Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Parent Teacher Interviews
Research demonstrates that effective schools have high levels of parental and community involvement. This involvement is strongly related to improved student learning, attendance and behaviour and can have a major impact on student learning, regardless of the social or cultural background of the family. Family involvement in schools is therefore central to high quality education and is part of the core business of schools.

This is why we ask that all parents take advantage of the upcoming opportunity to meet with your child’s classroom teacher. All parents with children in year 1 to 6 should have received a letter from your child’s teacher outlining the process and possible interview times. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have not received this letter. (Parents of prep students will be invited for an interview in term 2.)

2015 update of My School website
Congratulations to East Brisbane State School for being one of the 27 state schools included in the list of 53 Queensland schools that have made ‘high gains’ in NAPLAN since 2012. The list was based on data included in the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority’s 2015 update of the My School website which includes results from the 2014 National Assessment Program – literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN) tests.

I am very proud of our staff and students who have worked conscientiously to maximise outcomes. I attribute our success to our Philosophy in Schools program, our literacy coaching programs that builds the capacity of our teachers and the explicit teaching of skills and strategies needed to achieve in literacy and numeracy.

Book Launch – Bruce the Brissy Bus
Last year our year 5, 6 and 7 students took part in an Active Travel drawing competition. The competition asked students to create a drawing that would become one of the illustrations in a BCC book about public transport. Winners were selected from a number of schools across Brisbane and I am very proud to announce that Carson Blyth (year 6) was one winner. His drawing takes pride of place on page 13 of the book and his efforts were acknowledged at the book launch last Wednesday at the Carindale Library. On assembly this week Carson presented Mrs Brackenreg (our librarian) with two copies of Bruce the Brissy Bus and a commemorative poster.

Harmony Day
Our Harmony Day celebrations took place on Tuesday and our performances and activities were rich in the joy we experience by having the deep respect for our cultural diversity within the school. Our traditional whole school photo is our keepsake from the day. (pictured on the right)

Good Friday – Friday, 3rd April.
School closes for the Easter holidays on Thursday afternoon, 2nd April. There will be no school on Good Friday. I would like to wish all our families a very happy and fun filled holiday. Please be safe as you enjoy time with family and friends. I look forward to seeing everyone again at the start of term 2 for our first day, Monday 20th April.

Anzac Service
Our school’s commemorative Anzac Service will take place on Wednesday, 22nd April from 9:30am to 10:30am.
Assembly – Week 1 Term 2
Please note that there will be no Assembly in week 1 of term 2. Our first assembly will be on the 27th April.
Winter Uniform
With the warmer weather refusing to leave Brisbane there has been little need to purchase winter uniform items. However I am sure that once we return to school after the holidays, there will be a need for jumpers or jackets and the like. Our uniform shop is open, please check table inserted on the right. Alternatively you can purchase plain bottle green items (without our school logo) from local department stores. Please consider budgeting for these purchases in the next few weeks and have them ready for when the cooler weather begins. Students who wear non uniform items to school will be asked to swap them at the office at the start of the day and return at 3:00pm.

Congratulations Maddie P
I am very pleased and proud to inform our school community that one of our year 4 students, Maddie P has been accepted as a dancer into this year’s Education Queensland Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage. Maddie has been successful in being placed in the mass and featured dance performances and will take her place with over 1000 student performers for Queensland’s largest youth performing arts event. Maddie’s acceptance into the featured dance section is most exciting as she is one of 15 dancers to be selected. Congratulations Maddie and I look forward to sharing more news about your successes in the months ahead.

Sporting Achievement
Congratulations to year 6 student, Rothy G for making the Lytton district team for Rugby League. We wish him the best of luck in this next level of competition.

Email newsletter
Would you like to receive an email version of this newsletter rather than a paper copy? If so, please email me on jnich19@eq.edu.au.

Have a great week,
Joanne Nicholls
Principal

PE NEWS

Big thank you to Dave Taylor and Tom Supplison who have helped out in the pool this term. We enjoyed having you with us and a swim with you too!

Congratulations Rothy and wonderful news for our next District Rep for East Brisbane for Rugby League. Good luck Rothy and we look forward to hearing of your progress.

Good luck also to Ryan Tungate who is soon to play his Lytton District AFL Games.

Artesuave-Tomorrow will see 5/6B visit for their turn in the indoor rock climbing room.

Marycrest- 5/6M visit for a bit of Easter cheer with the residents. Thank you students of 5/6 M & B for giving your time with the residents and Mrs McClintock, Mr Banks and Ms Sonia Dezen for your support of the program. Thank you to Louise Harding for your support on our ventures.

Touch Football-Term 2 will see all students in Year 3/4, 5/6B and 5/6M participate in Touch Football clinics at Raymond Park, every Friday. We will be lucky and have approximately 30 TAFE students working with us over a 6 week period. Please ensure all forms are returned to the office before this event starts, students will need school uniforms, hats and plenty of water.

District Lytton Cross Country form Students who have not returned their forms yet please return them to the office as soon as possible. Keep training in the holidays in readiness for this event in week 1.

