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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Junior Secondary
From 2015, Year 7 will become part of high school at all Queensland Schools and this new phase of schooling will be known as Junior Secondary (Years 7 – 9). Parents are invited to attend a special presentation, by the Region’s Junior Secondary Principal Education Advisor, commencing at 6:30pm in our school Hall on Tuesday, 25 February 2014.

We will be covering how Metropolitan Region is addressing this unique opportunity and answering any questions you may have. I have also invited along representatives from our local state high schools to provide you with school specific information. This invitation is not just for our current Year 6 & 7 parents but to other families wishing to make an informed decision about their child’s high school education.

P&C
Monday night was another show of strength from our school community. I think we are very fortunate to have such a supportive group of parents and carers keen to be a part of our success story. I am also very pleased to announce that all P&C executive roles were filled so it is officially now safe to attend the next meeting without fear of getting a job. We are also very fortunate to have a fete convenor and I will ask you to start thinking of what contribution you will make to help this great community event happen.

It does take a generous amount of time and personal commitment to undertake these roles which carry a high degree of responsibility and accountability. I would like to sincerely thank all of our P&C members and executives who donate the precious gift of their time and hard work. I am very confident that under the leadership of Amy List our school community will continue to prosper to create better learning opportunities for our students.

Contact Details
Please return your contact details to the office as soon as possible. We can not do a data export until we have all of the data entered. Mrs Rose is working tirelessly to enter in all of the data so we can get these communication channels opened up. If you need another form, please contact the office or your child’s class teacher.

Make every day count in 2014
Make 2014 the year when your child doesn’t miss a day of school. It is very important for students to develop routines and get into the habit of being at school and on time. It is easy for students to get into a cycle of being anxious because they have been late or away from school, resulting in an increasing school refusal. If you are having some difficulty of getting your kids to school please contact us to chat about how we can help.

We are yet to have a school day with 100% attendance across the whole school, but I am confident we will get there soon. Research shows that students who have good patterns of attendance are more likely to achieve at school. If students aren’t at school or don’t stay the whole day, they are missing valuable lessons. Check out the new Every Day Counts videos live on DETE TV. http://www.youtube.com/DETQueensland.
Thanks to everyone who came to the P&C Annual Meeting on Monday night. Our discussions covered the plans for the school this year, some of the great events we’ve got coming up and of course the Fete. If you have any questions or issues regarding what is going on at school, then this is the forum to raise them and discuss with the wider school community. We were also joined by Mr Tim Mander and Mr Norm Wyndham for the opportunity to raise any questions about what is happening in the local area. I would like to thank the 2013 committee for their work last year, and thank the new committee who were elected last night – we’re looking forward to a great 2014! The 2014 committee is:
- President – Amy List
- Vice President – Kim Pickering
- Treasurer – Tanya Kendall
- Secretary – Nikki Sutton
- Correspondence Secretary – Christine Newman
- Media and Communications – Sam Nicholson

I’d also like to extend a big thank you to Karla Chaffey who has volunteered to run the Fete. I hope everybody will help Karla out wherever they can to make this a great day for the school community. The next fete meeting will be held on 28 February, details will be released next week. We are still on the lookout for prizes for the raffle, and a business sponsorship form will be sent home shortly – if you run a business and would like to advertise through our fete please consider this offer.

Over the next few weeks, you should be contacted by your Class Parent Representative. We are hoping to improve communication about what is happening at school through email, so any feedback on how this is working will be welcomed.

As described in the P&C information pack, we ask each family to consider making a contribution to the P&C for the purpose of funding IT happening at the school for the students. If you are able to help, we have activated flexischools to allow payment through this channel as an option. Go to www.flexischools.com.au to create an account if you would like to use this feature. Credit Cards, cheques or direct debit contributions are still available as a payment option as well.

