

East Ayr State School Newsletter

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Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 4	13 February <i>P&C Meeting 6:30pm</i>	14 February <i>Brekky Club Parent/Teacher Info Yr 5</i>	15 February <i>School Leaders Induction Day Newsletter to go home Parent/Teacher Info Yr 1</i>	16 February <i>Yr 3-6 parade: 1:45pm Yr P-2 parade: 2:35pm Parent/Teacher Info Prep</i>	17 February
Week 5	20 February	21 February <i>Brekky Club</i>	22 February	23 February <i>Brekky Club Religion Yr 3-6 parade: 1:45pm Yr P-2 parade: 2:35pm</i>	24 February
Week 6	27 February	28 February <i>Brekky Club</i>	1 March <i>Newsletter to go home</i>	2 March <i>Brekky Club Religion Yr 3-6 parade: 1:45pm Yr P-2 parade: 2:35pm</i>	3 March



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: Chris Wicks

Dear East Ayr State School Community

Welcome to week 4 - time certainly flies when you are having fun. It's hard to believe that we are approaching the mid-point of Term 1 already. Many people remarked at how busy last week felt and after visiting many of our classrooms I can understand why.

The professionalism on display by our staff and the dedication of our students is combining well to produce some fantastic learning. Specifically, we have been visiting classrooms to look for evidence of how we are setting our students up for successful learning. This has been a major focus

of our staff professional learning. When we set our students up with the right learning intentions and success criteria they are able to answer the following questions:

1. What are you learning?
2. How are you doing?
3. How do you know?
4. How can you improve?
5. Where can you go for help?

Successful students know what they are learning, how to be successful and they can use feedback to improve and set learning goals. There should be very little mystery in a school day, it's about building a partnership of teaching and learning.

Some other key information that we are looking for is our use of text. When you think of the word text, take a broad definition and think of a range of stimulus like books, pictures, apps, videos, art and athletic movements. These are all examples of text and opportunities to teach the thinking of the curriculum and to model and collect representations of the required learning. In short, we want to privilege the role of text in each and every classroom. We have found many great examples of this as we walk the school. You can help at home by asking your children the key questions listed above and by talking about what they are reading, viewing or listening to in their subjects.

Here are some other important things that are happening at East Ayr State School:

Student Induction

On Wednesday morning at 9:30am we induct our student leaders and peer mediators into their new school roles. It will be nice to meet some more of our families and see our students recognised in a formal manner. Our captains have been busy preparing their speeches and getting ready for the event. We hope to see you there.

Every Student Succeeding in the Burdekin

Last week I participated in an event at Ayr State High School. I took our student leaders to the high school to watch their Induction Ceremony. It didn't take the kids long to leave me with the invited guests and go and hang out with the Yr 12 leaders. I think it is a vitally important that we work closely with Ayr High to build relationships between our kids and theirs. This will aid student transitions and give us a strong sense of how well secondary schools are able to look after the needs of our students. Already we have had opportunities to meet Ayr High students at our swimming carnival; they will be in attendance at our Induction Ceremony and look out for our new helpers at the occasional Breakfast Club event.

I also travelled over the bridge to meet with the Principals from Home Hill SS, Home Hill SHS, Ayr SS and Ayr SHS. We caught up to discuss our strategic direction for 2017 and how we could work together to support our students, staff and families. This is exciting work and will no doubt contribute to a strong community approach to education. Watch this space for more information.

P&C Committee

Thank you to everyone that participated in our first P&C meeting for the year. We had a great roll up of dedicated volunteers. It was clear that everyone comes to the table with the sole purpose of making East Ayr State School a great place to

be. The fundraising activities planned for this term are a school disco and an Easter raffle. These initiatives help to provide funds for much needed resources and school projects. Our next meeting is on Monday 13th March and will also include the Annual General Meeting (AGM). If you are interested in being a member of the P&C in an official capacity or are keen just to attend meetings to stay connected with the group and school news, feel free to attend our next meeting at 6:30pm in the school Library.

Stay safe and have a great week.

Regards

Chris Wicks
Principal

Reading At Home

At East Ayr State School, we are 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 system.

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 we ask ourselves '*does it look right?*' we are looking at the letters and sounds in the word.

When we ask ourselves '*does it sound right?*' we are looking at the sentence structure.

When we ask ourselves '*does it make sense?*' we are looking at the whole text to make sure we understand what the author is trying to say.

