Dear Parents and Carers,

No Standing Zone—Please be aware of the parking signage across the road from the school. Previously a parking sign allowed parking between the pedestrian crossing and the entrance to the oval. This parking sign has been removed and signage indicates that it is a no stopping zone. Please don’t get caught parking here as it isn’t worth the expense.

P and C AGM—on April 5th the P&C will hold it’s annual general meeting. I would like to extend an invitation to all to attend this meeting in the staffroom at 7pm.

EOOSH Committee—The EOOSH committee are looking for both a chairperson and treasurer. If you use this service please consider taking up one of these roles. Please speak to Gina or come along to the next meeting on March 29 at 7pm in the staffroom.

Supervision reminder—I would like to remind parents that school supervision begins at 8:50am for our students. Please do not send your children to school before this time. Early supervision for children delivered by bus occurs from 8:30am by special arrangement.

Meleesa Smith
Relieving Principal
**Week 6 Awards**

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

**Gold Awards**
Bradley Martin, Joshua Bennett, Brianna Sufong, Summer Beckman, Rohan Lesh, Isabella Dunbar, Stuart Halsey, Eden Tapu, Georgie Rumbel.

**Yellow Awards**
Ryan Dennett, Lola Stafford, Pania Tapu, Oliver New, Jock Rankin, Rupert Begg, Charlotte, Asher Grabham, Sarah Hundy, Eliza McGrath, Mia Rodenhuis, Ella Daley, Brodie Weal, Lily Kovac, Olivia Thompson, Kira Dowling, Jack Buckley, Bella Duff, Elouise Ferguson, Sarah Mealing, Thomas Brennan-Newton, William Northey, George Killen.

**Principal Awards**
Bethany Chapman, Twiggy Thompson, Logan Chapman, Matilda Nocente, Brianna Taylor, Abbey Brennan-Newton, Oliver Murray, Campbell Smith.

**Virtue Award ‘Moderation’**
Beau Blattman, Hamish Lockie, Sarah Hundy, Elouise Ferguson, George Killen.

**Virtue of the week**

**Obedience**

Obedience is following what is right, listening to what your parents and others in authority have to say and following it as faithfully as you can.

**School Contributions**

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. (Maximum $110).

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**Clothing Pool**

Backpacks are **NOW IN STOCK**.

Due to Polar Fleece jumpers being bulky to store and expensive to purchase... we do an order for them each year..... so get ready now for the chilly months to come. Please fill out order form (you don’t have to pay now... pay when you collect $40.00) and leave it at school office for me to collect. Final date orders to be in by 8th April.

**Polar Fleece Jumper Order**

Name: ............................................. Qty:....... Size:........
Mobile No. ..........................................

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

See you on Mondays, Denise

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**Healthy Bites**

We have cooked up some savoury muffins this week with added spring onions and tomatoes from our very own school garden. They sell for $0.80 each.

Don’t forget Red Day next week. Orders must be in by Tuesday 15th March. Any parents that can spare some time to help on the day would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you
Amanda Lewis
0429 951 665

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**Canteen Roster**

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St Pats JRLFC
St Pats JRLFC are still accepting registrations for 2016. Players required in the 11, 12, 13 and 14 age groups. Please contact Leanne Ashcroft on 0404462614 or go to the St Pats website for further information.

Hockey

Hockey News
ITS SIGN UP TIME!!

Consider hockey as a fun, affordable, safe and enjoyable team sport for your child. It’s never too late to try something new!

Hockey is a great family sport where every member of the family can get involved. If you and/or your children are interested in playing hockey for the first time or will be returning for the 2016 season make sure you register your interest to a local club by the 25th March. Registering by this date is essential so you don’t miss out.

Important details you need to know:

- Competitions in your town: Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Men’s and Women’s
- Starting Dates: Check the Bathurst Hockey website www.bathursthockey.com
- Venue: Bathurst Hockey Complex
- What’s involved: Register your interest to play by contacting a club at www.nlshockey.org.au/Club Finder or for more info contact a committee below

Cost: You will be required to register with Hockey NSW which is paid online at www.bathursthockey.com.au. This covers insurance etc. and then your club will notify you of the cost to them which covers things such as weekly turf fees

Hockey isn’t expensive, there is no need to travel to different locations and once you have the equipment it works out to be approx. $6 a week for 1yr old (based on 22 week comp incl Hockey NSW and club fee)

Eglinton Village Community Meeting: Thursday, 17th March. At the Eglinton War Memorial Hall (opposite School).

Eglinton Playgroup
All welcome… We meet every Tuesday morning 10am to 12pm at the Eglinton War Memorial Hall (opposite the school). Ages 0 to school age.

Have a cuppa with other mums while the kids have a play and some morning tea.

Calling all Potential Musicians!
If you are in years 3-6 and have thought about learning an instrument then it’s not too late to pick up an info pack at the office and join our New Band.

If that sounds great but you’re only in year 2 then why not join our Recorder Ensemble? A perfect way to kick start your musical education. Please contact us at eglintonbandcommittee@gmail.com for further information.

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way
to work out what 2 fruit & 5 veg looks like.

Eating 2 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegetables every day will help keep you and your children healthy. But what does a serve look like?

A serve of fruit is 150 grams or:
1 medium fruit (e.g. apple) or
2 small fruit (e.g. apricots) or
1 cup of chopped or canned fruit

A serve of veg is 75 grams or:
½ cup of cooked veg or
½ medium potato or
1 cup of salad

So as an adult, eating just 2½ cups of cooked vegetables will give you your daily recommended intake. Try spreading it across different meals to make it easier to reach your daily target.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

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Easter Hat Parade

Easter is almost upon us and so it is time to start thinking about making our holiday hats!

