CONGRATULATIONS EAST BRISBANE STATE SCHOOL

On achieving outstanding NAPLAN results for 2016 across all strands in Years 3 & 5 (Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar and Numeracy). I know there has been a lot of negative talk in the media about NAPLAN results this year but I want to share the facts about EBSS and celebrate this wonderful achievement of our great school.

• EBSS has demonstrated great achievement in National Minimum Standard, Mean Scale Score and Upper Bands in all strands.
• In Year 3 and Year 5 EBSS achieved results similar to that of like schools, the state and the nation in most areas.
• EBSS is a high performing school.
• EBSS is creating bright futures.

East Brisbane State School is the best school in Queensland and this latest achievement is only one of the many reasons why. I would sincerely like to congratulate all students, staff and parents/carers on this incredible achievement.

BEFORE SCHOOL ROUTINE

A vital part of “Positive Behaviour for Learning” is maintaining a safe environment for students, staff and parents/carers. Please ensure that your child does not arrive at school prior to 8:30am. Supervision is provided in the undercover area of the school by Teacher Aide from 8:30am.

East Brisbane State School operating hours are 9am-3pm. The office is open from 8am-3:45pm for all parent/carer enquiries.

1. Teachers and Administration staff are rostered for duty from 9am – 3pm only. You may observe them on school premises but this is a time for planning and preparation, they are not required to provide supervision prior/after these times.

2. It is a criminal offence for a person who has care of a child less than 12 years of age, to leave the child for an unreasonable time without making reasonable provision for the supervision and care of the child. We ask that students not arrive at school until after 8.30 am.
3. If you require out of hours school care for your child please contact PCYC, they may be able to provide this service on site here within the school grounds.

4. All students, upon arrival between 8.30am – 8.40am are required to walk to the undercover area near the tuck shop which is the only supervised areas for this time.

**DRESS CODE**

East Brisbane State School and its community support the wearing of a uniform at school. It is our school community that collaboratively made the decisions on how we want our students to be dressed. It has come to my attention recently that several students have been wearing bright coloured shoes and jumpers, as well as also wearing extreme haircuts and colouring. Our dress code states that this is not recommended. I would like to ask for the community to support the Community decision to endorse our current dress code and for the students that have been wearing other items or hair styles to save that for the holidays.

**WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD’S WRITING**

Be sure to praise your child’s every writing effort. When your child writes a special card or letter, encourage him or her to write it out on scrap paper first, talk about it with you, and then write it very carefully on the card or new paper. This helps the child to see that people think carefully when they write. Ask your child to write your shopping list as you dictate it. Tell him or her later how important the list was while you were shopping. Talk about the writing your child does at school. Encourage your child to write using a computer if one is available.

When reading books with your child, point out some interesting ways different print is used in stories. Point out ‘speech balloons’ when they appear in print and discuss why they look the way they do. Read what your child writes and discuss it. Point out the difference between writing a careful letter or story and writing a note or quick list. A chalkboard can be helpful for some writers since they can erase and start again with ease. This is especially true in a play situation. Help your child to make a diary.

Show what diaries look like and ask whether your child would like to keep one. Help with information about certain dates and holidays and encourage your child to write a little each day. Introduce your child to easy-to-read dictionaries. Show how to use a dictionary and encourage him or her to recite the alphabet while searching for a word. Read to your child every day.

Look for interesting non-fiction as well as a wide range of fiction. Play word games such as Scrabble and simple crossword puzzles, which can be found in magazines and some educational comics. Cook with your child. Ask the child to read the recipes and perhaps write a recipe that you can make together. Let your child make a list of things needed or wanted for his or her room, the house, the garage or garden.

**SAVE THE DATE**

The Book Character Parade this year will be held on Monday 29 August 9:15am in the hall. Students can come dressed in their favourite book character. Please note that there won’t be an assembly that afternoon.

The P&C and the school will be hosting a ‘Movie Night’ on Friday 9 September in the hall and A Block. The movie title, start and finish time will be finalised shortly.

