From the Principal

The Term Ahead
Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that everyone who had the chance to take a break had a happy and relaxing time. Students and staff have come back to school looking and sounding refreshed and ready to go. Welcome to our new families. I know the EJ Community will make you feel welcome and help you to settle in. This will be another busy term, with the School Ball at City Hall on Thursday September 8 to look forward to.

Staffing Changes for Term 3
As of next week Ms Fleur Provost will be on maternity leave until the end of Semester 1 2017. We wish her all the very best and look forward to her visiting the school in the near future with her new baby. In her absence Ms Jenni Beadman has been appointed as Acting Deputy Principal. Ms Beadman is currently one of our Intensive Teachers working in the P-2 area. Replacing Ms Beadman as Intensive Teacher for the Early Years is Mrs Alison Fuller. I welcome her to our school and am sure that she will continue the great work.

I would also like to welcome back to EJ Mrs Wendy Harding. Mrs Harding will return from leave and take on a team teaching role with Mrs Linda Maher on 3MH.

We also have Mrs Vanessa Grealy taking maternity leave from week 6 of term 3. Mrs Anetta Loughlin will be replacing Mrs Grealy. Anetta is currently the Intensive Teacher for the Year 6 classes.

Finally, Mrs Ros Prain, our wonderful Business Services Manager, will be on long service leave until the end of this year. Replacing Mrs Prain in the office is Mrs Rhamie Byrne.

I am sure that all new and returning staff members will enjoy the Eagle Junction State School community.

SMS Student Absence Message
As of this term parents will receive a SMS message from the school when we have not received a phone call, email or message as to why a student is away absent. The message will read:

_EagleJuncSS_ 12/07/2016 Tom was absent from school today. Please reply with a reason.

Parents will be able to text back with a reason for the unexplained absence. This information will then be uploaded into OneSchool. The new process will streamline our current process for parents, teachers and ladies in the office when following up unexplained absences.
From the Principal cont.

**School Opinion Survey**
Every year we seek feedback from our community - students, staff and parents - on what you believe we do well and what we can do to improve our school. The survey is provided by Education Queensland and all staff, parents and a random sample of students are able to participate in the survey which is completed on line. On Thursday, information about how to participate will be sent home with the eldest child in your family attending EJ. Information will also be provided through the various communication methods available to you - Parent Network and EJSS Team App. If you need access to a computer to complete the survey, require translation of the survey or have any queries please contact the School Administration on 3637 1111 or via email at admin@eaglejunctionss.eq.edu.au.

I would encourage every family to participate, as feedback from a number of perspectives helps us to celebrate our successes and plan for improvement. The survey closes on July 29.

**New Playground Equipment**
Over the holiday period some new playground equipment was installed for student use. In the Prep area a new slide and climbing frame was installed to make the Prep playground compliant for Prep aged students. We also had some play panels installed along the fence line closest to EJ Kids’ Care. The play panels will cater for imaginative play for our younger students. I am sure that the new additions to our playground will prove very popular.

**Semester 2 School Leaders’ Induction**
The Semester 2 Leaders’ Induction Ceremony will be conducted on Friday July 22 at 8:45. This is an opportunity for our new student councillors, library monitors and student leaders to receive their badges. Letters will be sent to the parents/carers of the students being inducted this week.

**Years 4-6 School Disco**
The first of the school discos will be conducted this coming Thursday evening for Years 4-6 students. The cost will be $5 entry. A disco dinner will be available from 5.30pm (hot dog $3, drinks $1.50 & snacks 50c). Glow treats will also be on sale. A DJ will entertain the children from 6.00pm – 8.00pm with lots of dancing, games and prizes on offer. I look forward to seeing you there.

*Adam Mathewson*

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**From the Deputy Principals**

Term 3 has started and there is just so much to look forward to this term starting with the disco on Thursday. I have enjoyed moving around classrooms today and talking to students about the many and varied experiences they enjoyed in the holidays.

