Dear Parents and Caregivers

Maths Challenge Champions
On Monday our school participated in the Wavell State High Mathematics Challenge. This is an academic tournament where students work in teams to solve complex mathematics problems. Schools from across northern Brisbane participate and this year there were over 60 teams competing. All of our students in their teams represented our school with pride and distinction, demonstrating collaboration, perseverance, effective problem solving skills and “Success with Honour”. One of our Year 6 Teams won the Year 6 competition and one of our Year 7 teams placed third in the Year 7 competition. This is an outstanding achievement given the number and size of the schools we were competing against. I am unashamedly proud of these results and a great example of what we achieve as a school community. For me, these results are a culmination of many years of hard work from our staff and school community ensuring that we are continually extending and challenging our students. Our teachers work hard to create individual learning opportunities and this includes making adjustments to the curriculum to match individual student needs.

Woolworths- Earn and Learn
Earlier this week our Woolworths Earn and Learn rewards arrived. You may remember last year we collected stickers from Woolworths for their Earn and Learn promotion. We received over $2000 of school resources including over 100 new home readers, mathematics resources, posters, and classroom resources. Many thanks to Katrina Coomber, our Tuckshop Convenor, who coordinated this and to all of our school community who supported us.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
**Responsible Behaviour Plan**
We have received some positive comments from parents and visitors to our school about the high standard of student behaviour since the start of the year.

Last year at a P&C meeting we tabled our revised Responsible Behaviour Plan which outlines how we manage behaviour with students. This is available for parents to view on our website in the Document Library. Our school community has identified the following school rules to teach and promote our high standards of responsible behaviour:

- **Be Safe**
- **Be Respectful**
- **Be an Active Learner**

We have spent a lot of time at the start of the year developing a school wide understanding of what these rules mean and what they look like. They are aligned with the values, principles and expected standards contained in Queensland's Code of School Behaviour. Please talk to your child about these three rules.

**Term Invoices**
Term invoices were sent home in week three at the parent information evenings. Parents are asked to pay the term invoice in a lump sum as soon as possible.

At the end of this week we will be deactivating the Mathletics accounts that have not been paid. The Mathletics cost is a lump sum that the school has to pay, so when we have students who do not pay it requires the school to make up the difference. If you are having difficulty making payments, please contact the office to make a payment plan.

**Class Parent Rep System**
It is not too late to join our P&C Class Parent Rep System. If you would like to be added to your class P&C email contacts email PandC@everpakss.eq.edu.au. Earlier this week an email had been sent to all parents who nominated at the key contact for each class. If you did not receive an email please also contact the P&C using the above email address.

**Regards**

Brad Clark
Principal

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**CLASS NEWS**

**PREP R** – This week we have been focusing on history and the main storyline, in English, in preparation for our oral presentations. We have been very excited to bring in our family photos for History and talk about our Mums or Dads when they were little kids.

**PREP 1R** - What a week! This week, Preps have been going on a ‘senses walk’ observing and recording what they can taste, smell, see, hear and feel throughout the day. I think the rain made this activity all the more enriching as we could all feel, hear, see smell and even taste the rain! Year Ones have completed their first assessment task, which involved writing and speaking about a book. It has been a great opportunity to demonstrate educational gains in five short weeks. Student of the week is Liam M for challenging himself by making numbers up to 20 with bundling sticks! 1B, 1C & 1S - How far all Year 1 students have come in just a short time of 5 weeks with their writing. We have finished writing our interpretation of Lucy Goosey’s emotion and what a great job all students have done! Ask your child what they wrote about. We are now moving into our second unit where students listen to, read and view a range of picture books in order to analyse and explain what they are reading. Don’t forget that payment for the Caboolture Historical Museum Excursion is due by this Thursday 7th March. Have a great week.

**Student of the Week: Sarah R.**

**5T – Five Five/Six A** are off to the Queensland Art Gallery (QAG) and the Gallery of Modern Art (GoMA) tomorrow, to attend The 7th Asia Pacific Triennial of Contemporary Art (APT7). This visit will support our visual arts unit which is focused on drawing. Students will need a lightweight bag to carry morning tea, lunch, a water bottle and a hat, their clipboard and a pencil. Students are expected to wear school uniform.

We leave school at 9:30am and will return before 3pm. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to accompany us. I look forward to sharing more adventures with parents in the future.

**Student of the Week: vant A and Tahia A.**

**5/6A** – We are looking forward to their term 1 excursion to QAG and GOMA this week. This should be a fantastic learning experience for parents and those students who are supporting us on Thursday. We began our Design Elements phase of our drawing program as a lead up to our Gallery visit. Along with this we are developing our knowledge of reflective thinking.

**PE** - If your child has not yet returned their permission slip to swim, we will need a note explaining why. If you have a student not participating please let me know.

**6/7P** – It’s a very proud week in our class – one of our teams who attended the Wavell SHS Maths event on Monday became the ‘Year 6 Champion Team’! Congratulations to those parents who are supporting us.

**Class Students** – grade 5 the development of our creature and Grade 6 our knowledge of adaptations in various environments. History - the settlement of Australia continues. Congratulations to our Student of the Week - Amber D.

