Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to all our staff, students and families from Years One to Years Six. A very special welcome to our new Kindergarten students and their families and our new students from other grades who started school last week. Our Kindergarten students, Adam, Trevor, Cody, Charlotte, Noah, Haylie, Delana and Kayla have already settled well into their Kindergarten routine. Well done boys and girls!

A special welcome, also, to Mrs Melinda Davies to the teaching staff for 2016. Mrs Davies is teaching the 4/5/6 class this year. She is a highly qualified teacher with 20 years of experience in education, including classroom teaching, outdoor education and teaching in remote bush schools. She brings many unique experiences with her and I’m sure 4/5/6 will have a wonderful year this year.

I am working with the awesome K/1 students this year. Although one of my main priorities as a teaching principal is the teaching and learning program of the students in my class, I have numerous other duties that I need to carry out. To enable me to carry out these duties I will be working in my office on Fridays and Mrs Jenny Hullman will be teaching K/1 on my Principal Administration days. Mrs Hullman is an experienced teacher and I look forward to working with her to ensure the very best programs are put in place for our K/1 students.

CALENDAR DATES

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ASSEMBLY ON FRIDAY

MERIT AWARDS

Week 2:
K: Charlotte Churchill, Year 1: Cooper Bates
Year 2: Kasey Lawson Year 3: Emily Hamer
Year 4: Isaiah Macdonald
Year 5: Aila Howard, Matthew Brookes
Year 6: Zoe Delimihalis

Week 3:
K: Travis Hamer Year 1: Sharna Bishop
Year 2: Maya Lamb Year 3: Blake Schmidt
Year 4: Yamaan Seccombe,
Year 5: Connor Grace, Aleesha Davis
Year 6: Amber Pritchard
We have decided to trial a new assembly structure for 2016. We will now be having weekly assemblies on Wednesday afternoons at 2:30pm. During these assemblies, students will receive classroom awards and teachers will speak with the students about any issues arising in the playground and any information that needs to be passed on to them. There will be no student performances at this time. To showcase our students’ talents, we will be having a performance assembly twice a term on Friday mornings, usually around week 4 or 5 and also in the last week of term. During this special assembly one class will perform an item and there will also be some musical items led by Mr Greg Barron. Parents are welcome to attend both the Wednesday afternoon assemblies and the Friday morning assemblies.

Next Thursday, 11th February, students from Years 2-6 will be participating in our Swimming Carnival. Mr Gavin Jones is organising the carnival and he is looking for some parent helpers to help out during the day. If you are able to help out for some or all of the carnival please let Mr Jones know. More information about the carnival will be sent home over the next week.

Have a great fortnight

Julie Carr

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**P & C**

P & C Meeting will be held Tuesday 9th February 3.15pm.
Please come along and be involved. P & C meetings allow you to have input into your school and lets you know what is happening at Eungai Public School.
There will be no canteen until further notice.
We are looking for someone to run our school Canteen again this year. If you are interested please see Tracy Davis or Fiona Grace.

Thanking you
Tracy Davis
P & C President

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**Office**

Please find attached:
- Information sheet on School Attendance.
- Enrolment Update Form 2016, please fill in for each student and return to school.
- Permission Note to be completed for each student.
- Please update the school if any medical details have changed.
- Please make sure all documents are up to date: Birth Certificate, Immunization Certificate, Proof of address and Court Orders.

Thanking you
Mrs Mitchell
Head lice
The facts
Head lice infestations are a common occurrence, particularly in primary schools.

- about 23% of primary students have head lice at any one time
- anyone can catch head lice regardless of their age, sex, or how clean their hair is
- head lice move from one person's head to another via hair
- head lice do not survive long when they are off a human head
- head lice do not live on furniture, hats, bedding or carpet
- head lice have built up some resistance to head lice treatments

Treatment
- daily combing of white hair conditioner using a fine tooth comb is effective in getting rid of head lice and eggs (nits)
- school communities may need to hold 'check and treat' or Nitbuster days where everyone learns about and starts treatment on the same day. See the NSW Health website for more information about Nitbusters and for standard forms that schools can download and reproduce for organising a Nitbusters Day. These forms are also available in translation.

Tips for parents in reducing the spread of head lice
As infestations are particularly common in primary schools, it is best to choose a treatment that can be used over time. There is no single solution to eradication, only persistence.

- regularly check your children's hair
- teach older children to check their own hair
- tie back and braid long hair
- keep a fine tooth head lice comb in the bathroom and encourage all family members to use it when they wash their hair.

SKOOLBAG APP

The school has purchased an App called Skoolbag, it can be installed on your phone or computer. We are working on what will be available such as notes, newsletter, absentee letters and more.