From the Principal

2014 has begun with all systems go

I am sure that it will prove to be another exciting year of learning, engagement and excitement for all of our community. Eagleby State School is a great place to be! Our values, Compassion, Honesty and Respect, Optimism and Community shine through at every moment.

I have been impressed to see how eagerly students have settled into routines of learning, been respectful to each other and adults, whilst clearly recognizing their responsibilities as a community member.

Our Continued Vision

Our Vision at Eagleby State School is to have high expectations in all things, to provide a progressive curriculum, which is differentiated so that students are all participating in learning that is challenging, but within reach, so that a love of learning is enforced. A differentiated curriculum means that classroom learning is broken up into ‘bits’ so that every student can confidently access what is being taught, that they feel supported, know what their learning goals are and understand their teachers guidance and feedback so that they progress. Great learners reflect on what they have learnt and talk about where, what they have learnt fits into other information; students build their skills over time in this area.

Professional sharing and mentoring is a focus for staff, which is a fluid and constant best practice. Teachers are very supportive of each other at Eagleby State School. This is unique characteristic of this community. All professionals are sincerely welcomed.

Our Great Community

Celebrating our community partnerships and spirit is off to a great start at Eagleby State School this year. We are so grateful to have such an exceptional wrap around of community services looking after us. Last week saw our first class have their cooked lunch, sponsored by Teyes and IGA. Our Kids Hope mentors visited for afternoon tea on Monday and this program will now commence. Many classes have parent helpers along with our wonderful ‘Village People’ supporting in classrooms, providing Chess expertise for the Chess Club, Garden Club support so that we have veggies for our cooking and so much more. The Homework club provides every child with every possible opportunity to read and write with the Smith Family and ‘Village People’ support.

Our Breakfast Club has been as popular as ever before school. The Breakfast program is sponsored by the PCYC and supported by many volunteers, who arefacilitated every day by Rob and Chappie Nick. Before school is an important time for students to be calm and settled. This year we have a clear focus to achieve this by moving the Breakfast Club to the Hall kitchen, with students undercover sitting down where they can catch up with friends before learning begins. Our school rules of being safe, respectful and responsible begin as soon as students walk through our gates and we would hope are present within our community.

Every Learning Moment Counts

We sincerely appreciate the effort families are putting into making sure that students are on time for learning at 8.50am every day. Our mission is to develop strong minds supported by a healthy body so that every child can have the successful future they deserve. It is a partnership which works so well; parents ensure that students are prepared for school with the correct school uniform, a healthy lunch, are on time and have completed their homework; teachers ensure that learning is engaging, exciting and progressive.

2014 Staff

This year we welcome some new and many returning staff members:

Class Teachers:
Emily Litzow SL
Tania Fielding and Annissa Kumar SF
Bridgett Dally and Tracy Pacey PB
Jay Semmler PS
Dayna Hutchins PD
Jessica Holmes PH
Emma Taylor GT
Laura Graf GG
Sue Rowe GR

Robyn Chohan RC
Kathryn Thornton RT
Andrea Barr- Hamilton RA
Rosemary Burness – RB
Melissa Mayfield AM
Cara Ridgway AR
Jamie Peacock BJ
Kerenza Misso BM
Sara Connor BC
Ben Peardon BP
Support Services:
Special Education Teachers – Claire Hamlet & Clarinda Swan
Support Teachers for Literacy & Numeracy – Vince Masci, Jan Peak & Di Godfrey
Music – Sharon Sheppard
Physical Education – Luke Brudenall
Language Other Than English – Di Godfrey
Chaplain – Nicholas Carroll
Indigenous Liaison Officer – Aunty Robin
Guidance Officer Jackie Maksoud

Administration:
Principal: Libby Jordan
Deputy Principal: Lara Smith
Head of Special Education: Geoff Brind
Head of Curriculum: Megan Hay
Business Service Manager: Sharon Armstrong
Administration Officers: Tania Schulz, Julie Ogilvie and Tiarna Mereskzo.

Student Enrolments 2014:
Our current enrolments stand at 493 students. This year we have 19 classes from Prep to Year 7. We are looking forward to the many opportunities that 2014 will provide to be creative and innovative in what students will experience as a part of their education at Eagleby State School.