**7B** - Grade 7 have had several wonderful opportunities to work together recently.
on a multitude of senior student activities. Our students have some wonderful ideas for 2013 and it will be wonderful to see them work towards the goals they’ve set themselves. A note has gone home this week regarding the Grade 7 senior shirt. The design looks fabulous! If you have any queries please come and see Mrs Sawyer.

LOTE NEWS
This week in Chinese lessons, the students were learning how to say “I like” and “I dislike” in Chinese to express their enthusiasm about hobbies. Everyone in Everton Park SS enjoy learning to say various hobbies in Chinese such as playing basketball, playing soccer, reading books etc.

Chinese sentences of the week:
Wo xi huan da lan qiu / I like playing basketball.
Wo bu xi huan ti zhu qiu / I dislike playing soccer.

Alex Chen
LOTE Teacher

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS
Another exciting week has just passed in the sporting world of Everton Park SS. We sent off our North District representatives to the Met North Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. It was a tough day of competition and all swimmers represented their district valiantly. Well done!

We have a number of district trials taking place in March. I am placing trials information on the noticeboard outside of my office as it comes in to me. As a school we are asked to send 3 or 4 of our best athletes in the sport. These students should already be playing this sport at a high level, particularly for the more popular sports. Please direct your child to the noticeboard for trial locations and dates and then ask them to see me for the requisite paperwork.

Yours in Sport
Trent Thomas

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY - Friday 22 March 2013
Our school has registered to participate in this year’s National ‘Ride2School’ Day. The Ride2School day is a day where students across Australia are encouraged to; cycle, skate or scoot to school, rather than by other means of transport.

There are many benefits to active travel, three great ones to highlight are:
- Riding to school will reduce traffic around the school, making the school trip faster
- Students will arrive at school alert and are more attentive in class
- Riding helps develop important life skills, in addition to increasing confidence

National Ride2School Day is only 3 short weeks away. So, get on your bike, scooter or skateboard and ride to school on Friday the 22nd March!

SKATE NIGHT
Wednesday 13 March
Come and join us for a fundraising, fun-filled skate night at Skateaway, Albany Creek Square, Albany Creek on Wednesday, 13 March from 6:30 – 8:30pm. It is fully supervised and air conditioned. Admission is $10 and skate or blade hire is $5.00.

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 kpayn49@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.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL
There will be a whole school ‘assembly’ on Thursday 14 March in the Hall in relation to active school travel. Family are welcome to attend.

PAYMENTS VIA INTERNET BANKING
When making a school payment via internet banking please ensure that you include the customer ID number. On your invoice under Payment Methods there is a customer ID number of 10 numbers and one letter. It is imperative that this number be used as a reference.

Please do not use the invoice number as this does not bring up the student’s name when receiving is being done.

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
The first overdue notices have gone out. Please help your child locate the book and return it as soon as possible. If your child has an overdue book they will be unable to borrow. Library bags are a great investment. New library monitors will be in training over the next few weeks. If your child is in years 5 or 6 and they would like to be a monitor please ask them to come and see me. Book club is due in by this Thursday.

Do you know about the fantastic resources the Brisbane City Council libraries have? Take the time to look at their ebooks, audio books and links to books online. In2Era is on their list and offers interactive online children’s books. OneClickdigital offers downloadable eAudiobooks. Also a new service called Freegal music allows library members to download up to 3 free MP3 songs per week. A great idea for those rainy weekends is to head to your local library and the librarians are always extremely helpful. Chermside and the Brisbane Square libraries are open on Sunday. And why not take in any of your mobile devices to access the free wifi.

CHEERLEADING
There will be NO cheerleading practices for any teams in Week 9 (March 25-28), as I will be on leave (yes I’m going to Disneyland again). Practices will resume in Week 1 Term 2.

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 all practices. A reminder that this number be used as a reference.

Thank you for your understanding. Please let me know if you have any queries.

Thanks, Miss R :o)

UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS
The uniform shop is open every Friday from 8.30 – 9.30am

Swimming caps 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.

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

TUCKSHOP

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

Rain, Rain, go away!

MARCH ROSTER
THURS 7
June Lever
FRI 8
Penny Liddell, Carol Gilmour, Sam Muir
Wed 13
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THURS 14
Caroline Chorley
FRI 15
Penny Valentine, Janene Ashton, Carol McLean

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

The Tuckshop can process payment by EFTPOS for total orders over $5.00.

Have a great week.
Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor

RACQ INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY FUN RUN/WALK
Everton Park State School has a team entered in the walk/run this Sunday, 10 March. Come and join us! It’s only 5km and a great fundraiser for “Mater Chicks in Pink”. They support women with breast cancer, so it is a great cause. Call Niki on 04140059126 if you would like more information.

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

ENOGGERA PARENT EDUCATION CENTRE METROPOLITAN REGION - 2013 PROGRAMS ENOGGERA STATE SCHOOL CAMPUS
The Centre is currently accepting enquiries for the following programs:

• Management of Young Children Program - MYCP
  Intensive behaviour management strategies for children 2 ½ 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-12.00pm.
• 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.

Easter Raffle
We are seeking donations for the Easter Hampers 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: pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au

Community News
Our Lady’s Catholic Parish, Everton Park will commence it’s Sacramental Program after 8am Mass on Sunday, 10 March. This program, for children in Years 3 upwards, will prepare them for the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Communion and Confirmation. All welcome. Further Information call 3855 3255