From the Principal

Kalinga Dash
Excellent idea! Great family day! We must have another! These were some of the comments that I received from EJ families and community members concerning the inaugural Kalinga Dash. Not only was it our major fundraiser for 2016, but it was an opportunity for our school community to come together and promote a healthy, active lifestyle.

I would like to acknowledge the work of the coordinators Anna Fuller and Kirsty Bradley. Both ladies worked tirelessly before, during and after the event. Without their invaluable contribution such events would never happen.

I would also like to thank Carolyn Butler for assisting with communication, the set up and pull down teams, volunteers for manning the various stalls, course marshals for ensuring that we didn’t get lost and the wider school community for getting behind the event.

Well done and congratulations on a very enjoyable school event. As a school community we should be very proud of the 2016 Kalinga Dash.

Online Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher interviews will be held at the end of this term in week 8. Teachers have made themselves available to inform you of your child’s learning strengths and weaknesses and focus areas for improvement. The dates for the interviews will be as follows:

- Monday 29 August – Friday 2 September (Week 8)

Similar to term 1, parents will be required to book their interview times online. An information sheet explaining how to make your bookings online will be distributed to all families on Wednesday 17 August. The interview booking site will be made active at 8.00am on Friday 19 August for parents to start making bookings. If you require assistance with making an online booking, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

I would encourage you all to take the time to meet with your child’s teacher. As always, if you are unavailable to attend the Parent Teacher interviews during the scheduled times, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher to make alternative arrangements.
2016 NAPLAN Results

The improvement evident in our NAPLAN results is testament to our focus on providing a differentiated approach to learning. By providing every opportunity for every child for every success, our differentiated curriculum seeks to ensure the needs of each student are met and our teaching and their learning leads to improvement.

Our school wide results are very strong, with performances well above Like Schools, the State and Nation when comparing mean scale scores and percentage of students in the top 2 bands for Year 3 and Year 5.

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As always we are not relaxing – work and analysis of the data available to us has begun in earnest with the intent of making your child’s education at Eagle Junction State School the very best available.

Thank you to our teachers and support staff for their commitment to your students’ achievement. We all own these successes. Thank you to you as a family for the way you support teaching in our school.

Lost Property

We have a large collection of school jumpers that have not been collected from lost property. Lost property is located near the Tartan Trader (uniform shop) under the school administration building. If you know that your child/ren are missing a school jumper please check the lost property in the very near future. We also have a ladies black jacket at the school office that was left at the Kalinga Dash (Rockmans brand).

Adam Mathewson
From the Deputy Principals

Congratulations to all students who auditioned for the Northside Honours Music Camp 2016. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of both the students and Instrumental Music Teachers in preparing for the auditions. Six students have been successful with their auditions — Xavier Craddock, Harry Dickson, Katherine Fan, Taya Kirk, Emi McBride and Sana Rane have been invited to attend the Honours Music Camp early September.

Kalinga Dash – Prep Stalls
I would like to acknowledge the hard work from the Prep staff and parent group in preparing for and running of the stalls at the Kalinga Dash. I know the students and their families thoroughly enjoyed these fun and engaging stalls. Thank you again to all that volunteered their time or donated items — it was a great team effort!

Chess Report
On Sunday, 6 students represented Eagle Junction at the Winter Somerville House Chess Invitational. The team of Aditya Anand, Khush Patel, Kanak Relekar and Shubh Patel finished 3rd in the Open division, narrowly missing out on 2nd place by 0.5 points. In the Novice division, Michael Stumer and Praneel Priyadarsan also did very well with Praneel undefeated in 6.5 out of 7 games. Congratulations to all these students.

