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From the Principal
This week we have been celebrating Mathematics with Numeracy Week activities. Reading, Writing and Mathematics are the building blocks for all learning success. When learning is extended into the home, success will always happen for the student.

Why Is Maths So Important for Kids to Learn?
Many students ask their teacher why learning a particular mathematical concept or skill is important. When helping students out with their homework, many parents may wonder the same thing. Research shows that parental attitudes -- positive or negative -- can influence children’s attitudes about Maths, and ultimately their performance. Encourage your child to excel in this area, as he or she will have increased functioning and opportunities in his or her life and career as a result.

Maths Teaches Logical and Critical Thinking
Maths teaches logic and order. You can expect a mathematical equation to have a predictable outcome, and precise steps must be followed in order to attain that result. The discipline of mind that children develop in numeracy can carry over into everyday life. Companies know this, as some businesses will hire students who do well in Maths, based on the presumption that students who are good at Maths have learned how to think. Math can also provide a vehicle through which critical-thinking skills are put into practice and refined. An example of mathematical critical thinking is when students are required to explain how they arrived at a solution to a complex problem or to describe the ideas behind a formula or procedure.
Calendar Activities and Mathematical Thinking

Time can be a tricky thing for most children to learn. Many parents see time as a natural extension of Maths. Time is an abstract idea rather than the concrete concept of addition and subtraction. In other words, hours, minutes and days can't be held in your child's hand and counted like some other concepts. Yet understanding elapsed time is an important life skill. The trick is presenting this abstract concept in a concrete manner.

Many harried parents use phrases such as "in a week or so," to put off a child's request. Children learn words about time as they talk to adults, so when they hear these phrases, children learn "next week" never really comes. Instead, use accurate time measurements whenever possible. For example, if your child asks about Christmas in September, tell her how many days or weeks she will have to wait. Don't forget to use calendar building blocks such as minutes and hours correctly. If it is 4:30 and you usually have dinner at 5:00, don't tell the child that you will have dinner in "a couple of minutes." Tell him that he will have to wait 30 minutes for his meal. When you tell her she has five more minutes to play, leave in five minutes. Don't cut her off early or let her stay longer. To help him understand the passage of shorter periods, help him to time things in his environment such as how long it takes for a train to pass or how long it takes to popcorn in the microwave.
Deputy’s Column

Numeracy Week

This week we acknowledge the importance of mathematics as we celebrate Numeracy week for 2015. Students have been offered many opportunities throughout this week to participate in fun numeracy activities during play breaks. Prep to Year 6 students have enjoyed many games involving recognising and adding number, 3D shape activities and dice games.

Being excited about Numeracy Week and engaging with your child as they take part in Numeracy activities is one way to foster this love of learning. I would like to thank the Numeracy Week Committee for planning, organising and facilitating a wonderful week of fun learning opportunities for all.

Lara Smith - Deputy Principal

What are we learning at school?

Prep

English:

This term, students in Prep are exploring a variety of stories, exploring how language is used to entertain us. They are continuing to develop their reading strategies, focusing on how sounds are blended together to form words. Students are also developing their retelling skills by using telling five things that happened in the story. Students are participating in many sequencing activities; including sequencing pictures in the order of the story and sequencing words so they make a sentence which makes sense. Students are also using their sound knowledge to compose words and build sentences.

Science:

Students are using their senses to investigate the needs of living things such as animals and plants. They are exploring what living things needs to survive such as water, food and shelter. Students are learning that the survival of all living things is reliant on their needs being met. They are comparing this to their own needs and discovering what they need to survive.

History:

This term, students are exploring the questions: What stories do other people tell about the past and how can stories of the past be told and shared? They are specifically focussing on the ways families and friends commemorate past events that are important to them. Students are exploring how stories of the past can be shared through photographs, artefacts, books and oral histories. They are looking at their own family celebrations and describing an event such as a birthday, Christmas or family gathering.

Felicity Pyke
Head of Curriculum
Healthy Habits

Building Resilience in Young People

Resilience is about how different people respond to threatening or stressful situations. Many young people face adversity and change, and it is important that they are able to cope with life’s challenges effectively. Resilience is not only about surviving difficult times, but is about being able to thrive despite adversity. By being resilient, young people can grow and develop new skills as a result of dealing with challenges.

How can you help develop resilience in young people?

