

Eidsvold P-12 State School



Newsletter

From the Principal's Desk

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Sept. 3– Student Free Day

Sept. 7– Parent Teacher Interviews

Sept. 17– Year 9/10 Design & Tech Excursion – Bundaberg

Sept. 17– Last Day Of Term 3

Oct. 5– First Day of term 4

Oct. 12– Life Education Visit.

Teacher aide appreciation week

We have an amazing team of committed support staff at our school that go above and beyond their roles. Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week is the perfect time to celebrate the wonderful work our teacher aides do in our school and other schools around the region. We acknowledge, appreciate and recognise the positive impact of teacher aides in the lives of students, teachers and families.



Ted – STEM sessions at school

This week we hosted Ted the Science and Technology guru. He worked with all classes from P-6 and even had a celebration of science with our 7/8/9 on Wednesday afternoon. As Ted explained, most jobs that our students will step into haven't even been thought of yet. It was a great time to play with new technologies and think about how to integrate them into what we do everyday at school. Some of the highlights were drone flying, Beebots and microchip activities. The staff were even treated to an after-school PD session with Ted and talked about how our school can be more inclusive of new technologies.

I really look forward to welcoming Ted back soon – it was entertaining and I believe that the excitement that it brings to learning is really important.

Pupil free day – Friday 03rd September

Enjoy your long weekend and have a bit of time to relax. It has been a long term so far and it won't slow down until the September break. During the pupil free day our teachers will be at school completing training and their planning requirements. Across Friday Ted (STEM teacher) will be down at the library running some really cool workshops. After what I saw of the workshops yesterday, I would highly recommend going down to them.



Head of Department – Secondary

Miss Bettiens

Ngara yumbin!

Last week we sent home a note with information about our Parent-Teacher interviews to be held on Tuesday 7th September (Week 9). Interviews will take place from 3:30pm until 6:00pm, and can be booked by contacting the school office on 4165 7333. Interviews will be conducted in individual teacher's classrooms and will be 10 minutes in duration. If you have not yet made a booking but would like to lock in an interview time, please contact the school before COB Monday 6th September to arrange a time. We look forward to seeing as many parents/carers on that evening as we can and encourage students to be involved in the interviews as well.

Sports News

Miss Bettiens

This week Queensland Athletics has announced they will be running four Athletics Meets branded "Road to 32" that then lead on to Championships. As a guide, if your child has competed or was eligible to compete at School District level, then these meets, along with QLD Schools Championships, would be ideal. Any School based athletes wishing to compete will need to join Queensland Athletics as a Base Member, and this membership will last until 1st October 2022. If you are interested, please visit the Queensland Athletics website or check out their Facebook page for further information.



Excellent Attendance



If your child is unwell

Please don't send them to school.



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From the Office

Mrs Graham

Here, at Eidsvold SS, parents and community members play an important role in our children's education and we know that strong partnerships between parents and the school enriches the learning experience. There are many both formal and informal opportunities for parents to be part of the process and to find out more about their children's progress here at school:

Reports on student performance

Our school provides parents with a written report on their child's performance at least twice a year.

School annual reports

We publish an annual report on the school's website by the 30th June each year for the previous year. The information includes:

- distinctive curriculum offerings
 - extracurricular activities
 - characteristics of the student body
 - total number of enrolments
 - Year levels offered
 - staff development priorities
 - social climate of the school, including pastoral care programs
 - parent, teacher and student satisfaction with the school
 - strategies used for involving parents in their child's education
 - staff composition and qualifications of teachers
 - expenditure on professional development
- average staff attendance.

Newsletters

Please be on the lookout for our beautiful colour newsletter each fortnight. These are intended as a means to inform parents, caregivers and the community about school activities, developments, initiatives and to help celebrate our successes together.



Personal appointments

Parents are encouraged to meet with our staff members whenever any issue or concern arises. Please note that our staff are very busy each morning, preparing for the day ahead. Whilst we welcome parent contact, we do request that you make an appointment time at the office to ensure that both you and your child's classroom teacher have the time needed to adequately discuss any questions or concerns. In addition to this, our COVID protocols still require a check in via the QR code system for all visitors and the office should be everyone's first port of call for signing in or out of the school grounds.

Parent-teacher interviews

We also hold parent-teacher interviews twice per year to discuss any issues or concerns, and to chat to parents and care-givers around how children are performing and progressing at school. Please be sure that you are booked in to sit with your child's teacher/s when we host our interviews on Tuesday of next week. The more, the merrier. We would love to see you all there.

We are SAFE, We are RESPONSIBLE, We are RESPECTFUL, We are LEARNERS,

Our PBL Focus for Week 9 is:

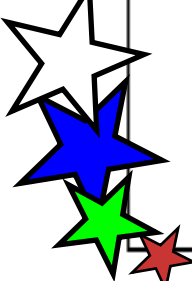

Right Place, right time.

