East Ayr State School
Newsletter
Strive for Success

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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.

PRINCIPAL: Helen McCullough

Dear Parents & Community

Family Dance Night was a great success and a showcase of the dance units in Physical Education and the Arts. Our students did a fabulous job! A very big thank you to all volunteers and contributors and also of course to our parents – the kids costumes were outstanding! I would like to thank Miss Aili and all the staff members of our school for getting behind this annual event and our P and C who raised a significant amount of funds on the night. Well done everyone!

How good is D Block?! Our learners and staff absolutely love their new learning spaces, computers and digital technology and furniture! It is great to see these areas being well respected and cared for by all members. You may be wondering where all the items from under D Block went? They are at the Auction Shed (McCathies) ready for auction on 24 September starting at 9.30am. See you there!

In our classrooms there has been significant work done around the familiarisation of digital technologies. Our Year 4 and Year 6 teachers and students have been trialling units of work and the students have been making electronic mazes, games, animations and more! Lots of fun and problem solving is required and our learners are lapping this up! I am really proud of the work of our team in this area and I look forward to students work being viewed at the upcoming Parent/Teacher Interviews (Week 2 Term 4).

Our reading fluency and comprehension has continued to improve and this is a direct result of teachers, support teachers and aides working relentlessly in this area. Our students are thriving in reading and it is excellent to see so many students read for enjoyment.

We have continued to produce high quality student writing across our year levels – Letters to the Future (Year 6); Character Profiles and Poetry are just some of the writing examples that I have been reading with students. It is always a pleasure to take time out of the day to see the

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work in our rooms and to celebrate progress and achievement with learners and teachers.

Student wellbeing and support is a key driver for student academic progress and achievement. From time to time, students need our help with social and/or emotional barriers that present. In 2016 we have several proactive programs and supports in place for all students including our programs such as Rock and Water, Social Skills Program and the explicit teaching of Positive Behaviour Learning expectations. We also have our School Chaplain, Guidance Officer, Behaviour Support Teachers, Attendance and Engagement aides and our HoD Behaviour and Engagement. All of these people are in place to assist our student wellbeing and support framework for every learner. Our PBL team continued their training in this area on Monday afternoon with Mrs Maria Musumeci (Regional PBL Coach and Student Services). Thank you to all members who participated.

Congratulations to all students and staff on another outstanding term at our school. The collective work of our school students, parents and staff has been to a very high standard with a number of celebrations across the term. I would also like to thank the many volunteers who come to our school and provide us with your time and support. I trust you all have a relaxing September break and see you in Term 4!

Kind regards

Helen McCullough
Principal

Writing Showcase

Early Years Writing
This week we are celebrating the high standard of work our students in early year’s classrooms have been producing in their writing. These samples of work are just that – a sample! There are many more student books with the same quality of writing in them. Next time you are at school, drop in to the classroom after 8:30 am and check out the great work!

Prep – 4 line rhyming poems

Year 1 – Responding to stories

Year 2 – Procedures and responding to texts

Keep your eyes peeled for the next edition of our school newsletter where we will shift the focus of our celebrating to the great writing happening in our older year levels too!

Kayla Hawkins
(Master Teacher/Head of Curriculum)

North Queensland Representatives
On Tuesday 30 August, 12 of our students competed at the Northern Track & Field Trials in Townsville.

All of our students performed very well. From these trials four (4) of our students made the North Queensland Track & Field Team. Terry Connors will compete in 100metre and 200metre sprints and long jump. Karl Dabelstein will compete in the 200metres and long jump, Lama Ghee will compete in the shotput while Tahlia Morello will participate in the 800metres.

These athletes will travel to Brisbane on the 18\textsuperscript{th} and 19\textsuperscript{th} of October to participate at the State Track & Field. Congratulations to Terry, Karl, Lama and Tahlia and best of luck at the State Titles.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Year 5A, 5B and 5C are conducting their interviews this week. Other year levels’ parent/teacher interviews will occur on Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} October. Request for interview times were due back on Friday 9\textsuperscript{th} September. If you still would like an interview time please contact the office. Interview
times will be sent out in the first week of Term 4.

2017 Prep Interviews
Prep interviews have started and will continue into the first two weeks of Term 4. If you have not completed a Prep Interview Request Form for an interview, please collect a form from the office and return as soon as possible. This is very important as children will not be allocated to a 2017 Prep class until they have had a Prep interview.

Rewards Afternoon
This Friday, our Rewards afternoon will be held.

Eligible students will be able to choose from a variety of activities such as mini golf, tennis obstacle course, kanga cricket, balloon creations, movies, soccer, water/sand play, construction blocks and drawing and craft.

