Dear Parents and Caregivers

P&C
On Monday night we had our P&C AGM and it was great to see so many parents interested in being a part of their child’s education. As promised free entry not only got you a delicious sausage, cooked by our Master Chef Ms Ramage, you also got tea, coffee and chocolate if you were able to stay on for the meeting.

I would like to thank Karen Hopper for her dedication to the position of the Minutes Secretary for the last two years. Thanks also to Linda Apps who fulfilled the role of Correspondence Secretary and to Gayle Sperling who has stepped down from the Treasure’s role after doing a marvellous job of steering the finances on track.

A special thank you also to our P&C President, Amy List and Vice President Kim Pickering, who have stepped up again providing the P&C with continuity and inspirational leadership.

I am pleased to announce that the following positions were filled at the AGM on Monday night:

President: Amy List
Vice President: Kym Pickering
Correspondence Secretary: Christine Newman
Minutes Secretary: Gayle Sperling

At this stage the P&C had not received a nomination for the position of Treasurer. A Special General Meeting will be held at the next meeting in anticipation of a parent stepping forward and taking on this role. To provide some motivation I will include a quote from the P&C constitution.
"If an executive committee is not able to be filled at the AGM, the P&C will have to hand over its operations to the Principal, in caretaker mode, in the interim."

For the long term the P&C cannot operate without a Treasurer. We are also seeking people for executive positions for the various sub committees including the Uniform and Tuckshop Committee and also for the Swim Club when they hold their annual meeting in a few weeks time. If these positions remain unfilled for an extended period of time the significant consequence is that we may have to cease some of the services that they provide or close down their operations all together.

Please come and chat to me or one of our P&C representatives about what the demands are of taking on one of these roles.

Extra Curricula Activities
Have you seen what is happening at our school, outside of school hours on any given day. Below I have outlined just some of the extra curricula activities that we offer our students this term.
- Cheerleading- Up to six hours of Cheerleading practice for the different teams
- Our new Singing and Instrumental Group- An initiative started by Mrs Crook, combining our choir with instruments.
- Instrumental Practice- Before school we have students preparing to play in a band.
- Morning Reading Club- Numbers are growing each week for both students and parent helpers.
- Walk and Talk- With weather permitting this is in full swing Monday and Wednesday on the Oval.
- Breakfast Program- Every Tuesday our students are provided with a free, healthy breakfast by the Nexus Church.
- Library Borrowing- Students have the opportunity Mon-Thursday to visit the library and change their books over, in addition to their library borrowing times.
- Junior Choir now includes Year 4’s every Friday

We pride ourselves on being able to provide such a rich and nurturing learning environment for our students. There are some other projects in the pipeline for Term Two. If you would like to be a part of any of these initiatives or are keen to provide another learning opportunity for our students, come in and see us. Don’t miss your chance to help make our students shine.

Regards

Brad Clark
Principal

P&C NEWS

2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thanks to everyone who turned up to the AGM on Monday, despite the weather – it was great to see lots of new faces there. Unfortunately we were unable to fill the Treasurer role, which is essential for the P&C to operate and provide services for the school. Please consider taking on this role. The Treasurer requires basic accounting and business knowledge, you will have all the support and experience around you to do the job. We will be holding a Special General Meeting to elect a Treasurer. If you are able to help, please contact the P&C on pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au, and we can give you come more information on the role.

ATTENTION BOOK KEEPERS!
The P&C Committee has established a position of Book-keeper as a paid casual employee within the P&C Organisation and are seeking applicants for the position. The job will involve on average 3-6 hours work a week, up to 10 hours a week during busy times. This job will be perfect for a parent to earn a little bit of extra money during school hours, and helping the school at the same time. The book-keeper will be responsible for processing financial transactions for the P&C sub-committees and will report to the P&C Treasurer. Experience with MYOB, payroll, and inventory reconciliations is essential. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact me at pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au for more information on the role. Applications for the role will close on Wednesday the 27th of February.

Amy List
P&C President
pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au

PCYC BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL/VACATION CARE

Welcome to all the new families who have registered for PCYC school care. PCYC school care can happily announce our application for our increase in numbers to the service has been approved. This means we can now offer 75 places for Before, After or Vacation care. If you are looking for a spot Monday to Friday then this is the perfect time to come and see us so you don’t miss out on a place for your children.

Reminders - Parents need to sign your child in or out each day and for all absent days. 48 hours’ notice is required to cancel a day unless you have a doctor’s certificate. We are still on the hunt for a used dining setting for our homework / breakfast area if anyone knows of one please come and see us as we could always work out a pick up if needed.