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 stop 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, 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 question did they use? How did they know that it didn't look right/sound right/make sense?

Our reading targets are

Prep – Level 8

Year 1 – Level 16

Year 2 – Level 20

Year 3 – Level 24

Hayley Miskin (Master Teacher/Head of Curriculum)

Attendance Matters

Research shows that children who have good attendance are more likely to achieve high results at school. If your student is not at school or doesn't stay the whole day, he/she is missing valuable lessons which help them to achieve to their full potential.

If your child is at school every day, they will:

- achieve better academically,
- find it easier to make friends,
- be happier, and
- have a brighter future.

If you are having trouble getting your little one to school, please contact us and let's work together to see your child attending school every day and achieving great things.

Visit

<http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/fact-sheet.html> for more information on student attendance requirements.

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.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

PA	Rain Olsen
PB	Andria Reinke
PC	Tannar Cole
P1D	Minka Crooks
1A	Chloe Becke
1B	Diarra Morello
1C	Quinn Smith
1/2	Kovi Cursio
2A	Natalie Batts
2B	Joshua Stinton-O'Brien
2C	Pascale Crooks
3A	Colby Johnstone
3B	Christopher Capper
3C	Charlie Shears
4A	Samantha Menso
4B	Shaye Malaponte
4C	Billy Bax
5A	Marcus Previtara
5B	Shanay Arroita
5C	Jayde Holm
6A	Macee Cursio
6B	Faith Taylor
6C	Isabella Moloney

CLASS AWARDS

PA	Tyrone Stevenson
PB	Hudson Horan
PC	Mason Pavone
P1D	Stella Borellini
1A	Shaquade Morris
1B	Deon McIntosh
1C	Linken Darr
1/2	Felipe Teixeira
2A	Keatan Jarvis
2B	Chelsea Crooks
2C	Mia Robertson
3A	Ayden Barnett
3B	Ashlee Colls
3C	Sarah Flanagan
4A	Melody Curro
4B	Dakota Chinfat
4C	Liam Ellis
5A	Ethan Breen
5B	Travis Wilkins
5C	Mareina Meyers
6A	Layla Bonato
6B	Pacey Horan
6C	Henry Fallon

School Induction Day

Today we held our Induction Day for our School Leaders, House Leaders and Peer Mediators. These leaders were introduced to our school community and presented to Mrs Lyn McLaughlin, Mayor of the Burdekin Shire Council and Mr Craig Whittred, Principal of Ayr State High School.

Our School Leaders for 2017 are:

School Leaders: Chelsea Scalia
Jack Shears
Caitlin McDonnell
Logan Flanagan

House Leaders:

Cook Kiera Wiseman Henry Fallon
Layla Bonato Braith Dowson

Drysdale Bridie Dylan Raitelli
Castiglione

Bryer Darwen Zavier Wood

Leichhardt Julia Neal Kyle Drain
Tahlia Morello Ashton Marano

Wickham Hannah Weaver Cooper Horan
Halle Bengoa Ethan Klumpp

Peer Mediators:

Macee Cursio Faith Taylor
Claudia Pavone Holly Sartori
Isabella Moloney Abby Plaza
Regan Kross Keara Oliver
Chelsea Scalia Ryan Burns
Zale Ivory Ashton Marshall
Braden Laidlow Pacey Horan
Dekota Cutuli Amelia Jerkic
Jack Shears Logan Flanagan
Adam Prior Rohan Hollingsworth
Chelsea Bath Christopher Muguira
Chloe Harmer Matti Malaponte
Kayla Byers Caitlin McDonnell
Munyanueu Humphrys

Congratulations to our Student Leadership team for 2017. We look forward to working with you this year.

