Semester 2 Student Leaders’ Induction

The Semester 2 Student Leaders’ Induction took place last Friday in the Hall. Our special guests were the Hon. Tim Nicholls and Mrs Carolyn McMullen.

Our Senior Vocal Ensemble entertained us with an inspiring song of leadership and the need to ‘stand tall’. Thank you to our school leaders, Ma’ayan Michaelis-Thorpe and Kgiaum Lewin who led the ceremony.

Congratulations to Senior Leaders from Year 6, Student Council representatives, Library Monitors and Tec. Crew of Semester 2, 2016. I am sure that you will all make a positive contribution to Eagle Junction State School.

City District Track and Field Carnival

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the City District Track and Field carnival this week. The EJ students represented our school proudly and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship. I would like to wish the students who gained selection in the City District Track and Field team all the very best at the Metropolitan North Carnival to be held later this term. Well done!

Kalinga Dash is Nearly Here!

As you would be aware the Kalinga Dash is our major fundraiser for the school this year, it will be here in less than three weeks and EJ needs your help!

Can you volunteer to help with one or more of the following jobs please? It will be fun to be involved and your kids will think you’re fantastic!

There are two ways to sign up:

1. Go to the Kalinga Dash volunteer events that are set up on Team App and choose your preferred event and time via the RSVP button.

2. Email our wonderful volunteer coordinators, listed on the next page.

Thank you in advance and thank you to everyone who has already volunteered — you are all champions!
From the Principal cont.

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Parent / Caregiver Opinion Survey
If you have already completed your Parent/Caregiver Survey, thank you and please disregard this notice. If not already completed, the online surveys will remain open until 29 July 2016. This is your opportunity to have a say about what this school does well and how this school can improve. So far 80 families have completed the survey.

If you haven’t received any survey access details yet, please contact the school office on telephone 07 3637 1111 or email admin@eaglejunctionss.eq.edu.au

2017 Open Day
Our 2017 Open Day will be held in our school hall on Thursday 4 August commencing at 9.00am and concluding at 11.00am. If you have a child starting with us in 2017, mark it on your calendar. We look forward to seeing you there.

Student Use of Mobile Phones
I would appreciate if parents could take the time to have a conversation with their child/ren about correct protocols when using a phone as a communication tool for safety when travelling to and from school.

Mobile phones are not to be used once children enter the school grounds. Phones need to be turned off and kept in their school bag until the end of the school day. Children also have the opportunity to hand in their phone to the office when they arrive at school in the morning and collect it at 2.45pm.

In recent weeks we have had to remind students to put phones away before school. Mobile phones were being used to play games and take photos. This message will be discussed at length at senior assembly this week. Your assistance with this matter is greatly appreciated.

Adam Mathewson
**From the Deputy Principals**

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Science ICAS assessment. A special mention to the following students who received a high distinction. They were identified as achieving in the top 1% or better of participants in each year level in Australia.

**Year 3**
- Grissom Taruc
- Doris Wei
- Lining Yu

**Year 5**
- Myiesha Maisuria
- Ruben Ripper
- Senura Sugathadasa

The following students received a distinction placing them in the top 10 % or better of participants in Australia in each year level.

**Year 6**
- Anna Butler
- Benjamin Evans
- Robert Gilbert

**Year 4**
- Dominic Darbyshire–Roberts
- Freddie Eagle
- Ragesh Ramanalingam
- Dimity Whitaker
- Lewis Williams

**Year 5**
- Joe Chai
- Mackenzie Graham
- Max McNeilly
- Srividya Kariot
- Katherine Fan

**Year 3**
- Georgia Lillicrap
- Jack Charlton
- Emily Macdowall
- Dylan Woodfield

These awards will be given out at assembly this week.

*Jann Simmonds*

At different times throughout the year, friendship issues arise for individuals and groups of children. This is a normal part of growing up and learning about resolving these issues gives children the opportunity to develop a very useful set of life skills.

Kids Matter, the Australian Government Program that supports the mental health and wellbeing of children and young people has the following to say:

> At any age, having friends provides support and promotes mental health and wellbeing. Children’s friendships are also very important for their social and emotional development. Through friendships children learn how to relate with others. They develop social skills as they teach each other how to be good friends.

