Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains

It is with great pleasure that I announce our school captains for 2015. They are a fine group of students who have shown a strong commitment to uphold the values of our school throughout their schooling at East Brisbane. These students were elected by their peers and staff and I am looking forward to working with them in 2015. Congratulations to School Captains; Carson and Junshu and Vice School Captains; Emma and Richard. (pictured below)

Emma, Carson, Junshu and Richard

I would also like to congratulate our 2015 House Captains (pictured above on the right) Their leadership roles extend beyond our sports days as they serve the student body throughout the year. Congratulations to the following students:
Perkins-Charysma and Aditya
Lewis-Emad and Cooper
Freeman-Hiro and Ryan

Games Monitors
A number of our students have been recognised for taking on some additional responsibilities. Our Games Monitors have been organized by our Health and Physical Education Teacher, Mrs Karen Florager and they have already begun their activities with our younger students. I have appreciated their enthusiasm and willingness to support this school program. The following students are your 2015 Games Monitors: (pictured on the right) Charysma, Emad, Carson, Liam. Richard, Emma, Cooper, Ryan, Nick, Jeffrey, Adi, Junshu, Madeline, Hiro, and Ewan (Mystique- absent).

P and C Annual General Meeting 2015
The P&C AGM Meeting for the year will be held on Thursday 12th March at 6.00pm in the school library. We hope that you can join us

Harmony Day 2015
This year, Harmony Day is Friday, 20th March. Our school’s Harmony Day celebrations will be held on Tuesday, 24th March. All parents and family members are welcome to attend.
East Brisbane Playgroup
Each Monday morning at 9:15am a group of parents/grandparents and their pre-prep students meet as members of our East Brisbane Playgroup. Ably led by teacher aide, Ms Caroline Black, the playgroup members and their children participate in a range of indoor and outdoor activities as well as story and music time. Parents of the broader East Brisbane community are most welcome and if you know of any parents interested in attending our playgroup please encourage them to contact our school office.

Parent Information Sessions
Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for Parent Information Sessions last Tuesday. The partnership between teacher and parent is extremely important in helping set children up for success. Being familiar with the expectations of the class and the routines and the learning opportunities ahead for your child this year gives you an insight into your child’s learning journey and how you can best encourage and support them.

Crazy Hair Day (supporting the Leukaemia Foundation) – Friday, 13th March
All students are invited to wear a crazy hair style and bring along a gold coin donation for the Leukaemia Foundation. Hair colour can be applied at home. Please note that coloured hair spray will not be provided at school. Please note that school uniform must be worn on Friday.

OSHC Tender
East Brisbane State School is currently working with Corporate Procurement Branch on the Tender process for the Outside School Hours Care Services. The Tender was released to market on 20th February and closes on 20th March. The school has selected an Evaluation Panel who will review and evaluate the tender responses. The incumbent provider East Brisbane Community Centre Inc. has been notified of the process and is encouraged to submit an offer. Continuity of Service will be paramount in the tender process which is being undertaken in accordance with Department policy and procedures.

Home Reading
It is an expectation that all students at East Brisbane State School consistently complete their year level’s home reading requirements. For most of our students this will be supported by the school providing a levelled home reader or chapter book from the library. Students work at an instructional level when at school in reading lessons. The books that are sent home are at a lower level than this as the purpose of home reading is to increase fluency, expression, pleasure in reading and to reinforce comprehension. If your child is not bringing home a reading book please see the classroom teacher immediately.

Warm Regards,
Joanne Nicholls
Principal

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**Please Note:** District Soccer Date changed from March 31 to March 30

April 1 Met East Tennis
April 2 Met East Netball
April 30 District Girls Hockey

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Lytton District Swimming Congratulations on making us proud Anna, Emma, Finn F, Gus, Nick, Andy and Junsuh.

District Netball We wish Charysma best efforts at this week’s trials.

Lytton District AFL - Congratulations to Ryan who made the Lytton District AFL Team.

