Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School uniform
As the year draws to a close it is important and timely that we maintain our focus on all aspects of school life. One of those aspects is how we present ourselves for school and learning. At East Brisbane State School we are extremely proud of our school and students. It is important that our code of dress should reflect the desire to maintain the high standards we as a school attempt to attain. We have pride in our appearance and it is a school expectation that all children will wear the East Brisbane State School uniform. This also includes the wearing of a broad brimmed hat. A copy of the East Brisbane State School Dress Code Policy is available at the office or on the school website. Please note that it is preferable that all students wear black shoes.

Book packs
Book pack lists were sent home yesterday. Please make sure that you follow the instructions of the information sheet to decrease the incidents of errors being made regarding payment and collection of items.

School Targets
Last week I introduced some new targets for our students to reach and maintain. These targets are based on our whole school attendance and a focus on our school rules. As a school community we are working at keeping our attendance in the range of 95-100%. This week our school rule focus will continue to be “BE RESPECTFUL”. The teachers have been discussing what respectful behaviour means for students as listed below-

- Be courteous and polite.
- Treat other people the way you want to be treated.
- Listen to what other people have to say.
- Don’t insult people, or make fun of them, or call them names.
- Don’t judge people before you get to know them.

Preparations for 2016
A few weeks ago the school distributed a letter regarding your child/children returning to East Brisbane for 2016. Thank you to everyone who has recently returned the cut off slip at the bottom of the letter. If you haven’t done this yet could you please ensure that you do to help the school make sure that your child is included in a class for 2016. Placement of students in classes will start to take place shortly. If you would like to make a request regarding this placement please inform me in writing. Requests for a particular teacher will not be supported. The information in the letter should be a request for particular needs that your child may have. Every effort will be made to fulfil that request, however it will still be up to discretion of the school.
School disco
The school disco is on **Friday 27 November, 5:30pm-7:00pm** in the undercover area. The disco theme is “Beach” and will be run by our PCYC as an event for our students only. If you are attending please make sure that all children are dressed appropriately (NO bare bellies or thongs please). Entry $2.50 per child or $6.00 per family. The P&C will be running a BBQ and selling drinks and snacks on the night.

Arrival and departure time
In last fortnight's newsletter I mentioned the appropriate times to arrive and collect students. Thank you for making the necessary changes to your routine, there are considerably less students here at inappropriate times.

Budgie Cup
Thank you to all the students and staff who worked together as a team to enjoy the final Budgie Cup for the year. While we may not have walked away with a cup our students displayed fantastic sporting skills and persisted right to the very end. Thank you also to the dedicated helpers of the P&C who organised and manned the BBQ for the day.

School leaders 2016
In the last few weeks of school, students from year five will be involved in a series of Philosophy lessons that focus on leadership. Students will then be able to nominate for leadership positions in the new year in a similar way to the procedure that Mrs Nicholls ran this year.

Graduation, Carols and Celebration Night
These events are fast approaching. Please note the following dates for these events

- **Graduation Night Friday 4 December 6:00-8:00pm**
- **Carols night Sunday 6 December 5:30-8:00pm**
- **Celebration Night 8 December 6:00-8:00pm**

Parents of students who are graduating this year will shortly receive an invitation to the event to ensure that there are appropriate numbers. PCYC are also able to provide care for siblings of parents attending the Graduation only. Please contact the school office on 3823 0444 to add your child to the list. It is vital if you wish to use this service that you let the office know by Friday 27 November.

Have a great week,
Joanne Nicholls
Principal

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**TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**TERM 4 – 3/4K Geography**

This semester within Geography, 3/4K have been studying natural resources, people and sustainability with a specific focus on waste management. Over the last weeks, the students have been undertaking an inquiry research task and have investigated waste management in the school community. This inquiry has required students to collect and record data on the schools current waste management practices. Students have also posed geographical questions and have interviewed Mrs Hackshall and Mr Lance on their personal attitudes to waste management. The students are now at the conclusion of the task which will require them to propose a personal sustainable action plan that could assist in managing waste more sustainably. We look forward to class discussions on student’s suggestions!

Kind Regards
Sarah Proudman

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**PE NEWS**

**BUDGIE CUP**

Thank you to Kelly Ann Freeman from Coorparoo Secondary College for assisting and providing us with their venue every year for Budgie Cup. Great appreciation to Mark Stevenson from TAFE and all his enthusiastic students and our P & C & volunteers for keeping us all hydrated and our rumbling tummies fed on the day. Congratulations to our Junior Green Team who made it through to the minor final and placed 3rd on the day. Congratulations to the rest of our students for a great day.

**Best and Fairest for the Day:**

- Junior - Ada and Manaima
- Senior - Jack S, Richard and Meisko

**Swimming Carnival - 26 November 2015**

Students born 2003 (students turning 10 next year - Year 5/6B & M students) -2006 will be participating in our annual swimming carnival from 9.10am - 12.30pm approximately.

We will as always have our house cheers and competitiveness, so slap on your red, yellow or blue zinc - put on your Hawaiian skirt and lei's and bring your best cheering voice for the day. The students may come along with their swimwear under their school clothing if they wish for the day, as there are numerous students to change. All students will need easy slip on and off shoes for the day for 1st break and a pair of shorts or skirt to slip over their swim wear to go out for a small break, as we will not be changing with the carnival continuing on the other side of first break.
Thoughts until next time: "Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." and "Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on after others have let go."

Yours in Sport
Karen Florager