Jenni Beadman

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Spelling ICAS assessment. 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 6
- Robert Gilbert

Year 5
- Katherine Fan
- Ruben Ripper

Year 4
- Tom Kelly

Year 2
- Aditya Bhat
- Ryan Blakey

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

Year 6
- Aditya Anand
- Angus Bathe
- Emily Bucknill
- Benjamin Gunter
- Alex Ngo
- Yathav Ragupathy
- Ashley Singh

Year 5
- Myiesha Maisuria
- Manuja Dissanayake
- Mackenzie Graham
- Max Mc Neilly

Year 3
- Jack Lockington
- Bradley Pink
- Amelia Sanfilippo
- Grissom Taruc
- Lining Yu

Year 2
- Tion Townsend
- Kirti Vankayala
- Ruby Crowther

Jann Simmonds
From our HOC

Queensland Academies Brilliant Futures Program

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After undertaking a rigorous selective entry process, students will be engaged in an innovative and challenging preparation program designed to support their success and wellbeing.

Throughout this program, students will develop a personalised portfolio based on their participation in our online courses and face to face workshops. Students will benefit from working with Queensland Academies teachers and will be challenged through contemporary pedagogy that offers collaborative, accelerated learning focused on deep inquiry and real world research. These online courses prepare students for the academically challenging International Baccalaureate Diploma course offered by the campuses.

As students’ progress through the program, they would be encouraged to participate in a range of other engagement activities that would support appropriate articulation into the campus that best suits their needs.

Applications for Year 5 students to join this program close on September 14, 2016. For more details call (07) 3377 9366 or visit/apply online at qa.eq.edu.au. See the back of the Flying Eagle for more information.

Have a great week.

Angela Dawson

Sports Report

Gala Sports

Although summer gala sports for years 5-6 does not take place until early term 4 the planning process will commence shortly.

Students will have the options to nominate for the following sports: Girls Netball, Boys Touch Football, Boys and Girls Cricket, Boys and Girls Baseball, Boys and Girls AFL and Boys and Girls Flipperball. Students should discuss with their friends and family the options available.

Newcomb Ball

Students in Year 4 will commence playing Newcomb on the tennis court. This class competition will be umpired by the sport captains. Listen out for when your class is playing and come on down with good sportsmanship.

Girls Representative Cricket

Girls born in 2004/5 who play cricket at a representative standard are asked to come and see Mr Summers in regards to nominating for Met North Cricket team. There is no district trial for this team therefore only players who have the ability and skill to participate at this level should enquire.

Mark Summers (Physical Education Teacher)
QParents

Eagle Junction State School is proud to be one of the first schools in Queensland to offer QParents. The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Academic report cards
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way. It won’t replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another way to communicate with us.

The Benefits of QParents

Convenience and time savings for parents
- Parents can view or update their child’s details without having to contact the school
- Secure 24/7 online access
- Available anytime, anywhere — access QParents on your smart phone, tablet or computer.

Greater transparency of information
- Improves accountability between parents and schools by providing parents with timely access to their child’s information online
- Allows parents to engage more deeply in their child’s schooling

Improved administration efficiencies for schools
- Allows schools to streamline their administrative processes and cut down on printing

Please click here to see more information about Qparents: QParents Promotional Video

Registering for QParents

On 31st August you will receive an invitation email or letter from us containing your unique invitation code. Simply follow the instructions in that email or letter to complete the QParents account registration process.

If you do not want to register, you can just ignore the invitation and your child’s student information will not be available to anyone through Qparents.

Identity verification

When registering as a QParents Account Owner (QPAO), you will need to verify 100 points of identity documents online. The 100 points can be made up of documents in the following list:

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If you only have 60-90 points of the above ID documents you can still register for QParents, but you will need to attend the school for an additional check after you have registered online. For more information on the online identity verification process, see: QParents - Online Identity Verification Process
Library News

With Book Week happening soon (22nd-26th August), we are getting excited about celebrating books and reading!

This year’s theme is **Australia! Story Country** and we have some great activities planned for the week, so please mark the following dates in your diaries:

**Monday 22nd August**

**Illustrator Workshop with Ben Wood**

All students will take part in a 1 hour workshop during the school day

[www.benwoodillustrations.com](http://www.benwoodillustrations.com)

**Friday 26th August**

**Come dressed as your favourite book character!**

Students are encouraged to dress as their favourite book character and to bring in a copy of the book in which their character features.

