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From the Principal

Every Student is a Reading and Writer

At this time of the year a number of school processes combine. We have a clear focus for 2014: every student will advance in his or her ability to read and write. This outcome will require a combined effort from students, teachers and parents.

Our Explicit Improvement Agenda ensures that every student will receive a differentiated curriculum that targets exactly where their reading and writing capacity is and where we need them to be, so that every student reaches their potential. Students need to read to their parents or older siblings every day, as well as being read to.

Parent Information Evening

All student-learning outcomes are a partnership between the school and home. Last Wednesday parents had the opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher to understand the functioning of the classroom and the many engaging things that students can be a part of inside and outside the classroom. Thank you to parents for taking the time to participate. Research has clearly indicated that, when parents are involved in their child’s education, the child’s results are better.

We know that all parents will want to be involved in the parent teacher interviews that occur at the end of this term. It is an excellent opportunity to understand how your child is progressing and what they have been learning, along with what comes next.

Lunch with Students

On Thursday I had my first opportunity to attend a wonderful cooked lunch with Blue M, whilst being served by Blue P. All students illustrated great manners and were very appreciative of the lunch. We are grateful to Teys Beenleigh for their sponsorship of this program.

Safety of our Children

Parents have been flexible and considerate in understanding the need for us to close the school car park gates in the mornings and afternoons. This has provided a much safer environment for students when walking through the school grounds at the start and end of the day.

Our next challenge is assisting students to always cross the road at the nominated crossings. Over the last couple of weeks, some students have been crossing the road dangerously. I am sure all community members will assist in talking with students, before they leave home every day, about how to cross the road safely. We are also talking about this at school.

Libby Jordan - Principal

Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible
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).

THE IMPORTANCE OF READING TO SOMEONE

In 2014, Eagleby State School has a key focus on improving our students reading. A great way to improve students reading is for them to read to you or you read aloud to them every day.

When you read to someone you...
- Learn about words and language
- Learn about grammar, complex and interesting words and notice how the language of books differs from spoken language.
- Build vocabulary with new words
- Expand listening skills.
- Gain background knowledge about a variety of topics.

READING TO SOMEONE....
- Stimulates the brain.
- Creates better readers.
- Enables students to better succeed at all tasks in school that require the ability to listen.
- Improves literacy skills.

When reading at home with your student...
- Keep in mind your child is being taught the concept of choosing a “fit book.” Ask them to read something to you that is not too hard/not too easy.
- Select a book of interest to them
- Choose a nice place that is quiet and away from distractions.
- Encourage your student to read with expression and feeling.
- Stop and talk about the book
- Share your feelings with each other during exciting or sad parts
- Ask questions “What do you think is going to happen next? What would you do if you were a character? Where did he/she go? Why did he/she do that?”

THANK YOU MS WALTHER

Ms Selina Walther (Special Education Teacher) will be leaving us next week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Selina for all of her hard efforts over the last 12 months when working with Yr 1 and 2 students across the school. Her efforts are to be commended and we wish you all of the very best in the future.

Thank you to everyone for all of your support over the last two weeks while I have been assisting with Ms Smith’s absence, it is greatly appreciated. Ms Smith will return to the school next Tuesday.

Regards
Mr Geoff Brind
Acting Deputy Principal
**Awards**

**Students of the Week - 13-2-14**
- PD - Caprice - Coming into class & being responsible for her learning.
- AM - Jayden - Displaying a responsible attitude during Daily 5 rotations.
- AR - Grace - Continually striving to achieve her best in all subject areas.
- BJ - Angel – Always being polite & responsible.
- BM - Shizia - Participating so well in class discussions & working hard to collect gems.
- GG - Mia - Settling in to her new school so well.
- GG - Saimone - Being very respectful.
- GR - Neil - Working enthusiastically during our maths challenge.

**Students of the Week - 6-2-14**
- AM - David - Always being a responsible class member.
- AR - Jarod - Completing his homework each week.
- BJ - Jherick - Always trying his hardest & being a great role model.
- BM - Ramari – Settling in well & bringing a cheerful attitude to class.
- BP - Jordan - For showing a great attitude towards Daily 5.
- GG - Chanelle - Exciting writing during literacy.
- GR - Brodie - Writing sensational sentences during Daily 5.
- RA - Samantha - Always following classroom rules.
- RB - Mahleah - Sharing her outstanding knowledge of liquids & solids during science.