Art and Craft recyclable items have been coming in home which is fantastic and greatly appreciated. The children are really enjoying using the boxes for both imaginary play and art and craft construction. The ideas are endless the children just love using them, so thank you and keep them coming.

If you would like a look around at the service, the best time to do this is between 10am – 3pm or 5pm – 6pm. Rachel and the PCYC Staff.

CLASS NEWS

PREP C - The children are enjoying our Sound Waves Program. They are getting so good at recognising letters and the sounds that they are now practising our counting both forward and backwards as well as our one-to-one corresponding. In Science we have been using our senses to identify living and non-living things. The class is settling nicely into all our routines and we look forward to some parents helping out in our room with activities next week.

Student of the Week - Kaila S.

PREP P - This week in Science, we have been investigating living things and deciding whether things are living or non-living. In Maths, we have focused on one-to-one correspondence and number knowledge. To help with this, we met Beebot - a robotic bee that we had to program to practice counting and matching with numbers.

Student of the Week - Claire L.

1B, 1C & 1S - This week in Maths we are exploring the concept of addition. We are making oral number stories using the appropriate mathematical language as well as using concrete materials to solve them. Further investigations into counting patterns are being carried out and we are practising writing our numerals correctly.

In Literacy we are reading, discussing and writing about a new picture book. The focus is on how the author uses both the text and the illustrations to convey emotions, eg. body language and facial expressions. In Health we are chatting with Connie Confidence and discussing what it means to be confident, as well as some of the new and challenging things we have had to use our confidence for in Year 1 already. In our Visual Art program we are designing art pieces using the warm colours. We have looked at the environment to help us better understand about these colours. Students of the Week are Sid H. - 1C, Nitin D. - 1S, Jai J. - 1B.

2E & 2W - In Maths we are investigating two-digit numbers (10’s and 1’s). In English we are still decomposing poetry looking at the structure, syllables, rhyming words and repetitions. Toys from the past have been a focus in history. In Science the students are testing properties for strength. Students of the Week – Rebecca F and Noah A.

2/3M - The year two home readers have been sent home this Monday. Please help your child to remember that these need to be returned every Friday. Home work is also due every Friday and may not be marked if it is late. So far almost every student brought their homework back on the due date. Well done 2/3M. A very big thank you to Mrs Johnston for offering to change the home readers. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Students of the Week: Alan K, Jack I, Parsa M and Elijah J.

3K – A friendly reminder to all parents/carers that before and after school are busy times for Miss. K and that the best form of communication is via email (akend5@eq.edu.au) or by
having your child deliver a hand written message to the school in the message box. If it is urgent, please call the school office and the lovely ladies in the office will pass the message on immediately. Thanks for your understanding.

Last week’s Student of the Week: Alex F. This week’s Student of the Week: Isabella F.

3/4P – We have sailed smoothly into Week 4. Our behaviour and learning is right on track. This week in Maths we continue to focus on time concepts and develop our narrative language in English. The children have put their language skills to practise and produced some very entertaining writing samples. In History the children will get a real taste of convict life through role-play. The Year 4’s will also begin preparation for their first piece of assessment. In Science we continue our investigation of living things, focusing on the life cycle of a plant. This will be an engaging experience for the students. I was very impressed to see that we have a class of team players as we co-constructed the game ‘Snake’ game this week. 3.4P showed great sportsmanship which is a credit to them all. This week our Student of the Week award will go to Joshua Cleverly for being an active learner and always having a go. Josh will be awarded his certificate on assembly (9:00am Friday).

4/5I - Just a reminder that we need parents to attend our swimming lessons each, so if you are free on Wednesday mornings from 9:00-10:00 we would love to have you help us with our lessons. This week we will be continuing to look at Narratives in English with a view to completing the assessment for this unit next week. In History, we will look at the Great South Land, Contact, Captain Cook and the First Fleet. For Maths this week we will be looking at fractions, time and length in Year 4 and fractions, time, perimeter and area in Year 5. Have a great week.

Student of the Week: Olivia Lawson.

5T – Yesterday Five T students received a letter outlining our excursion to the Queensland Art Gallery (QAG) and the Gallery of Modern Art (GOMA) on Thursday 7th March, to attend ‘The 7th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art’ (APT7). This visit will support our visual arts unit which is focused on drawing. The exhibition will provide the students with a rich palette of art works to examine artistic techniques, use of mediums and meaning. Students will draw on practices that appeal to them, to create and shape their own art works back at school. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students to view and learn from a range of artistic expression from around our region. Permission forms come back to the classroom teacher and payment is due by Friday 1st March. Student of the Week: Mia L and Adin C.

