CUA WINNERS  Congratulations to our school community. East Brisbane State School has won the CUA $5000.00 grant for 2016. Thank you to all the school community and extended support provided to the school to ensure that we were successful. I would like to say a special thanks our P&C President, Mrs Lyndall Munro for her unrelenting enthusiasm that helped get us over the line.

QASSP – QUEENSLAND ASSOCIATION OF STATE SCHOOL PRINCIPALS Last week, Gale Brackenreg (HOC) and I joined in the annual QASSP Conference held at the RNA Show Grounds. Participating in these events provide both Gale and myself opportunities to gather current and relevant innovative ideas to bring back to EBSS.

QUEENSLAND MULTICULTURAL AWARDS 2016 – EAST BRISBANE STATE SCHOOL SHINES AGAIN The Queensland Multicultural Awards 2016 recognise the valuable contributions of Queenslanders who support and promote a united, harmonious and inclusive Queensland community. The award winners were announced on Saturday, 20 August, at a lunch held at the Logan Entertainment Centre. EBSS’ own Maria Salcedo was announced as a finalist in the Education and Training Innovation-Public Sector category, for her role as Regional Coordinator of the Brisbane Metropolitan EAL/D Program, having led an innovative digital initiative that enables quality teaching by maximising access to EAL/D expertise in Queensland state schools for the benefit of students across the state. Well done, Maria!

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. Each week, two classes 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.

KEEPING THE LEARNING FOCUS – SUCCESSFUL LEARNING To encourage students to be more involved with their learning, understand what they are learning and the purpose of learning, East Brisbane State School has incorporated the characters WALT, WILF and TIB to the classroom. Over the next few weeks the teachers will revise how they can support students, by learning “intentions” and “success” criteria.
**WALT**

**We Are Learning To:** is a prompter for both teacher and student to explicitly identify the aim of the lesson. The aim is to encourage students to be more actively involved in their learning (School rule: I am an Active Learner). Research shows that they are more motivated if they understand not just the task (I can...) but also the learning objective (We Are Learning To ...) of the task. It is essential that students understand what they are being asked to do and will learn in order to help them to make better decisions about how to tackle the task set. The main benefit for the student is that by focusing on the learning intention, they begin to fully understand what they are learning rather than doing.

**How can you help?** When visiting your child’s class – look around the classroom for the WALT of the lesson – it could be displayed in any number of ways for example:

- On the interactive whiteboard at the beginning of the lesson
- Activity cards in rotations
- In your child’s book

Ask your child to describe what they were learning today rather than what activity/ies they did at school today. In this way you can assist to further reinforce their learning, as they are encouraged to “teach” or “explain” the learning concept to you.

**ATTENDANCE** It is imperative for consistency and continuity of learning that all children attend school all the time. Every day makes a difference in a child’s academic progress. We are aware that at times, family issues may demand children to be withdrawn from school for trips or prolonged absence. However, parents are urged to try and limit the impact of these trips on student learning. The current assessment calendar is not an open invitation for taking children out of school. Parents are reminded of their responsibility to comply with the Compulsory Attendance expectations of the Education Act. If there is a need to arrange absence from school, for periods longer than ten school days, for family or cultural reasons, parents must complete an “Application for exemption for a child or young person enrolled in a Queensland State School” form available from the school office. An interview with the relevant school administrator will be arranged for you to have the exemption approved.

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**BOOK WEEK PARADE and Book FAIR** This week saw the school celebrate together the joy of reading, through our annual Book Week Parade and Book Fair. As always, there were many stand-out costumes on display, with plenty of originality for the audience to enjoy. Thank you to Mrs. Brackenreg for organising this event and a special thank you to our teaching staff and parents.

**CHOIR VISIT TO THE ST PAUL FETE ON SATURDAY** Over the weekend I had the pleasure of supporting our junior and senior choirs at the local St Paul fete. The students that represented our school did a wonderful job of singing in tune with our wonderfully talented music teacher, Ms Sophie Hodgson. Thank you to Mrs Dunkley and Ms Mc William for also attending the afternoon.

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**ENJOY YOUR WEEK, SEE YOU AT THE CAR SHOW**

Sandy Hackshall

A/ Principal
Our Lytton reps Rame, Manaima, Evie, C- T and Cienna have been competing over the last two days at the Metropolitan East trials to try and gain a position in their various athletic events. We are very proud of you all and hope you have had a successfully and fulfilling time at QE2 and I look forward to reporting on their progress soon.

Budgie Cup Soccer was held today! We hope to report back in the next newsletter with some success in the finals for our teams and our outstanding players of the day. Thank you students, teachers, parents, TAFE Volunteers and Mr Lance! We all join efforts and give our best to make it a day for all to enjoy and share with our friends.

We have enjoyed our NRL Clinics with Sam and Troy, who were here from weeks 5 to 7. Thank you also to the NRL for providing each student from Grades 2/3 up to 6B with a free ball. I hope some NRL afterschool clinics will be available to students next term.

For those of us who have attended our great dance productions in past celebration nights, you know this is where our children learn their end of year dance performance. As always, we will love to watch and be part of the show at The Legends Room in the Gabba, in the last week of school. Notes for this have been sent home, and we kindly ask for you to make this payment and return the permission form before the end of Term 3.

Term 4 After School Clinics held by the Brisbane Roar Soccer will be available on Thursdays from 3.10 to 4.10pm, on our school oval, from 20 October to 11 November. The cost will be approximately $55. The places are limited so watch out for the note to register, or, if you are sure you are attending, you can send the fee to the office now, to secure a spot.

Swimming will restart in the first week of Term 4 for the entire school. A note with a timetable will be sent out prior to the end of Term 3. Start looking for those swimming caps, towels and swim attire!

Things to think about 'til next time: "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain" OR "You can't let one bad moment spoil a bunch of good ones."

Yours in Sport

Karen Florager

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