A member of staff shared that she very much enjoyed pyjama days in the holidays! Several students also enjoyed sleeping in and taking life a little bit slower. Often we do fill our lives with activities that sometimes just exhaust us rather than renew us. These discussions led me to the following thought about what it is students need to be successful at school.

Often the word resilient is used to describe children who are successful in the school setting. Every day presents challenges that require students to be resilient – everything from forgetting your homework, results that are not expected, unkind words from friends or family, fights with siblings and then more serious concerns like illness, death or family issues. As a parent it is not always possible to rescue or protect our children from these events.
From the Deputy Principal cont.

A quick internet search gives this definition of resilience:

*Resilience is the process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or significant sources of stress — such as family and relationship problems, serious health problems or workplace and financial stressors. It means “bouncing back” from difficult experiences.*

Michael Grose, who has published several books on parenting writes the following:

*Resilience* is a 21st Century parenting concept that every parent needs to understand. Some kids are resilient by nature — their temperament helps them to be mentally and psychologically tough. You know those kids. They get straight back up after a setback or disappointment. Rejection in the playground doesn’t faze them. Unfortunately, not every child has such natural resilience.

The good news is that most of the research shows that resilience can be nurtured and developed, particularly when parents themselves are resilient and they actively foster it in their kids. Resilient kids share four basic skill sets- independence, problem-solving, optimism and social connection.

**Building Resilience**

From a resilience perspective parents need to coach kids through some of their more challenging moments and reviewing what they may have learned for next time. Avoid solving all their problems for them. You can promote a lasting sense of resilience in your kids by:

1. **Having a positive attitude yourself.** Your attitude as a parent impacts on their ability to bounce back from some of the difficulties they face. Make sure you model a ‘you can do it’ attitude for your child when he meets some of life’s curve balls.

2. **Look for teachable moments.** Many kids’ learning opportunities are disguised as problems. Make the most of these opportunities so that kids can grow and learn from some of the challenges they face.

3. **Make kids active participants in the family.** Active participation in a family develops the self-help, problem-solving and independence skills of kids that are necessary for resilience.

4. **Build kids’ coping skills.** There are plenty of strategies you can pass on to kids to help them cope when life doesn’t go their way, including acceptance, getting away for awhile and normalisation.

Promoting resilience in kids is a not a single event but a continuous process that requires adults to be supportive and empathetic when things don’t go their way. It also requires you as a parent to have an understanding of resilience, so you have faith in yourself, and your child’s ability to cope.

Resilience is one of the five keys in the *You Can Do It!* social skills program which is part of the Schools Responsible Behaviour Plan. The other four are Confidence, Organisation, Persistence and Getting Along.

Schools and students and parents working together is vital for students to achieve success. I look forward to continuing to build these partnerships with you.

Happy term 3.

*Jann Simmonds*
Junior School Sport Carnival
Our Junior School Sports Carnival was held in the last week of Term 2. Our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students participated enthusiastically in a range of sporting events, including running races, long jump, novelty events and ball games.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and demonstrated good sportsmanship within their class groups. Thank you to the many parents who supported our Junior Sports Carnival. A great day was had by all.

Soiree
A highlight on our school calendar is our music Soiree where we showcase the talents of our young musicians. This year we will be holding one Soiree on Thursday 13 October for students in Years 3 – 6 who participate in our Instrumental Music program, Junior and Senior Choirs and Vocal Ensemble. Our junior school students will have various performance opportunities at Junior School Assembly, Open Days and year-level specific events. This week, our Year 1 Choir entertained us with a great performance at Junior School assembly.

The Music Support Group will begin meeting later this term in the lead up to Soiree – volunteers are greatly appreciated to help make this evening a success. Please keep an eye out for more Soiree information and performances of our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 choirs in the newsletter.

Farewell
Thank you for the well wishes and kind thoughts as I prepare to take maternity leave at the end of this week. I am excited about becoming a mum and looking forward to the arrival of my little one in a couple of weeks. I am confident in leaving the Junior School in the capable hands of Jenni Beadman. If you have any questions regarding the P – 2 sector, please contact Jenni on jbead3@eq.edu.au

Have a great week.
Fleur Provost
From our HOC

**Semester 2 – What will my child be learning in Mathematics this Semester?**

A new semester for your child in their year level will generally mean an increase in the complexity of many of the concepts that have been addressed already in Semester 1.

