NEWSLETTER NO.07
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

New Newsletter Format
This week is the launch of the new newsletter format. This week each class will have their class news sent home via a newsletter from their class teacher. If you do not receive an email it means we have the wrong email address or the email has gone to your junk email folder. This change is based on consultation and feedback with parents last year and we believe it will provide you with more relevant information and a stronger line of communication with the school.

We will continue with a paper copy of a school newsletter for now and review this later in the year. The school newsletter will still be sent home each Wednesday and will also contain important messages and whole school notices. Don’t forget you can download the QSchools app and get the newsletter each week via your mobile phone.

The number of Twitter followers we have grows each week and initial feedback from parents has been very positive.

Many thanks to Mrs Rose who diligently entered all of the data for all 481 students.

Class Parent Reps
Like last year we have our class Parent Rep system in place again this year. We found last year it was a great way to get feedback and parent input into the strategic direction of the school. The first meeting for this year will be in week 9 on Wednesday 26 March at 7:00pm in the library. We ask that the class parent rep from each class attends and if they are unable to they open the invitation to other parents in the class. Of course all parents are welcome but these meetings are most effective when we have good representation of parents from all classes across the school.

This year we also welcome a class parent rep for instrumental music.

The agenda for our first meeting will be:

- Independent Public Schools for 2015
- Great Results Guarantee (How we are improving student results with the additional funding)
- School Camps - for 2015 for Years 4-7.
- General Feedback and Questions.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH
12th Skate Night 6:30 – 8:30pm, Albany Centro, Albany Creek
14th Artslink performance in the Hall – changed to 3 April
17th P&C meeting 7:30pm in Library
17th Uniform & Tuckshop Sub-Committee meeting 2pm in the library
18th Breakfast Club
19th Ride to School Day
26th Beginner Strings and Band Concert, 4pm in the Hall
27th Year 4 Excursion to Caboolture Historical Village
28th Movie Night in the Hall- doors open 6:15pm

APRIL
3rd Artslink performance
4th – 22nd Easter Holidays
21st Easter Monday
21st P&C Meeting 7:30pm in Library

MAY
2nd Interschool sport gala day
16th Interschool sport gala day
30th Interschool sport gala day

STATE WINNER

Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools

State winner 2013

Showcase 2013

Queensland Government
Reading Goals
We love reading and it is something we aim to instil in our students. I often use the analogy of reading is like learning to ride a bike. At the start it may be a bit bumpy, but once you get the hang of it, reading becomes really enjoyable. If students fall off and bruise their knees too many times they become reluctant to get back on the bike. This is why reading experiences, especially at home, have to be fun and enjoyable.

We know that for students to become independent readers, who develop a love of books, requires many hours of practice. This is why we make reading a part of homework every night for every year level. Home reading can be a whole family sharing a book or mum or dad reading to their child. Every student in our school has an individual reading goal that aims to help them take the next step in their literacy journey. Some students will achieve their goal within a few weeks and others may take a term. Once they achieve their goal they then negotiate with their class teacher as to what the next direction will be on their learning pathway. I would encourage you to chat to your child’s teacher about your child’s learning goals and ways that you can support their reading learning journey.

Brad Clark
Principal

EVERTON PARK STATE SCHOOL’S RULE OF THE WEEK
I encourage others to be respectful. This links to our School Rule – Be Respectful (All areas).

This rule means:
- I remind other students to use encouraging, welcoming body language, facial expressions, voice and words.
- I remind other students about the school rules.
- I use my manners with others

The more children hear about our school rules, the greater their understanding will be. Please discuss the rule of the week with your children. My challenge to you is to see how you can integrate our weekly rule focus into around the house home life. Throughout all of our lessons around rules, we will continue to link all of our school values.

David O’Connor
Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS
Our next P&C meeting will be held next Monday, March 17 at 7.30pm in the school library. Everyone’s welcome so come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and participate in discussion about issues that affect our school and community. Don’t forget you can still become a member of the P&C. Just visit everparks.s.eq.edu.au, go to the Support and Resources tab and click on Documents. Complete the form and bring it along to the meeting.

