Welcome to 2014

I feel very privileged to be the new Principal at Eagleby State School. I have been an educator for almost thirty years. Most of my teaching career has been in the Logan area. My family enjoys living in Logan and so I am delighted to return after five years working at Mudgeeraba State School.

I am sincerely passionate about community spirit and ensuring that every child is recognized and has multiple opportunities to shine as a learner every day. I look forward to working with you, to continue the wonderful work of this community that has build an excellent reputation for Eagleby State School. I have already had the pleasure of meeting many parents and community members and have felt very welcomed.

In 2014 we will continue our work with Kid’s Hope and the support that the ‘mentor’ program provides. We look forward to working again with the Smith Family and our Homework Centre. ‘The Village People’ are generously offering their time once again to support a variety of learning programs within the school. I am enthusiastic to work with the P & C as we explore ideas and opportunities that can support student learning. I encourage all parents to attend the P & C Meeting as much as possible.

If I haven’t met you already, I look forward saying hello as I walk around the school or as you attend a P & C Meeting or volunteer in a classroom, Tuckshop or Uniform shop.

Students Engaged in Learning

It was exciting to visit classrooms this week and to see that learning has begun. Our teachers are to be celebrated for their dedication, planning, expertise and focus, making sure that every day at school counts.
Professional Learning for Teachers

Our teachers participated in a series of learning opportunities during the recent Pupil Free Days. Our professional learning for 2014 will be specifically focusing on teacher expertise to plan for every individual learner; this means that the teacher forms the lessons for the students, from what they see that the student understands and need to learn next. The ‘Explicit Improvement Agenda’ for 2014 will be ‘The continual improvement of instruction for reading and writing through differentiation’.

Enrolments and Allocated Classes

Thank you to parents in their understanding that until day eight we cannot finalise our classes. After day eight we will be able to establish all classes on the number of students that have enrolled for 2014. As with other years, there will be some movement directly after the eighth day of the school year. The teachers from each year level all plan together on a very regular basis and so it is ensured that if a student moves to another class, the continuity of their learning will continue. We will work hard to safeguard that the best model is established for student learning.

It’s NOT OK to Be Away

Every day that a student attends school they are learning. Every day that a student is away they miss out on that learning. Please join with us in making sure that your child receives the very best education, by attending school on time every day in 2014.

Sun Safe Hats at School

It is important that all students are sun safe. This means wearing a hat during all play times. All hats that are worn at school must have a broad brim so that student’s ears and necks are well protected. It is preferred for students to wear our Eagleby School hat, which has been designed to be sun safe and go with our school uniform, which we wear with pride.

My Door is Open

My door is always open to assist families. Please feel comfortable to either make an appointment or drop in for a chat.

Libby Jordan - Principal

Deputy’s Column

Welcome to all our returning students, new students and families this year and a special welcome to all our prep students who have enrolled at Eagleby for 2014.

The first few days of the school year have gone very smoothly for both students and staff. It has been great to visit all of the classrooms to witness students making a great start to their school year.

We are looking forward to a very busy yet positive and rewarding 2014.

ALLERGIES TO NUTS

We have a few students at our school who are affected by a life threatening allergy to nuts. For one student the allergy is so severe that this child does not even need to touch a nut product but can be affected by sitting next to a child who has eaten something containing nuts. The allergy applies to peanut paste and nutella, snacks containing visible nut pieces such as Crunchy Nut muesli bars, nut snacks such as packets of fruit and nuts and products with wording, ‘may contain traces of nuts’. The school, on behalf of these students is therefore requesting that parents refrain from sending food containing nuts to school.

Lara Smith - Deputy Principal

| Kids Help Line | 1800 551 800 (free call) |
| Parent Help Line | 1300 30 1300 |
| Lifeline | 13 11 14 |

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
TWIN RIVERS

The Rivers Café at the Twin Rivers Centre (104 Riverhills Rd Eagleby) is open from Tues - Fri 9am to 3pm. The café has a menu including a range of coffee and tea plus cakes, snacks and lunch options. It is on the deck towards the bottom end of the car park. You can phone Michelle Roos on 0409 064 252 or 3382 4000 to book or enquire regarding any special needs.

