**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.

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**PRINCIPAL: Helen McCullough**

Welcome to term 2 and what a positive start to the term! We have had many new families enrol at our school and we welcome you and look forward to your contributions and support of our school.

On our first Monday back we had a number of District Relief Teachers, Miss Samantha Walker, Mrs Vanessa Green, Ms Kirsten Berril and Miss Kaycee Fairbrother start at our school along with a number of pre-service teachers who will be at East Ayr observing or doing practical experience. We look forward to working with you.

I would like to officially welcome our P and C Executives into their positions for 2016. Corryn Innes (President), Michelle Oats (Vice President), Michelle Calligaro (Treasurer), Kristy Raitelli/Tricia Kelly (Secretary). Janelle Henderson has also taken on a coordination role with fundraising. Thank you team, and congratulations on your roles. We look forward to working together with our P and C. Please keep an eye out in school bags for information from our P and C this week.

This Monday night we had a great response to the Parent/Teacher Interviews. Thank you to all families who made a time to meet with class, specialist and support teachers. In total we had 338 out of 370 of our families attend interviews! Outstanding! A special thank you to you all, and of course to our teaching staff and support staff, last but not least, the hardworking students for their learning which was shown through their portfolios at these meetings.

Term 2 is a busy one with NAPLAN, Book Fairs, Fun Run, Athletics Carnivals and a range of fundraisers. All of these have been/will be outlined in the calendar and regular postings on our Facebook Page will help us all keep track! Please ‘like’ our page to keep updated regularly.

The various sporting events and opportunities for our students is extensive this term. We have a number of students already demonstrate great sportsmanship and skill in their chosen sports. I
Looking forward to a great Term 2!

Kind regards

Helen McCullough
Principal

PREP 2017

We have had many enquiries about how to enrol for PREP 2017. East Ayr is an Enrolment Managed School. Enrolment forms can be collected through front office. **Please return these as soon as possible (with a copy of the birth certificate) as we number these as they come in.**

Further information about our enrolment process can be found on the website “Enrolment Management Plan” or by contacting front office or Mrs Scott who are happy to answer any questions.

Reading At Home

There are a growing number of online resources that are free and easy to access around children and reading. We encourage you to jump online and have a look at these resources as they can be very engaging for younger and older readers. Some of these resources even provide other tips for creating even more opportunities for reading at home.

Scholastic.com is full of online activities and stories. Some of their tips are included below — these a great activities to make reading fun for both you and your child. Reading doesn’t just mean from a book, reading is making meaning!

- **Reading Tip for Parents:** Card Tricks — Do you think effective reading only takes place at libraries and book stores? Think again! There are reading opportunities everywhere. Go to a greeting card store with your child and read the greeting cards together. Later, vote for the ones whose words convey the best birthday wish or get-well sentiment.

- **Reading Tip for Parents:** Picture This! — During your next outing or gathering, take action-packed photos, then have your child create captions to go with each picture. Assemble the pictures and captions in a picture book or album, and add speech and thought bubbles to create a personalized — and probably hysterical -- graphic novel.

- **Reading Tip for Parents:** Last Comic Standing — Take time to read comic strips together. Share favorites from your own childhood and have your child put his favorites on the fridge. Read them aloud, and often -- repetition is a great way to build reading skills. Soon, he’ll love looking forward to the “Sunday funnies” each week.

- **Reading Tip for Parents:** Become a Fan — Your child will soon develop a love for particular authors and illustrators. Nurture her fan-ship by helping her write a letter to her favorite author. Many authors have their own websites with contact information, but here’s a great place to start your search (http://www.scholastic.com/kids/stacks/authors/all.htm). You can also contact the book’s publisher, the mailing address for which can often be found on the back of the title page or on the publisher’s Web site.

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)

Attendance

On the last day of Term 1 a number of East Ayr students received postcards for their awesome attendance. 198 received a postcard and a certificate for 100% and another 137 students reached 96% or higher. Thank you students and
parents for your efforts and making every school day count. **Well Done!**  School success goes hand in hand with good attendance! Help your child succeed in school and build good habits early.

**Did you know?**
- Starting from Prep, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school
- Missing 10% (about 18 days a year) can make it harder to learn to read
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children to catch up.

**What you can do:**
- Set a regular bed time and morning routine
- Lay out clothes and pack bags the night before
- Don’t let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counsellors, or Principal
- Develop a back-up plan for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbour, or a friend
- If possible, avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session

**REMEMBER:** If your child is sick they need to remain at home.

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**School Photos**
Our school photos will be taken on Thursday 5 May. All students from Prep to Year 6 will be involved. Money collection envelopes have been sent home this week. Parents have a variety of photo options along with the usual class photograph. Once you have decided on your photo please return the money inside the envelope to the office by Wednesday 4 May.

