



# East Ayr State School Newsletter

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Term 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 10</b>	5 December	6 December <i>Brekky Club</i> <i>Awards Day Parade</i> <i>Year 6 Graduation</i> <i>Disco</i>	7 December <i>Newsletter to go home</i>	8 December <i>Report Cards Distributed</i>	9 December <i>Year 6 Swimming Pool</i> <i>Break-Up</i> <i>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</i>
<b>2017</b>	23 January <i>First Day of School</i>	24 January	25 January	26 January <i>Australia Day Holiday</i>	27 January
<b>Week 1</b>					



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

On Tuesday we formally recognised and farewelled our Year 6 students - a group of students who have been outstanding role models to their fellow peers and an absolute credit to all teachers, staff, parents and community. On behalf of our school community we wish each of them the best in the future and know that they will be proud ambassadors of our excellent school.

To our new leaders, I know that you will lead 2017 to an outstanding quality and carry on the traditions and form new ones with your ideas and enthusiasm. You have a whole school community behind you!

The past fortnight has seen our 2017 Preppies transition, our 6's at the High School and our academic reporting finish! The academic performance of our school has improved across all of our learning areas with over 95% of our students now receiving an A-C in English, Mathematics, Science and Technology. This is a vast improvement from less than 80% at this

time in 2014. Congratulations to all students and to all staff for your continued excellence in our core business of teaching and learning.

As I draw to the end of my time at East Ayr as your Principal, I say thank you to every member who has embraced our school direction. Kids get one shot at education and confidently I can say that for the last 2 years, they have absolutely nailed their learning!

I also want to say thank you to the friends, family and colleagues who have supported my family and forged friendships with us.

I look forward to hearing more about our brilliant school in the future - the 2016 North Queensland State School of the year!

Kind regards

Helen McCullough  
Principal

## Reading At Home



### Reading over the holidays

Reading every day is so important – even when it is holiday time! It can be very easy to forget those good reading habits that our students have worked so hard to embed in their own reading when they are not practising each and every day. However, holidays can be a very busy time where lots of exciting options are available for children to do. How can we make reading the more preferable option?

### Embrace your inner actor/actress

Share the reading of a favourite book with your child. When you come across some dialogue (talking between characters), share the roles and act as if the characters would! Hand gestures, voices, facial expressions and all. Maybe even try an accent!

### ***Holiday cooking***

Holidays can be the perfect time to hone in on some reading practise while producing some delicious treats. When you are cooking or baking, ask your 'assistant' to help by reading out the recipe and instructions. It may seem a bit tricky but where there is a will (treats) there is always a way!

### ***Scavenger Hunt***

If you have some time over the break, you can create a scavenger hunt for your child to complete, with clues and hints along the way. You could also give them a treasure map to follow – this is all still part of reading! If you have more than one child, perhaps one of them could help you to create the map and clues while the other has to follow the instructions – the limits are endless!

### ***Clues with careful reading***

There are some great texts that you can find online that can be turned into a game. For example, there is a great poem about a green giant called Sam (below). Have your child read the poem to you and draw a picture of Sam. Remind them to read the whole poem first, as the clues don't go in order. They may have to restart if they haven't left space for a hat, or have drawn Sam's face with no room for beard only to find that clue at the end. It can be a lot of fun and encourages them to visualise while they are reading.

***There lived a green giant whose name was Sam.***

***His hair was the colour of strawberry jam.***

***His coat and pants were oh so bright, Like a peppermint stick all red and white.***

***His socks were yellow as lemon pop.***

***His shoes were as brown as a chocolate drop.***

***He had one brown and one blue eye, And a beard the colour of pumpkin pie.***

***His hat was the colour of gingerbread With a tall, tall feather of raspberry red.***

Next time your child tells you he/she is bored, remember that there are endless hours of entertainment in books, and with our local library in abundance with books, this entertainment comes at no cost!

