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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land – the Juru people.
We pay our respects to elders both past, present.
We believe we can walk together for a better future.

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**PRINCIPAL: Helen McCullough**
Welcome to Term 3. We start this semester with a number of new families and we look forward to working with you all. As we visit classrooms, it is great to see students straight into learning and their excitement is contagious!

A few updates to start our term - The D block upgrade is coming along and in the next couple of weeks we will be moving back into the newly refurbished classrooms. We thank all parents and students for their patience with this as the delays have been above and beyond our control. We will be advising our Year 1 and 3 parents/students and teachers of the movement date as soon as this is known to us.

The report When a child is missing: Remembering Tialeigh – a report into Queensland’s children missing from out-of-home care was released and the Queensland Government has accepted a recommendation from the Queensland Family and Child Commission that the Department will implement same day notifications advising parents/carers when a child has an unexplained absence from school. Coming soon will be a system of automatic texting installed at our school. Please help us by ensuring that mobile telephone numbers and emails are up to date. If you have had any changes to your details or circumstances please contact our school office.

Over the holidays we were notified that our school has been announced for the Showcase of Excellence – State School of the Year and Principal of Year for North Queensland Region. The next part of the process is announced on 1 August. The Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools recognise and reward Queensland state schools that are significantly improving student learning outcomes through excellent teaching practice.

educational awards and give Queensland state schools the chance to share in more than $580,000 in development grants.

The program aims to:
- recognise, celebrate and reward excellent teaching practice in state schools
- foster a learning culture that supports sharing excellent practices
- create professional development opportunities and
- promote public education.

The 11 award categories:
- Network Ten Showcase Award for Excellence in the Early and Primary Years
- Showcase Award for Excellence in the Junior Secondary Years
- QSuper Showcase Award for Excellence in the Senior Years
- Village Roadshow Theme Parks Showcase Award for Excellence in Inclusive Education
- Showcase Award for Excellence in Community Engagement
- Showcase Award for Excellence in Industry Partnerships
- Education Queensland International Showcase Award for Excellence in Global Engagement
- Queensland University of Technology Showcase Award for State School Leadership Team of the Year
- Teachers Mutual Bank Showcase Award for State School of the Year
- Teachers Health Fund Showcase Award for Teacher of the Year
- Griffith University Jack Pizzey Award for Principal of the Year.

For further information regarding the Showcase Awards for Excellence in

We look forward to giving you updates – remember to like our Facebook page for regular updates on what is happening at our school.

Kind regards
Helen McCullough
Principal

Reading At Home

Encouraging readers
Making reading fun and engaging is a key strategy to encourage young readers to pick up and read more books at home. There are some tips below on how to make reading a special time in your home, and encouraging children to have fun while they are reading.

- **Make a time just for reading**
  Make special times for reading throughout your week that is only for ‘fun reading’. It can be a time for reading together or reading on your own.

- **Make it something to talk about**
  Encourage your child to talk about why they like/dislike the book. You could suggest books they might enjoy, point out similarities in their lives to the lives of characters of books or even talk about other books written by the same author.

- **Texts come in all shapes and sizes**
  If reading a book is not engaging your child, you could discuss other texts such as videos, magazines, photos or comic books. Most board games even have some reading involved. You can ask the same sort of questions of these texts as you can ask about a book (e.g. Why do you think…. Why do you like/dislike…. What might happen next?)

- **Let them choose**

For further information regarding the 2016 awards page.
Choosing the story is part of the fun of reading! Reading should be a choice, not another job to do before bedtime. Let your child choose which book they would like to read (or have read to them) and ask them about their choice (Why did you choose this one? What do you like about it?)

Reading should be a special time of the day. Talking about what you have read can be just as much fun as reading it!

**Our reading targets are**
- Prep – Level 8
- Year 1 – Level 16
- Year 2 – Level 20
- Year 3 – Level 24

Kayla Hawkins
(Master Teacher/Head of Curriculum)

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I would like to start the term by thanking the parents who helped out at the two athletics carnivals at the end of last term. Whether it was through helping on the course with the events, baking goodies to sell at the cake stall, serving at the stall or helping to set up, your contributions helped to make the day a success. A combined total of $568 was raised over these two carnivals, a great outcome.