Parents/Guardians please check your child’s details for name changes, spelling errors etc and make any corrections in red/blue pen.

Parents and students are reminded that **ALL** students from Prep to Year 6 will need to wear the official **BLUE** school uniform on this day.

**Fun Run / X-Country**
The next fundraising venture is the annual FUN RUN. Sponsorship forms will be handed out to all students this week. The Fun Run is open for all students from Prep to Year 6. We only have two (2) weeks to get sponsorship for this event. We have arranged some incentive awards from local business houses for students who are involved in this fundraiser.

The Fun Run is part of our annual Cross Country event. Students have been involved in training sessions that began last term. Preps will run 350m, Year 1 and 2 students will run 500m and Year 3 students who are 8 years will cover approximately 800m. These students will complete their course within the school grounds.

Students who are 9 and 10 years old will run 1800m while our 11 and 12 year old students will run 2400m. Those runs will see the students leaving the school grounds and running on the footpaths of McIntyre, Cox, Davenport, James, Gibson and Ross Streets.

Information and permission forms for students to participate in these events were sent home earlier this week.

The Fun Run / Cross Country will be run on Friday 29 April. Years 3 – 6 will run at 9:10am with the Prep to Year 2 session starting at 1:45pm. Please come along and support your children.

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**ANZAC Day Activities**
Our school ANZAC parade will be held on Friday 22 April at 11:30am. All students will attend the parade that will be held in the Hall.

Students will sing Advance Australia Fair and our Year 2 - 6 Choir will also sing a song. Mr Giddy, one of our parents, will play the “Last Post” and “Revelle”. Our Chaplain, Chappy John, will say a prayer.

Our school leaders will lay a wreath and lower the flag to half-mast. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.

East Ayr students from Prep to Year 6 are invited to represent the school in the ANZAC parade being held on Monday 25 April. Students who wish to participate are asked to assemble at the front of Harvey Norman in Queen Street by 8:45am. The March begins at 9:00am.

Students are asked to wear their **BLUE** school uniform and hat. The P&C Association will supply a free drink to all students who march after the ceremony. These will be distributed in the Masonic Hall car park. Parents can collect their children from the car park of the Masonic Hall at the conclusion of the ceremony. We look forward to another good roll up of students and teachers at this year’s ANZAC Day Parade.

Our Student Council will be selling a variety of ANZAC items:
- ANZAC Student Silk Ribbons $1
- ANZAC Blue Ribbons $2
- ANZAC Biros $2.50

These will be sold outside the office and the Prep building from 8:30am tomorrow, Thursday 21 and Friday 22 April.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PA Amaya Galbraith
PB Jacob Menso
PC Ruby Aguirre
P1D Ellise Jordan
1A Brianna Cheyne
1B Keatan Jarvis
1C Jemma Kiehne
2A Charlotte Falkenhagen
2B Erin Palmer
2C Taylor Pitcher
3A Kayne Turner
3B Amelia Kratzmann
3C India Devow
4A Elijah Smith
4B Ruby Sitton
4C Angus McMullen
5A Holly Sartori
5B Hollie-Marie Fowler
5C Amelia Jerkic
6A Jahmal Hooker
6B Larni Vasta
6C Jannet Rawiri

Northern Region Schools Golf Trials Nomination
Nominations are called from students wishing to be considered for participation in the 2016 Northern Region Golf trials on May 3 2016.

If your child plays junior golf on a regular basis they may be interested in attending the NQ Golf Trials in Ayr. Nomination forms are available at the school office.

If parents require more information please contact Linda Scott.

Lolly Guess Raffle
In the last few weeks of Term 1, the Parents & Citizens Association ran a “Guess the number of Lollies” in a variety of containers.

Students enjoyed the challenge of estimating how many lollies there were in the jars.

In some cases, students guessed the correct number. If there was more than one student with the same guess, then the students’ names were placed in a hat and the name chosen won the container of lollies while the other students received a slushie.

Results:
- Sour worms Jar – 98 lollies
  Winner: Hunter Cowen 6A
  Runner-Up: Millie Henderson Prep1D
- Allens Mix Soft Lollies – 165 lollies
  Taryn Delle Baite 6C
- M & M Jar – 429 lollies
  Jorja Grabs 5B
- Orange Bug Catcher – 101 lollies
  Makaela Kerruish 6B
- Yellow Bug Catcher – 103 lollies
  Winner: Rylee Delle Baite Prep B
  Runner-Up: Tahlia Lawson 2C
- Freddo & Caramelo Bears – 15 lollies
  Winner: Ryan Laidlow 6C
  Runner-Ups: Farrah Barbagallo 4C
  Bridie Castiglione 5A
  Ashayla Morello 4C
  Cohen Marano 5A

Congratulations to the above students and thank you to the Parents & Citizens Association.