**PHILOSOPHY NEWS**

Our school is proud to teach Philosophy as a central part of our curriculum. Many people have commented on the educational and social benefits they see as a result of this program. We have decided to recognise and encourage high achievement in Philosophy through a certificate award to be presented at assembly each Monday. Two classes per week will recognise a student who has made outstanding contributions to their class Philosophy lessons. Well done to these students for their commitment to learning and the reasoned examination of ideas.

**Sandy Hackshall**

**A/ Principal**

**PE NEWS**

Congratulations goes to our Lytton Athletic District Team who competed on Thursday August 4 and Friday August 5! Cameron, L, Beau, Charlotte, Gus, Evie. C.T, Manaima, Ashlee, Stephan, Cameron. S.S, Josie, Elias, Sarah, Finn, F, James, F, Juan, Meisko, Rame, Harrison, Rebecca, Jeanelle, James, N, Alyssa, Anna, H, Elizabeth, Aijia, Dash, Tom and Cienna. What wonderful “give it a go” attitudes and team support they gave to each other! It is such a pleasure to share these special moments with the children and I have placed some pictures of them up on my office noticeboard outside the photocopy room.

I am so pleased to announce these students have made it through to the Lytton Team and next level at QE2 on September 1 and 2: Rame Ahmed - High Jump (1.29m) and Long Jump (3.93m) Manaima Tufuo - Shot Put (10.43m) and Discus (23.49m) Evie Campbell-Townsend Long Jump (3.20m) Cienna Talima Shot Put (7.63m).
Terrific effort also from Elias (15.31sec), Gus (15.43sec) and Rame (15.54sec) who made it to the semi-finals for the 100m, Elias (31.40sec), Rame (31.87sec), Gus (32.43sec) and Jeanelle (34.97sec) who made it through to the semi-finals for 200m and James F (2.50sec) and Sarah (3.17m) who made it into the 800m finals. All of these students have been given their team’s results to bring home and share with their parents.

**TERM 3 2016**

*1-2 September  Met East Athletics  *2 September  Budgie Cup Soccer

Budgie Cup trials are progressing with all students in Years 4-6 attending development clinics with the TAFE Students in weeks 5, 6 & 7 at the Pineapple Park. Students who make the teams will soon be advised and also required to wear shin pads on the day, any student who has shin pads will require them for the day and those other children who make the team but don’t have them will be provided with them. Students are reminded to wear full school uniform, have a hat and have plenty of water to drink.

We have been enjoying our NRL Clinics with Sam and Troy who are here from weeks 5-7 for the whole school. Also, our Oz Tag clinics in weeks 8-10 will be enjoyable and we appreciate our visiting TAFE students Riccardio, Herman, Louie and Denzel for the 2 more weeks they will visit the lower school for fun and games in motor sensory activities on Fridays.

Term 4 will see “Activated Dance” with Sue our dance instructor, return to school for weekly lessons on Wednesdays. This program runs for 9 weeks every Wednesday at a cost of $35 and all children are expected to participate in this program. It is not only part of our Arts Curriculum program and “assessed” for student’s report cards and it helps our great dance productions at “Celebration Night” an end of year dance performance which we love to watch and be part of, at The Legends Room in the Gabba in the last week of school. Notes for this will be sent home soon. I have tried to give you a considerable amount of time for this activity which has a cost attached to it.

Things to think about ‘til next time-

“Strength doesn’t come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn’t.” OR “I don’t know what my future holds, but I do know who holds my future.”

**Yours in Sport**

Karen Florager

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

EBSS Family & Friends Have You Voted?

Last call for your votes to help us win $5,000 to improve our school!

There’s just over one week left to vote for our school to win $5,000 in this year’s CUA Community Care program.

The votes have been coming in fast, which is great. Thank you to everybody who has already voted. If you haven’t voted yet, please do. Voting closes at 4:30pm (AEST) on Tuesday 23 August.

The last reminder on how to vote: you can register your vote at [www.cuacommunitycare.com.au](http://www.cuacommunitycare.com.au) or go to our local CUA branch. Don’t forget – you can make a vote once online and once in the branch.

It’s down to who gets the most community votes in our region. So, please feel free to get friends and family involved and voting as well!

Thank you once again for your support. We’ll keep you posted on how we go.