Dear Parents and Caregivers,

P&C Parent Rep Meeting
Tonight we will have our first P&C Parent Rep meeting in the Library at 7:30. As I outlined last week in the newsletter the purpose of the first meeting is to give our parents a greater voice in our school. The meeting will be informal with a chance to chat to other parents, ask questions and clarify information. There will be no minutes, motions or votes, it will be a fun informative and enjoyable evening. 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.

Parent and community engagement framework launched
Research tells us that students achieve more when schools, parents and the local community work together. This coincides with the agenda of the P&C for the year of connecting parents to the school. To this end our school will be using the newly-launched Parent and Community Engagement Framework to better work with you for the benefit of our children. For more information visit: http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/parent-community-engagement-framework/

Active Travel
Last Friday we had a very successful launch for our Active Travel initiative- Fun, Fit Fridays. We had approximately 55% of students actively travel to or from school. At our next assembly we will announce the class that had the highest participation who will receive the Active Travel Trophy for the week.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH
20th Beginners Music Concert
21st Year 4 excursion to Caboolture Historical Village
21st Pizzicato Strings concert in Library 3:15pm
26th Breakfast Club
28th Prep – Yr 2 Easter Hat Parade Prep, 9am
28th Last day of Term 1
29th Good Friday

APRIL
15th First day of Term 2
20th Markets @ EP from 3:00 – 7:00pm
22nd P&C meeting, 7:30
23rd School Cross Country
24th School ANZAC Day Ceremony, 9am
25th ANZAC Day
Fun, Fit Fridays will happen every week for the rest of the year. We will plan on an even bigger number of students and families actively travelling to school. You can walk, ride, scooter, skate, carpool, park and stride or catch public transport.

**Easter Hat Parade**

As part of their Technology unit, all Prep to Year 2 students have been designing and making Easter Hats for the Easter Hat Parade. The Easter Hat Parade will be held in the hall on Thursday 28 March at 9am for all Prep to Year 2 students and all parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Regards

Brad Clark
Principal

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**CLASS NEWS**

**PREP C** – We have been very busy remembering all parts of a book and oral retelling a story in preparation for our English Assessment. The class are getting very good at recognising our letters and the sounds they make. We have been practising our 1:1 correspondence in Maths as well as recognising the teen numbers. Prep C LOVED the visit from CSIRO last Friday. We learnt some interesting scientific facts as well as observing some amazing experiments.

Student of the Week: Ella F.

**PREP R** – This week we have focused on writing an interesting story in English. We have written stories about our Bilby Excursion and a journal entry about the CSIRO visit. In Maths, we have been focusing on patterns, making sure that it is repeated carefully and that we can identify the repeated set.

Student of the Week: Bianca DS 1B, 1C & 1S – In our Science Unit on the functions of external features of living things, we have drawn and labelled our observations from our experiment. We wanted to find out what function stems have in plants. We put some celery plants in water coloured with food dye and watched to see what happened. We could actually see that the water travelled up through the stems and right into the leaves. The celery plant not in any water became very unhealthy looking. Year One thought that the CSIRO show was great with lots of nice talking about the world. They really loved the experiment with the laser light and the black and white balloons, designed to show us how colour absorbs or reflects heat. This week in Health we are meeting our buddy Get-Along, who shows us how to get along with our friends at school, take turns, treat others nicely and play fairly, in Maths our investigations into Length continues with measuring and comparing tasks using informal units of measurement. We are also furthering our work with the teen numbers and addition and subtraction number stories. In English we are learning how to correctly write the clockwise letters in our handwriting lessons. We are continuing to read narrative stories and identify the beginning, problem and solution elements. We are then writing responses to the story in our writing. This week we are also focusing on nouns and adjectives and the use of book language in our writing. The children are also making great connections with our literature studies and doing some deeper reading in their reading groups. Students of the Week are Elijah S. - 1B, Bailey S. - 1C and Caitlin F. - 1S.

**2W** – This week Year 2 have been working through assessment pieces across all the learning areas. In English students have planned and written a biography for the character ‘Lucy Goosey’. They have been working hard at coming up with noun groups and evaluative language (feeling words). In Maths we are revising place value and are getting into collecting and representing data in a graph. There will be a Maths test coming up this week. In Science we have made our ‘very interesting looking’ carry boxes that will be strong and waterproof, using two materials only. Next week we will be testing our carry boxes. A reminder that reading through the assessment in the text to the student outcomes, even if it is only a couple of pages. Parents please ask your child a few questions after reading to test comprehension. Students should be making meaning from the text. Student of the week: Cooper Bradley and Lilly M.

**2/3M** – This week 2/3M is trying something new. On Wednesday, every child is playing with someone different for first break. The children are doing this to help develop new friendships and enable an ability to cope more successfully when established friendship groups change. We are looking forward to Wonder Wednesday Make A New Friend Day. Keep your eye out for parent teacher interview notes later in the week. Parent teacher interviews will be conducted early in term two. I look forward to seeing you and discussing your child’s progress.

Students of the Week: Leila ,Claire,Amity. 3K – It’s National Ride2School Day this Friday! So get on your scooter, bike or skateboard and cruise to school in style! Any student in 3K that rides to school this Friday gets a special reward. Fingers crossed that we win the Active School Travel Star trophy! Keep up the great work 3K.

Student of the Week: Blair C.

