**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**

Dear Parents & Community,

Welcome to midway through Term 3. With Family Dance Night quickly upon us, please make sure you are costume ready for Friday 9 September.

I am pleased to announce the success of our Athletics Team for 2016 who won the Aggregate Champions Trophy for the second year in a row. A close competition was had and we congratulate our St Francis athletes on their average trophy win. The atmosphere of the carnival was one of exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship so well done to all students – what a credit to our community.

The following students were successful in gaining Age Champion at our carnival – Lacey Horan (9 Years Girls) and Danica Biffanti (12 Years Girls). Congratulations to Lacey Horan who broke the Long Jump record previously held since 2000 by M. Tabo by 1cm with a jump of 3.46m. Way to jump Lacey!

The following students from East Ayr have been successful in making the Burdekin Under 12 Athletics Team. Karl Dabelstein, Lama Ghee, Keara Oliver, Ashton Marano, Terry Connors, Madison Olsen, Blake Walker, Tahlia Morello, Lacey Horan, Cameron Wellington, Chloe Hook and Dylan Meinicke. Please note that we are still waiting for our Association to announce the 12 Years Boys and Girls representatives for the Burdekin (announced after High School Sports Carnivals). These will be announced via our Facebook page.

On behalf of our school I would like to thank the massive effort of all our staff who trained our students before school, during lunchtimes and after school. Thank you to Miss Aili and Mrs Scott for organising the training program and your dedication to our sporting endeavours.

Burdekin Festival of Arts is fast approaching and I cannot wait to see the chook shirts in the theatre. Our students and teachers have
supported the Burdekin Festival of Arts since its inaugural year and this year there are more entries in art and writing – be sure to have a really good look and read in the foyer! Our P and C is a major sponsor of this event and we look forward to hearing our choirs bring the music to our ears and our classes poetry recitals. In advance I wish all of the participants and organisers a fabulous Festival!

Our Prep Information Night for 2017 is tonight. By now 2017 enrolment acceptance letters have been provided. As you are aware we have an Enrolment Management Plan. It is really important that if you sit in our catchment and have not enrolled that you contact Linda Scott immediately. Our staffing models and resources rely on accurate enrolment numbers. We thank you in advance and look forward to speaking with you tonight. Thanks everyone for a fabulous fortnight!

Kind regards

Helen McCullough
Principal

Reading

Engaging readers in enjoyable texts

Younger readers like to explore a range of text types and series as they are learning to identify the texts they enjoy. For family members and caregivers, it can often be challenging to know which texts to buy for them to read at home. Below is a list of popular books and series that most children tend to enjoy and a starting point for them to explore the style of writing that they like the most!

Lower primary students:
Dr Suess books (these can be tricky for beginning readers to read on their own!)
The Folk of the Faraway Tree (Enid Blyton)
Where the Wild Things Are

Mem Fox books (e.g. Hattie and the Fox)
Edward the Emu/Edwina the Emu
The 13-Storey Treehouse series
Diary of a Wimpy Kid
Aussie Bites series
Geronimo Stilton and Thea Stilton
Clementine Rose

Upper primary students:
Rowan of Rin
Delta Quest
Paul Jennings books
Morris Gleitzmann books
Percy Jackson
Dragonkeeper series
Diary of a Wimpy Kid
The Guinness Book of World Records
Star Wars
Jackie French books
Roald Dahl books (e.g. The Twits, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The BFG)
Andy Griffiths books

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)

Burdekin Festival of Arts
The Burdekin Festival of Arts will be held next Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd August. Miss Renz has been busy preparing singing choirs. Prep A, B and C, Year 1 and 2, Year 3 and 4 and Year 5 and 6 choirs will perform a variety of songs.

The following classes will present a poem in the verse speaking section: Prep B, Prep C, Year 2C, Year 4A, Year 4B, Year 4C and Year 5C. Teachers and students have been practising their poems in readiness for the Festival of Arts.

Students would have brought home notes with more information about the day and time of their choir’s performance. These permission notes need to be returned by this Friday 19th August.

Students will travel by bus to the theatre while students will have free entry to the theatre, parents, caregivers and friends will have to pay an entry free.

Interschool Sport
Interschool Sport will recommence this Friday 19th August and there will be sport Friday 26th August and Friday 2nd September.

Champions!

I hope you are all cheering on our Australian champions at the Olympic Games! It’s exciting stuff!

Exciting stuff also happened at the Burdekin District Primary School Athletics Carnival held in Home Hill last Friday. What a bunch of champions East Ayr has! I counted 13 of our students going on to the NQ Championships, not counting 12 yo’s (who are competing against high schoolers), which may add more to our numbers.

Once again our P&C have agreed to support our Operation Christmas Child outreach, and would like the Student Council to be involved in activities to help raise the $9 required per shoebox. So please begin bringing in spare shoeboxes (with detachable lids) and gifts: Something to Wear, to Love, to Play with, for School, for Hygiene, and something Special. Our year 5 students will do the sorting and packing of the boxes.

Brekky Club continues on Tuesday and Thursday. Please be sure you use rubbish bins for your cups and plates, and leave your spot clean when you have finished eating. We hold Brekky Club because we care about you, so please care about us too and do the right thing.