Comments or questions to the P&C are always welcome, please contact us via email at pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au or like us on Facebook – www.facebook.com/EPSSP&C

Amy List
P&C President

KLAINCITY PROGRAM

Chaplaincy work in prevention and support; helping students find a positive way to deal with issues ranging from relationship and social problems, family breakdown and loneliness to support through grief, natural disaster and personal tragedy. The implementation of a Chaplaincy program is another layer of support for our students and school community. If you haven’t yet made a donation please consider contributing to the establishment of Chaplaincy Program. Donations over $2.00 are tax deductible and you can donate online at http://donate.to.suqld.org.au/. For more information email the Chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au

CLASS NEWS

PREP B – This week Prep B have ironed-out our group rotations routine (keep a look out for the roster). We are concentrating on numbers and sequencing in Maths and story innovations in English. We have also been budding scientists during our living/non-living field walk around the school. We are expecting students into the ‘big school’, as we now sit on the terraces to eat with everyone else at lunch times – how grown up! Please return yellow forms from the parent info night if you haven’t already. Student of the week will go to Zoe at assembly on Friday.

PREP C – Our counting skills are improving every day. Most of us are able to count collections of 20 and beyond. We have been practising counting in 2’s, 5’s and 10’s. During story time we have been making predictions and using our observation skills to discover more about the characters as well as identifying the different parts of a book. In Science we are sorting things into living and non-living. Look out for the arrival of some living things that will be arriving in our room next week. Do we have your email address for class newsletters? Student of the week: Evelyn S and Adeline G.

PREP – This week we have been focusing on counting and using one-to-one correspondence. We have also been focusing on our shapes and describing what they look like. We are very good at matching them. In Geography we went to the library and sketched a map, showing all of the important features. In English we are concentrating on learning about characters. Student of the Week - Hayley McC.

YR 1/2P – Reminder all yellow contact detail forms that were handed out on Parent Information Evening are due back on Friday, 21 February. We need some more parent permission slips on Mondays 9am – 10am, especially in March!! If anyone is interested in helping out please come and see me. Home reading folders are being changed on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child brings their home reading folder into school on those days.

Thanks for your support!

YR 2E, 2M, 2W – This week is seeing the Year 2 classes identifying all of the poetic features which leads on to writing our own poems. Maths involves continuing to work with 2 digit numbers. Don’t forget to return your yellow contact information sheet! Please make the $6 invoice distributed early last week.

Students of the Week: 2E – Charlotte, 2W – Amali and 2M – Charlotte.

YR 3M – Hi everyone! We are off to a flying start this week. Children will be going a nature walk around the school this week to see if they can identify living/non-living. They will also be explaining why they have certain items into groups. Students of the Week: Eli and Lily A.

HOUSEKEEPING: Yellow forms should have been returned to school. Children need library bags to borrow books. Does your child have a chairbag?

YR 3R – In English we are looking at how people try to change our ideas and actions with persuasive writing and we are using the techniques being read to write a persuasive piece with an aim to find to write our own texts. Student of the Week: Lara.

YR 3/4K – As 3/4K has multiple instrumental groups, all instrumental students have been issued a timetable that outlines the times that their lessons will take place each Thursday. Please remind your child on that day, what time their music group needs to attend their lesson. Next Friday (8 February), our school will relaunch our Active School Travel Program. To ensure that you don’t miss out on your chance to receive double stamps and a FREE breakfast start making plans on how you will actively travel to school next Friday!

Thank you to those students who remembered to hand in their homework on Friday morning! Once again, nightly reading is our priority. Don’t forget to practice the 20 x 10 tables and division facts (for the Year 4 students). The other activities on our homework sheet are revision, for what has been taught in class time. Parents, please continue to assist your child at home with these homework tasks to consolidate the concepts taught. Student of the Week: Ruby B.

YR 4SP – Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent teacher evening last week. If you were unable to attend you would have received an information sheet and a yellow form which needs to be filled in and returned as soon as possible. This week in maths, we have been brushing up on our multiplication facts and ensuring we have a range of strategies to quickly solve mental and written computations. In Soundwaves, we have been looking at synonyms and focusing on using specific vocabulary to discuss letters (graphemes) and sounds (phemes). For our HPE and Technology units we are on the hunt for magazines. If you have any you no longer require please think of us in ASAP. Thank you for your support.