**Diamond Awards**

Recipients of Diamond Awards are:
Harmony RT, LA Lakers RT, Jakk RT, Reece RT

*Congratulations & well done !!!!!!!*

**From the classroom........BC**

Hi there! Welcome to Blue C - where wonders of learning begin when you walk through our door to education! To start off our year, we got surprised with a great new happy teacher, Miss Connor. Every time she smiles it brightens up the community! We started our education with goals of learning - Miss Connor is inspirational and helps us with what we need. We have been learning about the history of Australia and Federation. We found it fascinating that Australia’s most popular place, Tasmania, used to be called Van Diemen’s land. We had heaps of fun in Science. We did cool experiments, like static electricity and magnets with iron rocks. And from all this learning and good behaviour, we got an awesome reward! Miss Connor brought in her fluffy kitten she rescued from the pound! He was soooo cute! Meow back to the education – each of us made a ‘Healthy Eating’ poster and they are hanging up in our room! We also did some funky art ‘Name Aliens’! Come on in and check out what everyone is talking about!

Saira Connor..............Blue C
**Healthy Tip**

**Breakfast Brain Power**

It's important for kids to have breakfast every day, but what they eat in the morning is crucial too. Choosing breakfast foods that are rich in whole grains, fibre, and protein while low in added sugar may boost kids' attention span, concentration, and memory — which they need to learn in school.

Kids who eat breakfast are more likely to get fibre, calcium, and other important nutrients. They also tend to keep their weight under control, have lower blood cholesterol levels and fewer absences from school. Breakfast is served every day at Eagleby State School, from 8am at the School Hall, to assist students in having a good start to the day.

http://kidshealth.org/parent/nutrition_center/healthy_eating/breakfast.html#cat20738

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**Learning Tip**

**General Strategies for Assisting with Homework**

**SPACE:** Provide a quiet, well-lit place to complete homework. Make sure all materials are available and avoid having the radio or television on to minimise distractions. Keep interruptions by siblings and friends to a minimum as well.

**SCHEDULE:** Make studying, not homework alone, a daily habit. Don't ask your child if he/she has homework each night – assume that he/she always has homework or studying to do. Establish a set time for homework and/or studying. It is not a good idea to do homework before bedtime or to leave long or involved projects for the last minute.

**MODEL:** Model organisational techniques, work habits, and consider doing “adult homework” while your child completes his/her homework.

**ATTITUDE:** Show your child you think homework is important. The attitude you express about school and homework will be the attitude your child acquires. Set clear expectations.

**SUPPORT:** Check homework and be available for assistance. When your child asks for help, provide guidance, NOT answers.

**INVOLVEMENT:** Take an active interest in your child’s schooling. Be in contact with your child’s teacher and do not wait until grades come out to discover there is a problem. Take your child’s difficulties seriously; help devise a plan to assist him/her with difficulties at school.

**PRAISE:** Praise your child for good effort, as well as good performance, which helps build self-esteem; maintain a portfolio of “best pieces” of work from school.

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**Art Club**

**Art Club in Purple H**

Every Friday at first break students are invited to practise their artistic skills. Due to the popularity of the club, students are able to participate each fortnight (Year 1-3 students on odd weeks and Year 4-7 students on even weeks). Each class will have a different focus, including; sketching, bubble writing, oil pastels, colour, shading and using textures in art.

Jessica Holmes
Purple H Teacher

Students doing some Valentine's Day artwork.
Next P&C meeting will be Wednesday 2nd April @ 3pm in the Seminar room - all welcome

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

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

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.

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.

Thank you:
Thank you to our volunteers who are giving up their time, to help in the school community.

The Volunteer.... Margaret A. Francis

The Volunteer is one with a heart so sincere.
No task too large, no task too small,
Who will help with anything at all.
Who will be there in the morning light,
Or help in the dark of night.
The Volunteer, our extra hand,
On whose future our Children Stand.
Never anyone so dear as a Eagleby State School Volunteer!

