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Virtue of the Week

STEADFASTNESS

Steadfastness is being steady, dependable sticking with something no matter what.
Week 7 Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received awards at last week’s assembly.

**Gold Awards**
Lukus Irwin, Amelia Turnbull, Naomi Chapman, William Northey and Lillee Pratzky.

**Yellow Awards**

**Principal Awards**
Claire Taylor, Brooke Rankin, Anakin Larnach, Molly Peard, Kailem Cosgrove, Hamish Taylor, Rhys Linklater, Jamie Browne and Blake Collins.

**Virtue Award ‘Self Discipline’**
Ayla Roughley, Tyler Peters, Olivia Thompson, Ayden Forde, Alexa Carstens and Samantha Brown

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Healthy Bites

**Athletics Carnival:** We need volunteers to help with the canteen on the day (Friday 27th March). If you can help, just call in to put your name down or give me a call on 0429 951 665.

Thanks, Amanda

We will be having a $5.00 special next Wednesday

1 x *Pizza Rounder*

1 x *drink of choice (milk, Juice, Glee or Spider.)*

1 x *bag of lollies*

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**HELP NEEDED**
Friday 20/5/15

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**Clothing Pool**

Backpacks are IN STOCK.

**Polar Fleece Jumpers $40.00**
Due to Polar Fleece jumpers being bulky to store and expensive to purchase it is time to place your annual order and be prepared for the chilly months to come. Please fill out order form (you don't have to pay now, pay when you collect) money can be left at the office for me to collect.

Final date orders to be in by: **23rd March.**

**Polar Fleece Jumper Order**

Name:........................................ Qty:........

Size:........

Mobile no:........................................

Please pay $40.00 when you collect which will be next term. Will let you know via Newsletter when they are here.

See you Mondays, Denise

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**Anzac Day Ceremony**

Eglinton Public School’s ANZAC commemorative ceremony is quickly approaching.

We are in search of any new families to our school or community who are ex-service men and women or members who are currently serving in Australia’s Defence Force to participate in our service.

We would be honoured for you to join in our ANZAC commemorative ceremony on Friday 24th April at 11:10am, under the school COLA.

If you are an ex-service man, woman or are currently serving and wish to attend our ANZAC Day ceremony, please contact our school office staff on 63371205.
Year 6 Jumpers
If your child wishes to order a Year 6 jumper, payment of $45.00 is due by 27th March. Please leave order and money at the front office.

Hearing Tests.
If it’s hard to hear, it’s hard to learn.

Last Friday, Mrs Bekkema from Bathurst District Itinerant Hearing Support Teachers came and visited our Kindergarten classes. She told us about the importance of blowing our nose properly to keep our ears healthy. Mrs Bekkema used many different props, even puppets, to illustrate the connection between our nose and our ears, and how blowing our nose can help our hearing.

If you would like information on glue ear or hearing assessments, there are pamphlets on the information wall in the school’s front office.

Hearing assessments are available, at no cost, at Bathurst Base Hospital: contact Cate Horsburgh 63305677; or at George St Medical Practice, 115 George St: contact Alana Benson 63325355.

ICAS Tests 2015
The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are independent skills-based assessments with a competition element. Commonly referred to as the UNSW tests, ICAS is a suite of academic assessments and school tests for primary and secondary school students. The assessments for grades 3-6 comprise of a Digital Technologies test, Science test, Spelling test and Writing test. For grades 2-6 there is an English and a Maths test. The cost for these tests is from $8.80 to $18.70. Please be advised that this opportunity is most suited to students who are academically successful.

Families who wish for their children to participate in these tests can collect and entry form from the school office.

Julie Sack
Classroom Teacher

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS 2015
Our school contribution structure helps with the purchase of a range of classroom resources. Fees for students in Years K to 6 for 2015 are $50 for the first child in a family, and $30 for every additional child thereafter up to three children attending the school.

P & C News
P&C AGM 10th March - the P&C would like to announce the following people elected into position at their AGM:

2015 Executive:
President - Sophie Anderson
Vice President - Ray Blasig
Vice President - Kathy French
Secretary - Angela Rankin/Catherine Rendell
Treasure - position vacant.

Please note that the position of Treasure was not filled and P+C are still looking for a suitable person to fill this role. If you are interested or would like more information please drop us an email at eglintonpandc@hotmail.com.

* Mothers Day Stall - the P&C are seeking someone who would like to take over the running of the Mothers Day stall for 2015. Please note that a person/s is needed to volunteer in order for the Mothers Day Stall to take place in 2015. We can’t wait to hear from you!
eglintonpandc@hotmail.com

* Canteen Special Meeting - please be advised that a Canteen Special Meeting is called by the P&C and will take place on Monday, 30th March at 7pm.