Free Dress Day
This Friday will be a Free Dress Day. Please remember: No singlet tops, midriff tops, thongs/masseur sandals, face painting or shirts with inappropriate graphics or phrases.

There will be no cost for free dress.

P&C News with Corryn Innes

What a huge fortnight! I would like to start by congratulating the students and staff on a fantastic Family Dance Night. It is always great to see all the school families come together and celebrate what an awesome school and students we have at East Ayr State School. I can happily say that over $5500 was raised by the school community for our students. What an awesome effort! The P&C would like to thank quite a few people. Firstly, all the parents and families that spent some time on the night working in the tuckshop and the sweets shop, cooking the chips/meats, selling the food tickets and goose club tickets. Without your help on the night we wouldn’t have been able to be as successful as it was. Thank you to all the parents who donated vegetables and sweets. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The group of people to thank are the local businesses that donated to our very successful goose club. Thank you to Rose Bay Resort in Bowen who very generously donated 2 nights’ accommodation. Congratulations to Lyn Cecil the lucky winner of that fantastic prize. Thank you also to Kalamia Hotel, Kids Crossing, Burdekin Home Hardware, Eathorne’s Sportspower, Burdekin Bowl, Harvey Norman Ayr, Toyworld, Sports First, Ayr Camping World, Materialand, Delta Cleaners & Laundry, Burdekin Delta Cinemas, Amcal Ayr, Selections and Delta Electrix for your kind donations.

Finally I would like to thank ADITS for the sponsorship through the lighting and sound for the night, the Burdekin SES for the use of their portable light tower and Ayr State High School for letting us borrow their urn.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Father’s Day Stall. I’m sure the dads loved their special gifts. A profit of over $700 was made from the stall.

The final count from the chocolate drive is almost complete. There are a still a couple of accounts outstanding. If you haven’t returned your money, please return ASAP.

In tuckshop news, Bronwyn our tuckshop conveyor is going away on leave starting this Friday and will away for the first week of Term 4 as well. Julie Kelly will be replacing Bronwyn while she is away. The tuckshop will continue to operate the same through this time.

For the remainder of this week the tuckshop will be selling ice-cream cups (from Family Dance Night) for $2. There was also some Cornetto ice-creams left over as well. These will be available for purchase for $2 on FRIDAY only as it will be a designated ‘Red Day’.

Thank you again for your support this term. I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable school holiday. See you next term.

Corryn

CHAPPY’S CHAT With Chappy John

Our Operation Christmas Child outreach is zooming ahead, with myself and Year 5 students each lunch break diligently working away at it. We have covered a number of shoe boxes with Christmas paper (that’s a geometric task to master!), and will begin sorting gifts to put into boxes this week. Very exciting!

Please continue bringing in gifts. Items which may be included are of the following types:

- **Something to Love:** eg. a doll, a necklace, a small teddy
- **Something Special:** eg. sunglasses, bangles, stickers
- **Something for School:** eg. note book, reading book, chalk
- **Something to Play With:** eg. balls, skipping rope, musical instrument
- **Something to Wear:** eg. T-shirt, hat, thongs
- **Something for Hygiene:** eg. soap, toothbrush, comb

Gifts may be second-hand, but please ensure they are in good condition eg a T-shirt your child has grown out of. The three age groups to cater for are: 2-4 year old, 5-9 and 10-14.

I had fun at our Family Dance Night on Friday evening. Great to see you all dressed up in your wonderful costumes, and having such a good time. Although it was a treat to see the female staff doing a dance on the night, it is still tough to go past the professional perfection of the male staff’s exemplary performance!!

Hope your holidays are a great time of rest for you.

Chappy John
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PA  Seth Doolah
PB  Addison Kelly
PC  Victoreea Campbell
P1D  Beau Ellwood
1A  Braelyn Cole
1B  Cooper Christensen
1C  Farrah Sheppard
2A  Sally Laidlow
2B  Kaed Alloway
2C  Caitlyn Cheyne
3A  Daly Clay
3B  Shelby Olsen
3C  Mikayla Giddy
4A  Angelo Minuti
4B  Shaun Evetts
4C  Lilli Berrill-Hunt
5A  Ethan Cowen
5B  Lakisha Oliver
5C  Isabella McIntosh
6A  Georgia Nicolson
6B  Shaquarn Morris
6C  Brenton Flynn

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.

Appropriate Use of Social Media by Parents

Dear Parents / Caregivers

At East Ayr State School we take our responsibility to maintain the health and safety of our students and staff very seriously. This responsibility includes issues related to online choices and behaviours.