5/6A - With Week 4 upon us already our children feeling the power of learning after such a long holiday. Firstly, thanks to those parents who could make it to parent night, it was very lovely to meet you. Those who couldn’t make it, please check your child’s bag for a notes folder. A very big thank you to our 5/6A parents who are supporting our class by assisting Mr Thomas at PE swimming. If those parents are busy or sick we may need another volunteer. A very big thank you to Laurie Watson for volunteering as our P & C class rep for 2013. Interesting aspects of our week - our students are learning to deconstruct humorous stories in English, and in Mathematics round, estimate and compare fractions, and solve multiplication and division problems. Our Science research about animal and plant adaptations, has begun with our inquiry into the structural features, adaptations, and reasons for the adaptive change. Students have spent some time researching as Scientists and will complete a mini project in Power Point. Exciting news in 5/6A we are going to be using a virtual blackboard for projects and some aspects of homework. Your children will be able to see what you have worked on and completed at school and what they are learning in Literacy and Numeracy!

7S - Last week was a very proud moment for the staff at EPSS. It was wonderful to see such dedicated Grade 7’s all pledging to make a difference this year. Thank you to all the parents and family members who came to our parade, as well as those who attended Parent Info Night. We enjoyed our Science excursion to Kumbartcho Environmental Centre on Tuesday. Don’t forget swimmers for Wednesday PE and homework due on Friday.

NAPLAN TESTING 2013 test dates
The 2013 NAPLAN test schedule is as follows:
• Tuesday 14 May — Language conventions; Writing
• Wednesday 15 May — Reading
• Thursday 16 May — Numeracy
• Friday 17 May — Catch-up tests for students absent on 14, 15 or 16 May.

WALK ‘N TALK IS BACK IN 2013
I just wanted to advise that Walk ‘n Talk has commenced with sessions being held on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8.30am on the oval. Parents, grandparents and carers are encouraged to join their children for some early morning exercise, while listening to some music and enjoying the sunshine. First song…Gangnam Style!!! So grab a hat and get walking! I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
For all woodwind, brass and percussion queries please contact Mrs Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au. Penny teaches at our school on Wednesdays. Concert Band (2nd and 3rd players) rehearsals start at 7.45 am promptly in the music room. For our string queries (violin, viola, cello and double bass) please contact Mrs Kathy Payne at kpayn49@eq.edu.au. Kathy will be teaching at our school on Thursdays.

For all choir queries please contact Mrs Bernadette Crook at bcroro4@eq.edu.au. Bernadette teaches at our school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays.

Beginners Concert - Wednesday 20th March.
Stay tuned for more information! This concert will be for all of our first year players in our strings and band programs.

MUSIC NEWS
Junior Choir had their first rehearsal on Friday, and they are such enthusiastic singing students. We are also opening Junior Choir to Year 4’s, as quite a few have commitments to juggle.

Vocal- Instrumental Group has now had the chance to rehearse and we are really working together well. Our instrumentalists are learning their parts, and it’s great to have Miss Kendes and Ms Lovelock there leading the guitar section. Our next task is to find a name for the group - send all suggestions to me, and we can have a vote for the best name!

Bernadette Crook
Classroom Music Teacher

LIBRARY
Book Talks have begun this week. These are informal talks by students to tell their classmates and teachers about the books they are currently reading or have read. It is a way of spreading the word’ or recommending a book that might interest your fellow students, and a great way to build on their independent reading skills. I have been very impressed with the 7S class and especially the students who ‘had a go’ this week and spoke about their books.

Research skills and being able to search online are vital skills in this day and age. The State Library of Queensland offers some amazing free online resources through their website. One of these is the Encyclopaedia Britannica (student version) To access this students need to join the State Library. Joining is just a matter of filling in name and home address online and you will then receive a card with your log-in. Students can then use this at home or at school. By the end of this term the aim is to have all year 4-7 students with access to this resource. http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/

CHEERLEADING
A reminder that practices are:
Pups (Preps-Year 2) Monday 7.45-8.30am
Reserves (Years 3-7) Tuesday 7.45-8.30am
Squad - Monday and Thursday 3.15-5pm.
Please remember to wear sneakers on Cheer days (safety during lifts and stunts) and to bring a water bottle!