* From the President - The P&C wish to apologise for any misunderstanding regarding their article in reference to the Canteen in the School Newsletter dated 5th March. Whilst the Canteen is currently running at a loss it is not using funds specifically raised by Country Fair. The P&C and Canteen are working hard together committed to the provisions this valuable school service provides. Thank you all for your support regarding this issue and the healthy discussions that ensued. Everyone’s opinion is valued.
Introducing: Sue Craft, Kindergarten teacher

What is your main job description? Working with a wonderful team of Kindergarten teachers to educate and nurture your children in their early school years.

How long have you been working at Eglinton Public School? 10 years.

What do you enjoy most about your job? It is very rewarding to see how much children learn throughout their year in Kindergarten. I thoroughly enjoy teaching children at this age.

In one word describe working at Eglinton Public School. Busy!

What inspired you to do the job that you do? I have grown up in a family of teachers and it was always something that I knew I would do.

What’s your most favourite occasion on the Eglinton Public School’s calendar and why? Kindergarten Teddy Bear’s Picnic. It is just such a lovely day for us all

What advice could you give parents in helping with their child/ren’s education? Be interested and involved, but let your child develop independence.

Introducing: Janean Hanlon, Kindergarten teacher

What is your main job description? Ensuring children starting Kindergarten enjoy a smooth transition to formal school life. Making learning fun, meaningful and memorable.

How long have you been working at Eglinton Public School? I came to Eglinton Public School at the beginning of 2012.

What do you enjoy most about your job? Knowing that each day at school will be a truly wonderful experience.

In one word describe working at Eglinton Public School. Amazing.

What inspired you to do the job that you do? I wanted to make a difference in the lives of children and nurture a love of learning that would become a lifelong experience.

What’s your most favourite occasion on the Eglinton Public School’s calendar and why? The ANZAC service because it is so heartfelt and emotional, simple and respectful.

What advice could you give parents in helping with their child/ren’s education? Celebrate your children’s successes / encourage always and lead by example to develop resilience and understanding.

What extra curricular activities/clubs are you involved with? Enjoy gardening / going to the gym / being with family.
Introducing: Michelle Taylor, Kindergarten teacher

What is your main job description? Tying up shoelaces, applying band aids, wiping tears, sharpening pencils, washing crunch and sip that has been dropped on the ground, making students’ first year at school memorable, fun and educational.

How long have you been working at Eglinton Public School? 3 years.

What do you enjoy most about your job? I enjoy every little bit – especially when you see a child have that ‘ah-ha’ moment.

In one word describe working at Eglinton Public School. Gratifying.

What inspired you to do the job that you do? Not what but who…. My Year One teacher Mrs Bekahma.

What’s your most favourite occasion on the Eglinton Public School’s calendar and why? The ANZAC Day service. A moving occasion where the entire school community comes together to remember.

Introducing: Robyn Porter, Kindergarten and Reading Recovery teacher

What is your main job description? Implementing Reading Recovery program which supports children in reading and writing.

How long have you been working at Eglinton Public School? 8 years.

What do you enjoy most about your job? The children

In one word describe working at Eglinton Public School. Fun.

What inspired you to do the job that you do? My dad

What’s your most favourite occasion on the Eglinton Public School’s calendar and why? The ANZAC Day service. It is a moving, sincere commemoration, done with such respect from the students.

What advice could you give parents in helping with their child/ren’s education? Read, talk, count, laugh with them.

What extra curricular activities/clubs are you involved with? Spending time with my family and in my garden.

Funky Hair Day
This Friday 13th is Funky Hair day, your child’s hair is allowed to have anything in it, but it is still a normal school uniform day. It is a gold coin donation to help raise money for The Worlds Greatest Shave! To save mess why not wear a wig or just two high piggy tails that are messy! But the main part of this is to get creative!

SRC
WE’VE DONE IT AGAIN!!!

Although we’re still paying the last few bills it’s obvious that the 2015 Eglinton Country Fair was a great success – yet again! Thanks to everyone for your HUGE effort!!

So to the kindy students who dropped in their sugar, and to the concentrating individuals who sorted the cash… To the grandmothers who cooked cakes, and to the fathers who tied marquee knots… To the teachers who set up the Hall Competition, through to the office staff who coped with the chaos… And especially to the tireless team who came on Monday nights all through February… Thank you! It’s a massive team effort and we’ve had a success – it’s enough to make you feel like chucking a few ‘oopies (ie. doughnuts) on the Ego oval!!!