## **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

### **Students' Reports**

Students' reports have been finalised. These will be printed and will be sent home, with students tomorrow, Thursday 8 December.

### **Class Allocation**

All students returning to East Ayr will receive a notice tomorrow, Thursday 8 December informing them of their class placement for 2017. A lot of planning has been put into the allocation of students to each of the classes.

## **CHAPPY'S CHAT**

**With**

**Chappy John**



There is a real person behind the character we know as Santa Claus. His name was Saint Nicholas, and he lived in Turkey, some 1300 years ago. He came from a very rich family, but he noticed all the kids around were desperately poor.

Nicholas knew that Christmas was all about the birth of Jesus, who loved children. He lived in a town called Myra, and in the darkness of night, Nicholas would leave gifts of food, clothes and toys at the doors of poor people, with no-one knowing from whom it came.

Move forward to the 21st Century and we find St Nicholas comes as the jolly Santa Claus, who also gives gifts. We give at Christmas too: Our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes have begun arriving in Cambodia this year. Some poor kids there will have a wonderful Christmas.

I pray your Christmas will be a merry one.

Chappy John

### **Defibrillator Prize**

Recently our school was the beneficiary of a defibrillator. This defibrillator was won for the school by Tiarnee Bolam. Tiarnee entered a drawing competition conducted by Westfund Health Insurance. Well done and thank you to

Tiarnee for this important piece of equipment for our First Aid room.

### **Awards Day**

Our annual Awards Day was held yesterday. It was a lovely day, thanks to all the proud parents and students who attended this year's presentation. Below are the various academic, sporting and citizenship awards for this year. Congratulations to these students.

### **Academic Awards**

Jessica Cox, Madisyn Grant, Brenton Flynn, Seth Malas, Joshua Mann, Nuzhatul Mannan

### **Jack Sartori All Round Consistent Effort Award**

Kya Olsen and Danica Biffanti

### **Jack Sartori All Round Consistent Effort Nominees**

Danica Biffanti, Sienna Tait, Kya Olsen, Madison Olsen, Tayte Malas, Damon Pitcher

### **Liam Emerson Memorial Sporting Award**

Terry Connors, Tahlia Morello

### **Cultural Award**

Taryn Delle Baite

### **Vicki O'Hara and David Legg Memorial Award**

Paytont Rogers, Lila Martin, Charlie Shears

### **2016 Water Festival Junior**

### **Ambassador**

Taryn Delle Baite

### **Citizenship Awards**

Jessica Cox, Isabella Tait, Daynah Schofield, Aidan Calligaro, Patrick Kupke, Ellie-Mae Wellington, Taryn Delle Baite, Korban Gaviglio-Moore

### **East Ayr Citizenship Award**

Madisyn Grant

### **Encouragement Awards**

Taylah Koutsonis, Makaela Kerruish, Katherine Ellison, Harvey Arboit, Jack Edwards, Jack Malas

### **North Queensland Sporting**

### **Achievements**

Tahlia Morello – Track & Field, Larni Vasta – Basketball, Terry Connors – Rugby League, Track & Field, Ethan Klumpp – Tennis, Lama Ghee – Track & Field, Karl Dabelstein – Track & Field

Congratulations to all students who attended the parade. Your behaviour was excellent.

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PA	Mitchell Jones
PB	Auraya Poots
PC	Lincoln Innes
P1D	Amelia Woods
1A	Jonas Musumeci
1B	Tyson Howie
1C	Natalie Batts
2A	Charlotte Falkenhagen
2B	Titus Doolah
2C	Jarren Wood
3A	Delta Krzelj
3B	Olivia Pavone
3C	India Devow
4A	Jorja Bosworth
4B	Jade Emerson
4C	Ellie Taylor
5A	Adam Prior
5B	Darcy Power
5C	Joseph Malayta