This term’s major event is the Family Dance Night. Over the coming weeks a letter will be sent home asking for ways that parents and families might be able to help out. This may be through food donations, volunteering time to cook, prepare, serve and sell food. Parent support on this night is an essential to making the night a successful night. Please consider how you might be able to help out.

There will be other fundraising events happening this term. We will be having a Father’s Day stall from Monday 29th August through to Friday 2nd Sep or until sold out. The stall will be open in the mornings before school. A call will go out for parent helpers in the weeks leading up.

One of our popular tuckshop menu items are our delicious toasties. A variety of fillings are available ranging from ham, cheese, chicken and tomato. Toasties are available every day for pre-order at both little and big lunch.

Our P&C meeting night has changed from Monday to Tuesday nights. The time still remains the same at 6.30pm. Our next P&C meeting is Tuesday 9th August, 6.30pm in the staff room. Please feel free to come along or contact us by email eastayrpc@gmail.com.

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**
**Term 2 – Week 11**

| PA  | Joshua Fowler          |
| PB  | Jorja Ahern            |
| PC  | Anthony Elsley        |
| P1D | Jordan Cornford       |
| 1A  | Kalisha Rawiri        |
| 1B  | Kaskan Fergusson       |
| 1C  | Angela Pucciarmati    |
| 2A  | Lashawn Anau          |
| 2B  | Kohen Taylor          |
| 2C  | Angus Innes           |
| 3A  | Loki Linton           |
| 3B  | Ben Byers             |
| 3C  | Bhrereanna McLean     |
| 4A  | Seaton Ivory          |
| 4B  | Thomas Rehbein        |
| 4C  | Summer Case           |
| 5A  | Layla Bonato          |
| 5B  | Julia Neal            |
| 5C  | Jesse Ballin          |
| 6A  | Hunter Cowen          |
| 6B  | Makaela Kerruish      |
| 6C  | Isabella Tait         |

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**CLASS AWARDS**
**Term 2 – Week 11**

| PA  | Addison Bonato        |
| PB  | Ty Bruhn              |
| PC  | Yarmanee Capper       |
| P1D | Max Kelly             |
| 1A  | Breanna Cheyne        |
| 1B  | Shayanna Douglas      |
| 1C  | Kiara Helander        |
| 2A  | Charlie Shears        |
| 2B  | Camden Oats           |
| 2C  | Alex Bright-Hafemeister |
| 3A  | Ethan Caltabiano      |
| 3B  | Lincoln Chatfield     |
| 3C  | Zylon Dallecort       |
| 4A  | Alec Contzonis        |
| 4B  | Cohan Morshed         |
| 4C  | Cooper Raitelli       |
| 5A  | Dustyn Priddle        |
| 5B  | Cooper Horan          |
| 5C  | Abbey Dowie           |
| 6A  | Stacey Da Corte       |
| 6B  | Mackinley Cox         |
| 6C  | Milliea Bright-Hafemeister |

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**Term 3 – Week 1**

| PA  | Jackson Bath          |
| PB  | Evah Miller           |
| PC  | Victoreea Campbell    |
| P1D | Mac Olsen             |
| 1A  | Lincoln Bolan         |
| 1B  | Indiana Smith         |
| 1C  | Ethan Thompson        |
| 2A  | Prudence Bagabagello  |
| 2B  | Moomal Unar           |
| 2C  | Martin Ellsley        |

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Attendance News

Unbelievably we have started the second half of the academic year! With the wet and cold winter season upon us, it is easy to contemplate not coming to school, especially when it is raining outside and dark inside and we’re snuggled up in a warm bed. However, staying home on a rainy or cold day is not a valid reason to be absent. The school roll is marked on the first bell at 8:55am. A small number of children are arriving after registration in the morning. It is very unsettling for the children to try and join in with a session that has already started.