Religious Instruction

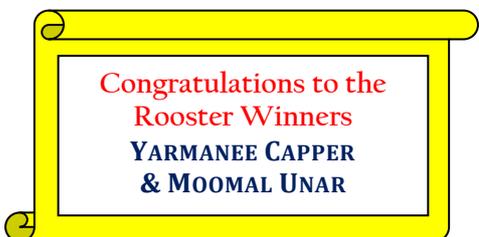
We are providing religious instruction (RI) for students in Years 1 to 6 from Thursday 23 February. Our school will offer

- Connect program delivered by Uniting, Baptist, Presbyterian, Assembly of God, Christian Outreach
 - 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



PA	Sarina Chinfat
PB	Matilda Woods
PC	Isla Kratzmann
P1D	Alyvia Chatfield
1A	Yarmanee Capper
1B	Jarred Laidlow
1C	Alexander Pucciarmati
1/2	Meggan Laidlow
2A	Ben Stockdale
2B	Beau Ellwood
2C	Jonas Musumeci
3A	Claire Brown
3B	Layla Bonato
3C	Moomal Unar
4A	Locklyn Thomas
4B	River Holditch
4C	Michael Ferrando
5A	Imogen Fraser
5B	Ellie Taylor
5C	Emma Chellis
6A	Zavier Wood
6B	Ryan Burns
6C	Cohen Marano



PA	Indigo Morris
PB	Kashdyn Nash
PC	Kayla Green
P1D	Kody Parker
1A	Addy Chandler
1B	Shila Horan
1C	Amaya Galbraith
1/2	Braelyn Cole
2A	Nicholas Cathcart
2B	Tyler Sheehan
2C	Millie Lyne
3A	Brayden Becke
3B	Emmerson Richards
3C	Tiana Cameron
4A	Jaxon Setter
4B	Kai Delle Baite
4C	Talayah Summers
5A	Jayda Hunter
5B	Klaire Chinfat
5C	Abby Walsh
6A	Kiera Wiseman
6B	Munyanueu Humphrys
6C	Jorja Grabs

Webber Shield

Last Tuesday 7 February, the Webber Shield was held at the Ayr Swimming Pool. Twenty-nine students represented our school.

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.

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.

Digital Newsletter

This week's newsletter will be the final copy issued in paper form. Starting from Week 6 our fortnightly school newsletters will be issued online, in a digital newsletter format. Thank you to all the families who have already supplied the school with their email addresses. A link to open our school newsletter will be sent to the email address provided to the school.

If you have not supplied or updated your email address, please provide this to your child's teacher as soon as possible. A link for accessing the newsletter will also be made available on the school Facebook site for families who do not use email.

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

P&C News with Corryn Innes

Hi Everyone

Our first P&C meeting of the year was held on Monday. We have had a very positive start to the year with a great

turn out of parents. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to attend. I think the partnership between the P&C and the new school leadership team will lead to a successful 2017.

Last year the P&C successfully obtained a grant to purchase 30 new computers for the school to the total of \$29 550. I am very pleased to say that they have arrived and are currently being processed. We should see them in use in the next few weeks.

The first disco of the year will be in week 8, Thursday 16th March, in the school hall. The disco will be tied in with the school's 'Bullying No Way' message. Children are encouraged to wear orange to show support of this important message against bullying. The format will be the same as last year. Prep-2 from 5.30pm-7pm and years 3-6 from 7-8.30. Entry fee is \$2. There will be hot food, sweets, treats, drinks and other goodies available for purchase on the night. In order to make this event a success for our children we will require parent helpers to bake cupcakes, set-up, cook hot food, serve and sell drinks and sweets and clean up. A letter and a text will be sent home with more details closer to the date.

The P&C have a mobile phone set up as a method to better communicate with parents particularly around the time of P&C events and fundraisers. If you do not currently receive text messages from the P&C and would like to receive updates please text me on 0429304291 so I can add you to the contact list.

At the meeting on Monday night it was decided that the Term 1 major fundraiser would be a raffle. We are asking each family to sell a book of 10 tickets (\$1/ticket). We aim to distribute the tickets to the families in week 7 and ask that they be returned by the end of week 9 so the raffle can be drawn in week 10. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Our new school hats with adjustable toggle cord (\$20) and chook shirts (\$25) are available for purchase from the school tuckshop. We still have some of the bucket hats (\$10) in stock available for purchase; they make for a great spare hat.

Our tuckshop is always looking for more volunteers to work and bake. If you are able to work on a regular roster **or** are unable to commit to a regular day each month but may be able to work as a back-up every now and then contact Bronwyn in the tuckshop.

Our next P&C meeting is Monday 13th March, 7pm, in the library. This will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM) where P&C memberships are open. All executive positions will be open for nomination and members will be elected in to these positions. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to become a member and/or be considered for a position please notify the P&C in writing via email eastayrpc@gmail.com.

