Dear Parents/Carers and Community

Welcome to the last newsletter for the term (that was an exceptionally quick term!). I trust that you will all have a great holiday with families, friends and lots of good times and we look forward to seeing you in Term 3!

PREP OPEN DAY
On Friday 3 June we held our Prep Open Day and the response was absolutely excellent from our school community and interested members of the wider community. Thank you for making it a success! A massive shout out to our sponsors, BMS and Sportsfirst, who supported our Preparing for Prep Packs and also to Lauren Baxter who did an amazing job with the art work for our brochures etc.

I also would like to thank Mrs Angie Baxter, Mrs Shelley Sheppard and Mrs Linda Scott for their work behind the scenes on the day and to all staff who prepared their activities for our 2017 Prepies and their families. Most importantly, I would like to congratulate our current Prep and Prep/1 classes for their work – the tours of classrooms was much appreciated by mums, dads, carers and grandparents and your writing, reading and maths was excellent to hear about and see!

Over the coming term, families who have lodged their enrolment form will receive communication from us around Prep Enrolment Interviews and our processes.

REPORT CARDS
Report Cards are nearly ready for distribution. If you have any questions around your child’s academic or social achievement or progress, the first point of call is your child’s class teacher. Teachers are open to discussion with you and have the portfolios ready if you would like to see how your child performed in their assessment.

SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT
Each year the School Annual Report is published to our Website. By 30 June this year the 2015 School Annual Report will be published. We had some fantastic celebrations in 2015 and have built on these this year. Check the report out by visiting www.ayreastss.eq.edu.au and clicking on the link on front page.

INVESTING FOR SCHOOLS SNAPSHOT – Semester 1 2016
We are 6 months into the school year and we are kicking goals! The Investing In Schools funding at our school means
that we are able to provide full school intervention for every student in reading and comprehension through the provision of Support Teachers Literacy and Numeracy and Teacher Aides directly working with students across Prep-Year 6. We have many students on track to reaching and exceeding their reading goals as a result. This then filters over to all other subjects where we have seen significant lift in the academic performance in English, Maths and Science.

We also invest in our teachers through this funding. We provide additional school priority time each week (1 hour per teacher on top of the standard Non Contact provision of 2 hours) and provide planning days in their year levels so all teachers are planning for and are clear on the English, Maths and Science knowledge and skills required for students to progress and achieve in these core areas.

We have prioritised the proactive programs for Positive Behaviour Learning through Behaviour Support Teachers and HoD Behaviour Engagement to assist teachers to raise attendance and behavioural standards at our school. We are able to boast excellent attendance of 95% and over 93% of students requiring only positive reinforcement for behaviour.

The Investing in Schools is a critical component of our school and has enabled us to have very high and supportive processes in place to assist us to be on the forefront of systemic initiatives and set a very high standard of conditions for learning.

For further information on our strategy please see the full document on our website www.ayreastss.eq.edu.au

SPORTS CARNIVALS - WE GOT THE SPIRIT?
Sports Carnivals are always a time of fun – whether you are the best at the running and events or not, the day is always looked forward to as we take the learning outside! In the next fortnight we will see our teams compete and participate in the annual athletics carnival/s. We look forward to these days. Friday 17th June Year 3-6 and Friday 24th June Prep-2. This year we have included a SPIRIT award – this award will recognise the team spirit and comradeship that is always high at such carnivals. Get your cheering ready and your colours flying! A special thankyou to those parents who also supported the P and C and Sportsfirst Fundraiser!

Have a fantastic last fortnight and see you in Term 3!

Kind regards

Helen McCullough
Principal

Reading At Home
Making predictions can be a lot of fun when you are reading. Thinking about the character’s choices in actions, what they think and say and the events in the text make the reader make meaning of the text and improve their understanding. You can make predictions by starting with ‘I think ….. will happen because ….’. Adding ‘because’ encourages the reader to make valid predictions by using evidence from the text which is an important skill.

The fun part is reading on to see if your predictions were true!

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)

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Our school is participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

The Data Collection will be submitted in August. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form. More information about the Data Collection is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html or you can contact the Principal (Helen McCullough) or HoSES (Jo Coe) if you have any further questions.