Chappy John

Parent Teacher Interviews
These interviews will be held next term on Monday 10th October. More information will be sent out later this week.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PA Kody Wyburg
PB Jehkiah Cole-Beer
PC Alexander Pucciarmati
P1D Shaynade Nielsen
1A Taylor Stockdale
1B Lucas Galbraith
1C Denzel Heron
2A Charlie Shears
2B Tiana Cameron
2C Shakeela Campbell
3A Nicholas Tait
3B Caileb Jerkic
3C Riely Hole
4A Cornelius Cive
4B Abby Walsh
4C Erica Gongora
5A Ella Mills
5B Braith Dowson
5C Chloe Harmer
6A Shae Orchard
6B Shawnee King
6C Javarlliah Summers

CLASS AWARDS

PA Maya Hudson
PB Coby Christensen
PC Chloe Becke
P1D Jacob Marshall-Morrissey
1A Jarvis Dowson
1B Zack Durrant
1C
2A Sally Laidlow
2B Emme Flanagan
2C Hunter Oats
3A Ezekiel Capper
3B Shaye Malaponte
3C Zennah Malais
4A Julia Przesmycki
4B Ruby Sitton
4C Angus McMullen
5A Thalia Morello
5B Alaric Corwin-White
5C Zale Ivory
6A Madison Olsen
6B Madisyn Grant
6C Jannet Rawiri

Congratulations to the Rooster Winners
CHARLIE SHEARS & RIELY HOLE

PA Gordon Malayta
PB Ty Bruhn
PC Yarmanee Capper
P1D Madeleine Neal
1A Jay Minehan
1B Sophie Michelin
1C Aaliyah Schatkowski
2A Cooper Kross
2B Lilliana Stafford
2C Maya Flanagan
3A Billy Bax
3B Lincoln Chatfield
3C Chloe Hook
4A Jye Olsen
4B Hayley Thompson
4C Matthew Brett
5A Keara Oliver
5B Jorja Grabs
5C Leonardo Capper
6A Danica Biffanti
6B Kane Kirkwood
6C Anthony Towning

Congratulations to the Rooster Winners
GORDON MALAYTA & KANE KIRKWOOD

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.

Water Festival Ambassador – Taryn DelleBaite

Wow, what a busy few weeks it has been. In that time I have held my Trivia afternoon. It was a successful event with everyone having lots of fun. Professor “know It All” did a great job entertaining the crowd. We raised $340 for the Parent and Citizens Association.

Other Junior Ambassador events such as the Burdekin Singers’ Eliza Worlein’s Pamper Night, the Basketball Association Kya Olsen’s Fluro Sock Hop, Burdekin Christian College, Morgan Heidke’s Lawn Bowls and Saint Francis Ella Mummery’s disco have all been enjoyable and we have had laughs galore.

We have been attending a Rostrum Speaking course and Crowning Evening rehearsals. I can’t wait to show off what we have been learning at the Crowning Evening.

I would like to start by welcoming Shannon Musumeci and Kaylene McDonnell to the P&C Committee in the roles of Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. I would also like to thank Michelle Calligaro for all her time and hard work she spent volunteering on the committee in her time as Treasurer.

By now all the chocolates for our chocolate drive should have been collected or handed out. Over 150 boxes were ordered and I hope the students and parents are all having fun eating, I mean selling them. Please remember all money needs to be returned by Friday 9th September. Thank you again for your support.

At our last P&C meeting it was decided that the P&C would no longer provide a supper, usually a can of softdrink and a small packet of chips, to the children on family dance night. The main reason for this is that there is usually quite a lot of wastage of these food and drink items on the night. We are happy to say that there will be a special something provided to the children on the night as our way of thanking the children for their continual hard work at East Ayr State School.
A letter will be sent out in the coming weeks asking for volunteers for our Family Dance Night. We will need helpers for a variety of different jobs including working for a short period of time either setting up, selling food tickets, cooking or serving food and drinks. We also require donations of vegetables and sweets. The more helpers we have the easier it is to share the jobs around. You will be able to nominate a time slot that would best suit your family so that you will be able to watch your child/ren. We are in the process of organising a raffle. Tickets will be available to purchase at the Family Dance Night.

Father’s Day is quickly approaching. A Father’s Day stall will be set up from the old tuckshop starting from Monday 29th through until Friday 2nd September (or until sold out). A variety of goodies will be on sale, so be sure to come in and buy Dad that something special to say ‘I Love You’.

I mentioned in the last issue of our newsletter that next year our Tuckshop menu will have some changes due to the Queensland Governments Smart Choices policy. We value your opinions and suggestions on the current tuckshop menu so we would like to invite parents and caregivers to a menu feedback and suggestion afternoon tea on Thursday 1st September, straight after school at the hall. Children are welcome but will need to be supervised by parents. The discussion will focus on improving our menu for our children.

The P&C would like the assistance of a parent that has a vehicle that is able to tow a set of portable lights back from Townsville on the Friday of Family Dance Night. If you are able to do this can you please call me on 0417486733.

Our next P&C meeting will be held Monday 12th September, 6.30pm in the staffroom. Please feel free to come along.

Corryn
Ayr Community Kindergarten

open day

Saturday, 20th August
10am to 12am

Activities and Sausage Sizzle
All Families Welcome!