Often what was explored, identified, drawn, discussed will now be applied, used with standard units and reasoned with to provide solutions to problems. In some cases new knowledge will be introduced that will be built upon in further years at school. Even something as simple as patterning with beads in Prep and Year 1 is vital for the understanding of combinations and patterning in a more symbolic way in Algebra in Year 6.

There will be a distinct use of real life scenarios for your child to ‘see’ where the mathematics is and many opportunities for your child to ‘think aloud’, to tell what is happening in their head and what they are thinking and to use this to justify their mathematical understanding.

The concepts will be engaged by using fluency (able to know it quickly and well), understanding (comprehend what it is), reasoning (logical and thoughtful application) and problem solving (further application in order to solve a problem). The concepts are arranged in the three Australian Curriculum areas of Number and Algebra; Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability.

Many of the activities our children engage in the classroom will be observed by teachers to determine what your child needs next in mathematics so that they enjoy their maths, feel successful at it and demonstrate growth.

Have a great week.

_Angela Dawson_

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**Sports Report**

**Athletics Carnival – Years 3-6**

**Age Champions**

- 8 Years: Harrison Hoole (Hannah Dryden)
- 9 Years: Nicholas Collins (Georgia Lillicrap)
- 10 Years: Patrick Burchard (Libby Tiffin)
- 11 Years: Finlay Dryden (Phoebe Bradley)
- 12 Years: Joshua Linklater (Sofia Jaramillo)

**Overall Champion Boy & Girl**

- Joshua Linklater (Libby Tiffin)

**Champion House**

- Creswell

All students who have been invited to represent Eagle Junction State School at the City District trials have been given a letter. Nominations were due by 12th July.
The Eagles Nest sells large amounts of home bake weekly. Our ANZAC biscuits and banana bread are very popular with students and staff.

We are looking for more volunteers to help us with our baking needs. If you could help us by going on our baking roster please drop by or email me. We do have a banana bread recipe that we use so please contact me for a copy.

Even if you cannot go on our roster but would like to bake a batch of ANZAC biscuits or banana bread occasionally we would be very thankful.

My contact email is ejssstickshop@yahoo.com.au

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**EJ HUB**

**KALINGA DASH**

*Have you heard that the teachers are forming a team?* Get your class together and form a team too — the more children from your class who enter, the more chance you have of winning the pizza party!

It’s easy to get involved:

**STEP 1** Register for the event via [www.kalingadash.com.au](http://www.kalingadash.com.au)

**STEP 2** Sign up to the Givematcher website - go to [www.givematcher.com.au](http://www.givematcher.com.au)

**STEP 3** Create your child’s fundraising page

**STEP 4** Multiple children?

  - Yes — go back to STEP 3 and repeat steps to set up another individual page
  - No — go to STEP 5

**STEP 5** Help your child to collect donations by telling family and friends

When you are in your child’s fundraising page, you can share it with friends and family using the icons listed — these include facebook, twitter, email, and linkedIn.

Full instructions on how to register and sign up to givematcher are in the information booklet that was sent home, which can also be found on Team App in ‘Useful Info’.

So register your family and start collecting sponsorships.

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YEARS 4 - 6
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Open Day
Saturday 23 July 1pm-4pm

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Visual Art Block, Kelvin Grove State College

All interested applicants are welcome to attend to find out more about both Middle School and Senior Art Excellence Programs.

Closing date for 2017 applications: 1st August 2016

See the website for more information:
https://kelvingrovesc.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Excellenceprograms/Pages/Excellenceprograms.aspx
Weekly Newsletter

Newsletter items are required to be received at the school office by **12noon on the Friday prior to the Wednesday newsletter**. Items received after that time will be placed in the next newsletter. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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Eagle Junction Shining Stars  
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Eagle Junction Masterclass  
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