Staff Carpark
There is an area of the school grounds next to the school residence designated as a “Staff Carpark”. The aim of allowing staff cars to park in this area is to bring them off Ross Street allowing additional parking places for parents and visitors. If the 60 staff vehicles were parked outside from 8:00am – 4:00pm there wouldn’t be any space close to the school for parents and visitors to park or drop children off.

THE STAFF CARPARK IS FOR THE USE OF EAST AYR SCHOOL STAFF ONLY AT ALL TIMES. THIS AREA IS ALSO “OUT OF BOUNDS” FOR
The following 2 Fridays, 17th June and 24th June are our athletics carnivals. These carnivals are great fun. The P&C will be setting up a tea/coffee/cold drinks and cake stall for the spectators at each carnival. At the 3-6 carnival we will be situated in the little shelter shed in between the top and bottom oval. At the P-2 carnival we will be selling out of the kitchen in the hall. If you are able to help out on the day or are able to bake a sweet treat for our cake stall please contact me via email eastayrpc@gmail.com or text me on 0417486733. We would prefer simple sweets - cupcakes, biscuits, slices and brownies (pre-cut) on throw away trays/plates please. Could the sweets please be dropped off to the tuckshop either on Thursday or Friday morning. It would also be greatly appreciated that if you have some spare time throughout the day please check in with Linda to see if she needs any help around the field.

Parents and staff are able to order their lunches from the tuckshop on our 3-6 athletics carnival day. Please have your order in at the tuckshop before 9.30. No late orders will be taken as it is a busy day for our tuckshop workers. This Friday 17th is a normal Friday menu.

We have decided this year for the P-2 athletics carnival instead of having a sausage sizzle, we will sell party pies and party sausage rolls. Children will have to pre-order their lunch on a tuckshop bag. Children will be able to order milk and juice but they will also be for sale on the day. Parents are welcome to order party pies and party sausage rolls. This needs to be a pre order as well and no late orders will be accepted as we need to let Phelans know our order before the day. A letter will go home by the end of the week. The year 3-6 children will have a normal tuckshop menu on this day.

Our tuckshop has a variety of freshly made sandwiches on sale every day. Starting from a simple vegemite, jam or peanut butter sandwich ranging to delicious egg or a healthy meat, salad or meat and salad sandwiches or wraps. If you prefer you can order a tasty salad in a box.

A big thank you to SportsFirst for organising our sporting house shirts fundraiser. The shirts have arrived at school and you should receive them over this week. We are looking forward to seeing all the kids in their new shirts.

We welcome and feedback or suggestions that you have. Feel free to email us or come to our next meeting on Monday 11th July, 6.30pm in the staffroom. What a busy and exciting term we have just had. Term 3 is going to be great. We are looking forward to our annual Family Dance Night. We hope you have an enjoyable, relaxing and refreshing school holiday. Looking forward to seeing you in Term 3.

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Supporters’ Day
The Student Council will be running the annual “Supporters’ Day” on Wednesday June 22. This is the date of the second State of Origin.

All students are encouraged to turn up in their supporters’ gear. This can be any sport and isn’t confined to the State of Origin. If you do not have any “Supporters Gear” we are asking that students wear “Maroon” or “Sky Blue”. This will cost students $1.

We will be running a raffle as part of the Supporters’ Day. The prize will be a Qld State or Origin shirt. Students who pay $1 for their Supporters’ Day dress will receive one (1) ticket. If students would like extra tickets, these can be purchased for $1 before school at 8:30am outside the office on Tuesday 21 June and Wednesday 22 June.

Please support our “Supporters Day”.

Please remember: No singlet tops, midriff tops, thongs/masseur sandals, face painting or shirts with inappropriate graphics or phrases.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PA  Felipe Teixeira
PB  Diarra Morello
PC  Mya Mitchell
P1D Evana Bello
1A  Jonas Musumeci
1B  Zack Durrant
1C  Breanna Wood
2A  Paige Stenning
2B  Brayden Becke
2C  Ruby Bartlett
3A  Max Durso
3B  Olivia Pavone
3C  Kai Delle Baite
4A  Mareina Meyer
4B  Shanay Arroita
4C  Macy Watson
5A  Kiera Wiseman
5B  Abby Plaza
5C  Caitlin McDonnell
6A  Aiden Kratzmann
6B  Damon Pitcher