> Most children want to have friends. Children who have friends are more likely to be self-confident and perform better academically at school than those without friends. When children have difficulty in making friends or in keeping them, it often leads to feeling lonely and unhappy with themselves. Feeling rejected by others may lead to significant distress. Learning positive friendship skills can help children socially so they feel happier and more confident.


1. a developmental guide to how friendships develop and change from birth to 18 years
2. some excellent information about friendship patterns in the primary school years
3. the social skills that promote friendship and the types of behaviours that inhibit a child’s ability to make friends and finally
4. what we can do as the adults at home and at school to support the development of friendship making skills.

The “Getting Along” key of our You Can Do It! program helps children to understand and develop these skills throughout their years at Eagle Junction. However children need to have the opportunity to know and understand these concepts across a wide variety of settings and situations. We, teachers and parents, share the job of talking, modeling and practicing every day.

*Jenni Beadman*
Student Council Fundraiser - Pyjama Foundation

On **Wednesday 3 August** students will be invited to come dressed in their fanciest pyjamas in support of the Pyjama Foundation. The Pyjama Foundation is one of the organisations that the Student Council decided to support at the start of the school year. To participate, students need to bring a gold coin donation. The Pyjama Foundation gives children in foster care the opportunity to change the direction of their life through learning, developing life skills and confidence. The foundation was founded to make a positive impact on the lives of our community’s most vulnerable children.

The Pyjama Foundation has a learning based mentoring program called the 'Love of Learning' program, which involves matching one adult with one child. These adults are called 'Pyjama Angels'. The 'Pyjama Angels' are screened and trained volunteers who visit the same child every week for 1.5 hours to read books, play educational games and work on their numeracy skills.

The Pyjama Foundation gives children in foster care the opportunity to change the direction of their life through learning, developing life skills and confidence. The foundation was founded to make a positive impact on the lives of our community’s most vulnerable children. The volunteers help children develop their learning skills and perhaps most importantly, demonstrate that the child is valued as an individual. All money raised from the Student Council supported initiative will go towards the training of the 'Pyjama Angels'.

We do ask that the pyjamas worn by the students are sun safe and that children are to wear covered in shoes, preferable sand shoes on the day if they are taking part. Students who wear onesies may also like to pack something a little cooler to put on later in the day if the weather is going to be warm. The Student Council looks forward to your support on **3 August**.

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**From our HOC**

**Mini Festivals**

Several of our Year 4 students recently attended the City Cluster Mini Festivals.

The Mini Scientists’ Festival is a challenging one and a half day program and is also known as the City Science Investigators (CSI). Students from each school in the City Cluster were selected to participate. Students selected an area of focus and undertook an investigation in this area and prepared their findings for presentation. Our students participated with enthusiasm and were very keen to share their findings upon returning to school.

The Mini Writers’ Festival is held over three sessions and is a unique opportunity for students who display talent in writing. Students from each school in the City Cluster were selected to participate and work with an author. The author shared some funny and interesting stories that have inspired her. She also shared the process that she undertakes when writing short stories and novels.

Last week our Year 4 students participated in the City Cluster Mini Thinkers’ Festival. Our Mini Thinkers attended a one day workshop at Newmarket State School. They were given creative thinking challenges and were encouraged to work as a team to create solutions. Our students collaborated to recreate a story. Students wrote and performed a play and created props. Our Mini Thinkers enjoyed the challenge and their enthusiasm upon returning to school was wonderful to see.

Students, parents and school community members are invited to celebrate students’ learning and completed tasks from the Festival at the Celebration Morning on **Wednesday 3 August** at Windsor State School from 9:30-11:30am.
Mini Scientists - Report from Lisari Hettiarachchi 4H

As part of the Mini Festivals, I participated in the City Science Investigators Program (CSI) at Newmarket State School.

On the first day we had a general introduction to Science Inquiry and four areas of the investigation (Biological, Earth, Space and Chemical Sciences). We formed groups and studied four main areas while completing a booklet. They were all fascinating but we had to choose one area for our investigation.

On the second day, we undertook our investigation and recorded our processes, observations and findings. For this we had to construct a sample and then collect facts and resources from the presentation. I felt awesome when I completed my tasks. The scientists and other staff guided me through the process and I learnt a lot about science experiments.

This program was fascinating and was a great opportunity for students to learn about Science. I would like to extend my gratitude to my teachers Ms Hackwood and Mrs Dawson for giving me this wonderful opportunity.

Save the Bilby Challenge 2016

As mentioned by Mr Mathewson last week, the Bilby Challenge is open now to EJ students. We have many interested students who are very keen to enter the Save the Bilby Challenge 2016. The Entry Pack and all information about entry and rules are now available to students and parents. Entries close on Thursday 25 August 2016.


Have a great week.

Angela Dawson

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Library News

Library Monitors

Big congratulations to our Semester 2 Library Monitors who received their badge of office and made their community service pledge during last week’s assembly.

We appreciate the time, commitment and community service they have agreed to undertake as this will ensure the library will continue to run efficiently.

Marcia Lomman and Jean Forsythe (Resource Centre Staff)
EJ HUB
KALINGA DASH
1AR out in front!

There’s a pizza party on offer to the class with the most participants in the Kalinga Dash and the competition is hotting up!

Last week we introduced Miss Bramwell’s Bandits, and this week we are featuring Mr Robinson’s marvellous pirate crew in 1AR — or 1A-ARGH as they have renamed themselves for the Kalinga Dash!

We think they might deserve to win the prize just for their brilliant name, but we were also very impressed when we visited their training session on the oval last week and saw the pirates being put through their paces by their beloved Mr Robinson.

‘My 1AR pirates love pizza so much that we are determined to win the pizza party prize’, said Mr Robinson. ‘We also love EJ so the kids are working hard getting sponsors to raise money for the school’.

Mr Robinson is so dedicated that he is going to run the 7.5km race and then join his trusty pirate crew for the 2km Kids’ Dash. Good luck to 1A-ARGH on the day and in their quest for the pizza treasure!

There are lots of great teams being organised and we’ll tell you more in next week’s newsletter. In the meantime, register now at www.kalingadash.com.au and get those sponsorships rolling in. You can contact your Class Rep for details of your own class’s team and how to volunteer on the day.

- The Kalinga Dash is supported by - ● Ray White Clayfield, ● Australian Uniform Service, ● BOQ Clayfield, ● QC-Fresh Pty Ltd and ● Rochelle Painting.
Kalinga Dash Fun Run

14th August
Kalinga Park
Clayfield

7.5 km 4.2 km 2.0 km

www.kalingadash.com.au

On offer:
- Prizes
- Stalls
- Food
- Rides

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2M News

2M has been busy creating Picasso art and studying procedural writing. In Science lessons, we have been investigating mixtures such as apple slices in coke (actually, it was quite delicious so says Mr Matthews - the official taster) and learning about changes over time in items such as dolls, classroom desks, slates, pencils, white board writers and voice recognition Apps such as ‘Siri’.

We intend to write a scintilating recipe just like George did in "George’s Marvellous Medicine" by Roald Dahl. Another favourite lesson in Technology has been constructing fancy hats using recycled newspaper.

Mathematics lessons are the best! 2M loves to beat Mr Matthews in tables and especially multiples. We have daily target numbers like 2,138 and multiples. We are up to 109 now. Our clever students can halve, double and take 9, 10 or 19 away from 109 or add 5, 10, 11 or 21 to 109 accurately and quickly! Did you know that we have been at school for 109 happy days now and we just love school!

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2017 ENROLMENTS

Parents interested in enrolling their children in Prep to Year 6 in 2017 are invited to attend an Open Day/Information Session

Thursday, 04 August 2016
Commencing at 9.00am
School Hall
Morning Tea

Please bring
• proof of age
• proof of residency in Catchment Area, and
• Citizenship (Birth Certificate) or visa details.

Children entering Prep should turn 5 years before 30 June 2017. All admissions are subject to an Enrolment Management Policy.

A Waiting List will be established on that day for families living outside the Catchment.

Information concerning Enrolment and Waiting List please phone 3637 1111 or visit the school website
www.eaglejunctionss.eq.edu.au
Just a reminder that Prep Students cannot order milo or ice blocks. This is school policy for all prep students and we will not fill any Munch Monitor orders for these items.

Our Term 3 Tuckshop Roster can be found on Team App. If you have volunteered for our baking or washing roster this can also be found on our tuckshop roster on Team App.