P&C Class Representatives
The P&C, in conjunction with the School, are implementing a “Parent Representative” for each class again this year. In 2013 our engagement with parents showed that email is the preferred communication method and parents want the communication to be more focussed to their year level and child’s activities. We will be aiming to do this in 2014 with our Class Parent Representative.

The School and P&C are always looking for more and better ways to communicate to our parents and caregivers. The Parent Representative will give us another way to engage the parents.

The role of the Parent Representative includes:
- Welcoming new families to the school and being a point of contact for parents
- Be a member of the P&C to pass on school events
- Attending a parent session each term with the Principal, Mr Brad Clark, to provide feedback and consultation on the key actions of the school.

The first meeting this term will be on Wednesday, 26 March at 7:00pm in the library.

The class Parent Rep will not forward on or send any junk mail or mail not approved by the school or P&C. They are not responsible to duties if a call for assistance is sent out as they are simply the communication channel (for example: If we need someone to run a stall at the Fete, the Parent Rep would email parents). You should hopefully receive an email from your class rep over the next week. Please get in touch with the P&C if you do not receive the email.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM
When it comes to the student’s mental health, School Chaplains work in the promotion and prevention space. School Chaplains are: flexible, engaging, approachable and accessible. Once employed, our Chaplain will work as part of the school support team to facilitate connection into the school network and wider community. Our Chaplain will be selected and overseen by the Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) to make sure the needs of our school population are met. For more information you can email the LCC at Chaplaincy@everparks.s.qld.edu.au

THE ART CLUB
Thank you to all the students who came to join in the art fun on Friday last week! It was great to see so many enthusiastic faces and inventive art ideas. It is on again this Friday, and we’re painting! Eeeeek! If you’re planning on coming along, please bring an old t-shirt or apron to cover up. And if any families have old t-shirts or aprons to donate to our club, we would be ecstatic! (Call Nadya on 0411 18 18 20 or just drop in to the art area). If you are keen on some art in your life, join us on Friday morning at first break in the art area (under Yr 3 classrooms). While you’re there, let us know what you love doing and we’ll do our best to include it in the coming weeks. See you there!

LIBRARY NEWS
Congratulations to our Everpark Ladies Team who took part in the Mater Fun Run for Breast Cancer Research. There was an amazing amount of positive energy flowing through the thousands of women and some men who converged on South Bank and ran or walked around the city precinct. The team is already planning ideas for next year and we hope more community members will join us.

Students can access World Book Online both at home and school http://www.worldbookonline.com/wb/Login?ed=wb&subacct=AU014006

Username: epps Password: e4053

Can you spare anytime for Morning Reading Club? Come when you can, even 5 or 10 minutes once or twice a week to assist our students with their reading. Also I am always looking for volunteers to cover books or helping out with shelving books. I can provide air-con, music, coffee, tea and biscuits, and/or any special requests!

Overdue Notices: Please help your child look for these books. Give me a call or email if you have any concerns. Often the mistake is at the library end, but I need to know if a search was done at home.

Ms Lukey
Teacher Librarian bluke1@eq.edu.au

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL
Let’s get active!

“Ride to School Day’ will be on NEXT Wednesday the 19th March. We will have a special theme for active travellers that day. As it’s a Wednesday, we’re making it a ‘Wigs and Wheels Wednesday!!!’ Whether you’ll be actively walking, riding a scooter/bicycle or even carpooling – wear your favourite wig!!! Be sure that you secure your wig safely in your helmets!!! Again, to celebrate this magnificent active travel event, if you actively travel to or from school that day, your teachers will be providing double stamps in your PST passports!!!

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ARTSLINK PERFORMANCE

“No Way!”
Thursday 3 April

This is an interactive dance theatre production that tackles the serious issue of bullying in a creative and vibrant way. The cost is $6 per student. Please place the correct money in a marked envelope and return to the Students Payments box in the office.

(Music) 3550 2277 at any time, day or night 
Absences can also be emailed to: absences@everparkss.eq.edu.au

Don’t forget that your AST prizes can be claimed at Mrs. K’s room (room 22) at first break (after eating time) every Friday.

**MUSIC NEWS**

As you know, there will be a beginner music concert for all 1st year players of strings and band instruments on Wed 26th March in our school hall at 4pm until 4:45pm. Letters will be sent home this week to beginners only.

