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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

P&C Parent Rep Meeting

Next week on Wednesday 20 March we will have our first ever P&C Rep meeting at 7:30 in the Library. At the Parent Information evenings earlier this term, each class had a parent who has put their hand up to be the class representative. Please chat to your child’s class teacher if you do not know who your class representative is. All parents who have added their name to the P&C Class Rep contact system should have received an email from the class rep by now. If you have not yet received an email please let us know by emailing pandcpresident@everparkss.eq.edu.au.

The purpose of the first meeting is to give our parents a greater voice in our school. If there is something you would like to know about our school or if you have a question that you would like answered please pass it on to your class rep to bring along to our meeting next week. The P&C class reps will be provided with an opportunity to ask questions anonymously at the meeting, and no question is too hard to answer.

If you are a P&C Rep and you are unable to make this meeting, please invite another parent to attend in your place. It is important that each class has a representative attending the meeting.

The second part of the meeting is seeking input from parents for our quadrennial school review (QSR). This review will culminate in a long term plan which will shape what our priorities are for the next four years. I am seeking parent input to inform what is important for their child’s education and what defines Everton Park State School.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH
13th  Skate Night, Albany Creek SkateAway
14th  Active School Travel talk in Hall at 2:20pm
18th  P&C Meeting 7:30pm
19th  Breakfast Club
20th  Beginners Music Concert
21st  Year 4 excursion to Caboolture Historical Village
21st  Pizzicato Strings concert in Library
26th  Breakfast Club
28th  Band Bonanza Day
28th  Last day of Term 1
29th  Good Friday

APRIL
15th  First day of Term 2
22nd  P&C meeting, 7:30
23rd  School Cross Country
24th  School ANZAC Day Ceremony, 9am
25th  ANZAC Day
Fun, Fit Fridays- Active Travel is Here

Tomorrow, Thursday at 2:30pm, we will have the official launch of our Active Travel program at a special assembly, in preparation for our first Fun Fit Friday. Friday at Everton Park State School will never be the same. From Friday 15 March 2013, we will be asking everyone to really think about how they travel to and from school, as we launch Fun Fit Friday as part of our Active School Travel program. We will be launching Fun Fit Friday on 15 March. All students will receive an Active School Travel passport. Students who actively travel to schools on Fridays will collect stamps and earn lots of great rewards this year. We know that everyone is different, so there are lots of ways you can actively travel to school. How will you actively travel to school?

Walk
Leave the car at home and walk your kids to school. If you live too far away, drive part of the way and walk the rest. We call this “Park and Stride”.

Cycle or Scooter
Ride with your children to school. It’s legal to ride on the footpath and remember to always have your helmet on.

Public Transport
Public transport is easy once you know how. For bus, train and ferry timetables, visit www.translink.com.au, phone 13 12 30 or visit the Transport Information Centre located on the corner of Ann and Roma Streets.

Carpool
Find a friend and carpool to school. It’s an easy way to save money and time. Talk to other parents in your child’s class or at music and sport to see who is going your way.

So get started on 15 March and remember that EVERY Friday is now Fun Fit Friday.

Term Invoice
Last week we sent home a note for the CSIRO Science experience that is happening this week across all year levels. Please note that this item will appear on the Term 2 invoice. We are unable to accept payment at this time as invoices have not yet been generated.

Regards
Brad Clark
Principal

CLASS NEWS

PREP C & R – We had a great trip to Bunyvile on Tuesday. Thanks to all of the helpers who came along with us - we hope you had fun. We learnt lots of things about the forest and helps clean up the forest after Flash Rabbit had made a mess, helped Bilby build nests for the Bush animals and then we met Bilby. Professor Duffer was very funny!! Prep R Student of the Week - Zane S Prep C Student of the Week - Beliz R, Luke W.

PREP 1R - This week prep were off to Bunyvile to learn about the bilby! On Monday afternoon the prep students were brimming with excitement and were eager to start their first school excursion. Year Ones have finished constructing and reflecting upon their technology hats and are about to start a mini ICT unit on the iPads. During English lessons we have been learning about the ‘Li’ sound and retelling stories in order. Just a reminder that skate night is on this week – see you there! Student of the week is Ashton W for brainstorming some terrific words that start with ‘L’. Great stuff!!