Thanks, Miss R :o)
UNIFORM SHOP
Swimming bags are now available from the uniform shop for $12.00 and Lycra Bathing Caps are $6.00. The Uniform Shop will be open from 8:30 – 9:30am on Fridays. However, if this time is unsuitable, alternate arrangements can be made by calling Pam on 0403 321 170.
New season shorts now available

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
The Uniform Shop is in desperate need of second hand polo shirts. Please bring to the Uniform Shop or leave in the office with your name and contact details attached.

OPENING HOURS
The uniform shop is open every Friday from 8:30 – 9:30am.

TUCKSHOP
Tuckshop will be open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.15am to 11.40am.

FEBRUARY ROSTER
THURS 21
Misato Betts
FRI 22
Kim Grogan, Melissa Hubert, Jeanette Jenkinson
WED 27
Anita Reynolds
THURS 28
Sarah Dew

MARCH ROSTER
FRI 1
Patrina Drane, Caroline Chorley, Susan Seeto

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help in the Tuckshop one morning a month. There are still vacancies for each day.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION
NEWS
Congratulations to our swimmers who competed in the North District swim meet over two nights last week. We had a number of really positive reports from the parents and competitors with a number of students achieving personal bests and a number achieving selection into the North District team. These students will now compete in the Met North Carnival which is to be held next Wednesday. The following are the ND representative swimmers from our school:
- Lachlan Gant
- Eva Hennessey
- Kiara Jackson
- Mia Liddell
- Flynn Gilmour
- Emileigh Bowman
- Tanisha Jackson
- Halle Carn

Once again congratulations to all the competitors and thank you to the parents who, once again, have supported the school and their children in aiding them to attend this event.

PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT

Former Everton Park State School students, Thomas Turner and Soraya Baker need your help.
They are doing a world challenge expedition to Borneo later this year. Their first fundraising event is a car wash at Kedron State High, starting at 9:00am on Sunday, 3 March.
Get your car cleaned for only $10.00.
Please come along and help them get to Borneo.
Thank you for your support.
Penny Turner.
Watch this space for updates!

NEWSLETTERS ONLINE
To sign up for eNews type in the link below into the address bar of your browser and follow the prompts: http://mailouts.austnews.com.au/subscription/everton-park-ss.html
If you wish to only receive an electronic newsletter please inform the office by emailing Louise on absences@everparkss.eq.edu.au

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!!! ATTENTION !!!
STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATION
To leave notification of student absences please call our hot line on 3550 2277 at any time, day or night.
Absences can also be emailed to: absences@everparkss.eq.edu.au

NEW to the Menu!
- Carrot sticks and tzatziki dip $1.50
- Cheese and rice cracker packs $1.50
- Vaalia yoghurt tubs $2.00
- Apricot slice (made by Cooking’s Cool) $2.00
- Tuna for sandwich and salad filling

Also, did you know the Tuckshop can process payment by EFTPOS for total orders over $5.00?
Have a great week.
Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor

Easter Raffle
We are seeking donations for the Easter Hamper Raffle. Easter Eggs chocolate treats novelties.
Please bring your donations to the Tuckshop Wednesday – Friday

Books of 10 tickets for $1 each will be sent home to each family. If you would not like to receive a book of raffle tickets please email: panet@everparkss.eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop
Friday Mornings 8.15am - 9.30am

New Colours
Soft Microfibre Jacket & Pant
Water Repellent
Two External Slash Pockets
One Internal Pocket
Elastic Cuffs
Fully Lined
All Seams Safety Stitched
Jacket $40
Pant $25

ARRIVING SOON!
Chairbags – New colours just arrived
Pink, Purple, Black, Lime, Orange, Navy, Cobalt.
$9.00

For more information please contact the
Uniform Shop Convenor
Pam: 0403 321 170
ENOGGERA PARENT EDUCATION CENTRE
METROPOLITAN REGION - 2013 PROGRAMS
ENOGGERA STATE SCHOOL CAMPUS
The Centre is currently accepting enquiries for these FREE parenting programs:

- Management of Young Children Program - MYCP
  Intensive behaviour management strategies for children 2½ to 7 years - Terms 1 to 4.

- Success 4 Kids
  A single session parenting course that explores factors that influence How Children Learn.
  Term 2 - Thursday 16 May 9.15am-12.00am.

- FaB 4 Kids
  Short-term parenting course: Building Resilience in Children.
  Term 3 Thursdays 15 & 22 August 9.15am-11.30 am.

- Plan B 4 Kids
  Group parenting course: A Problem Solving Approach to Behaviour Management.
  Term 4 Thursdays 17 & 24 October 9.15am-11.30 am.

Parents can contact the Enoggera Parent Education Centre directly for further information on 3355 9202.