ANZAC Day is a special time when we need to again be aware of how blessed we are being Australian. Over the years, I have travelled to many other countries, and each time I’ve come home, I’ve realized what a wonderful life we have in Australia.

Of course, it is people who make a place wonderful, and it’s people who guard against evil forces stealing such goodness away. Over the last hundred years and more, there have been a number of times our Defence Forces have needed to be at war to protect us. This is part of what our school remembrance service is about this Friday.

I also believe ANZAC to be about us giving of our blessings to a hurting world – a world needing freedom and help and love. Our Defence Forces do this in peacekeeping, in disaster relief and in other ways. From our abundance we need to give.

So please join with us at our ceremony at 11.30am this Friday. Bring your sad heart to remember the cost in keeping our freedom; bring your grateful heart to know we are very blessed; and bring your compassionate heart to recognise we...
need to give love to the crying world around us.

Chappy John

Chaplain Brekky Club Fundraiser
A number of students at East Ayr attend our Brekky Club every Tuesday from 8:00am. Our Chaplain, Chappy John, with the assistance of some of our staff and community members run the Brekky Club.

To assist with maintaining this Brekky Club we are having a Chaplain Brekky Club Fundraiser tomorrow Thursday 21 April. This fundraiser encourages students to come to school with a crazy hair style.

Please note that it is NOT a free dress day, students are only to have Crazy Hair. Students can come with coloured hair that they have sprayed at home. Aerosol cans containing coloured spray or any other substances are banned.

We ask if those students who come to school with Crazy Hair could donate an item that will support the Brekky Club.

Suggestions for items are:
Preps & Year 1:
A box of cereal (cornflakes, rice bubbles, nutri-grain, weet-bix, muesli)
Year 2 & 3:
A bottle of spread (vegemite, honey, jam, margarine)
Year 4 & 5:
One of the following items (plastic spoons, serviettes, dishwashing liquid, dishcloths)
Year 6:
One of the following drinks (Long-life milk, miilo, juice concentrate or tinned fruit, pancake mix or maple syrup)

Donations are to be left in students’ classroom. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation could this be placed in an envelope and placed in the blue box at the office.

As well tomorrow there will be a Special Brekky Club with a special menu of bacon and egg sandwiches. **Only bacon and egg sandwiches will be available tomorrow.** All students are welcome to attend. Brekky Club starts at 8:00am and finishes at 8:30am.

We look forward to many students with fantastic colourful crazy hairstyles.

**SCHOOL BANKING NEWS**

Rewards Orders
We are placing rewards orders in week 3 and week 8 for Term 2. The two dates will be Thursday 28th April & 2nd June. If you have 10 tokens, you are able to order your reward by filling out your coupon. Please check the list below to see what is on offer in Term 2. We also accept reward orders written on a piece of paper as long as you include your name, class, student banking number and your reward item you wish to order.

Available Rewards
Reward items for Term 2 include:

- Dollarmites Money Box – 2014
- ET DVD – 2015
- Galaxy Glider - 2015
- Intergalactic Rocket - 2015
- Outerspace Savers Money Box – 2015
- Flying Snake Trail Wildlife Write Set
- Mud Splat Handball – New
- Outback Pat Bag Tag – New

Spot Your Student Number?
Please note: I may have included younger sibling’s student numbers. To order rewards, a student must be currently enrolled at East Ayr. The electronic records show the following student numbers are eligible to order rewards this week:

**10 or more tokens:**
136 191 230 234 235 236 247 298
182 186 200 260 279 281 284 300
184 2 278 282 291 303 138 163
187 195 197 204 223 87 159 169
194 226 268 312 221 290 207 248
202 214

**9 tokens** (eligible to order a reward if they bank this week)
137 149 165 232 257 271 280 292

**20 or more tokens** (eligible to order 2 reward items):
244 306 285 134 140 246 239 249

Don’t forget that Commonwealth Bank have a wild Grand Prize competition running with a family trip for two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo on offer. Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 and you’ll automatically receive entry into the competition for a chance to win. See your information pack for more details.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to leave us a note in your child’s bank book, or drop by the library at 9am on Thursdays.

Neva Neal
School Banking Coordinator

Burdekin Sports Representatives
Over the next few weeks, East Ayr students will be participating in a number of NQ Trials.

Last Sunday 17th/Monday 18th April the Burdekin boys and girls competed at the NQ Football Trials in Townsville. The following students, Claudia Pavone, Caitlin McDonnell, Charlie Ruskin, Dylan Meinicke and Logan Flanagan were members of the Burdekin team and performed well at these trials.

