**PRINCIPAL: Helen McCulloch**

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

The last fortnight has seen some excellent success in the swimming pool – a very big congratulations to all students who participated in the Swimming Carnival and to those who went through to represent our school at the Webber Shield. Excellent work – Madisyn, Jessica and Damon. Our Interhouse Swimming Carnival overall winners was the Leichhardt House!

By the time our newsletter is delivered, our school leaders would have received their badges at our special parade. I look forward to working with our Captains and Vice Captains, House Captains and Vice Captains and our Peer Mediators. These students have already been actively working around our school assisting their peers. All Year 6 students have stepped up to being the eldest in our school and are all leaders. I am very proud of this group of students, keep it up!

Over the past weeks, I’d like to thank everyone for their support, cooperation and assistance as we transition some of our students into their permanent classes for 2016. This has been made necessary by the student enrolments for this year. We had 526 students enrolled on Day 8 2016 (February 5) which enables us to have 22 classes across Prep-Year 6. I am pleased to be able to now introduce my staff in this newsletter (please see staff list included).

Our Annual Implementation Plan and Budget was presented in the 2015 school year and again at the recent Parents’ and Citizens’ Meeting. In 2016 our three core priorities are Reading (every student progressing), Curriculum delivery (Australian Curriculum) and Behaviour (Positive Behaviour Learning). All three of these areas at our school have been well resourced through our general grant money and Investing for Success.

**Investing for Success** - our school has received additional funding from the Investing for Success initiative. We are now working to implement evidence-based strategies and actions to improve student reading and writing standards. The Investing for Success program was discussed at our first Parents’ and Citizens’ meeting last week. You can read about this program at this site: [http://www.deta.qld.gov.au/initiatives/investingfor-success.html](http://www.deta.qld.gov.au/initiatives/investingfor-success.html)

I have been advised by our Regional Facilities Manager that we have been successful in obtaining additional funding from the Investing for Success initiative.
funding to refurbish D Block learning areas (Year 1 and 3 building). This is a welcome infiltration of money to improve our school classrooms and I look forward to sharing with you further news on this once work has been approved to start. Parents will be advised in a letter of any temporary physical classroom changes required while the building refurbishment is being completed.

It has been great to see so many parents at our Parent Teacher Information Sessions and I thank our teachers for their high quality presentations and outlines of the year ahead.

Kind regards

Helen McCullough
Principal

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### Classroom Teachers and Support Teachers

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### Inclusion and Support

- Students who are making errors were given three cueing systems: does it look right?, does it sound right? and does it make sense? The teacher would model these three cues and let the students know that they should do the same. The teacher would then ask the student to tell them how they know that it is correct. Another strategy was to ask the student to tell them how they know it is correct.

### Reading At Home

At East Ayr State School, we encourage modelling behaviours that ‘good readers’ do. Good readers often don’t realise that they are doing these things. Our good reading behaviour focus for this week’s newsletter item is the use of the three cueing systems.

As proficient readers, when we are reading we continually ask ourselves three questions. Does it look right? Does it sound right? Does it make sense?

When reading with a young reader who is making errors, use these three questions to prompt them to return to the error and make a self-correction.

**Example**

“I went to the shop and bought some milk”. As a good reader, I would ask myself the three questions, identifying that it **doesn’t sound right**. I need to go back to the beginning of the sentence and think about the sentence structure. I can’t go to a stop and buy milk - where would I buy milk? That word must be **shop**.

If you notice a young reader correcting themselves, ask them to share how they knew to fix their mistake. Which cue did they use? How did they know that it didn’t look right/sound right/make sense? How did they fix it?

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**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)

### Collecting Children

I am sure we all feel frustrated at drop off and pick up times. There are a couple of ways that this can be made a bit easier.

- Please make sure your children watch for your car and are ready to get in once you have completely stopped
- If you intend to have a chat before or after school think about parking a bit further away so the closer parks are left for quick drop off & pick ups
- If you have older children, maybe leave it until 10 or 15 minutes past 3 to pick up
- Please be courteous to the other families by being as quick as possible

### Sun Safety

Please check to make sure that your child has a hat at school every day. **NO HAT, NO PLAY.**
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

PA Pypah Schofield  
PB Linken Darr  
PC Chloe Becke  
1A Joshua Stinton-O’Brien  
1B Shaize Christie  
1C Farrah Sheppard  
P1D Logan Mooney  
2A Hogan Smith  
2B Tate Mann  
2C Colby Johnstone  
3A Ethan Caltabiano  
3B Cooper Sheehan  
3C Chloe Hook  
4A Jorja Bosworth  
4B Jack Doyle  
4C Jesse Franettovich  
5A Macee Cursio  
5B Logan Flanagan  
5C Kourtnie Holznagel  
6A Joshua Ferrando  
6B Jayda Olsen  
6C Kya Olsen