Great Results Guarantee:
I am pleased to advise that Eagleby State School has been allocated $128,000 for 2014 under the State Government’s newly announced Great Results Guarantee. Together, we now need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve literacy and numeracy outcomes. This funding provides us with a further opportunity to engage our parents and the wider community and to encourage everyone to have input into how best to spend this additional funding. Once funding priorities and targets have been decided, I will sign a guarantee, which will hold me accountable for the results. Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee. Our Great Results Guarantee will be endorsed by our P+C and published on our website.

Student Resource Scheme:
Eagleby State School does not have a book list scheme, where parents independently purchase teacher nominated items and students bring them along on the first name of school. In place of this, parents pay $120 per student and the school provides the stationary materials for students as a convenience to parents. This is different to many schools, which may have a book list and an additional voluntary contribution scheme. It is expected that parents pay the $120 per student for the stationary materials that are provided, as this is a very different arrangement to the voluntary contribution scheme. If you have any questions or concerns, please see me at your convenience.

P & C:
Our first P & C meeting was on the 12th February with the Annual General Meeting being on the 12th March. It would be great to see as many parents as possible at the 2014 P & C meetings. It is a great way to hear about the school and be an active part of the decision making. Our P & C held a welcoming afternoon tea for all new parents on the 7th February and are planning another opportunity sometime in March.

Parking:
Please be considerate when parking before and after school. As we all know, students do not always look before they move; drivers need to park appropriately and move with caution at all times so that our community children are safe. Council workers have indicated that they would be visiting our community to ensure that everyone is parking legally.

Libby Jordan - Principal
Deputy’s Column

Oral Language

Our Oral Language and Phonological Awareness Programs have started this Term. The students in Prep to Year 3 will engage in various whole class and small group activities to improve oral language, vocabulary and phonological awareness. These Programs are co-ordinated by our Support Teacher – Jan Peak and the classroom teachers, with guidance from the Speech Language Pathologist and our specialist Speech Teacher Aide – Cara Norris.

Bike safety tips

Parents play a vital role in teaching children bike safety.

Since children learn by example, parents can help teach children road and bike safety. When your child does ride to school:
Ensure they wear a correctly fitted and fastened helmet – the helmet should fit firmly, be comfortable, and shouldn’t move around on the head when worn.
Show them the safest route, ride with your child until you’re confident they have the necessary skills to ride on their own.
Ensure they walk their bikes along the footpath at the front of the school.
Make sure they ride on the footpath (if primary school age), keep left and give way to pedestrians.
Teach your child never to be towed by a vehicle, and never “double” other children.

Helmets help protect bike riders from head injuries and can save lives. Queensland law requires that everyone must wear a helmet when riding a bike. Set a good example by always wearing a helmet when riding a bicycle – helmets are not just for kids.

Helmets come in a variety of shapes and sizes and some helmets fit kids better than others.

To help to make your child more visible to motorists, place a flag and red reflector on the back of the bike and a white reflector on the front. Wearing brightly coloured and reflective shoes and clothing will also increase visibility.

Lara Smith - Deputy Principal

Learning Tip

Internet and Email Safety at Home

Kids: to have a good time on the internet, you need to keep them and yourself cyber safe and cyber secure. At school, all children are provided with an Education Queensland email address which they use for school based activities. Although teachers talk about security and what is appropriate to email with the children, it is important that you talk to your children about internet safety and security too.

Set strong passwords, particularly for important online accounts and change them regularly—consider making a diary entry to remind yourself. Stop and think before you share any personal or financial information—about you, your friends or family. Don’t disclose identity information (drivers licence, Medicare No, birth date, address) through email or online unless you have initiated the contact and you know the other person involved.

Don’t give your email address out without needing to. Think about why you are providing it, what the benefit is for you and whether it will mean you are sent emails you don’t want. Be very suspicious of emails from people you don’t know, particularly if they promise you money, good health or a solution to all your problems. The same applies for websites. Remember, anything that looks too good to be true usually is. Limit the amount and type of identity information you post on social networking sites. Don’t put sensitive, private or confidential information on your public profile.

When shopping online use a secure payment method such as PayPal, BPAY, or your credit card. Avoid money transfers and direct debit, as these can be open to abuse. Never send your bank or credit card details via email. When using a public computer, don’t submit or access any sensitive information online. Public computers may have a keystroke logger installed which can capture your password, credit card number and bank details.

A fun way to learn how to be safe and secure on the internet is through the Government's Budd:e education package. Budd:e includes a fun game that you can play to earn points and build your own cyber security Budd:e. This is a link to the website:

Awards

Students of the Week - 30-1-14

- PH - Malachi - Being a helpful, polite & hardworking student.
- AM - Jamie - Being a responsible student by helping a new student & her teacher in the classroom.
- AR - Sequoia - For a fantastic start to the new year.
- BJ - Jarred – Making a fantastic start to the new school year.
- BM - Tanakorn - Displaying responsible behavior from the start & being an excellent role model for SWPBS.
- BC - Tanathon - Being friendly to new teachers & making them feel welcome.
- BP - Sommer - For showing great manners.
- GG - Saimone - Being very respectful.
- RC - Gabriella - Settling in well & writing an excellent recount n her holidays.
- RA - Jesse - Displaying beautiful manners during class learning times.
- RB - Liz - Settling beautifully into Yr 4 & being safe, responsible & respectful

Students of the Week - 6-2-14

- PD - Madeline - For being so clever in her maths work.
- PH - Samson - Being such a great friend & role model to his peers.
- AM - Tristan - Being a very respectful member in class. Always uses his manners & is helpful to others.
- AR - Kai – Being a respectful & responsible member of AR.
- BJ - Lochlan - Always giving 100% effort in all of his schoolwork.
- BM - Caroline - Consistently staying focused on class tasks & working independently.
- BC - Courtney - Being a kind, helpful & beautiful human being.
- BP - Brandon - For showing a great attitude to the day.
- GT - Tylan - For being a good friend & role model.
- RC - Will - Being a great helper & always following instructions.
- RA - Angelina - For always writing neatly in her book.

From the classroom...........BP

Welcome back from Blue P,
The year six and seven students have a big and exciting year ahead of them with plenty of learning to do and a few exciting adventures along the way. We are looking forward to going away on camp later this year and as well as our sports carnivals and inter school gala days. There is a big focus on reading this year along with some fascinating history, science and geography topics to cover. Stay tuned closely it’s going to a great year.
Ben Peardon.

Lunch Club

Lunch club
Blue P’s lunchtime restaurant.
In 2014 the privilege of running our schools restaurant has been given to Blue P. Students from both year six and seven will have the opportunity to assist in the preparation and serving of a delicious healthy meal once a week. The kitchen has been running for a number of years now with the support of the students and parents. I would like to say a special thank you to the combined efforts of Mr Rob and his volunteers for their dedication to help keep this program running. We look forward to seeing all the classes enjoy their lovely meal.
Mr Peardon and Blue P students.

Choir

Eagleby Choirs
Welcome back to all our families, 2014 promises to be yet another exciting year for our choirs at Eagleby State School. This year Eagle Rocks’ Choir will be on Tuesday first break and is open to all students from year 1 up (Prep students may join on request from parents). We are also trialling a new smaller group of selected singers for extra events, known as ‘Eagleby Voices’ (rehearsal time to be announced).
This year our choirs will participate in many community / school events such as Leadership Presentation, Anzac Day and Eagleby Festival. We will entertain the residents of both Palm Lakes and Jimbelunga as we do each year. A new and exciting event for the students’ mid-year will be a Mass Choir event on the Gold Coast where hundreds of students from our region will participate in a full day of rehearsal with a professional conductor culminating in a concert at the end of the day.
I would like to take this time to thank all our past and present choir families for their commitment to choir and Eagleby State School.
Yours in music
Ms Sharon Sheppard
Healthy Tip

HEALTHY TIP:
There’s a lot of talk about getting kids to eat healthy foods, but what about getting them on board with healthy drinks? What kids drink can drastically affect the amount of calories consumed, as well as the amount of calcium needed to build strong bones.

Serve Water and Milk
For kids of all ages, water and milk are the best choices, so let them flow. Not only is water calorie-free, but drinking it teaches kids to accept a low-flavour, no-sugar beverage as a thirst-quencher. Because a cup of milk has 300 milligrams of calcium, it can be a big contributor to your child's daily needs.

Here’s how much calcium kids need each day:
• toddlers (ages 1 to 3 years): 700 milligrams of calcium daily
• kids (ages 4 to 8 years): 1000 milligrams
• older kids (ages 9 to 18 years): 1,300 milligrams

The current dietary guidelines for milk or equivalent dairy products or fortified soy beverages are:
• Kids ages 2 to 3 should drink 2 cups (480 millilitres) every day.
• Kids 4 through 8 should have 2½ cups (600 millilitres) per day.
• Kids 9 and older should have 3 cups (720 millilitres) per day.
Choose fat-free (skim) or low-fat (1%) milk products most of the time.

When kids drink too much juice, juice drinks, sports drinks, and soda, these beverages can crowd out the milk they need. Sugary drinks also can pile on the calories.

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Chess Club
Chess club began for the year on Wednesday February 5 with a great turn out. We had 6 boards in play and one or two students watching, a really pleasing number of participants considering it was the first offering for the year. It was good to see some of the regulars from last year return, but more exciting was the fact that we had one or two new faces ready to play.

For those people unfamiliar with Chess club, we meet every Wednesday in the Seminar room during first break. Students come in sit down and learn to play the great game of chess. The students are supported by myself and Mr Peter Mountford, our role is to oversee the games and teach students the basics of the game. We are hoping to run a 7 week tournament later in term 1 or early in term 2, further notice will be given as it comes to hand.

We would love to see more students come along to chess club and learn this great game.

Thanks
Mr Jamie Peacock.
**P&C Weekly Update**

Next P&C meeting will be Wednesday 2nd April @ 3pm in the Seminar room - all welcome

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### Uniform Shop Opening Hours

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**Uniform Shop:**
If you have any uniforms that no longer fit your child and are willing to donate these to the uniform shop, this would be much appreciated, so we can recycle them.

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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.

**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.

Volunteers needed for Tuck shop: If you could spare some time to help in the Tuckshop, please see Sandy our Tuckshop Convenor, or leave your name and contact details at the office.

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### School Banking

School banking will restart this Friday 14th February. Please hand banking to class teacher and please make sure you have completed a deposit slip so your banking can be processed. Commonwealth Bank representatives will be at school next Friday 21st February to open new school banking accounts. You will be able to find them before school in the Prep undercover area.

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### Uniform Shop:
Please note that uniform prices are due to be increased in the uniform shop at the end of March 2014. Why not beat the price increase and buy your uniforms now.

If you have some spare time and are interested in volunteering in the uniform shop please leave your name and contact details at the uniform shop or the office.

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### Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Please keep your eye out for order forms and further information being sent home by the end of this week.

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### Family Photo Fundraising Day

We will once again be holding a family photo fundraising day in March with the help of Laura Jean photography. Please keep your eye out for further information to be sent home in the coming weeks.

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS**

**TAKING HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERM**
If you are taking your child/ren out of school for any length of time, for a holiday or a medical procedure etc......please fill in the appropriate paperwork available at the school office.

It is government regulation that all significant school absences must be approved by the Principal.

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**SCHOOL LUNCHES**

It is very important that your child comes to school everyday with a healthy lunch packed in their lunchbox, please check that the lunchbox is put in their school bag before they leave for school in the morning.

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**DEAR PARENTS & CARERS:**

All pick-up arrangements should be made with the students prior to arriving at school, where possible.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Although we try, we cannot always guarantee that messages will be able to be passed on to students.

(Due to class movement, sport and the large amount of calls we receive during the afternoon).

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**Kids Help Line** 1800 551 800

**Parent Help Line** 1300 30 1300

**Lifeline** 13 11 14
Eagleby Community Association Valentine’s Day High Tea

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

Celebrate Valentine’s Day and help raise money for the Eagleby Community Association.

Cost: $20 per person

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

Eagleby Giants JRLFC Inc.

Eagleby Giants JRLFC

Register with the Giants and receive the famous:

Giant's Starter Pack:
- Bag, water bottle, footy boots, shorts, socks & Giants jersey

Sign up with The Giants at training

Teams in under 6 - under 10’s

Training starts:
- Tuesday 18th Feb
- At Eagleby South School Oval

Please bring child's birth certificate or passport

Contact Arthur on: 0422 261 286

STEPPING STONES TRIPLE P PARENTING SEMINAR

Turning Problem Behaviour into Positive Behaviour
Children with disabilities are more at risk than others of developing problem behaviours. These behaviours can interfere with growth and development and can be disruptive for the family as a whole. This seminar provides ideas on understanding why a particular behaviour is occurring and practical suggestions on how to promote alternative behaviour.

Where: Edens Landing State School
Jamie Nicolson Ave, Edens Landing 4207

Date: Thursday 27th February 2014

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Cost: FREE

Who: Any parent/caregiver of a child with a disability aged 2-12 years

How: RSVP at www.triplep-steppingstones.net

For more information contact: Stepping Stones Triple P Project Team
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