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PCYC BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL/VACATION CARE

Welcome to all the new families who have registered for our service. PCYC school age care can happily announce our application for our increase in numbers 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 forward. We could always work out a pick up if needed. Art and Craft recyclable items have been coming in from home which is fantastic and greatly appreciated. The children are really enjoying using the boxes for both imaginary play 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 - Prep C have started their unit on Australian Animals in preparation for our visit to Bunyaville State Forest for our Bilby Experience. The children have learnt some interesting facts about wombats. Ask them to tell you some, you will be surprised! In Maths we have been learning about numbers and the different ways they can be shown, including numeral, word and pictorial form. A big thank you to all our fabulous parent helpers that have been coming into our classroom and helping with rotations in the morning. Don’t forget to add your name to your child’s outside if you would like to join us.

Student of the Week: Sedbastian W.

PREP R - This week we have been enjoying the "Gruffalo" stories and using masks to act out the stories. We also been practicing our Soundwaves letters and sounds. We are getting very good at identifying the beginning sound! In Maths, we have been recognising the numbers and putting them in the correct counting sequence. For Science we have been helping our friend "Gumnut" look at and identify living and non-living things. Ask us about our bean seeds – "bounced".

Student of the Week - Hudson N.

PREP 1R - This week Prep have been retelling familiar stories and discussing favourite characters. They experimented with writing and then acted the writing with their peers. The best time of the week was the students when they have built more on their understanding of characters’ emotions and have begun to write compound sentences that include an adjective. During technology lessons, students have begun to create their hat for a particular purpose. We have seen some great nurse hats, fireman hats and cowboy hats in the making. Student of the Week is Jo C for retelling with great detail, the story of ‘The koala who bounced’.

1B, 1C & 1S - This week in Health we meet Oscar Organo! We will help us organize our time as well as our belongings. Developing a time line in History is how we are displaying the sequence of our developing life from babies to grandparent. Also this week we begin our oral assessment of emotions in story books. In Technology we have almost finished the designing and now we begin the creating phase of our celebration hat. In Maths we’re identifying take away situations. We are acting out and discussing simple subtraction problems using the appropriate mathematical language. We are also looking at the teen numbers. Students of the week are Jaylyn O 1B, Liliana M 1C and Georgia G 1S.

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 – Ask us all about – we have some exciting information.

Homework is due on Friday and remember to bring something from the past in for our museum. Students of the Week: Josephine A and Charlie E.

3K – Mrs Cameron is delivering our Technology unit this term. Ask your child about their first lesson in the Technology room! Parent/Teacher/Student interview letters will be sent home early next week. Please keep your eyes open for them and return them as soon as possible with your time preferences. On Wednesday the 13th March, the CSIRO will be visiting our school to present a Science lesson in the school Science laboratory. Student of the Week: Tame T.

3/4P – We require a parent helper for swimming on Mondays (11:40am) as one of our parents has had to pull out. Please see me if you can assist. This week we were sent home early next week. Please keep your eyes open for them and return them as soon as possible with your time preferences. On Wednesday the 13th March, the CSIRO will be visiting our school to present a Science lesson in the school Science laboratory. Student of the Week: Tame T.

4L & 4P - Year 4 students continue to be very busy learning about equivalent fractions in Maths and with writing or new chapter for The Twits. In Science we have been conducting investigations to help us understand the weathering process. We have also enjoyed practising our team work skills in HPE. Thank-you to all those parents who have returned the permission slips for our history excursion. Students of the Week: 4P – Sophie S and 4 L – Grace M.

4S1 - Just a reminder that we need parents to attend our swimming lessons
each week, 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 completing our assessment on Narratives in English. In History we will look at the Great South Land. Contact, Captain Cook and the First Fleet before starting our assessment. For Maths we will be looking at time, length, place value and patterns and algebra in Year 4 and fractions, time, perimeter, area mental computation and multiplication and division in Year 5. Have a great week.

Student of the Week: William E.