We will be holding the Eglinton Public School Easter Hat Parade this year on Thursday 24th of March just before recess at 1:30pm.

In the week leading up to the 24th March (Week 9) the students of our senior classes will help those in their junior buddy classes to decorate their hats and then parade with them on the day.

In order to get ready for this exciting time, we ask that the families of students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 start to send in a suitable hat to decorate, as well as some Easter themed supplies. Our class teachers will collect the supplies ready for use in Week 9.

Of course our buddies in senior classes can bring in decorations as well.

We look forward to all our seeing our parents, grandparents and friends at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24th of March.

CANTEEN RED DAY

Wednesday 16th March
$5 special
Pluto Pup and Ice Cream Spider

A full canteen menu is also available on the day. This is our allocated RED DAY for Term 1 (two days allowed each term) as per school canteen guidelines.

Please return your order to the canteen by Tuesday 15th March.

Name: ........................................

Class: ........................................
Country Fair Wrap-up

2016

After a week of sweltering temperatures the city of Bathurst woke to a nice breeze and blue skies on Saturday morning – the perfect recipe for a family day out. And the village of Eglinton was ready to deliver, with Cubis Park overflowing with rides, refreshments and market stalls. Thousands of visitors attended the fair this year to view a record number of stalls and attractions.

An old favourite, the Dog Show (organized by Annette Taylor), was resurrected after a five-year hiatus and proved to be a hit with many bringing their four-legged friends along in fancy dress to compete in look alike competitions, ball retrieval and even musical chairs. Denise Chapman was back with the popular water fights, this year with a James Bond theme, and once again Mrs. Smith could not escape from “Splash me if you can”. Jacinta Rivett and Cherylene Anderson returned with the dress up photo booth with lots of people, both young and old, dressing up and getting a snap taken. The wonderful SRC students, with the help of Mrs Benson and Mrs Abbott, decorated the kids with glitter tattoos and face painting. Kathy French organized the popular Sand Art workshops and the local store Game On came out to give the kids some tips for playing Pokemon and Yu Gi Oh.

There was plenty of food on offer on the day with the BBQ run by the Ian Carter and the Baptist Church, lovely sandwiches and meal deals (Sophie Anderson and Kylie Evans), cakes to eat now or takeaway (Carolyn Hasley), fresh popcorn (Dee Wade), the old fashioned Lolly Shoppe (Burnice Browne), pink and blue fairy floss (Nicki & Michael Clarke), refreshing fruit salad (Beth Jeffries), yummy ice cream spiders and sundaes (Adrian & Alida Carstens) and cool drinks (Sue & Dom Cicciari).

Bargains galore were on offer at the Plants and Produce Stall (particularly popular were the peacock feathers and cacti - Phil & Suzie New), the White Elephant sold plenty of treasures (Amanda Lewis) and the book stall was overflowing (Adrienne Dodd). The Prize Wheel (Christine Murray) had a record number of prizes generously donated by Bathurst businesses with wonderful choices for all winners and for the kids, they could try their luck at the Bottle Auction stall (Renae Kemp).
We were entertained all day by musical acts (the wonderful Luke Furbank, Harmonikos, our very own EPS school band and the very popular Perthvillians rocked the afternoon away) as well as demonstrations form local groups Aspire Gymnastics, Promenade Dance Studio and Warren Hickey’s Sports Karate. We even had Jeff Doherty launch his new book and a chainsaw demonstration and auction!

The hall was once again overflowing with art works from our students displaying this year’s theme, Our Community. Not only were there many individual entries but also class collages which were part of a silent auction, thank you to all the wonderful teachers for taking part. This year the prize for the class with the most number of entries went to 5M who will receive the shield on this week’s assembly as well as free popcorn for all students!

A big thank you to all the families who sold (or bought!) the books of raffle tickets that went home, the major raffle alone raised almost $8000! And the winners are:....

1st prize $2000 RJ Signs Heather Turner
2nd prize Macquarie Medi Spa voucher and 12 mth City Fit Beth Jeffries
3rd prize $400 Stockland voucher Sue Martin

The people mentioned who organized the school stalls did not work alone. There were MANY others involved either by donations of goods, cakes, plants, books etc, donating their time on the day to help one of the school stalls or being part of Trent Browne’s team to set up and take down all the marquees. Also the wonderful office staff who tip-toed through the donations in the foyer, collected tickets and fielded many parent enquiries. Another thank you goes out to the school caretaker Ron Williams who tirelessly worked to set up the stage and transport chairs all over Bathurst! The winner of our 2BS volunteer prize this year is Simon Long, who volunteered on the Bottle Auction stall, who has won an overnight accommodation package at The Pulman at Sydney Olympic Park. The Eglinton Country Fair provides many opportunities for friends and family of EPS students to take part in the school community and would not be possible without such volunteers – we look forward to even more volunteers next year! An extra big thank you to the wonderful teachers at EPS who generously donated their time organizing art works and volunteering on stalls on the day.

Thank you to the executive of the Country Fair sub-committee (Vice President – Emma Grabham, Secretary – Burnice Browne, Treasurer – Lisa Weal, Promotions & Sponsorship – Sandra Sharpman) for their hard work and planning for the last 9 months, as well as Meleesa Smith and Amanda Lewis who attended every one of our many, many meetings. It is estimated around $25 000 was raised - another successful EPS Country Fair!

Matt from Jumbo’s Jungle (who provided the Laser Tag at the fair) was so impressed with the Country Fair he would like to offer a party deal to Eglinton Public School families. For every party that books and pays a deposit prior to 25th March 2016, Jumbo’s will donate 5% to the school P&C if they mention Eglinton Public. Parties can be booked for anytime in the next 3 months.