CLASS AWARDS

PA  Zak Hanson
PB  Deon McIntosh
PC  Chloe Becke
P1D  Andy Eathorne
1A  Anastasia Craven-Wall
1B  Daimee Juan
1C  Jemma Kiehne
2A  Sally Laidlow
2B  Titus Doolah
2C  Kirryn Laidlow
3A  Lily Kiehne
3B  Riley Smith
3C  Chloe Hook
4A  Lacy Horan
4B  Taryn McCullough
4C  Emily Kerruish
5A  Cohen Marano
5B  Logan Flanagan
5C  Leonardo Capper
6A  Daynah Schofield
6B  Chloe Hutley
6C  Taryn Delle Baite

Congratulations to the Rooster Winners
RUBY BARTLETT & SHANAY ARROITA

PA  Quinn Smith
PB  Auraya Poots
PC  Brady Wilshere
P1D  Millie Lyne
1A  Silas Doolah
1B  Ryley Sartori
1C  Larah Iwasczyn
2A  Trystan Corwin
2B  Lila Martin
2C  Addison Ellis
3A  peppah Siani
3B  Jye Ravizza
3C  Michael Ferrando
4A  Tiarnee Bolam
4B  Jade Emerson
4C  Farrah Barbagallo
5A  Zavier Wood
5B  Munnyaneu Humphrys
5C  Faith Taylor
6A  Taylah Koutsonis
6B  Sienna Tait
6C  Ryan Laidlow

CHAPPY’S CHAT
With
Chappy John

Funny Stuff in the Sky!
No, it’s not “black snow” falling from our sky; it’s not even real snow, although it is winter time; and it is made of the same basic stuff which winter snow is made of – that is, water….yes, it’s RAIN!!

Boy am I confused….I know our wet season was not very wet at all. Does that mean our dry season will be wet instead? There are farmers living around us who burned Sunday night, to find it too wet now to harvest. That’s the sad side of a story where others of us are glad to see any rain at all.

Congratulations to our School Water Festival Ambassador, Taryn Delle Baite. You will have an exciting and busy 3 months ahead of you Taryn! I pray that as a school we will get behind you like a team and help in all you do.

Breaky Club next Tuesday has the traditional Pancakes on, and for Thursday Brekky, Mr Mathews and the Student Support Team will bring you another Bacon and Egg Sandwich morning! We will certainly close Term Two in celebration for all the hard work you have done this year.

Keep Watch on Our School These Holidays
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Prep – 2 Athletics Carnival
Prep – 2 Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 24 June from 9:30am. Prep to Year 2 students will receive a note concerning this carnival. This year for morning tea students may order party pies and party sausage rolls from the tuckshop as well as milk and juice. Parents are also welcome to order party pies and party sausage rolls. These will also be needed to be preordered.

Tuckshop
Year 3-6 students will have a normal tuckshop menu on Friday 24th June.

Year 3 – 6 Athletics Carnival
This carnival will be held this Friday 17 June. All students from Year 3-6 will receive information about this carnival today. Included in this information is a timetable showing the time of the different events.

Attendance
When your child goes to school every day they will achieve their best. Here are some tips for helping your child turn up, achieve more and maintain a good attendance habit:

Let your child know it is important to go to school everyday

• One of the best ways to encourage your child to go to school every day is to talk about school in a positive way. Tell your child it is important that they go to school even on special days like their birthday or the last day of term. Sports, swimming days and carnivals, school excursions and school camps. Whether a child is participating or not. They are still required to come to school. Occasionally, your child may need to stay home from school – they might be sick, or there might be serious family matters you have to attend to (such as a funeral). While these kinds of events are unavoidable, other events such as shopping trips, holidays, visiting family and friends, or appointments such as haircuts, dancing, sports can be scheduled out of school hours.

Create routines for you child
• Help your child get organised and prepare for their school day. Set a regular bedtime and morning routine. Encourage them to lay their school clothes out the night before and pack their bags in advance so they can get to school on time.