Participating in the online environment can be a positive experience, but there are also a broad range of concerns that may need to be considered, including online privacy and information protection, online etiquette, digital citizenship and knowing how to get help to deal with online issues.

As you may be aware, comments posted online about people and organisations may impact permanently on their digital reputation. This includes teachers, other staff, students and the school. There can be very real negative consequences from online posts – relationships between school staff, students and parents can be permanently damaged.

Facebook and other social networking sites are generally not private communities and, depending on an individual’s privacy and security settings, comments may be read by many people and remain online indefinitely.

As a rule of thumb:
• Public discussion is most effective when it is conducted in a polite and respectful manner;
• Before posting, it is important to consider whether those people you are posting about want information, including photos and comments regarding them and their children, posted on Facebook or on other sites. Perhaps ask the people involved in the post for permission before you publish something or tag someone online;
• Rather than airing complaints or grievances in a public forum like Facebook, come and talk to the school first about how to resolve your concerns;
• Remember that as a parent you have a responsibility to supervise and regulate your own children’s online activities at home and their impact on the reputation and privacy of others.


If you have any concerns and would like to discuss further I invite you to make an appointment with me.

Helen McCullough
Principal

Auction of School Items
Auction is on Saturday the 24th of September and will commence at 9:30am.

25x Small Chairs
10x Medium Chairs
14x Large Chairs
2x Small Hex Tables (4 Halves)
2x Large Hex Tables (4 Halves)
2x Small Desks
3x Medium Desks
4x Large Desks
7x Tables
3x Teachers Desks
3x Trolleys
2x Filing Cabinets

Congratulations to the Rooster Winners
Braelyn Cole & Shaun Evetts

CLASS AWARDS

PA  Shaquade Morris
PB  Jake Sartori
PC  Sophie Papale
P1D  Shynade Nielsen
1A  Silas Doolah
1B  Abbi Bax
1C  Ella Gosper
2A  Paige Stenning
2B  Sarah Flanagan
2C  Paytont Rogers
3A  Billy Bax
3B  Nate Wyburg
3C  Meg Fallon
4A  Jorja Bosworth
4B  Lucas Hutley
4C  Ryan Stenning
5A  Bryar Darwin
5B  Hollie-Marie Fowler
5C  Ethan Collins
6A  Summer Bruhn
6B  Terry Connors
6C  Nuzhatul Mannan
CORES Burdekin
Community Response to Eliminating Suicide
One Day Suicide Intervention Training
Saturday September the 24th
Bookings Essential

Imagine these faces to be family, friends, neighbours or work colleagues. Can you pick which one is having troubling thoughts? Would you know?
If you did suspect something, could you deal with it?
What happens if a person can’t cope... will someone be there for them?
This one day CORES training will give you the skills and confidence to recognise when a person may be at risk of self harm or suicide.

Venue: Burdekin PCYC 164 Macmillan Street
Ayr
Cost: Free - BYO Lunch
Time: 8.30am - 4.30pm
Contact: Rosa Romeo CORES Co-ordinator
Mobile: 0427 455 313
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"By the Community For The Community!"

HOME HILL SHARKS
SWIMMING CLUB
OPEN DAY & SIGN ON
Open day to welcome new members and existing members!
25/09/2016
3PM-5PM
HOME HILL SWIMMING POOL

HIPPY Burdekin
Pioneering Learning Together
Celebrating
National HIPPY Week &
HIPPY Burdekin’s 2nd Year Anniversary

Event Information:
Time: Briefings at 9.30am
Meal: House of Fun
Date: Wednesday 21 September 2016
Enrolments and financial information will be available to interested parents, professionals and members of the Burdekin community.

AYR SURF LIFESAVING CLUB
Come to the beach and have some fun!
ayrlsc@gmail.com

Saturday 17TH September
12-2pm AT OUR CLUBHOUSE
ALVA BEACH
AGES 5 & UP
BBQ AND DRINKS
EVERYONE WELCOME

What you get if you become a member of our great club...

- Membership pack
- FREE use of club boards, skis etc for club training
- FREE use of club boards, skis etc for private training
- FREE use of clubhouse facilities, including weekend stays
- FREE first-aid and lifesaving courses to members
- FREE coaching including mid week sessions in pool and at beach
- Organised camps and inter-club activities
- Subsidised Youth Development Programs (Camp Boomerang, Magnetic Island, Qld Youth Excellence Program)
- Courses can be used to accrue points towards your Qld Certificate of Education (QCE)
- Club carnivals including branch, Qld and Aussie titles

GREAT FRIENDS!
GREAT FUN!
GREAT MEMORIES!