of service, Ms Angie Surawski has obtained a transfer to the Sunshine Coast for 2014, after re-locating her family there earlier this year. Throughout her tenure at Eagleby, Angie has taught classes from Year 1 to Year 7 and more recently took charge of the pre-prep ‘Butterfly Wings’ program with Ms Betty Manovski. Angie is a very versatile and naturally talented teacher who has positively influenced a large number of our graduating students and we wish her well in her new school.

We also farewell Ms Lee Bowtell at the end of this year; Lee has been a member of staff at Eagleby SS since 2005. Lee has worked across many areas during her time here, including classroom teaching, Mathematics coach and support teacher for literacy and numeracy. In addition, Lee was temporarily seconded to the Regional Turnaround Team to specifically assist schools with their improvement agenda. Lee has brought many talents to Eagleby and her contributions have assisted the improved outcomes of our students over the past number of years. Due to family commitments, Lee will transfer to the Redlands district from 2014 and we wish her every success for the future.
Thank you Eagleby!

I will retire from the end of this year after being your principal since mid-2007 and starting my career in education in 1979! My husband and I plan to spend a substantial amount of time with his elderly mother in France next year and have other commitments that we need to attend to. I am excited about the next phase of my life and at the same time, it is with sadness that I farewell the Eagleby State School community. My time here has been challenging and extremely rewarding and I have loved being the principal of this amazing school; it has been a privilege to be welcomed into your community over that time.

We have an exceptional team of teaching and non-teaching staff at Eagleby and I would like to thank everyone for supporting me as your principal and for always putting in 100% for the students. Thank you to the P&C association, led by president, Sandra Eastwood for working alongside me over the years to achieve the best for the children. Thank you to parents and community members for your support over the years and I wish Eagleby State School all the continued success in the coming years. I will miss the children most of all!

As the Summer vacation approaches it is a time to reflect on the achievements, successes and challenges met in 2013 and to anticipate new goals and opportunities in 2014 and into the future. I would like to wish everyone a joyous and safe vacation as we all look forward to a fresh and exciting year ahead.

The Summer vacation is a time for family, fun in the sun and celebration! I am aware, however, that for some families it can also be a challenging time as they manage financial budgets and miss spending time with family members or friends who are unable to be with them for one reason or another. I would like to encourage all students and families to please reach out if you need a listening ear or some assistance – no matter how big or small it may seem at the time. Discussion about positive ways of managing problems and where to seek help is the best way to move forward. The following recognised providers are available all year around and can provide valuable, confidential support to you, your child and your family. Two important messages are that all of us should seek help from others when we feel down or vulnerable, and that young people should tell an adult if they are worried about a friend. These services are free of charge or substantially subsidised. If you are concerned about your child over the school holidays or wish to seek information for yourself regarding a matter, please refer to the information provided.

Merry Christmas and I wish everyone much happiness, love and health for 2014 and beyond! I wish Eagleby State School another fantastic and rich year of learning in 2014.

Suzanne Jolley - Principal

Support options:

Parent Helpline (24hrs) - 1300 30 1300 (cost of local call) or www.parentline.com.au

Kidshelpline (24 hrs) - 1800 55 1800 (free call) or http://www.kidshelp.com.au

Lifeline (24hrs) - 13 11 14 or www.lifeline.org.au

- Reach Out - Young people helping themselves in tough times - reachout.com

- Child and Youth Mental Health Services, Logan-Beaudesert Ph: 3089 4100

- Obtain a referral from your local GP to receive psychological services under the following, subsidised, schemes:

- headspace centres: Free Mental Health Support for 12-25 year olds – any issue
  Ipswich - 26 East Street, Ipswich Ph: 3280 7900
  Inala - 156 Inala Avenue, Inala Ph: 3727 5000
  Southport - 126 Scarborough St, Southport Ph: 5509 5900

  Online and telephone counselling. 9am – 1am, 7 days a week.

- StandBy Response Service Brisbane - 0438 150 180 (24 hrs)
  For those bereaved by suicide

- Suicide Call Back Service – 1300 659 467 (24hrs)
  For those who are suicidal, worried about someone who is suicidal or those bereaved by suicide.
Deputy’s Column

End of Year

As we come to the conclusion of another year, it is appropriate to take the opportunity to reflect. As a school we have had a very successful and busy year, and I am sure the students, staff and parents are looking forward to the break. It has been my pleasure to be a part of the team at Eagleby State School this year as Deputy Principal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their commitment and enthusiasm in leading our students. At Eagleby State School we are privileged to have such great teachers who are dedicated to achieving the best possible outcomes for your children.

At this point it is important to recognise the contribution of our parent community. Thank you for your dedication and service to the school, whether it has been through the P&C, assisting in the classrooms, volunteering at community events or in any other capacity of service.

We also say farewell to our Principal Ms Suzanne Jolley who is leaving us after seven years as our leader. I would like to thank her on behalf of all the staff, students, parents and wider community for her dynamic, enthusiastic, inspiring, and dedicated leadership that has helped shape this wonderful school. I wish both Suzanne and her husband Michel all the best as they enjoy traveling and spending time together during retirement.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy and safe holiday.