CAN YOU HELP? YES!
• Talk positively about school with your child.
• Create and maintain a routine
• If possible, make appointments out of school hours.
• Avoid taking your child away for holidays during the school term.
• Stress that sports days and school camps are school days. Even though they may not be participating they must go to school.

http://www.learningpotential.gov.au

Burdekin Sports Representatives
Players from East Ayr State School have dominated the Burdekin Tennis team with the North Region trial being held on Tuesday 14th June. Ethan Klumpp, Joshua Mann, Brenton Flynn, Henry Fallon, Julia Neal, Faith Taylor and Isabella Moloney were all selected in the Burdekin team. Only one other team member was selected from another school.

Ethan Klumpp played well on the day to make the North Region 12 and Under Tennis Team. Ethan will travel to Brisbane and will play at the Brisbane International Tennis Centre in August. Faith Taylor was selected as reserve after playing with her best form throughout the tournament. Henry, Joshua, Brenton, Isabella and Julia all played to the best of their ability and displayed great sportsmanship on the day.

As well, Cameron Wellington will attend the NQ Rugby Union Trials in Townsville this Wednesday as a member of the Burdekin Rugby Union Team.

Best of luck Cameron.

Rewards Day Term 2
Positive Behaviour Learning is a system that supports the exceptional standards of behaviour at our school (93% of students have continued to uphold the high standards of our behaviour expectations). For the past 12 months we have utilised Positive Behaviour Learning and each 5 weeks, we provide a reward for students who have been consistent in their behaviour and in their learning against the criteria agreed upon below. The reward day is about celebrating with students who consistently follow the 4 school rules. For students who have not met the criteria, class teachers contact the parents and we use this time with students to goal set to support them so they can make it to the next reward.

To qualify a student must have:
• No more than 2 behaviour incidents recorded
• No school disciplinary action (suspension)
• All assessment completed (determined by class teachers)

For Attendance Postcard
• 100% - 96% attendance for Term 2

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2016
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is an annual state wide initiative for state and non-state schools and home-educated students up to Year 9 as well as children (aged up to five years) enrolled in an early childhood centre or as an individual home reader.

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is not a competition but a way to encourage students to develop a love of reading for life. Through the challenge children and students are given an opportunity to develop their appreciation of the English language
and are encouraged to explore and enjoy a wide range of literary texts.

Children and students who complete the challenge have their efforts recognised through the receipt of a certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier of Queensland.

School and individual readers (Prep – Year 9)

The reading period for Prep to Year 9 students commenced on Monday 16 May 2016 and will finish on Friday 26 August 2016.

For a student to successfully complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below. Experiencing a book can include classroom or at home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a book, or being read to.

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For information about the Premier’s Reading Challenge, please see Mrs Mulley.

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.

From Taryn

Hi, I’m Taryn Delle Baite and I have the honour of representing East Ayr State School at the Water Festival.

Firstly, I’d like to thank the other nominees and the panel for their time during the selection process.

My first official duty as the Junior Water Festival ambassador was a meet and greet with the other ambassadors at the Burdekin Bowling Alley. It was great to catch up with the other girls, some I have known since kindergarten and others I have just met.

I look forward to the Festival Launch on July 2 and I can’t wait for the exciting months to come.

Taryn Delle Baite

**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**
Come & Try Session
Burdekin Junior Basketball
Tues 21.6.15
3.30-4.30pm

If your child has never played basketball & would like to give Basketball a try, please come along to our FREE Come & Try Day.

Tuesday 21st June 3.30-4.30pm at the Burdekin Basketball Stadium
Just bring along a waterbottle.
Pre registration is vital – please email gsmswight@bigpond.com with your childs details (name/dob/address/phone contact)

Season 2 will commence after the school holidays. If you are considering joining our Junior Basketball fixtures for the first time, this session is for you. This is a free coaching session with the possibility of joining a team in Semester 3 & 4. We are looking for young, up and coming basketballers. If you would like to come along and find out about our competition, game times, costs etc... come along to the Burdekin Basketball Stadium where we will try and answer all your questions. Fixtures are every Wednesday afternoon from 4pm – 7pm depending on age group.

Every new player can have 2 games trial before any fees are required.

Any queries please do not hesitate to call Sandra Wight on 0438 836511 or email gsmswight@bigpond.com

Our website is www.burdekin.basketball.net.au