Overall current attendance stands at 94.6%. Enormous thanks to the parents and students who have been a part of this attendance percentage. This year’s target is 96%. We are confident that with your continuing support around attendance and every day counts at East Ayr School, WE WILL REACH OUR GOAL!

Athletics Training

The squad training for the District Athletics has been selected and circulated to all students. By the end of this week all students will have received a copy of the training timetable (on yellow paper). It is important that students attend as many training sessions as possible. Students will train and over the next 3-4 weeks, the team for the District Athletics will be finalised.

Burdekin Sport Representatives

Last Sunday 17 July and Monday 18 July, the North Queensland Softball trials were held in Townsville. Daynah Schofield was selected as a member of the Burdekin team that competed at this trial. Congratulations Daynah.

Interschool Sports

This term our Year 5 and Year 6 students will be participating in 5 weeks of sports. Boys can choose to play mixed Cricket/TouchBasketball while girls can play mixed Cricket/Touch. The dates for Interschool Sports will be 22 July, 29 July, 19 August, 26 August & 2 September.

The transport cost for 5 weeks of sport will be $18.00. Students received their notes last week and they are due back to the school office by tomorrow – Thursday 21 July. Please assist by returning permission notes and money by tomorrow.

Prep to Year 2 Sports Carnival

The Prep to Year 2 Athletics carnival was held on the last day of Term 2. It was great to see a large number of parents, grandparents and friends who came along to support these students. It was an excellent day with students enjoying a number of different activities.

Thank you to Miss Aili for organising the carnival. A big thank you also to our school and house leaders and peer mediators for assisting at the carnival. They did a great job in ensuring that the students rotated through all their activities in a timely manner.

Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Prior to the end of Term 2, students from Years 3-6 participated in the Interhouse Athletics Carnival. At the end of the day, Drysdale was declared the champion house. The final points for the day were:

1st place Drysdale 1163
2nd place Leichhardt 1072
3rd place Cook 832
4th place Wickham 659

The individual age champions for 2016 were:

9 years Boys Angus McMullen
9 years Girls Lacy Horan
10 years Boys Karl Dabelstein
10 years Girls Charley Ruskin
11 years Boys Terry Connors
11 years Girls Maddison Olsen
12 years Boys Damon Pitcher
12 years Girls Danica Biffanti

Congratulations to our age champions.

Seven new records were set on the day:

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The results were:

1st place Leichhardt 371
2nd place Tie between Drysdale & Wickham 317
4th place Cook 305

Give School Attendance 100%

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Congratulations & well done to Terry, Lacy and Karl.
For the first time, the sporting houses competed for the spirit award. Houses had great war cries, costumes and showed excellent sportsmanship. At the end of the day, Cook was declared the winner of the Spirit trophy.
All students who participated are to be commended for their effort and enthusiasm they displayed. Special thanks to Miss Aili for organising the carnival and to the staff who set up early in the morning and packed up after the carnival finished.

**School Photos**
The 2016 school photos were handed out late last week. If you child has been absent from school, they can collect their photograph from the office. School/House Captains & Vice Captains, Student Council & Peer Mediator photos are on display in the office foyer and photo envelopes are also available.

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**
Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

The Data Collection will be submitted in August. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form. More information about the Data Collection is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html or you can contact the Principal (Helen McCullough) or HoSES (Jo Coe) if you have any further questions.

**Water Festival Ambassador – Taryn Delle Baite**
It’s great to be back at school for term 3. During the school holidays the Water Festival was officially launched. At this enjoyable event I was presented as the Junior Water Festival Ambassador for East Ayr State School and received my sash. Thank you Saint Francis School P&F for hosting the night.
On Saturday the 9th of July, I attended an afternoon at Burdekin Bowl which was event for Nahalia Oats who is the Burdekin Swim School Junior ambassador. I enjoyed getting to know the other Queensland Country credit Union Junior Water Festival Ambassadors.