1B, 1C & 1S - How wonderful it has been to get out in the sunshine and run around after all the rain! This week in Science, as well as looking at the features of plants, we will also be attending the CSIRO Show on Friday. This will help us with scientific concepts and teach us more about the process of scientific inquiry. Don’t forget to return your permission form or you will miss out. We have begun the next unit of work in English and are looking at the different parts of stories including the problem and solution. In Maths we are comparing lengths as well as continuing with teen numbers and subtraction. Have you remembered to donate an Easter egg for the monster Easter raffle? Students of the Week – Jott 1C, Harper B 1B and Tomas K 1S.

2E & 2W – We would like to congratulate all year 2 students for their level of work and concentration which they displayed during our recent poetry unit. The students rewrote a poem making sure that the rhyming pattern and syllables remained the same. Well done everyone. Our new English unit involves writing a Biography of a book character. During maths we are presently investigating the addition and subtraction of numbers. History has us designing questions which will enable us to learn about an item from the past. We have been using question starters to help us.

Student of the Week: 2E - Ruby R and 2W - Lily A.

2/3M – All students earned $1.00 towards the total of the Term 2 Inquiry of the Week; Jasmine, Tayley and Berwyn.

3K – As you may have heard or discovered, 3K have begun to learn the basics of emailing. To access EQ webmail from home, go to https://webmail.eq.edu.au. Students should know (by memory) their username and password. Thank you to all the parents who have promptly replied to have a Parent/Teacher interview next week. I look forward to updating you on your child’s progress.

Student of the Week: Gwen S.

3/4P - We are in the process of finalising our first units of work with a variety of assessment tasks. Next week Parent/Teacher Interviews will run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. I am currently experiencing difficulties with my email account, so I apologise for any delayed replies. We have had multiple cases of head lice in the past weeks, so please continue to check your children daily or weekly. This week children will participate in the engaging CSIRO Science Show and next week our Year 4s will head to Caboolture for their History excursion. The end of term is fast approaching, but the children are putting in a solid effort in class. This week the Student of the Week award will go to Maddison K for her consistent hard work and great classroom participation. Maddy will receive her award at assembly on Friday.

4P - We have now finished writing our new chapters for the Twits and have swiftly and effortlessly focussed our minds on evaluating humorous poems. We are learning poetic devices such as alliteration, puns, spoonerisms, nonsense words and many more. In Maths we have enjoyed investigating 100, 1000 and 10 000. We even found out that 1 page of the newsletter has more than 1000 words in it. We have also been finding out about different types of erosion. Unfortunately we have even identified some examples of this in our school grounds. Next Thursday is our History excursion to the Caboolture Historical Village.

Students of the Week: 4P – Will K and 4L – Abby F.

4/5I - 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 with our lessons. This week we will be delving further into unit on Poetry. In History we will continue with our assessment. For Maths this week we will be looking at patterns and algebra and chance in Year 4 and mental computation in multiplication and division as well as fractions and chance in Year 5. Thanks to all the parents who have indicated that they will be available to come on our excursion on 21 March. The parents who will be joining us on the excursion will be notified this week. Just a reminder that if your child is unable to attend swimming, they must have a note from home indicating the reason they are not swimming. Have a great week.

Student of the Week: Phoenix M.

5T – Last Wednesday students were involved in the inaugural Lego Robotic tutorial run by pupils from EPSHS. This STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education project aims to provide the Year 5 students with an introduction to the design, construction and programming
functions of robotics. It proved to be an engaging and exciting learning opportunity for the class with most groups almost completing their robot. This week will see the students programming their creations. Be afraid, be very afraid. We hope to stimulate interest and curiosity in STEM, with a potential for engaging in related studies at a higher level through class activities, a lunchtime club and possible involvement in inter-school competitions. The tutorials continue each Wednesday for the rest of term 1. Student of the Week: Chloe L, Hugo S. 6/7P – This is a big week for Science in 6/7P! On Monday we had a lesson from our visitors from the CSIRO which taught us about energy. In our regular Science unit, we are completing our work on food webs. Year 6 and 7 will complete the food webs assessment task this week. This week 7 students will then complete an extension assessment task on animal classification next week. We will spend time this week constructing a piece of persuasive text as a class. Then the students will work on their own piece as their final writing assessment for the term. With only 3 weeks until Easter, we have plenty to keep us busy! Have a great week everyone! Student of the Week: Jesse H.

LOTE NEWS
Last week in Chinese lessons, the students compared the education systems between Australia and China, and also studied for their Chinese listening test in week 8. Chinese of the week:

Numbers:
one - vi				
two - er				hree - san					four - si					five - wu			
six - liu					seven - qi			
eight - ba					nine - jiù			
ten - shì

Alex Chen
LOTE Teacher

P&C NEWS
The P&C General Meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Monday, 18 March in the school library. Everyone is welcome to come along. We will be presenting a schedule of proposed P&C events for the year, along with some great ideas for new P&C activities. A Special General Meeting will be held briefly beforehand to elect a new Treasurer. We’d love to see you there.