Lara Smith - Deputy Principal

Awards

Students of the Week - 28-11-13

- **SL - Ezekiel** - Showing a huge improvement in his reading skills this term.
- **PF - Anthony** - For consistently being on task.
- **PKW - Anika** - For being a considerate, caring & hard working student.
- **BP - Lovenia** - Excellent effort with her Maths Assessment.
- **BM - Kadya** - Having a great eye for finding & using Tier 2 words in his reading & writing.
- **GG - Isabelle** - Improvement in Literacy & Numeracy.
- **RM - Tameatha** - For showing compassion to your peers & following instructions well.

Students of the Week - 5-12-13

- **SL - Santiana** - Enthusiastic contribution to the class rock-ed dance.
- **SB - Mohamm*et** - Always uses his listening body.
- **PF - Ruthylee** - For a great rock-ed practice.
- **PKW - PKW** - A fantastic year of respectful behavior & dedication to learning.
- **PT - Caleb** - Being a responsible, safe & respectful friend/role model.
- **BJ - Job-Liam** - Outstanding dance moves & organization.
- **BM - Lochlan** - Working quietly & carefully with all his tasks.
- **GR - Rafiq** - Working & learning with a positive attitude.
- **GB - Isaiah** - Working hard to continue making smart choices & supplying food generously to those in need.
- **RP - Tristan** - Putting 100% into every swimming lesson.

Recipients of Diamond Awards are:


Congratulations & well done !!!!!!
Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

For more about the School Watch Program contact Education Queensland’s School Security Section on ph (07) 3237 0874.

Year 7 Science Links Program

For the last 4 weeks our Year 7 students have travelled to Beenleigh SHS each Tuesday afternoon to participate in a range of science activities. The students have enjoyed being able to make use of the laboratory facilities and equipment and have conducted experiments involving forensic science, electrical circuits and testing different solutions. Their most favourite activity was definitely when the students used a mixture of cornflour, water and a glow-in-the-dark solution to make glowing slime!

Thank you to the teachers and teacher aides who accompanied the students each week.

Lee BOWTELL
Support Teacher: Literacy and Numeracy

FREE Eagleby Youth Space Holiday Program

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CLOSED: CHRISTMAS DAY DECEMBER 25TH 2013 — JANUARY 3RD 2014
**Message from the P&C:**

With the holidays almost here, we would like to say thank you to everyone that has helped during the year. Without your help we would not be able to provide many services to the school community, including; the uniform shop, tuck shop, breakfast club (5 days a week), school banking, Mother and Father’s Day stalls, raffles, sports day food stall, book club, Thursday lunch, our 25th Anniversary Fete, our volunteer gardeners Yvonne and Sheldon for the great work they are doing to help keep the gardens and grounds tidy.....thank you.

A thank you also to Tania, Julie and Sharon from the office, the cleaners and Richard as these people do so much to help the P&C each and every day. The students are the reason we help the school community and the students always give us big smiles and they always have great manners...thank you students.

Enjoy your holidays, keep safe and we will see you in 2014. To anyone that is leaving the school community take care and all the best.

**Thank you, farewell and good luck:**

We would like to say a special thank you to Suzanne for everything she has done for Eagleby State School over the past 6 & 1/2 years. You have been a great leader, leading a great staff and this has been shown in many ways over the years with all the achievements the school has succeeded in. Thank you also to Michel for our many cooked lunches and lots of laughs. You will both be missed, we wish you all the best in this next exciting chapter of your lives. The Eagleby State School community will miss you.

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**Uniform Shop Opening Hours**

| Opening hours: Friday 9.00am - 9.30am | Lay-by welcome | Cash Only |
| 2.30pm - 3.00pm | - no eftpos |
| Other days by prior arrangement | |

**Tuckshop**

**TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

**FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER**

Sandy would like to Thank you for all your support and help this year.

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**Rock Ed / Christmas Concert:** What a great night! Congratulations to everyone who won prizes in our Mega raffle. If you haven’t collected your prize yet, please call into the office and one of the ladies will give you your prize. Thank you for your donations for the raffle.

Congratulations to GB for being the class that donated the most items. As a thank you from the P&C, GB had a pizza lunch on Wednesday.

Thank you to the everyone that volunteered their time, to help make the night such a success, from helping with the raffle tickets, the BBQ, in the tuck shop or cleaning up at the end of the night.

Unfortunately many of the gifts that we ordered for tokens last week have run out at the bank, and they have sent us what ever gifts they still have in stock. School banking will start up again early 2014. There will be an opportunity to open up a new bank account next year. Watch this space for details. A thank you to the banking co-ordinators who volunteer their time each week, to collect the banking from the classes, process the accounts and bank the takings.

**School Banking**

**Bookclub:** Thank you to everyone who supported book club this year. Your orders helped us earn enough rewards to donate over $250 worth of books to the Library throughout the year.

**Year 7 Graduation:** Thank you to everyone that helped make this event a special memory for the Year 7 students. The students had an enjoyable night. There were a few tears from both students and teachers. Thank you for being a great 2013 year 7 class, and we wish you well in your new chapter of schooling.