Games Monitors - Congratulations to our Lunch Time Games Monitors (pictured on the front page). This opportunity for our older students to lead by example and share their skills and assist our younger students by playing games at lunch time will be a learning time for both older and younger. Every day at first break any students in years 1-3 looking to join in and play some games at break meet your monitors at Mr Lances Room.

After school Clinics available to students this term are:

**Thursdays**
- After school swimming held by Hampton swim school - Learn to Swim, Stroke Improvement and Squad Swimming - Venue school pool ph Julia if interested on 3399 2004- Not too late to join for rest of term

**Wednesdays until end of term**
- Wednesday’s - It’s not too late to join now $25 until the end of term.

After school clinics are held by Magic Futsal - 3.10-4pm Venue - school oval ph Felipe for any enquires 0410301981 or see myself Marycrest - Year 5/6M visited Marycrest last Friday for Chinese New Year, this was a wonderful experience for both young and old. We participated in the Dragon Dance, enjoyed the yummy food celebrations, made paper lanterns, helped the residents with origami and sung with Akada Sensei our Japanese teacher. Thank you to Mrs McClintock and Miss De Zen for all your interacts and making this day possible. Also terrific job to Emma and Junsuh on the piano, our students were an outstanding example of pride to EBSS this day, I would like to pat you all on the back and let you know you are all amazing. This class will do a follow up visit tomorrow of which the residents are looking forward to. If you would like to join us and assist please let me know. Thank you to Kylie March at Marycrest who arranged free maxi taxis to ensure we all got there safely. Thoughts until next time: "One man can be a crucial ingredient on a team, but one man cannot make a team" or "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."

Yours in Sport
Karen Florager
Year 3/4K
The students of 3/4K have had a delightful start to the school year and have all settled in well. We have welcomed some new students to our classroom and we are looking forward to enjoying the wonderful year ahead with them. Our students have been captivated whilst learning about water conservation for our English unit based around the intriguing text ‘Whizzy’s Incredible Journeys’. In History we have been investigating the journeys of great European explorers from the 1400s to the late 1700s and will begin to examine the journeys that led to Australia’s colonisation. In Maths we have been concentrating on concepts including number and place value, fractions and time. Our class will be utilising Class Dojo throughout the term and students have responded well to the program. Parent login codes have been sent home with each student, which allows parents to track their child’s progress within our classroom.

Year 5/6B
It has been a busy time settling in to another great school year. Our class has been learning about new routines and coming to grips with the new curriculum. We enjoyed the leadership day and the activities it entailed. We have enjoyed a number of arts activities including visual arts such as dynamic line drawing and paper weaving. We have also enjoyed doing some drama in class as we use this to express some of the things we have been learning in Philosophy and Health. We have been busy in developing our writing and reading skills and to make a go of learning new things in mathematics. In English we are using a Dr Seuss book, ‘The Sneetches’ to examine skilful writing and we will then apply this to our own writing. We have established our class rules that we have agreed to live by to enable our class to be efficient and effective as we engage with our learning each day. We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning and are making good progress towards our learning goals.

Year 5/6M
This term is certainly flying by and our class has been working well to develop an effective class community. Firstly, our successful leadership day was a great opportunity for the students to be challenged and think about ways to cooperatively work as a team to meet the success criteria of the various tasks. Mrs Nicholl’s zigzag ball game and the straw towers were a definite hit. Congratulations to our new school leaders in our class – Junsuh, Carson, Emma. All the candidates should be proud of their efforts throughout the whole process. Also, a congratulations to Junsuh, Adi, Emad, and Emma who were given the recent duty of escorting various Principals and Directors of Education to the library. They certainly left a lasting impression that was ‘exceptional’ according to the email correspondence received. Finally, our recent Marycrest visit, despite the deluge was a wonderful experience for all. The class respectfully engaged in conversations and craft activities with the elderly residents for Chinese New Year celebrations. The smiles on the faces were priceless. It was fabulous opportunity for the students to experience patience, resilience and care for another person. Their Japanese song, which they sang twice and their Chinese Dragon dance were certainly favourites on the day. A very big thank you to Ms Akada for your time and to Mrs Florager, and Kylie March at MaryCrest for making this visit possible.