Warm and positive relationships with family members, especially, but not limited to parents, increase the emotional and behavioural resilience of children to negative experiences. As a parent/carer, teacher or other significant adult in the life of a young person, it is important to encourage and be aware of the advantages of resilience. You can help promote resilience in young people through your words and actions and, by providing a safe, supportive and nurturing relationship/environment. As a young person gets older, you can further help develop resilience by encouraging increasingly higher levels of independence, autonomy and initiative.

The key skills that young people need to be resilient are:
- self-esteem
- social skills
- self control
- problem-solving skills
- realistic expectations
  - optimistic thinking patterns

Did you know?

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing. Babies cry but don’t produce tears until one to three months after birth.
Awards

Students of the Week
14-5-15

* PA - Julia - Always showing beautiful manners while body listening.
* AKW - Liana - Creative & engaging writing, using sophisticated vocabulary.
* AKW - Lyric - Being a responsible learner & team player.
* AD - Cheyanne - A greatly improved attitude towards learning.
* AD - Chloe - Applying herself across all areas of learning.
* BP - Blue P - Having a fantastic attitude & putting in a huge effort throughout NAPLAN.
* GG - Cassius - Awesome attitude in Maths.
* RA - Talita - Courage & persistence during NAPLAN.

21-5-15

* RA - Jemimah - Settling into ESS & Red A with ease.

Recipients of Diamond Awards are:


Congratulations & well done!!!!!!
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**Events:**
- **Sports Day Track:**
  - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
- **Book Fair:**
  - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **School Photo Day:**
  - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Naplan:**
  - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Mothers Day:**
  - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Teacher Day:**
  - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Note:**
- Public Holiday: 10 June
- Queens Birthday: 8 June

**Calendar Dates:**
- April 20
- May 1
- June 7
**Uniform Shop Opening Hours**

**Uniform Shop:**
Convenor: Cassie  
*Opening hours:*
- **Monday** 8.30-9.00  
- **Wednesday** 8.30-9.00  
- **Friday** 2.30-3.00  
Other days by prior arrangement

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**Sports Uniform** It has been decided by the P&C not to sell sports day/ sports t-shirts uniforms at the uniform shop. There are a limited number of house t-shirts for both students and parents on sale for $10.00 per t-shirt at the uniform shop.

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**School Banking**
School banking is each Friday morning. Please give your bank books to the class teacher. Please Note: There will be no school banking on Sports Day Friday 12th June.

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**Sports Day**
Menu information and order forms are going home this week. If you would like to lend a hand at the Sports Day Tuck Shop on the hill, please leave your name and contact details at the office and a P&C member will be in contact with you.

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

**Tuckshop News:**
Prep students are welcome to order their lunch from the Tuckshop, but they cannot go to the Tuckshop at break times.
Due to supplier increases the tuck shop will need to have a small price increase on some items.
Please use Australian currency only as we are unable to bank foreign currency in the Uniform Shop and Tuckshop.

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**Lay-by welcome**
*Cash Only - no eftpos*

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**School Disco Menu**
Watch this space for our School Disco Menu information.
The P&C have a page in the Eagleby State School Newsletter, which is distributed fortnightly. We also have a P&C News Update, which is available the opposite week to the school newsletter. The P&C hopes that by having these updates and newsletter we will be able to keep you informed of events and information that the P&C are involved with. If there is something that you would like added to the P&C News Update, please leave your name and contact details at the office and a P&C Executive will contact you.

S$8 Meal Deals
Your choice of
Special Fried Rice or Asian Noodle all
meals come with soft drink or water.

S$5 Kids meal deals
1 Hot Dog, Sauce, Popcorn & Water Bottle

S$7 Kids Meal deal
2 Hot Dogs, sauce Popcorn & Water
No soft drink will be added to Students

All hot food meal deals are Pre-Ordered
Orders & Money due back Friday 9th June
Please bring correct change...

Bake sale
With a wide variety of
Cupcakes, cookies, slices
And LOTS more...

We are also Pre-selling
Chocolate Logs with fresh cream $12
Only 10 available so get in quick!!!
Orders & Money also due 5th June...

Eagleby State School P&C Fundraising
The Eagleby Giants JRLFC is looking for under 6 - under 10 rugby league players for the 2015 season.

Practice is on at the Eagleby South State School oval Tuesday & Thursday afternoons from 4pm-5pm, you can sign on during these times.

Cost: $160 and receive - Socks, shorts, boots, water bottle and jersey

Please visit our website for more information on our club: www.eaglebygiants.com