5T – Australia is a country of extremes and surviving in difficult ecologies requires skilful adaption. 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. Children will then apply their understanding to create their own animal, one that should be ideally adapted to the biome for which it is intended. Students will use higher order thinking to synthesise their understanding of adaptive features and the demands of a given microcosm and design and create the creature first on paper and finally in a 3D form.

Just a reminder that all excursion money needs to be in by this Friday, 1 March.

Student of the Week: Jamie M and Finn C.

5/6A - Week 5 has swept in like the rain at 56A and with it brings exciting news for our grade 6 students. They are going to have Prep Buddies! The children are very happy to embrace the buddy system and participate in supporting our very young students to feel confident at Everton Park State School. Thanks once again to our 56A parents who continue to volunteer for PE Swimming activities. I do believe that we need another volunteer for Tuesday at 10.30am. If anyone is available to help out for ½ hour please contact me. Involvement in PE allows your children to complete their swimming assessment for the term. Also, please be sure that your child’s permission slip is in for PE so that your child is not sitting out of PE as it is an assessable subject.

Other interesting aspects of our week:-
Division/Fractions for mathematics. In English, we are beginning our next unit, which focuses on persuasive writing. Last week we had a successful excursion to the environmental education centre at Eaton Hill. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us. You helped with supervision which enabled us to have a terrific day (despite the rain!). Have a great week everyone! Student of the week: Isaac T

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 Kathryn Payne at kpay49@eq.edu.au Kathryn will be teaching at our school on Thursdays.

Don’t forget to please remind your children to make sure they have all of their equipment for lessons and rehearsals. We also would appreciate our parents/guardians to keep reminding our students like we do that our students should Practise on all the days with the letter Y in it) and remember practise means progress = fun!

For all choir queries please contact Mrs Bernadette Crook at bcroo4@eq.edu.au. Bernadette teaches at our school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

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

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 of second-hand polo shirts. Please bring to the Uniform Shop or leave in the office.

REFERENCES

NOW IN STOCK!

Beautifully braided head bands and other hair accessories in the school colours are now available from the Uniform Shop.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Calling any of my wonderful volunteers. There is a huge pile of books that need covering. So please drop in or give me a call this week. This rainy humid weather is not the best for covering books, although you are welcome to sit in the lovely air-conditioning in the library. Tea, coffee, and biscuits provided. Also to anyone out there who would just like to come and help out in the library, please come and have a chat. The morning reading club is on Monday to Thursdays from 8.15am. Even if you can only drop in now and again for 10 minutes or so to read to one child we would appreciate your help. And a huge thankyou goes out to this incredible school community. Your participation in book club and the rewards that are accumulated go straight into obtaining more books for our library from Scholastic.

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)

Tuckshop

Tuckshop will be open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.15am to 11.40am. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help in the Tuckshop one morning a month. There are still vacancies for each day.

FEBRUARY ROSTER

THURS 28
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

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

For any boys or girls wishing to attend the 12yrs and under hockey trials for the North District you will need to check the details of the trials then see me for the paperwork. The details of the trials can be found on the PE/ Sport noticeboard which is located outside my room.

Weetbix TRYathlon will be held again at the Lowe Oval in Logan on Sunday 19th May 2013. School based training will begin for this very popular event at the beginning of Term 2 on a Wednesday afternoon during the last session of the school day. I am hoping that our school will have many participants in this event again this year!

Here is a reminder of the upcoming North District trials:
- AFL: Boys 11 & 12 March
- Hockey: 12 & Under- Boys & Girls 11 March
- Netball: 12 Under- Girls 20 March
- Netball: 11 Under- Girls 21 March
- Rugby League: 12 Under- Boys 21 March
- Rugby League: 11 Under- Boys 21 March
- Soccer: 12 Under Boys-19 & 20 March
- Soccer Girls- 25 March

Yours in Sport,
Trent Thomas.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S FUN RUN/WALK

The International Fun Run/Walk is on at Southbank next Sunday, 10 March.