Corryn

North Queensland Swimming Representative

Congratulations to Blake Jorgensen who has been selected as a member of the NQ Swimming team. Blake will travel to Brisbane from 26 March to 28 March to participate in the State Swimming Championships. While at the State Championships, Blake will participate in 50 metres backstroke and freestyle.

Well done Blake and the best of luck at the State Championships.

SCHOOL BANKING NEWS

Information Pack

Information packs have been distributed to all Prep students at the end of week 2. Those from Years 1-6 should receive their information packs over the next two weeks for both banking and non-banking students. This pack contains

information about the new rewards and prizes on offer for 2017 and there is a reward coupon that you need to keep handy at home for when your child is redeeming a reward. **Our first order will occur in week 7 - Thursday 9th March.**

Rewards Orders

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 1. We also accept reward orders written on a piece of paper, however, please include your name, class, student banking number and your reward item you wish to order.

Available Rewards

Reward items for Term 1 include:

- Dollarmites Money Box – 2014
- Outback Pat Bag Tag - 2016
- Colour Change Markers – **New**
- Cyber Handball – **New**

Spot Your Student Number?

Please note: 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 already so feel free to submit your rewards order early:

9 tokens (eligible to order a reward **if** they bank this week):

189 190 235 250 223 218 230 311
283 306 279 292

10 or more tokens:

294 281 260 257 149 186 271 287
303 330 339 340 321 307 290 240
214 140 268 282 284 324 313 332
273 137 191 195 244 221 319 312
335 278 300 144 136 159 197 236
275 169 187 251 226 291 329

20 or more tokens (eligible to order 2 reward items):

333 87 286 213 248 204 285 328
259 322 207 227 138 134 249 246
239 245

Commonwealth Bank Competition

This year, Commonwealth Bank have a Grand Prize competition running with a family trip for two adults and three children to Tokyo, Japan!! The winner gets to explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions. To enter, you need to make 15 or more School Banking

deposits before the end of Term 3, 2017 and you'll automatically receive entry into the competition for a chance to win. See your information pack for more details or visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Thank you for your continued support with school banking, you are helping to raise money for your school by choosing to bank with us each Thursday. 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

CHAPPY'S CHAT With Chappy John

Congratulations to all our **School Leaders** who were inducted at today's ceremony! Our school leaders are: School Captains Jack Shears and Chelsea Scalia, Vice School Captains Logan Flanagan and Caitlin McDonnell, along with our Sporting House Leaders and the Peer Mediators. You are a special group of people who have quite a responsibility for helping to run many of the functions of your school. So thank you for having the courage to stand up and have a go – it will turn you into a better, more experienced person.

Brekky Club is in full flight, with Tuesday morning being the full breakfast of cereal, toast, fruit and drinks. Thursday is a simple cereal menu, but enough to get the brain cells ready for learning! **It is free for all students.**

We would really appreciate any help anyone would like to give, whether it be through giving of food items, finance or help. Our purchases are at present supported by two churches, but because that is a high expense, in a couple of weeks we shall put out an appeal to School families for help. Please consider in your heart how

you can respond to help keep this blessing functioning for your children.

Chappy John

Free Microsoft Office 2016 for Students and School Staff

All Queensland state school staff and students can now download multiple free copies of the latest Microsoft Office to their personal home computers and mobile devices.

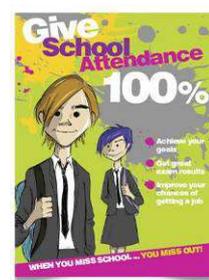
With Office 2016, students and staff will have access to the latest version of Word for writing, Excel for spreadsheets, PowerPoint for presentations, OneNote for organisation and notetaking, and much more.

Students and staff will need to use their school email address to sign in. The subscription lasts for as long as they are a Queensland state school student or school-based staff member.

It is important to note that Office 2016 is available for personal devices only, not devices owned by the Department or part of a school network. Errors and conflicts will occur if Office 2016 is downloaded on departmental devices, as these devices already have a licensed copy of Microsoft Office.

To download Office 2016 to a PC or Mac, visit portal.office.com, log in using your school email address, click through to install and follow the on-screen process. For tablets and smartphones, download from the app store and sign in with your school email address. Detailed instructions are available at education.qld.gov.au/office2016.

If you have any questions about the Office 2016 offer, please contact Karen Edwards, Director, Business Systems Maintenance on telephone 3034 5269 or by email at Karen.edwards@dete.qld.gov.au.



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