As well on Monday 18th April the following boys Jack Malas, Christopher Muguira, Josh Davis, Jessie Ballin, Terry Connors, Cooper Horan and Pacey Horan travelled to Townsville to compete in the NQ AFL Trials. All these boys have only recently been playing AFL and did a great job at the trials. Mr Keith Kiloh was the coach of the Burdekin team.

The NQ Basketball trials were held in Townsville yesterday, Tuesday 19th April. Five East Ayr students were in the basketball teams that competed well against the other teams. These students were Jye Olsen, Matti...
Malaponte, Remy Haller, Larni Vasta and Kya Olsen. The boys basketball team was coached by Mr Clinton Eakins.

**P&C News with Corryn Innes**

**MEETING** – Our next P & C meeting will be on Monday, 9th May at 6:30pm in the staffroom. All committee positions have been filled. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**DISCO** – We will be having a disco on Thursday 5th May. Entry is $2 and this will give a ticket into the lucky door prize. We are going to try a slightly different format, the disco will be held in the hall in the hope that the fan will make it a bit cooler for everyone.

The students will be allowed to visit the tuckshop in the below times only – They will eat the food at tables set up in front of the tuckshop then return to the hall.

Grade 1, 2, 3 will come up for food at 6.30pm
Grade 4, 5, 6 will be sent up about 7.15pm

We will be selling hot chips $3, pieces of meatlovers or ham and cheese pizza $2.00 and drinks for $2.

**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. We are always in need of more helpers to work and more chocolate cakes donated. We also have more stock of the printed tuckshop bags. You can purchase 40 bags for $4.00.

**SCHOOL BANKING** – Don’t forget school banking day is Thursday. If your child hasn’t already signed up for school banking simply visit the Commonwealth Bank and open a Youthsaver account. Children can make deposits by bringing their bank book to school on Thursday. Every time they make a deposit children earn a Dollarmite token. When 10 tokens have been earned children are able to redeem Dollarmite rewards.

**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** - Our school Facebook page is great! If you haven't already liked it please do. It is a great way to keep updated with happenings within the school.

**LEFTOVER BOOKS/SUPPLIES** – if you have any leftover books/pencils etc. you can no longer use please consider donating them to the school.

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**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.

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**Home Hill State High School FETE**

Friday 6 May
5.45-9.15pm

**MAJOR RAFFLE**
4 NRL Tickets: Game Cowboys v Melbourne Storm, weekend 28 July – 1 August 2016 - Accommodation included.

**2nd Prize**: 2 nights for 2 adults in a Beachfront Apartment – Rose Bay Resort, Bowen.

**3rd Prize**: 1 night's accommodation for 2 adults & 2 children in a Cedar Lodge at Broken River Mountain Resort.

**WHEEL BARROW RAFFLE**
(Win a wheelbarrow full of groceries drawn at the Fete)

**FUN STUFF**
- Bottle Stall
- Steakburgers, Hot Chips
- Cakes & Sweets
- Laser Skirmish
- Drinks
- Jumping Castle & Slide
- Student Performers
- South Pacific Taekwondo
- Karen Healy Dancers
- PCYE Games MERV
- Todd Race
- Rock Solid Boxing
- Cent Sale
- Coffee Shop
- ANZAC & Student Work Display (Library)
- Bar & Entertainment
- Burdekin Celtic Dancers
- Treasure Tray
- Spot Raffles
- Fashion Parades by Eathorne’s SportsPowo, Tasha’s Topshop, Swerve Surf & Skate

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**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**
CORES Burdekin  
CCommunity Response to Eliminating Suicide

One Day Suicide Intervention Training  
Saturday May the 14th  
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 then assess a person who may be at risk of self harm or suicide.

Venue: Burdekin PCYC 164 Macmillan Street  
Ayr  
Cost: Free- BYO Lunch  
Time: 9am-5pm  
Contact: Ross Romeo CORES Qld Co-ordinator  
Mobile: 0427 455 313  
coresqld@kentishrc.com.au

"By the Community For The Community"  
Face book: CORES Qld  
www.cores.org.au

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Burdekin Shire Youth Council presents  
UNDER 18

DANCE PARTY

Hosted by former Justice Crew Member  
EMMANUEL RODRIGUEZ

Saturday 30th April, 2016  
7.30pm to 10.30pm  
Burdekin Memorial Hall  
$5 Entry  
Drinks & Snacks on Sale

REGISTER NOW  
to take part in  
DANCE WORKSHOPS WITH EMMANUEL  
Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced Options.  
All Ages welcome!

Registrations available from Burdekin Shire Council Chambers,  
Burdekin Library or visit  
Burdekin Shire Youth Council’s Facebook Page.

Contact Council’s Community Development Team on 4783 9832 for more information.