Student of the Week: Anika S.

YR 4/5I – Thanks to those parents who have already returned their child’s Behaviour Management note, these need to be read, signed and returned to school ASAP. We will always need parents to attend the swimming lessons, so if you are free on Mondays from 11.40-12.40 we would love to help you with our lessons. In English this week we will be looking at how authors and illustrators use language to make stories interesting before beginning our assessment task of writing a new chapter of Matilda in Year 4 and making and writing comparisons, responding to a film
adaptation before beginning the assessment task of creating the book and movie of Matilda in Year 5. For Maths this week we will be looking at multiples, multiplication facts, fractions and time in Year 4 and addition, fractions and time in Year 5. Some began last Friday and will be on each Friday this term from 11.40-1.10. Have a great week. Student of the Week: Jacoba V.

**YR 5S** – Don’t forget swimmers for Thursday and the Yellow parent contact forms to be returned to the office ASAP. This week we began discovering the difference between Behavioural and Structural Adaptations that animals make to help them survive in different Australian environments. We are discovering how clever Australian animals are, especially those in desert environments.

**YR 5T** – Every animal on Earth has adapted to the environment in which it lives. We are studying different biomes or ecosystems and how the animals that live in each have adapted specialised physical and behavioural characteristics to live and breed successfully in their environment. Students will undertake thorough research to identify and understand the features and adaptations that make animals successful in their chosen surroundings. They will then use this understanding and apply it to create their own fictional creature. The creature will be created using PowerPoint and the learners will reveal their understanding via a class oral later in the term.

Students of the Week: Abbey & Noah.

**YR 6P** – We are working hard this week at understanding and matching equivalent fractions. Mr Clark was a welcome helper in our room as we used our fraction dominoes on Tuesday. Everyone in 6P is working extremely hard and learning new things every day. Keep up the good work everyone! We are progressing well with all our units and it’s great to see the students working well in small groups as well as independently. Congratulations to everyone who received a leadership badge last week. Remember you can still work towards receiving one. Just come to collect a card to have signed. Thanks to the parents who have helped us size the senior shirts. That note will come home this week. I can’t wait to see 6P in their senior shirts. Have a great week everyone!

**YR 6W** – It’s been another busy week in 6W. I would like to thank all the parents that came to last week’s information night. It was great to meet all of you and put some names to faces. For those who didn’t come, a yellow note has been sent home confirming your contact details. Can you please fill this form out and return it as soon as possible; it will help ensure all future correspondence finds it way home quickly. A highlight last week was our work on reversible and irreversible changes. We saw some interesting (and colourful) chemical reactions and even got to eat one of our experiments! It’s alright….they were just scones! This week’s Student of the Week is Harrison Scott for some great work in our Short Stories unit. Keep it up Harrison.

**YR 7L** – The inauguration ceremony last Friday was a fantastic event and I would like to thank both students and their parents/carers, for making it a joyous milestone in the learning journey of each student. In the classroom this week the students will finalise the first part of their English assessment and will also undertake the unit 1 assessment in Mathematics. Also as you know, the grade seven students are very keen on starting a class rock band. So with this in mind, this week will see the commencement of some of the singing and instrument auditions. Hopefully we can finalise the ‘line-up’ by the end of next week and start rehearsals shortly thereafter. Very exciting!!

**CHEERLEADING**

Just a few reminders:
Please bring a water bottle to every practice - it is VERY hot!
When dropping off your child for morning practice, please do not park in the staff car park. Please drop your child off at Deakin Street and ensure that they walk in using the footpath and the verandah. No children should be walking through the car park.
It’s great to see so much interest, but parents are not allowed to stay during practice. The children are easily distracted by the parents at the back of the room and it then becomes a safety issue, when they are not concentrating. Thanks for your help.
Miss R. o.

**ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL**

**Let’s get active!**

*Fun, Fit Fridays are back!!! We will relaunch our AST program next Friday the 28th February (Week 5). To celebrate the launch, all students that actively travel to or from school next Friday will receive two stamps in their AST passport!!! Wow!! But there’s more!!! All students that actively travel to school that morning are invited to head to the hall for a FREE healthy breakfast!!!