Alternatively they can borrow the book from our library or print a copy of the front cover.

**All Week**

**The Big Book Give**

This year we are going to share the spirit of reading by donating our pre-loved books to [www.books4pngkids.org](http://www.books4pngkids.org) who will deliver the donations to schools in the most remote regions of Papua New Guinea.

So, if you have any of the following items, please send them to your child’s classroom during book week:

- Early Readers
- Primary School Fiction and Non-fiction
- Atlases and World Maps
- Dictionaries and Thesaurus

⚠️ If you have a large number of items please box them up prior to delivery.

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Marcia Lomman and Jean Forsythe  (Resource Centre Staff)

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Students and staff recently enjoyed our Pyjama Day in support of the **Pyjama Foundation**
Music Notes

Performance Dates

Wednesday 24th August  
Junior Choir perform at Junior Assembly (Book Week)

Wednesday 31st August  
Year 1 Choir perform at Junior Assembly  
(Father’s Day special)

Wednesday 7th Sept.  
Year 2 Choir perform at Junior Assembly

Young Voices Festival
The Junior Choir have been invited to sing alongside the Voices of Birralee children's choirs and other schools at the Young Voices Festival at Somerville House on Sunday 28th August. In order to fully prepare for this event, we will be holding extra rehearsals during school time.

We are busy in the Music Department this semester with a range of clubs to suit everyone!

Recorder Club
Mondays 1pm in the Music Room
...for students in Grade 3 who LOVE to play recorder. We also sing, dance and improvise at Recorder Club.

Ukulele Club
Tuesdays 1pm in the Music Room
...for students (& teachers) in Grades 4, 5 and 6 who are new to Ukulele or for those who need to enhance their strumming and plucking skills. We play pieces in a variety of styles, including the Blues and Samba!

BOSS
Thursdays 1pm in the Music Room
...for boys in Grades 3 to 6 who love to sing in a relaxed and non-threatening environment. We have loads of fun!

Christine Shume (Classroom Music Teacher)
2S Superstar News!
In our 2S classroom we have been enthralled by the Roald Dahl classic “George’s Marvellous Medicine”. Inspired by the main character George, we’ve been learning to write procedures for a range of tasks.

Additionally, we have been inspired to create artworks of other such ‘eccentric scientists’, using sketching and shading with pencils, oil pastels and straw blow painting with water colours to create an explosion. Below are just a few of our amazing works – destined for the Louvre!
Disco – Years 2-3
Last Thursday the Year 2 and Year 3 students were treated to an awesome Disco. It was great to see so many enthusiastic dancers including the teachers on the dance floor.

A big thank you to our Principal Mr Mathewson, EJ staff, parent volunteers and our Adopt-A-Cop Kristy who helped to make the disco a great night.

Get ready for lots of fun Prep and Year 1 students when your disco happens on Thursday 15 September.

*Justine Annan-Schmidt, Leigh Hutchinson and Ana Ragupathy*

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Father's Day Stall - Wrappers and Shop Keepers Needed – Thursday 1 September

*Can you lend a hand with gift wrapping from your home? Are you able to help out on the stall which will be held at school on Thursday 1 September from 8.30 - 11.30am?*

Please email/text me if you can. Many thanks

*Amanda Russell (EJ Stall Convenor) 0459 401 255 alrussell@westnet.com.au*
Our very first Kalinga Dash was an awesome day
See next week’s newsletter for a full report!
Tartan Trader
Now selling at the Uniform Shop! ☆ Navy Sports Briefs for Girls ☆

- Cotton Elastane
- Quality 4-way stretch fabric
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- Double stitched hems
- Available in sizes 4-6, 8-10, 12-14
- Twin Pack for $15.00

Large school bags are also back in stock.