Dance and touch rugby-Term 2 will see 2 different after school sporting clinics happening on Thursday afternoons, please check enclosed brochure for details.

Thoughts until next time:”Turn your face to the sun and the shadows fall behind you."and Make it a habit to tell people thank you. To express your appreciation, sincerely and without the expectation of anything in return. Truly appreciate those around you, and you’ll soon find many others will appreciate you equally." 

Lion Heart Leadership Program-Brisbane Lions visited our school.

The ‘Uniform Shop Opening Times’
Term 1 and Term 2 are as follows:

**Term 1 Weeks 9-10**
Monday/Wednesday 8:30-9:15 Other Days By Appointment (Pick-Up/Drop-Off Times Preferred)

**Term 2 Weeks 1-3**
Monday/Wednesday 8:30-9:15 Other Days By Appointment (Pick-Up/Drop-Off Times Preferred)

**Weeks 4-10** Monday 8:30-9:15 Other Days By Appointment (Pick-Up/Drop-Off Times Preferred)

Yours in Sport
Karen Florager
**Year 3/4K**

The end of first term is almost here and we have had a great start to our learning journey in 3/4K. As a class we enjoyed a fantastic harmony day. Our class performed a wonderful Japanese song in front of the school and worked hard on their performance. A big thank you to all the parents for providing food for the party. It was wonderful to see so many different countries represented. We all enjoyed trying different foods. In Science this term we have been busy learning about erosion and the effects this can have in our environment. We have been mini geologists, learning to identify different types of rocks and what is the rock cycle. Geography has led us to studying the continents of Africa and South America. We have learnt to use grid references, legends and scale when reading maps. We will continue this unit into next term. Homework will finish up for the term this Friday. Please make sure you hand it in tomorrow along with any home readers that may still be at home. Wishing you all a happy and safe Easter break.

**Year 5/6M**

Wow! The first term has certainly progressed quickly. It has been an action pack time for us over the last few weeks with various events taking place. We enjoyed our first visit to ‘Art Suave’ where the students learnt some wrestling techniques with the instructor, rock climbed challenging walls and tried out different exercises on a fitness circuit. It certainly was a unique experience for both the boys and girls who displayed much enthusiasm and fabulous team work throughout the visit. We were also fortunate to have members from the Brisbane Lions visit our classroom as part of their Lion Hearts Leadership program. It was such a valuable session on how to set achievable SMART goals and identify ways to demonstrate leadership within the school community. However, the biggest drawcard for the students was when they were able to kick a footy with the boys. We have now completed the last session and the students are now working on making their own SMART goal. For Philosophy, we had Mrs Eberhard conduct a community of inquiry about what was/was not responsibility as part of the coaching cycle and the ideas that developed were quite deep and intriguing. This has created further interest for the students and we have begun exploring into this topic of ‘being responsible’ and are questioning whether setting limitations/barriers for ourselves, affects the degree of responsibility we take. Our Science work has been very hands-on and the students are learning to work cooperatively in teams to conduct and observe various investigations on the topic of matter. They are continuing to develop their skills to write predictions and list variables required. I look forward to reading about their understandings with their own current investigation on evaporation. Finally, a congratulation goes to Carson whose creative artwork was recently published in the City Council ‘Bruce the Brissy Bus’ book. Our class was very proud of his wonderful achievement. For the holidays, I hope the students will continue to read a variety of texts and visit our online resources to practise or review work.

**Student of the week comments**

P/1R-Faith for being a learner, Faith is working exceptionally well especially with her reading. She regularly joins the year 1 students during guided reading which she enjoys. Faith has lovely manners and is kind and considerate towards her classmates.

1/2D-Inez for being an active listener in class and trying your best at all times. You have been working hard to learn your spellings and improve your reading through homework. Great effort Inez!

2/3G-Leilani for being a resilient and friendly student with beautiful manners and a very positive growth mindset. Leilani always tries her best.

2/3N-Aria making progress in his reading, showing enthusiasm for learning and completing his homework well.

3/4K-Jacqueline Always demonstrating respectful and responsible behaviour. Outstanding effort in all lessons and for keeping her book work neat and tidy.

5/6B-Rame really improving in his efforts to be a great reader and organising his learning space to be ready for learning.

5/6M-James for showing great enthusiasm for story writing, making lovely, thoughtful statements in Philosophy and making great observations in Science.

**SUPPORT VANUATU**

The Apple-MAC Lions Club of East Brisbane are collecting household items for the victims of Vanuatu and other pacific islands who were affected by Cyclone Pam. They are seeking your assistance in donation the following items: clothing, shoes, baby food, plastic baby bottles, tinned food, tarps/tents, pallets of water, toiletries, disinfectant materials, garden tools, bags of rags, torches, batteries, linen, (sheets, towels blankets, pillows, tea towels etc). Please contact Nicole Phillips Assistant Co-ordinator 073391 3159/0407763007

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**EASTER HOLIDAY**

3rd April - 19th April

Good Friday – 3rd April - School Closed