Amy List
P&C President
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MARKETS @ EP THIS SATURDAY 3-7pm 16 March
Come along and support local small businesses. There will be a huge variety of stalls including clothing, jewellery, home decor, art, gourmet foods and more. Relax in a family-friendly environment and enjoy a coffee and cake, or even dinner overlooking the city views. Entry is free!

Find us online at www.marketsatep.com.au or www.facebook.com/marketsatep

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS
Well where has the term gone? As we get closer to Term 2 I am starting to think about cross-country. The school cross-country carnival will be held in the second week of Term 2. Therefore, I am starting a cross-country training session before school on a Tuesday morning from 8:15am-8:45am. This will primarily be targeting the kids from Years 4-7. District trials for several sports have been posted on our noticeboard. Please ask your child to check the sports noticeboard if they want to trial for any sport.

Yours in Sport
Trent Thomas

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE
This Friday 15th March is the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence. We are encouraging everyone to wear something orange to school such as a hat, socks, or scarf. This is not a free dress day and so students do not have to make a gold coin donation.

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 2 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 tonight. 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 Wednesdays 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
Honours Camp Audition Forms: Permission notes have gone out to selected students who are eligible for audition for Honours Music Camp. Please return the permission notes to the office or your music teacher before Monday, March 18.

Pizzicato Strings Concert: This concert is for all beginner string students and will be held in the library from 3.15pm-3.45pm on Thursday, March 21.

Junior String Ensemble: All year 4 string students will now form the Junior String Ensemble which will rehearse in the hall each Thursday at first break. This is compulsory. They do not need to attend string ensemble before school any more. 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. 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 at 2:20pm in the Hall in relation to active school travel. Family are welcome to attend.

PAYMENTS VIA INTERNET BANKING
!!ATTENTION – PLEASE READ!!
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 receipting is being done.
LIBRARY NEWS
Students over the past few weeks have been participating in book talks. These are informal sessions during library time where students discuss with classmates books they have read or are reading. They provide opportunities for students to share personal responses to a book, exchange ideas, entice other students to read peer-recommended selections, and focus their attention on enjoyable and informative texts. Take some time this week to ask your child about the book they are currently reading. A special thank you to one of our parent volunteers this week for some massive book covering. Thanks Jenny.

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 Cheer days (safety during lifts and stunts) and to bring a water bottle!
Thanks, Miss R :o)

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

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.

MARCH ROSTER
THURS 14
Caroline Chorley
FRI 15
Penny Valentine, Janene Ashton, Carol McLean
WEID 20
Jo Hennessey
THIRS 21
Misato Betts
FRI 22
Kim Grogan, Melissa Hulbert, Jeanette Jenkinson

For a limited time – Yummy VANILLA Paddle Pops are available. Same price as the chocolate and rainbow flavoured - $1.70

Thank you to the Steinlitz family for periodically supplying the Tuckshop with free range, organic eggs. It’s a very good arrangement we have, because every Friday, all Tuckshop food scraps are given to the Steinlitz chickens for them to enjoy!
The Tuckshop can process payment by EFTPOS for total orders over $5.00.

Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor

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

EASTER RAFFLE
Raffle tickets are going home today. Cost is $5.00 per book. Please make sure tickets and money are returned to the office before Friday 22 March. Please return all unsold tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the dance on Monday, 25 March.

Shy KIDS GET ONLINE SUPPORT BEATING THE BCK TO SCHOOL WORRIES
For shy children, back to school can be especially difficult. But there is help available! A team of Researchers (9BRAVE Team) at Griffith University, University of Southern Queensland and University of Queensland seek children (8-12 yrs) suffering from social anxiety, a fear of embarrassment in front of others, or extreme shyness. This program aims to help both children and parents learn strategies for managing social anxiety and ways to cope with anxiety-provoking social situations.
The program requires participating children to complete ten 60-minute online treatment sessions over a period of 10 weeks. Parents will also be required to participate. Interested participants should contact the BRAVE team on (07)3735 3312 or email brave@psy.uq.edu.au. Alternatively please visit the BRAVE ONLINE website: www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/socialanxiety

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: pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop
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

NOW ARRIVED!
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

NOW ARRIVED!