Jayne Jones-Wilson (Uniform Shop Co-ordinator)

Thank you to everyone for helping us celebrate Canteen Week.

- Our next Multicultural Day will be on **24th August** and the theme will be French Food. Keep a look out for posters around the school advertising our menu. A sneak peak at some of the delicious food that will be on our menu for the day - crepes and croissants.
- We now stock Barambah low fat milk in a 250ml bottle.
- Birthday Time! We can provide ice blocks for the whole class. It is so easy to organise and the kids really love them.

Please contact me at The Nest for more information.

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**Tartan Trader**
Trading Hours
Monday & Friday
8.00am – 9.00am

Order online - **Munch Monitor**
Information on the Eagle Junction SS website in Facilities/Tuckshop
www.munchmonitor.com

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**Eagle's Nest**

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**Scholastic Book Clubs**
Buy a book from Scholastic Book Clubs to build our classroom resources!

**Orders due:** Sunday 28th August

*No cash orders please!*

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**Student absent from school?**
Please ring the absence line by 9.00am
3637 1166
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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COMMUNITY NEWS

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**BE A STAR THIS SUMMER**
**COME PLAY BALL**

Girls and Boys of any skill level or age. Come down and try baseball.

Saturday 6th August from 12pm - 2pm
Sunday 7th August from 11am - 1pm
Saturday 13th August from 1pm – 4pm
Sunday 14th August from 1pm – 3pm
Saturday 20th August from 12pm – 2pm
Sunday 21st August from 12pm – 3pm

Come along and try this dynamic sport and have fun!

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www.allsportsbaseball.com.au
Brilliant Futures Program

At Queensland Academies we are dedicated to engaging and empowering Queensland’s most capable students in a collaborative, world class educational environment to realise their future potential. Queensland Academies plays an important role as a strategy designed to maximise opportunities for Queensland’s gifted and highly capable young people - investing in them to ensure they are well prepared to lead our knowledge-based economy.

The Queensland Academies Brilliant Futures Program is open to very highly capable students from Year 5 in 2016 who are seeking an assured pathway into Queensland Academies campuses for commencement in Year 10.

After undertaking a rigorous selective entry process, students will be engaged in an innovative and challenging preparation designed to promote global citizenship, deep inquiry and academic success by focussing on critical and creative thinking, coding, robotics and STEM. Students who graduate from this program will gain an automatic offer into one of our three senior campuses.

Throughout this program students will develop a personalised portfolio based on their participation in our online courses and face to face workshops. Students will benefit from working with Queensland Academies teachers and will be challenged through contemporary pedagogy that offers collaborative, accelerated learning focussed on deep inquiry and real world research. These online courses prepare students for the academically rigorous International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme offered by the campuses.

Expectations of Brilliant Futures Program

- Annual participation and attainment of an appropriate standard in a range of mandatory online and face to face activities over the period of the Brilliant Futures Program (supported by an annual provisional enrolment fee)
- Per semester submission of report cards and NAPLAN data for tracking and ongoing monitoring
- Satisfactory completion of a significant personal project towards the end of the program
Selective Entry Process
- Applications and payment (non-refundable), including the last two semester report cards and Years 3 and 5 NAPLAN data are submitted online
- Students sit an entrance test and their data is analysed
- An offer or non-offer of entry into the Brilliant Futures Program is made

Timeline for Year 5 Students 2016
- March 29 - Applications open
- September 7 - Deadline for regional/interstate applications
- September 14 - Deadline for applications
- October 15 - Entrance Test
- Early November - Notification of offer or non-offer
- Mid November - Acceptance of offer
- February 2017 - Commence Brilliant Futures Program

Sample Mandatory Components
- Application process - $250
- Annual Course Fee (including mandatory programs) approx - $400
- Year 9 provisional to firm offer process - $250

For more details call (07) 3377 9366
or visit/apply online at qa.eq.edu.au