INVITATION TO A CELEBRATION

The committee would like to invite you to come and celebrate this year’s success at a drinks and nibbles session on Monday the 30th of March, 7pm, in the EPS staff room. We’ll present the final figures, the stall breakdowns and have a debrief session on what worked well and what could be better.

If you can’t make it on the 30th but would like to give feedback on the Fair please feel free to complete the following survey and return it to the EPS front office. Or email your feedback through to eglintoncountryfair@gmail.com

SURVEY TIME

EGLINTON COUNTRY FAIR SURVEY

List your two favourite things about the Fair………………………………………………

And…………………………………………………………………………………………………………

What else would you like to see at the Fair?...............................................

What do you like least about the Fair?...................................................

Any other comments?.................................................................................

Completed surveys can be returned to the EPS office or emailed through to eglintoncountryfair@gmail.com
Eglinton War Memorial Hall & Park Inc.

Eglinton War Memorial Hall and Park Incorporated meeting, TONIGHT, Thursday 12th March, 6.30pm at the Eglinton War Memorial Hall (hall across the road from school). All welcome.

Register for clinic with Penrith Panthers NRL squad

Children aged 5-12 years will have a fantastic opportunity to meet and learn from the Penrith Panthers NRL squad this Sunday 15 March at the Bathurst Reliance Credit Union Super Clinic. Proudly supported by Reliance Credit Union, Panthers players headline the clinic, which will be held at Bathurst Sports Ground, commencing at 9.15am.

The Panthers NRL squad will be there hopefully celebrating a win over the Gold Coast Titans, with players such as Jamie Soward, Matt Moylan, Jamal Idris or Tyrone Peachey delivering various Rugby League skills and drills covering passing, catching, kicking and tackling.

There is no cost associated with the clinic, however participants MUST register online prior to the clinic, via westernrams.com.au.

What: RELIANCE CREDIT UNION SUPER CLINIC BATHURST
Who: Penrith Panthers NRL squad
Ages: 5 to 12 years
When: Sunday 15 March 2015
Location: Bathurst Sportsground (entry via Howick Street)
Time: 9.15am (clinic will be approx. 50mins).
Registration: Free via westernrams.com.au

Eglinton District Football Club

We are looking for players in the Under 6’s, Under 9’s, Under 10’s and Women’s teams.

Online registration is available. Keep your eyes on our new website for registration details, game draws and training times.

Our Website: eglintondfc.weebly.com
Our Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/eglintonfootball/

Contact us by email: eglintonfc@gmail.com

Thanks
Dave Peters
Secretary
Eglinton District Football Club.

Central West Sports Volunteer Award

Sport and Recreation are again holding the volunteer award to recognise the effort of volunteers in the sporting community.

The Youth category (25 years and under) is also open to recognise the efforts of young people volunteering in local sporting clubs.

In 150 words or less tell us how your volunteer is a stand-out. Examples might be the extensive time they dedicate to the club, the positive attitude they bring to the sporting arena, being a positive role model, etc.

Download nomination forms from the Sport and Recreation website or call 6362 6623 they are also available from the School Office.

Nominations close Friday 10th April 2015

Eglington Public School P&C Inc. Out of School Hours Care in the EPS hall. Before School Care, After School Care & Vacation Care.

Currently enrolling for 2015. Completed enrolment forms are essential. Please contact Coordinator call 0429 371 205, Email: eglington-oosh@bigpond.com.
DataDot Technology was established in 2000 as a start-up to counter professional car theft with a microdot product called “DataDot”. DataDots have become synonymous with best practice theft prevention in the motor industry and are fitted as standard inclusion by 48 car manufacturers worldwide. In 2005, a joint venture with CSIRO led to the development of DataTraceDNA. This innovative and award-winning covert security technology has positioned Australia as a leader in helping stem the USD$800 billion annual global counterfeit industry, focusing primarily on companies operating in China. Chris Stott will explore the evolution of this leading edge technology, its application in Chinese manufacturing and the benefits that flow onto stakeholders.

Christopher Stott (B. Economics) spent 20 years in the financial services industry, including 12 years as General Manager of Questor Funds Management (now IOOF), with $2.4 billion under management, at that time. Chris was a foundation Director of ASX listed company DataDot Technology from its inception in 1999 until 2010 on a full-time basis, and since then as a consultant. Chris is currently Executive Director and co-owner of DataDot Technology Asia, based in Taipei and Shanghai, providing anti-theft and anti-counterfeit technologies into Asian markets. For recreation Chris enjoys flying aeroplanes and he operates a flying school at Bathurst, NSW – Central West Flying – with several instructors teaching Recreational and General Aviation. To register for this event visit: http://news.csu.edu.au/events/bathurst/explorations-series-chris-stott-australian-technology-fights-international-counterfeiters