**CHAPPY’S CHAT**
**With Chappy John**

Welcome to Term 3!
I hope you all had a lovely holiday, and a chance to very diligently and energetically (NOT) do anything for a little of your time off. But in saying that – I also hope you did something useful for somebody with a little of your time too!
I had a Scripture Union Camp to help run in the first week of the holidays. It was great to see some East Ayr students there! I then collapsed over the middle weekend! Have you adults ever noticed how much energy kids can take out of you at times? Then for three days in the last week of holidays, Heather and I retreated to Bowen just to charge up our body batteries for Term 3. Bowen was like a paradise with perfect weather and the stunning views it provides.

This term we are looking forward to “Operation Christmas Child” as our student outreach. We usually do well at this, so please put your heart into it again this year. I will give more info in the next newsletter.

**Chook Slip Winners**

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I will be hosting a Junior Trivia Afternoon on Saturday the 6th August in East Ayr State School’s hall. All money raised goes to the school’s P&C. More details to come soon.

I would like to thank Ms McCullough, Mrs Scott, Mrs Innes, Mum, Dad and the rest of my family for their support so far on this amazing journey.
Each chook slip students receive for positive behaviour is placed in containers, one for Prep – Year 2 and one for Prep – Year 6. A draw is then done at the end of each term. The winners for Term 1 & Term 2 were:

Prep – Year 2:
- Quinn Smith
- Caitlyn Cheyne

Prep A
- 2C

Year 3-6:
- Ruby Sitton
- Jye Olsen

Congratulations to these students who each won a $20 voucher. At the end of term 3, we will again have a draw for a $20 voucher for both Prep-Year 2 & Year 3-6.

Year 6 Transition to Ayr State High School

The Year 6 students second transition day will be held on Wednesday, 27 July. A permission note will be sent out later this week.

Students will be at Ayr High all day and will need to bring their own morning tea and lunch from home. They will not be able to purchase food from the tuckshop.

Permission note and bus travel money will need to be returned by Tuesday, 26 July.

Parent/Caregiver School Opinion Survey

All families should have received a letter and a blue online access letter. This is your opportunity to have a say about what East Ayr does well and how the school can improve.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at home or at school. To assist parents to complete the survey, the computer room will be available from 1.45pm – 3pm on Thursday 21 July and Thursday 28 July.

If you would like to complete your survey at school using a school computer, please contact Linda Scott on 47830222. The survey will remain open until Friday, 29 July. We would greatly appreciate as many parents and caregivers as possible complete this survey.

Ayr State High School Open Afternoon

All prospective parents/carers and students are invited to attend an open afternoon at Ayr State High School:

Date: Wednesday, 27 July 2016
Time: 5pm-6pm
Venue: Resource Room at Ayr State High School

At School Before the Bell?

Please remember that all students are to remain under Block C until the first bell at 8:30am. While waiting under Block C all students are to be reading

State School Consent Forms

DETE has released a new policy with regards to using imaging or recordings of students which includes photographs, videos, films or sound recordings.

It is not compulsory for you to provide this consent.

Consent forms have been given to every student and it is vitally important that these are returned whether you are giving consent or not.

These forms are due back by Monday, 25 July. Please contact the school if you have any queries.

Absent from School

(Don’t let it be Unexplained)

Ph: 0417 003 685
Send a text or leave a message
Drop by the office or send a note
All Day - Every Day!
Aiming for 95% or better
In aid of Taryn Delle Baite, 
Junior Water Festival Ambassador, 
East Ayr State School

Come and join Taryn for a fun filled Trivia Afternoon!

Who: Children Aged 8-13
Where: East Ayr State School Hall, James St Ayr
When: Saturday 6 August
Time 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Afternoon Tea will also be available for purchase:

Cupcakes - $2.00
Chocolate Slice - $1.00
Softdrink/Water - $2.00
Ice Cream Spiders - $3.00

$10 Nomination for Teams of 3-5 students

Simply Drop in your Nomination Form and Fee to East Ayr State School Office or Tasha’s Top Shop

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