New Menu Items:
- Barambah Yoghurts
- Bundy 100% Juices
- Happy Snacks - Roasted Chickpeas and Fav-va Beans Baked Potato on Friday, Butter Chicken on Wednesday

Thank you to everyone who has supported our breakfast menu.

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**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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**Pressure Clean your driveway, paths & entertainment area**
- Call Murray - 0407 6 333 91
- *Specialise in PREPARING PROPERTIES FOR SALE!!
- *SPECIALISE in GARDEN RENOVATIONS!!
- *Lawn Mowing & Edging * Hedging * Landscaping
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- * Shrub & tree trimming * Green waste removal
- Murraygardens@hotmail.com
  - Murray is an EJ Dad
  - No job is too big or small

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**OPEN 7 DAYS**
**SAME DAY APPOINTMENTS**
**Family Doctors Plus**
- 3357 8192, Unit 2, 175 Albion Rd, Windsor
- familydoctorsplus.com.au

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**Stephen Hawke**
LJ Hooker Clayfield
4/742 Sandgate Rd, Clayfield
- 3902 1500 / 0423 699 140
- shawke.clayfield@ljh.com.au
- clayfield.ljhooker.com.au

- Proud to be an EJSS dad and your local agent.
**Kalinga Collectables Fair** - enjoy a second chance at a childhood on **Sunday, July 31st** at the Scout Den at Kalinga Park (bottom of Bertha Street, Wooloowin). There will be masses of vintage and modern toys - including Star Wars, Transformers, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and He-Man action figures, retro t-shirts, statues, comics and trading cards. There’ll even be a sausage sizzle, hot/cold drinks and tea/coffee - something for everyone!

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**Brisbane Airport Fire Ant Notification to Community Groups**

A new incursion of fire ants has been detected near the Brisbane airport.

This is a new arrival of fire ants to Australia and genetic testing indicates that the ants originated from the Southern United States and are not related to current or previous fire ants populations in Queensland.

It’s likely the new fire ants arrived in freight sometime in the last two years, and thanks to a vigilant person who reported them to Biosecurity Queensland in September last year, we don’t think they’ve had time to spread far.

We have seen through the success of the Fire Ant Program in Gladstone and the Port of Brisbane that this terrible invasive pest can be eradicated, and the key is to act quickly. The National Red Imported Fire Ant Eradication Program could not have achieved its success to date without the ongoing awareness and vigilance from local communities. Seventy per cent of fire ant sightings in South East Queensland are reported by the general public. We urge you to check your yard, local parks and recreational areas for fire ants.

Although small, fire ants are one of the worst invasive species to hit Australia’s shores. Fire ants can ruin our lifestyle, and have serious environmental and agricultural impacts. They inflict a terribly painful sting and can restrict everyday activities, such as barbeques, picnics and sporting events. Join the ant hunt and check the top five spots for fire ants. On residential properties: lawns, footpaths, garden beds, outside taps and sprinklers and electricity and water meter pits. On rural properties: dams and irrigation lines, edges of cultivated land, cropland post-harvest, fence lines and piles of organic matter.

A typical fire ant nest looks like a mound of loose dirt, with no visible entry or exit holes. Nests can also be found under logs, rocks or gardening materials. Fire ants are small, varying in size between 2-6mm and are coppery-brown with a dark abdomen. They are aggressive and inflict a painful sting which can be life threatening.

Take a look around your property and if you see a mound of dirt that could be a fire ants nest, stand well back and poke the nest with a long stick. Never use your hand. If it’s a fire ant nest you’ll notice ants of varying sizes swarming out to attack. It’s important that you don’t attempt to disturb or destroy the ant nest yourself because if it’s not done correctly the worker ants will simply evacuate their queen to a safe new location and start a new nest.

If you think you’ve spotted fire ants, take a photo if possible and upload it to the website [www.anthunt.daf.qld.gov.au](http://www.anthunt.daf.qld.gov.au), or call Biosecurity Queensland on 13 25 23. Qualified Biosecurity Queensland technical officers will come and treat the ants using a combination of bait treatment and direct nest injection. The bait comprises corn grit that is soaked in soybean oil and insect growth regulator that sterilises the queen ant. The worker ants then can’t reproduce and they die out. The insecticide has low toxicity and poses no negative health effects for humans or animals.

The new biosecurity laws start on 1 July 2016. Everyone will have responsibility for biosecurity risks under their control.