*Ride to School Day* will be on Wednesday the 19th March. We will have a special theme for active travellers that day. It’s a Wednesday, we’re making it a ‘Wigs and Wheels Wednesday’!!! Be sure that you secure your wig (and most importantly, your head) safely in your helmets!!! Again, to celebrate this significant active travel event, if you actively travel to or from school that day, your teachers will be providing double stamps in your AST passports!!!

**LYNNE STREET DROP ZONE**

The purpose for the Drop Zone/Parking changes is:
- Make it safer for the students
- Improve traffic flow and congestion

How to use Lynne Street drop zone:
- Do a u-turn at the intersection of Barton Street and line up in the ‘No Standing’ area adjacent the pool on Barton Street.
- To keep traffic flowing and stop congestion, avoid doing a right hand turn into Lynne Street
- Deakin Street Drop Zone
- U-Turns onto driveways put our students in danger on the road and the footpath
- U-Turns slows the traffic flow and creates confusion
- Ensure usage of Drop Zone Only – not on the Crossing

**Brisbane City Council Guidelines:**

**Loading zone, two minute maximum**

Passenger Loading Zones allow you to set down and pick up your child and usually allow you to stop for two minutes. This should be enough time to help your child with luggage and seatbelts. You are not allowed to leave your car and go into the school.

How to use two minute zones
Do:
- Use the zone like a quick moving taxi rank
- Move forward as space becomes available
- Ensure children watch for their ride and move promptly to the vehicle
- Load and unload passengers only at the head of the line
- Stay in the car unless loading baggage or passengers

Do not:
- Park for more than two minutes - you can be fined
- Leave the vehicle, except to help load or unload. This is an offence during the hours of operation
- Reverse into the zone - you will put other children in danger; join the queue
- Call children to the bottom of the queue or across the road

**ARTSLINK PERFORMANCE “No Way!”**

Friday, 14 March

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. Envelopes will be given to all students tomorrow (Thursday). Please complete the back of the envelope with: Abbey’s child’s details, enclose the correct money and return to the Students Payments box in the office. (No credit card payments under $10).

**WALK ‘N’ TALK IS BACK IN 2014**

I just wanted to advise that Walk ‘n’ Talk recommenced on Monday with sessions being held on Monday and Friday 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. So grab a hat and go-walking! I look forward to seeing you all on again on Friday morning.
Tanya Kendall

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Religious Education is held weekly for each class at a cost of $6.00 for the year. Invoices have been given to students who will be participating in RE. If you have not already advised the office that you do not wish your child to participate in these classes could you please do so as soon as possible.

BOOK CLUB 2014 ISSUE
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Thank you for your support of Bookclub during 2013. Through this wonderful endeavour, our school received over $2600 in free products last year from Bookclub alone, with additional funds earned from the Bookfair organised by Mrs. Lukey. I am sure that plenty more resources will be earned for our classrooms and library again this year. What a great achievement!! Thank you. If you have any queries regarding Bookclub, please don't hesitate to leave a message for me at the office and I will contact you as soon as possible.
Tanya Kendall
(Bookclub Coordinator)

LIBRARY NEWS
World Book Online
Students from years 1 to 7 now have access to World Book Online, both at school and home.
Username: epos
Password: e4053
This is our direct link:
http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subaccountid=AU014006

HELP – Dictionaries and atlases need covering. Calling all volunteers!
Mater Fun Run – Walk – only 5km!
Please join the Everpark Ladies Team for the Mater Fun Run/Walk on Sunday the 9th March around South Bank. This event is about raising money to provide practical support to women with cancer and fund world class cancer research.
You need to register online and then join our team Everpark Ladies. Any queries please email me and I can send you the direct team link. (Team Captain, that’s me, Bernadette Lukey)
blukey1@eq.edu.au

VACANCY- SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR
A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Everton Park State School. 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.
Applications close: Friday 7 March 2014.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
Bravo! Bravo! to all of kickstart beginner students who did a great job last week at Mitchellton State High School. A special thank you to parents and guardians for coming along to listen to your child’s very first concert.