**CLASS AWARDS**

PA Felipe Teixeira  
PB Seren Michielin  
PC Lily Arroita  
1A Sam Eathomr  
1B Nash Power  
1C Joe Pennisi  
P1D Pascale Crooks  
2A Layla Todeschino  
2B Sophia Moloney  
2C Jason Albizu  
3A Ben Laidlow  
3B Benjie Benoy  
3C Liam Ellis  
4A Layla Kelly  
4B Charley Ruskin  
4C Joshua Walton  
5A Zavier Wood  
5B Chelsea Bath  
5C Henry Fallon  
6A Paige Watson  
6B Jack Edwards  
6C Isabella Tait

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**Congratulations to the Rooster Winners**  
**PYPAH SCHOFIELD & JESSE FRANETTOVICH**

PA Annelise Calligaro  
PB Meggan Laidlow  
PC Summer Dixon  
1A Anastasia Craven-Wall  
1B Tyson Howie  
1C Kiara Helander  
P1D Nicholas Cathcart  
2A Hogan Smith  
2B Audrina Cogzell  
2C Jarren Wood  
3A Ezekiel Capper  
3B Charlie Conway  
3C Zennah Malas  
4A Zahn Cursio  
4B Jayla Tinus  
4C Mia Galbraith  
5A Bryar Darwen  
5B Darcey Power  
5C Chelsea Scalio  
6A Mackayla Hodder  
6B Jye Tonion  
6C Logan Towler

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**Congratulations to the Rooster Winners**  
**JARREN WOOD & CHARLIE CONWAY**

**Religious Instruction**

We are providing religious instruction (RI) for students in Years 1 to 6 from Thursday 25 February. Our school will offer:

- Connect program delivered by Uniting, Baptist, Presbyterian, Assembly of God, Christian Outreach, Gospel Out Reach (Centre International Inc)
- Christ our Light & Life by Catholic
- Access Ministries by Anglican

RI will occur on Thursday

- Year 1 to 2 at 2.00 – 2.30pm
- Year 3 to 6 at 2.30 – 3.00pm

Students that do not participate in RI are provided with other instruction. The information on your child’s enrolment form is used to place them in either RI or in other instruction, unless you have provided additional written advice to the school.

If we do not already have clear advice from you about your child’s participation in RI please provide this to the school in writing.

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**Year 3 – 6 Swimming Carnival**

The annual year 3 – 6 swimming carnival was held on 3rd February.

Congratulations to all those students who attended the carnival and participated, not only in the length swimming events but also in the 15m pool swims.

All houses showed excellent team spirit and support through cheering and war cries. It was disappointing that our carnival was shortened by an impending storm and lightning.

All students were well behaved and participated in all events.

A big thank you to all the parents who helped as judges. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. Thank you to Miss Ali for her hard work in putting the carnival together.

Leichhardt proved too strong on the day. The final points were:

- Leichhardt 1786
- Cook 1700
- Drysdale 1226
- Wickham 1094

Our swimming age champions were:

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Congratulations to these students. Well done.

**ANZ Tennis Hot Shots**

Just a reminder that the ANZ Tennis Hot Shots note is due back by Friday 26th February. All students have been sent home another note. By signing up, your child will receive a new t-shirt and the school will receive $2 to
buy tennis equipment. The new shirt is New Balance brand and has large stripes going across the shoulder.

Webber Shield
Last Tuesday 9 February the Webber Shield was held at the Ayr Swimming Carnival. From the East Ayr Swimming Carnival 26 students represented East Ayr at the Webber Shield.

9 Years
Scott Albizu  Melody Curro
Ben Byers  Kai DelleBaite

10 Years
Caitlin Kross  Shanay Arroita
Sky Olsen  Khyla Cursio
Tyla Cox  Angus McMullen

11 Years
Blake Jorgensen  Dustyn Priddle
Logan Flanagan  Kyle Drain
Dylan Meinicke  Julia Neal
Braith Dowson  Mia Kelly
Henry Fallon

12 Years
Jessica Cox  Madisyn Grant
Shawnee King  Paris Reid
Taryn DelleBaite  Kya Olsen
Damon Pitcher  Callum Drain

Congratulations to these students for their terrific effort. Our students are also to be commended on their behaviour and participation.

Overall East Ayr finished in 2nd place. Three East Ayr students were awarded Age Champion trophies at this carnival.

Damon Pitcher  Boys 12 Yrs
Madisyn Grant and Jessica Cox  Girls 12 Yrs

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.

P&C News with Timmone Feeney

UNIFORMS
We now have all sizes of hats and chook shirts in stock. Chook shirts are now $25.00. Please remember that the tuckshop is a cash only facility.

TUCKSHOP – if you have any spare time at all please think of volunteering at the tuckshop. The kids just love it when their mums are on for the day. We also have more stock of the printed tuckshop bags. You can purchase 40 bags for $4.00.

DISCO – We will be having a disco on Thursday 17th March – more details in future newsletters.

P&C – HELP
East Ayr State School P & C committee members are urgently needed. Two positions need to be filled for our committee to go ahead for the year. Positions available are Fund Raising Co-Ordinator and Grant Writing Co-Ordinator.

Fund Raising Co-ordinator is a fun and active role with raising funds for the school our main priority through the P & C.

Grant Writing Co-ordinator is a great job for anyone who has the skills for writing, filling in forms and understanding grant writing jargon.