All of our music students are required to have a music shirt for the year. Don’t forget to please send in your money for your child’s shirt. Please make sure your child has a receipt to show Mrs Crook.

Band folders are also a requirement. Don’t forget to send your money in and once again make sure you show Mrs Crook or your child's instrumental music teacher the receipt from the office.

If you are sending a musical payment into the office please make sure your child’s name is clearly marked on the envelope.

For any string queries please contact Ms Keenan at akeen@eq.edu.au (Ms Keenan teaches at our school on THURSDAYS)
For any band queries please contact Mrs Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au (Mrs Hall teaches at our school on WEDNESDAYS)
For any other musical queries please contact Mrs Crook at bcroo4@eq.edu.au (Mrs Crook teaches at our school on MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS)

**VACANCY - SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR**

The closing date for acceptance of applications for the casual position of School Crossing Supervisor has been extended to Friday 21 March.

Some pre-employment conditions apply. Roster - up to 5 days per week in all weather conditions. 1 hour 15 minutes per day on a rostered basis. Pay Rate $26.90 per hour.

Applications are available from the School Administration.

**INTERNET BANKING**

When paying via internet banking please ensure that your child’s unique EQ ID number is used as a reference. This number is 10 digits and one letter long and is on your debtor statement/invoice. Thanks you to those families who are already using these numbers as a reference as it makes for accurate receipting.

**2014 FETE NEWS**

12 weeks to go!!
We are well underway with the fete organisation and the excitement is building!!

Rides have been booked and class stall convenors are working out how to implement our fantastic International theme into their stalls.

Donations for the raffles are starting to come in and the fete committee would like to say thank you to the Hulbert Family for generously donating an iPod to the student who sells the most raffle tickets this year.

Thank you to all those families and businesses who have donated goods and services so far:
- Hankinson Electrical
- Godfrey’s Super Store EP
- Rhee Taekwondo
- Live It Yoga
- Soul Candles
- Luv-a-coffee
- Wearable Art Hairdressers

If you would like donate anything for our fete, please let us know via the P&C email pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au

A big thank you to the parents and carers who have already stepped up to assist with the organisation of this important fundraising event. We still have vacancies to assist with the following roles:
- Securing Sponsorship, Works and Equipment Coordinator, Entertainment Coordinator, Rides and Games Coordinator, Food Coordinator and Class stall Coordinator.

Many hands make light work, and it is no problem at all if a role is shared so why not team up with a friend and help make this event a success. Contact me at karlachaffey@sapn.net.au and I can let you know what the roles involve.

Karla Chaffey (Fete Coordinator)

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop is open each Friday from 8:30 - 9:30am.

**UNIFORM & TUCKSHOP SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING**

Friday 17 March at 2pm

The U&T sub-committee will hold its monthly meeting this Friday 17 March 2014 at 2pm in the library. The meetings run for one hour and finish at 3pm.

We would love to see you there and hear your feedback on matters relating to school’s uniform shop and tuckshop.

If you would like to know more about the committee and what happens at these meetings please contact Penny via...

**TUCKSHOP**

March Roster
Thursday 13 – Anita Reynolds
Friday 14 – Genevieve Moller, Karla Chaffey, Nikki Clur
Monday 17 –
Thursday 20 – Jenny Sewell, Ben Limpus
Friday 21 – Carol McLean, Penny Valentine, Janene Ashton

Volunteers don't just do the work - they make it work.

The Tuckshop still needs one more Friday volunteer for one morning a month. The work is not difficult and you are gone by 12:00md. So if you can help, please email your contact details to tuckshop@everparkss.eq.edu.au as soon as possible.

Order online flexischools.com.au

It's a bit tricky finding the 2014 Tuckshop Menu on the EPSS website everparkss.eq.edu.au. Go to ‘Support & Resources’ tab on the homepage, ‘Forms & Documents’ and it is in the ‘Documents’ list.

Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convener

**FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT**

Friday 28 March 2014

In the hall
Doors open 6:15pm
Movie start 7:00pm
Entry fee $5
(includes popcorn and a drink)

Sausage Sizzle $2 each

Bring a cushion

a fundraising initiative for the EPSS Local Chaplaincy Committee

!!!! 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