Being prepared with what you need.

Our PBL Focus for Week 10 is:

Right place, right time.

Playing safely in the right areas.

New Teacher

Miss McCone

Ngara Eidsvold staff, students and community,
My name is Miss McCone and I am a new part-time teacher at Eidsvold P-12 State School.

I will be teaching health and physical education for the remainder of the school year, and I'm hoping to begin teaching full-time as of next year (once my family and I have relocated).

A little bit about me: I grew up in Logan, Brisbane and now live with my partner and two boys in Caloundra on the Sunshine Coast.

I love playing soccer, but I am passionate about ALL sports!

If I haven't met you yet, please come and say hello! I'm looking forward to becoming a part of the Eidsvold family, and I would like to thank all staff, students and the community for making me feel so welcome.

Be happy and healthy!



Busy in English

Miss Brown

Wow.... Term 3 is just about over and I cannot believe how fast this year is passing us by.

It has been busy in the English classroom as assessments were completed and new units started. The 7/8's have been busy working with the novel *Black Snake: the Daring of Ned Kelly*. Using evidence from the biography, students created persuasive texts to argue if Ned Kelly was a hero, victim or villain. There were some interesting standpoints! They continue using the novel as they craft imaginative recounts for their next assessment, pretending they are a character who witnessed an event in Ned's life.

The 9/10's read the novel *Tom Appleby, Convict Boy* and for assessment, added a scene which could be used as a screenplay, in exam conditions. There were some very creative perspectives and it was enjoyable to read what the students created. Moving into their new unit, the class will read *12 Angry Men*, a play which deals with the themes of prejudice and equality. Students will create a script as if they are a journalist interviewing one of the characters after the events of the play.

In year 11, Eligh has finished the novel *48 Shades of Brown* which deals with themes around becoming an adult. For assessment, Eligh created a short story to fill a gap in the novel. We are now moving into the final unit of year 11 where we look at the movie *Lion* with themes of belonging and cultural heritage.

Lastly, our year 12 student, Breanna, created a short story using poems from Indigenous authors as inspiration. Excitingly, Breanna is in her last unit of English study, where she reads the novel *1984*. This novel discusses themes of freedom, political agenda and control of information. For her final English assessment, Breanna will complete an external exam where she analyses a topic in the novel.

It has been a pleasure working with our secondary students through Term 3 and I am already excited for what Term 4 will bring. As carers, you should all be very proud of the effort they have put into English this term.

Science, Math Assessment

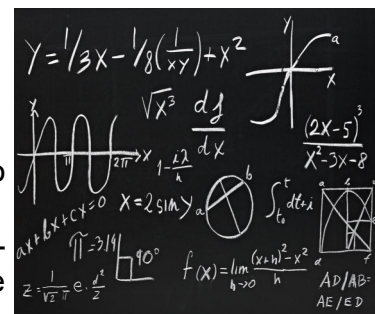
Mr Harbecke

At this time of the term I would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone to support our students as they work through a busy time. (Assessment time!)

Over the next couple of weeks the Yr. 7, 9 and 10 Science classes will be working through assignments. While class time may be enough, we may require some time outside to complete their tasks.

The 9 and 10 Maths students will be undertaking exams and will need to set aside some time to study. They need to refresh their knowledge of the subject matter during the days and nights leading up to sitting it the exam.

We have a bright, capable bunch of students here at E.S.S. and I wish them all the best for their upcoming assessments in all subject areas.



Ascent Learning Student Workshops

Mr Edward Carter



Fantastic Book Week



We have been a bit quiet in language classes this fortnight as we had Ted visit this week and last week Mr Parter was away. We did however send our Yumbin dancers over to the RM Williams centre to Welcome new citizens to the region. They were extremely happy to be able to dance for a crowd and the NBRC has continued to build a strong relationship between the council and the school.

Last week we were also announced as State Finalists in the Department of Education Showcase Awards. This is a great honour for our school who has competed against every other school in QLD for this recognition. We are looking forward to the Award announcements on World Teacher's Day in October.

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Brain Teasers



Every newsletter will now have a Brain Teaser for you to work on. The plan is parents, carers and older siblings can all work on the problems together to reach the correct answers. Come on, have a go!
The first three correct answers handed to the office will be rewarded with one Yumbin Token:

Question Term3 week 8:-

George, Helen, and Steve are drinking coffee. Bert, Karen, and Dave are drinking Pepsi. Following this pattern, is Elizabeth drinking coffee or Pepsi?

Pay attention to the vowels.

Answer Term 3 Week 6 The answer is :- U472bmt