Our school has some projects coming up that we would like to support but we need help with these two positions needing to be filled.

If you are interested and have some free time please contact Timmone 0409 627 766, Michelle 0418 798 399 or Tricia 0409 837 797 or if you have any ideas for fundraising please contact any of our committee members or come along to a P & C meeting.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING – All positions on the newsletter have now been filled.

SCHOOL BANKING – If anyone has any free time on a Thursday I am sure Neva and her ladies would appreciate any help.

Q SCHOOL APP – this is a great app to have. The school push out messages through this app so download it as it is quite helpful.

FACEBOOK - the school now has a Facebook page.

LEFT OVER BOOKS/SUPPLIES – if you have any left-over books/pencils etc. you can no longer use please consider donating them to the school.

AGM – Our next meeting will be on Monday 14th March at 6.30pm in the staffroom. This meeting will be the AGM for our P&C which will be followed by a normal P & C meeting. All positions become vacant at an AGM and re-filled at the meeting. Please think about being involved with the school in this way as it is great to know what is going on around the school and having input into the decisions made.

Timmone

Enviro Club
The Enviro Club has had a great response with well over sixty registrations being received to date. If there are any students who still require a membership form they can see Mr Kiloh to obtain one. Last week members cleaned up the sand-pits around the play equipment and rewarded themselves with a play on the climbing frames for their efforts afterwards. This week we hope to show the members around the vegetable garden and the worm farms. We’ll be weighing and recording the aluminium cans as well as organising our new Power Police outfit. This group will support the school by checking classrooms to see that lights, fans, air conditioners, computer screens and hall lights are off during break times. This work will hopefully reduce our electricity costs over the year.

Towards the end of term work will begin on our vegetable garden. If parents would like to donate any seeds to sow in our garden please send them along with your child to Enviro Club and we can watch them grow.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS
Welcome back to the new school year! School banking kicked off again last Thursday 11th February and we
will continue to bank every Thursday of Term 1, up to and including the 24th March.

New Comers
If you wish to sign up for school banking there are three ways to get started:
1. Sign up Online – log in to netbank.com.au
2. In a Branch – visit the local branch with identification for you and your child.
3. Over the phone – by calling 132221 and opening a Youthsaver account over the phone.

Important - Student ID Numbers
When your child signs up for school banking, they are assigned a Student ID Number the first time they bank with us. This number is important, as it allows us to quickly process the deposit for the correct student. If you do not know your child’s Student Banking ID number, please pop a note in the bank book and we will find out for you. It is important that their Student ID Number is written on the deposit slip every time they bank with us. Also - just a reminder that we can’t see balances or access your child’s account directly, we can only process deposits.

Information Pack
All Prep students should have received an information pack regarding school banking. If they wish to sign up, the easiest way is usually to visit the local branch. We are also currently in the process of delivering an information pack to all new families at East Ayr. Before the end of this week, parents should have sighted a note from Commonwealth Bank which highlights the benefits of school banking, the rewards available to students this year and how to sign up.

Over the coming weeks, as we sort through the new classes, all banking families will receive a letter from Commonwealth Bank containing information about the new rewards on offer for 2015. When you receive this, please keep your reward coupon handy at home for when your child is redeeming a reward.

Electronic Records
10 deposits = 10 tokens = A Reward
The bank has advised us that we need to give out tokens each week. Sometimes we accidently miss tokens and the good news is that all tokens are counted electronically. This means that we are advised when your child has reached 10 tokens and can claim a reward. In order to let us know what reward to claim, you will need to send the redemption coupon in with the bank book and 10 tokens.

All tokens remaining from the 2015 school year, carry over to 2016. An updated balance of how many tokens your child has will be published in the next newsletter. Reward items can be claimed in Week 7 of the Term.

Communication with Coordinators
This year your school banking coordinators are: Anne Moloney, Michelle Oats, Rosalie Kelly, Michelle Gosper, Corryn Innes, Natasha Becke, Renai Williams, Donna Laidlow and Neva Neal. If you have a school banking question that needs to be answered, please pop a note in the bank book when your child banks and we will do our best to answer the question for you. If you feel like you need to speak with us directly, drop by the library at 9am on Thursday mornings. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us.

Neva Neal
School Banking Coordinator

CHAPPY’S CHAT
With Chappy John

Brekky Club
You may have noticed in our School Hall, there is a colourful banner proclaiming “Brekky Club”.

Every Tuesday morning a bunch of volunteers and I run Brekky Club from the kitchen in the Hall. It is FREE for any and every student at East Ayr who would like to come. Some local churches help fund us for the food, which is how we can give it for free.

We try to make it as healthy as possible, while keeping it yummy for the kids. We have: 5 cereals – (with milk but no sugar), toast with a choice of 5 spreads (we did need to include strawberry jam...), a platter loaded with 7 or 8 fruits all cut up, plus cups of fruit juice and milo (made on milk).

At the end of Term we have a special Brekky Club, but you’ll need to ask your kids about it because I am not about to let the cat out of the bag!! If you would like to help by donating any healthy foods or offering us some finance – it is all run and audited through the School account – that would be most welcome. Please give to the Office.

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