Eagleby State School P&C Uniform Shop

We are conducting a survey, to determine the amount of ‘House’ Sports T-Shirts to order.

Could you please fill the questionnaire out below and hand back into the Uniform Shop by next Friday 7th March 2014.

_____ Yes I would purchase ______ (please indicate amount) ‘House’ Sports T-Shirts at an approximate cost of $15.00 per shirt.

_____ Please indicate size of T-Shirt (only even sizes…4 – 24).

Please indicate Sports House required:

______ Oxley                                 ______ Flinders                             ______ Logan

We will also like to know if parents would like to order a ‘House’ Sports T-Shirt for themselves, to support their child’s house.

The parents T-Shirts will be on a pre-paid/ order only. Cost is approximately $15.00 per shirt.

_____ Please indicate if you would be interested in ordering a parent ‘House’ T-Shirt if this is offered.

The P&C will advertise if we are offering this to the parents in a later Newsletter.
What a fabulous morning we had! Parents and their children arrived ready to sing and dance! Approximately 30 in attendance for our first program for the year. Koala Joey’s is a new community, interactive oral language program for families with children under school age. It’s free with coffee and tea provided. All we ask is to bring a plate of morning tea to share. Look forward to seeing you all!

I would also like to welcome and introduce Caron Hillhouse to Koala Joeys this year. She will be assisting with this program. All Welcome!

Also a huge thank you to the P&C for providing us with approx 30 new story books for this program.

Betty Manouski and Caron Hillhouse.

Thanks for coming to our first Koala Joeys for 2014.

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HEARING CLINIC

Aboriginal Hearing Health Worker Whitney Tatten (Deadly Ears Program) will be performing ear and hearing checks on children from 0-14 years old.

The hearing clinics will run between 8.30am and 12pm at 5 Charles Ave, Woodridge. The clinic dates are below. You can drop in or make an appointment by calling 07 3029 6527 to confirm your attendance on a preferred date.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Hearing Health Clinic (Fortnightly)

- 16th January 2014
- 30th January 2014
- 13th February 2014
- 27th February 2014
- 13th March 2014
- 27th March 2014
- 10th April 2014
- 24th April 2014
- 8th May 2014
- 22nd May 2014
- 5th June 2014
- 26th June 2014
- 3rd July 2014
- 17th July 2014
- 31st July 2014
- 14th August 2014
- 28th August 2014
- 11th September 2014
- 25th September 2014
- 9th October 2014
- 23rd October 2014
- 6th November 2014
- 20th November 2014
- 4th December 2014
- 18th December 2014
Eagleby Giants JRLFC

Register with the Giants and receive the famous

Giants 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
Tuesdays & Thursdays 5pm - 6pm
You can still sign-on at training
At Eagleby South School Oval

Please bring child's birth certificate or passport

Contact Arthur on: 0422 261 286
EAGLEBY STATE SCHOOL TENNIS HOT SHOTS

5 Week Program at Eagleby SS Prep to Year 3
Dates: 27th February – 27th March
Thursday’s 7:30am – 8:15am
Cost $50.00 5 Week Program

☐ New Racquet ($20)
☐ Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Direct Deposit: NGCTA

BSB: 124037
ACC: 20335224

All equipment provided

COACHING WITH SERDAR KARABIYIKOGLU 3807 7555
Northern Gold Coast Tennis Academy
Beenleigh Tennis Club, 28 Alamein St Beenleigh Phone: (07) 3807 7555

Email: beenleightennis@bigpond.com www.tennis.com/beenleightennis

If you have any concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to speak with office staff.

2014 COACHING ENROLMENT EAGLEBY SS TERM 1

Students Name: ___________________________ DOB: ____/____/____ M/F
Address: __________________________________ Suburb: _______ Post Code: ____
Parent/Guardian Names: __________________________ Occupation: ______________
Email: ______________________________________
Phone: (H) __________________________ (M) __________________________ (W) __________________________

Medical Conditions: __________________________
I have agreed to and understand the Conditions of Enrolment.
Signature: __________________________
Date: ____/____/____