WEDNESDAYS - WOODWIND, BRASS AND PERCUSSION - MRS PENNY HALL
Concert Band for Mrs Hall (2nd and third year students ONLY) is at 7.45 am on Wednesdays
Beginner Band for Mrs Hall’s 1st year students commences at 1.20 pm in the music room.
For all band queries please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au Penny will be teaching at our school on WEDNESDAYS
THURSDAYS – VIOLIN, VIOLA, CELLO AND DOUBLE BASS – MS ANNE KEENAN
First lessons for all levels Thursday, 20 February
First String Orchestra rehearsal will also be Thursday, 20 Feb- (students in the 3rd, 4th and 5th year of strings) – 7.45 am in the Music Room.
I look forward to meeting all the string families at Everton Park SS. If you have any queries please contact me at akeen9@eq.edu.au.

****DON’T FORGET TO PLEASE PAY FOR A GREEN MUSIC FOLDER FOR YOUR CHILD’S INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC LESSON. THESE ARE GREAT FOLDERS WHICH ARE $10.00 AND ENABLE YOUR CHILD TO NOT loose THEIR MUSIC, KEEP THEIR MUSIC BOOKS IN GREAT CONDITION AND ALWAYS TO HAVE A PENCIL AND RUBBER ENCLOSED****

STRINGS MUSIC NEWS
Kick Start
The Beginner Strings had a great time and performed beautifully at the Kick Start workshop at Mitchelton High School last Thursday, 13 February. They joined with other beginners from Enoggera, Somerset Hills and Stafford State Schools.
String Orchestra for students in their third year or more commences this Thursday, 20 February at 7.45am Lessons commence this Thursday, 20 February. The timetable has been emailed to class teachers so please check your lesson time.

Celtic Strings Workshop
Students in their 3rd year or more are eligible to attend a Celtic Strings Workshop on March 12 at Windsor State School Hall. Registration Forms will be handed out this Thursday and are due with payment no later than 21 February.
I am looking forward to the commencement of lessons and rehearsals this Thursday at Everton Park SS.
Ms Anne Keenan
Strings Teacher

GARDENING CLUB
I’ll be carrying on Mrs Gillies’ Gardening Club this year. If you like to grow some fruit, veggies and herbs, this could be just the club for you. We will be gardening on Wednesdays at first break, commencing in week four. Look out for meetings and information letters this week.
Bernadette Crook
Classroom Music Teacher

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
The Uniform Shop is open each Friday from 8:30 – 9:30am.

Second Hand Uniforms
The Uniform Shop is in need of second hand uniforms of good quality (no stains or tears). If you have any we will pay $10 for each item. Could you please bring them to the Uniform Shop along with your account details so that a deposit can be made directly into your account.
Jeanette Jenkinson
Uniform Convenor

February Roster
Thursday 20 - Jenny Sewell, Megan or Ben Limpus
Friday 21 - Carol McLean, Penny Valentine, Janene Ashton
Monday 24 –
Thursday 27 – Jo Baird
Friday 28- Melissa Hubert, Trinette Walsmsley, another volunteer needed please

Volunteers don’t just do the work – they make it work.
Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help in Tuckshop one morning a month. There are still a few vacancies for Friday, our busiest day. If you can help, please email your contact details to tuckshop@everparkss.eq.edu.au as soon as possible.

Order online
flexischools.com.au

This year in Tuckshop, we really encourage families to use the convenient and easy online ordering system via Flexischools. Orders can be placed weeks in advance or before 9.00am on the day. The online Menu is updated regularly plus there will be online only specials throughout the year.
Check out Flexischools on your smartphone/tablet/pc.
The 2014 Tuckshop Menu is now available to download from the EPSS website everparkss.eq.edu.au. Printed Menus will not be sent home this year however, you can pick up a copy from the Tuckshop or the office.

NEW!
Gluten Free Bread, Butter Chicken Curry and Custard Tubs.
Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor