From the Principal

S.P.E.A.K App to assist Oral Language in YOUR child

The ability to communicate effectively through speaking and listening is essential for a child and builds a strong foundation for successful learning. There is a free App S.P.E.A.K which provides lots of fun, free activities, ideas and information for parents and carers to support and nurture language development in children from 0 – 6 years of age. There are multiple activities within each age group to help boost your child’s speaking and listening ability.

If you google Speaking Promotes Education And Knowledge app, it comes up with the links that will put the free app on your device. The app is iPhone, iPad and android compatible.

Garden to Table

We broke the record books last week with more than 80 Preps eating a hot lunch at the same time. It does take a village to raise a child! Yesterday a tribe of volunteers led by Rob Haberle fed all of our hungry Preps a delicious meal of chicken and vegetables, followed by fresh fruit. This is a part of our Garden to Table program where many of the vegetables served were from our vegetable garden.

The Preps were going to miss out on their turn this semester, due to a clash with swimming. Rob graciously offered to ‘save the day’ with a mass meal. The program provides not only something in a child’s tummy but an opportunity to socialise with friends over a meal, whilst using table manners and co-ordinating a knife and fork. Our growing brains were getting a good workout! Thank you to our many volunteers and Teys Beenleigh who make such an invaluable program possible.
Children being playful

How we play and share is unique at Eagleby State School. Students enjoy running on the oval, digging in the sandpit, climbing on the adventure playground, skipping, hula hooping, blowing bubbles, running with streamers, singing along to the guitar, moulding sand figurines, playing handball, teaming with board games, drawing, making origami and the fun just keeps on evolving!

Our Local Police

At Eagleby State School, we are always magnificently supported by our local police and especially by the Beenleigh PCYC. Sergeant Mark Haestier visited us on Friday to encourage, motivate and inspire our students. The PCYC have their Halloween disco, which sounds like an event not to be missed.

Libby Jordan
Principal
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.*
Awards

Students of the Week - 09-10-14

- **PD** - Noah - For assisting others to learn.
- **PH** - Faithe - Working hard to stay focused.
- **BJ** - Amba - Showing a positive attitude in all areas of her schooling.
- **GG** - Jonah - Settling in to his new school so well.
- **RT** - Brock - Improved behaviour & trying really hard.

Students of the Week - 16-10-14

- **SL** - Jack - Being a more independent worker & completing all set tasks.
- **SF** - Lockie - For being a great classroom helper.
- **PD** - Sunni - For trying so hard to learn his sounds.
- **GT** - Irina - Settling wonderfully into Green T.
- **RC** - Vitoria - For always sharing interesting ideas during small group discussions.

DIAMOND AWARDS

Recipients of Diamond Awards are:


Congratulations & well done !!!!!!!

From the classroom.........Red A

Welcome to Red A’s News!

In English, we have been learning about persuasive writing. We have written some amazing and funny sentences, using low modality and high modality words to make our writing more persuasive. We have also been focusing on our grammar when writing. We have looked at the correct use of punctuation, technical words and structure.

As we hurtle towards the end of the year, we are looking forward to our end of year concert performance. It has definitely been a busy and fast-moving year and the students have been wonderful!

Andrea Barr-Hamilton
Red A Classroom Teacher
Develop Writing Skills at Home

It is important for parents to help develop the writing skills of their child by setting up a daily or weekly writing regime which will inspire their children to want to write. Motivation is essential. Parents need to understand what it means to write in order to better understand how to encourage their child to do it.

Writing exercises are essential. If you encourage phonetic writing at a young age, you will be nurturing your child's writing skills. It is not essential to keep a watchful eye on spelling at the early childhood level. The aim is to get the child to write either letters or stories, just so they can get into the habit of writing and that they will not dread writing as a skill in the long run.

Writing Builds Language

In that sense, you can even have weekly vocabulary games that you play with your child. There's nothing to playing a word game over dinner or during bath time. The sky is the limit when it comes to learning. There used to be a time in the lives of families where weekends were reserved for word games such as Scrabble, Jeopardy or Hangman. With the influx of technology and the takeover of game systems, oftentimes parents may find it challenging to maintain the attention of the children. Furthermore, if you encourage word games instead of video games you can be lengthening and strengthening the attention span of your child as much as ten-fold.

Encourage writing by purchasing fun pens and pencils that children may find interesting. Buy notebooks that fill the same purpose. After you have presented your child with a fun pen and notebook, have them write what you say while you are driving. This will help with bolstering your child's dictation writing skills. In time you will notice that these little things will start to pay off.

More Writing Tips For Parents of Primary School Students

Reading to your child is both a fundamental practice and something that he or she will look forward to. Reading stories to your child is a motivational force that could inspire them to want to do a bit of writing on their own. Daily writing activities also provide motivation to use their writing skills.

For example:

- Have your child write the dinner menu daily. This will help boost their writing skills while bolstering their creativity.
- Have your child write a daily dinner critique as an activity that will strengthen their writing skills.
- Have your son or daughter prepare the grocery list prior to going to the shop. You can either have them go around the kitchen and write what they think you need or you can dictate the grocery list to them. You would do this with brevity and in a drill form should you wish to dictate the list. This will strengthen their short term memory as well as urge them to write quickly.

Letter writing is always a good idea. You can have your child write a letter to his or her grandparents, aunts, uncles or cousins. Have them write about what they are learning in school or what they plan to do on their next vacation from school.

Make writing fun and enjoyable!

Healthy Habits

Ideas to help kids drink more water in the hotter weather

As the heat of summer approaches get ready to hydrate by:

- Packing a water bottle whenever you go out and add a frozen water bottle in your child’s lunch box.
- Keep limited sweetened drinks at home; make cold water available instead.
- Water down sweetened drinks – such as cordials or fruit juice – for a short time and then start to replace them with plain water (for younger children).
- When playing sport, encourage kids to drink water rather than sports drinks or energy drinks.
- Serve plain water in decorative jugs. Add slices of lemon, orange or mint for flavour and, in summer, add ice cubes to keep it chilled.
- Serve sweetened drinks in smaller glasses and only have them occasionally – not every day
**Uniform Shop Opening Hours**

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

Welcome back: I hope that everyone had a great holiday and is ready for an exciting Term 4 at Eagleby State School. We have lots of things happening this term so watch this space for updates.

A warm welcome to any new students and their family to the Eagleby State School community.

**School Bucket Hats:** These can be purchased at the Tuckshop when the Uniform shop is not open.

**Australian currency:** Please use Australian currency only as we are unable to bank foreign currency in the Uniform Shop and Tuckshop.

**Fun a thon:** Thank you to all students that participated in the Fun a thon. The winners will be announced at the assembly this afternoon.

**Term 3 Disco:** Thank you to all the volunteers that helped at the disco last term. A big thank you to our DJ, Chappy Nick for looking after the music. Congratulations to the dancers who won a voucher to be used at the school tuckshop.

**News Updates:**

**Christmas Raffle:** With Christmas fast approaching, the P&C are organising the Christmas Raffle for 2014. Donations of non-perishable items can be left with your class teacher for collection. The class that donates the most items will win a pizza lunch, donated by the Eagleby State School P&C. Raffle tickets will be sent home later in Term 4. Watch this space for class tallies on items donated.

**Hot Dog Monday Lunch:** We will be having another Hot Dog lunch on Monday 27th October. Please return order forms & money to the table set up outside the uniform shop by 9am. Please note due to ordering the food required for this fundraiser, no late orders will be accepted on Monday. Please use correct change.

**Uniform Shop Clearance Sale**
- Culottes, various sizes available - $10.00
- Polo shirts - Sizes 18, 20 & 22 only - $20.00
- Shorts- Sizes 18, 20 & 22 only - $20.00
- Jackets- Sizes 18, 20 & 22 only - $25.00

**Uniform Shop Raffle**
$1 per lucky number will be drawn when all numbers sold. One prize only: $35 to be used in the Uniform shop.

**Tuckshop**

Please use correct change.

**Lay-by welcome**

**Cash Only**

- no eftpos

**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.

Please remember that lunches are to be ordered at the Tuckshop before class time.

Volunteers needed for Tuckshop. 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.

**November P&C Meeting is Wednesday 12th November at 3pm in the Seminar Room. Be a part of your school community & make a difference. All Welcome.**

**Graduation**

Just a reminder that Yr 6 & 7 students are able to pay for their graduation tickets either in full payment or in instalments. Please place money in an envelope with your name, class & the number of tickets required, written on the envelope. Please hand the envelope to the office staff.

**Book Club**

Welcome to Issue 7 of Book club

All orders & payment are to be returned in an envelope to the office by Thursday 30th October 2014.

Please make sure your child’s name & class is on the order form. Correct money is appreciated as change is not available. If paying by cheque or money order, these must be made out to Scholastic Australia.

**Subway Lunch**

Our first Subway lunch for Term 4 will be Monday 3rd November 2014. Order forms will be sent home next week. This order form and money will be due back on Friday 31st October.

**School Banking**

School banking is each Friday morning. Please give your bank books to the class teacher.

**Message From Breakfast Club:**

Friday 5th December 2014 will be the last day of Breakfast Club for this term.

**Volunteering:**

Lend a hand by assisting the P&C in events and activities, such as: Tuckshop, Uniform shop, Book Club, School Banking, Thursday Lunch and Breakfast Club. Please leave your name and contact details at the office and a P&C member will contact you. If you would like to help in the Uniform shop, contact the convenor, Yvonne or help in the Tuckshop, contact the convenor, Sandy.

**P&C Notes and Newsletter:**

Please remember to check your emails for the Eagleby State School P&C Newsletter, which is emailed out to you the week after the School Newsletter.
Celebrating 20 Years 1994 - 2014

Twilight

Food Carnival Stalls Rides Fireworks
7:30pm

7th November 3pm - 7:45pm

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240 Beaudesert-Beenleigh Rd WINDAROO

What Sort of Start is Your Child Getting?

Just a little bit late doesn’t seem much but........

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Did you know your child’s best learning time at the start of the school day?

*That’s when every minute counts the most!!*

School Starts at 8.50am!!

*Eagleby State School*

**Strong Minds, Healthy Bodies, Successful Futures**

Ask us about help with getting your children to school everyday!!