# CLASS AWARDS

PA	Seth Doolah
PB	Deon McIntosh
PC	Victoreea Campbell
P1D	Shaynade Nielsen
1A	Elizabeth Nielson
1B	Case Power
1C	Jorda Quagliata
2A	Trystan Corwin
2B	Sophia Moloney
2C	Simby Malayta
3A	Jye Ravizza
3B	Riely Hole
3C	Neenah Ivory
4A	Elijah Smith
4B	Thomas Rehbein
4C	Farrah Barbagallo
5A	Dekota Cutuli
5B	Munnyaneu Humphrys
5C	Chloe Harmer



Wow! I can't believe the 2016 school year is almost over. What a great year it has been. Thank you all for your continual support of the P&C throughout the year. As a community we have together raised over \$19,000 through our

various stalls, discos, fun run, learnathon, family dance night and chocolate drive. This figure doesn't include any profit made from the tuckshop. This is an awesome outcome for the year. The P&C committee looks forward to another very successful year for our school community in 2017.

The latest update on the arrival of our new school hats is that they will be here in January. I have set up a text message list for those parents who would like to know when the new hats arrive. If you would like to be added to the text list can you please text me your name to 0429 304 291. Don't forget our hats and shirts will be available for purchase from Kids Crossing over the school holidays. If you are keen to purchase a new hat, hold off until the New Year.

We are still finalising the set-up of the tuckshop online ordering system, we have had a few delays due to sourcing of equipment. Hopefully it will be good to go in the first weeks of Term 1.

I would like to congratulate the East Ayr State School graduating year 6 class of 2016. You have all worked very hard, and we wish you all the very best in your high school years and beyond.

I would also like to thank the teaching, support and admin staff for your support throughout the year. We hope that you all have a safe and relaxing summer break.

Finally I would like to thank Helen McCullough for her hard work and dedication to the students of East Ayr State School over the past two years. You have had a huge impact on our school community and we are very grateful for all that you have achieved for our school. We wish you and your family the best of luck in the next chapter of your lives. We hope you find your new position at The Willows State School rewarding and fulfilling.

Our first P&C meeting for 2017 will be Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm in the staffroom. Have a happy and relaxing holiday. See you in 2017.

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**Year 1 and 2 Swimming Carnival**  
The Year 1-2 Swimming Carnival was held at Home Hill on Thursday 24 November. Thanks to all the parents and caregivers who came along to cheer on the students. Once again the

junior swimming carnival was a huge success. Special thanks to Alannah Aili for organising a great day.

The results of the day were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Drysdale	673
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wickham	610
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leichhardt	584
4th	Cook	559

## Learnathon

The 2016 Learnathon has concluded. Thank you to everyone who supported our students in the Learnathon. \$2857.20 was raised which is a great effort from the school community.

Our highest fundraiser was 3C student, Chloe Hook, who raised \$154 and will receive a \$100 voucher. Korban Gaviglio-Moore from 6B raised \$125 and will receive a \$75 voucher. Raising the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest amount of money was Bella Lawry with \$100. Bella will receive a \$50 voucher.

The class that raised the highest amount of money was Year 1C with \$345.50 and this class will receive \$150 to use for a class activity.

The following students raised \$50 and over and will receive a Zooper Dooper from the Tuckshop.

Prep B	Jorja Ahern
Prep C	Ruby Aguirre
	Bailey Hudson
1A	Brianna Cheyne
1C	Bella Lawry
	Angela Pucciarmati
	Farrah Sheppard
2A	Ayden Barnett
	Charlotte Falkenhagen
2C	Caitlyn Cheyne
	Kelsey Cox
	Hunter Oats
3C	Chloe Hook
4A	Lacy Horan
4B	Shonay Arroita
	Mia Power
5C	Matthew Trenfield
6A	Jessica Cox
6B	Korban Gaviglio-Moore
	Ellie-Mae Wellington
6C	Damon Pitcher

Thank you and well done to all students.



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