The Twin Rivers Food Coop supplies low cost food for low income families, there is a membership of $7 a year. If customers have a Centrelink payment or are part of the "working poor" they can qualify to purchase at the Coop. We don't do food parcels, the Coop is set up as a mini supermarket and customers select what they require. The Coop doesn't carry a full range of product but does carry a large selection of food, fruit n veges, and household products. Essentials such as bread and milk are almost always available and there is a large range of cold and frozen goods. Coop hours are Tuesday - Saturday between 10am and 4pm.

QUOTA Supports Eagleby SS

Quota International’s 6,000 members change lives through service and friendship for deaf, hard-of-hearing and disadvantaged women and children in local communities around the world. At the end of 2013, QUOTA International Beenleigh invited Eagleby State School to apply for a funding grant to support our students’ education. I am pleased to announce that the members of QUOTA International Beenleigh informed the school last week that we have been successful as the recipient of $2000. This much appreciated funding will go towards IPAD programming for our students across the school.

A cheque will be presented to the school later on in the year. On behalf of the school, I would like to sincerely thank QUOTA International Beenleigh for this generous support as it will make a huge difference to the lives of many students.

Mr Geoff Brind
Head of Special Education

BUTTERFLY WINGS COMMENCING

WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY
9.15AM-11.00AM

Come and join us for another year of song and dance.
Introducing a new program “Koala Joeys”.
For more information contact school.

Eagleby Community Association
Valentines Day High Tea

Where: Twin Rivers Café
When: Saturday 15th February
Time: 10am - 12pm

Celebrate Valentines Day and help raise money for the Eagleby Community Association.
Cost: $20 per person

Enjoy:
* Tea and coffee
* Sweets and savories
* Greet conversation

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SIGN ON DATES:
Sunday 2nd February 10am - 2pm
At the Eagleby Community Centre

Tuesday 4th February 5.30pm - 8pm
At Beenleigh MacDonals

Please bring child’s birth certificate or passport

Contact Arthur on: 0422 261 286
Welcome back to all students, parents and staff of the Eagleby State School community. I hope you all had a relaxing holiday and are ready for another exciting year. A warm welcome to new students, parents and staff of the school community.

The P&C meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 3pm in the Seminar Room.

A BIG thank you:
Thank you to Yvonne, Shirlene, Sandra and Sheldon for giving up the last week of the holidays to open the uniform shop so the students were able to be fitted with new uniforms.

Student School Banking:
Student banking will be operating again this year. We will inform you when this will start up again.

Uniform shop:
We have currently run out of size 4, 6 & 8 polo shirts and another order has been placed. We will advertise in the newsletter when this stock has arrived.

Uniform Shop opening times:
Friday morning- 8.30 am -9.00am
Friday afternoon- 2.30pm – 3.00pm.
If you would like to volunteer in the uniform shop please see Yvonne at the uniform shop, see a P&C member or leave your name and contact details at the office.

Reminder that the uniform shop has a layby system, if you would like to use this service. Please use correct Australian currency.

Book Club:
Book club brochures will be sent home next week, and the order forms must be returned to the office, with the students name and class, along with the correct money by Thursday 13th February.

Breakfast Club:
Breakfast club will start again this week. Please remember the location change for breakfast will be near the tuckshop at the hall. Breakfast is served from 8.00am – 8.30am. Don’t forget your big smiles and please and thank you to the volunteers as they serve you your breakfast.

Fundraiser:
Our first fundraiser for the year will be Billy G’s Cookie dough. Information and order forms will be sent home soon.

Watch this space for more exciting fundraisers at Eagleby State School in 2014.

All money raised by the P&C goes towards much needed resources for the school community.

School Photos:
Photo day will be the 20th May.