**3/4P** - This week I look forward to meeting with many parents for Parent/Teacher Interviews. It is important to keep up the motivation in regards to homework in these final two weeks, as the children are still working on important concepts – some of which will carry over to next term. Some students need a reminder to return their completed homework on Fridays. On Thursday the Year 4’s will head off to the Caboolture Historical Village for their history excursion. Cross Country will take place in week 2 of Term 2, so we are hoping to get out for a couple of jogs this week and next week. The Student of the Week is Connor M for making positive choices in the classroom. Connor will receive his award on assembly on Friday 4/5! - Just a reminder that we need parents to attend our swimming lessons each, so if you are free on Wednesday mornings from 9.00-10.00 we would love to have your support.

This week we will be delving further into our unit on Poetry. In History, we will continue with our assessment. For Maths this week we will be looking at patterns, algebra, chance and data in Year 4 and chance and data in Year 5. 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: Jessica B.**

**5T** – Integration of concepts and skills across the year five syllabi assists students to develop a depth of knowledge and understanding. To this end, our design and technology will test understandings explored in the Science curriculum about animal adaptions. Our exploration of line, form and texture in Visual Arts, will assist students to plan their own animal next week. Ideally adapted to the biome for which it is intended: the desert or rain forest. Students will use higher order thinking to synthesize their understanding of adaptive features and the demands of a given microcosm and construct a model of the creature in a 3D form. The recipe for their dough creature was provided on Monday as part of their homework. Dough needs to come to school in a named, airtight container for our Monday 25th March. Student of the Week: Kacee A and Julia J

**5/6A** – A recipe for dough making will be sent home this week for year 5 children. They need to bring in dough this week to create their imaginary creature that the children have busily designed aligned with our Science knowledge. They will also need a shoe box or cereal box to complete the making of this animal’s habitat to finalise their Science learning. Please ensure they bring in their dough already made to begin their work so that it dries in time. Grade 6 students, are completing all assessment pieces in English, Mathematics, History and Science by the end of term. It’s going to be a busy finish to a fast term. A lot of sleep is needed. With that, I am setting homework in Mathletics and Studyladder for the rest of the term. If your child doesn’t have internet access, they will receive paper copies of Mathletics and Study Ladder will be accessible to them at school. All children should attempt to complete the homework on these sites, as they all have passwords. If your Mathletics payment has not been completed, please pay at the office as soon as possible.

Exciting news for students: Our class will be introduced to E-I-L on our Black board site. Here the children will learn to upload completed projects to this site which they can share with the principal, teachers, classmates or you at home. I can alter the activities to extend and reaffirm your child’s learning with immediate feedback. Students will also learn to blog each other and myself in a protected classroom blog site. In learning environment of the classroom. I am also excited because you can assess your child’s completed work
online whenever they have a computer based project.

Enjoyable finish: We are working towards our goal to finish the term with some Maths, History and HPE related Easter activities as we wind down for Easter Holidays. Some hard work to be done first! Student of the Week: Isaiah R.

6/7P – The end of term 1 is rapidly approaching. This week we are completing a range of assessment pieces and tasks to conclude our units of work. Everyone is working hard as we are busily wrapping up this term’s work. Please remember that swimming is still on. Thanks to those diligent parents who have assisted us with our swimming all term. Parent interviews are being offered next week. Please remember – if you need a longer meeting or can’t make it next week, simply contact me early in term 2 and we can reschedule. Have a great week everyone!

Student of the Week: Melita G.

LOTE NEWS

This week in Chinese lessons, the students are having their first listening assessment in Chinese. It’s about different students each with their own character and likes and dislikes. Then they will incorporate understanding in the test and choose the student they want to be friends with and why. Most of the students took their Chinese notebooks home to study and put in a lot of effort. I believe their efforts will show up in their results!

Good Work, Students!

Interesting Chinese Fact: Do you know Great Wall of China is the only man-made object visible from space?

Alex Chen
LOTE Teacher

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Our school has entered in a competition run by local company ACE Fireworks. This was the company who put on the awesome display of fireworks at our Fluoro Fest fete last year. We are in the running to win a FREE fireworks display for an event this year but need your help. Please go onto the ACE Fireworks Facebook (www.facebook.com/ACEfireworks) page and “like” the status. The more likes, comments and shares from parents, family and friends within our school the greater the chance of winning.

Don’t forget to put the school name in a comment on their wall!! Thanks in advance

Penny Liddell.

P&C NEWS

Thanks to everyone who came to the P&C meeting Monday night – there was lots of great discussion about some new ideas so we’ll start send out information and seeking feedback from everyone over the next few weeks. I’d also like to congratulate Sam Nicholson who was elected the new P&C Treasurer, and Penny Valentine and Carol Maclean who have taken on the Chairperson and Treasurer role for the Uniform and Tuckshop sub-committee. Thank you so much – the P&C couldn’t provide the services it does without your help.

The first Parent Class Representative meeting is being held this week, so if you have any questions about anything that is happening at the school, get in touch with your class rep who can find out on your behalf, or email the P&C directly on pande@everparkss.eq.edu.au.

Amy List
P&C President

ARE YOU AN ELECTRICIAN?

The P&C are seeking quotes for some electrical work we would like completed. If you are interested in providing a quote, please contact Linda at marketsalep@live.com.au, or leave your details at the office and I will get in touch.

THANK YOU!

Everton Park State School is a very busy place, but every now and then you’ll notice some significant changes and improvements.

How did the wasteland between ‘C’ and ‘D’ block become a green oasis? Who turned the boggy oval into an Olympic-level accredited sports’ venue? The credit goes to one of the school’s behind-the-scenes, quiet workers: Mr John Deaves. On behalf of the school community, we want to say THANK YOU and job well done.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

We kicked off our X-Country training this week. Remember this is Tuesday mornings at 8:15am and is targeting children in Years 4-7. Well done everyone who turned up for our training session and particularly well done to the parents who joined in!

We are still swimming next week, so parent helpers please still come. Gala day sports will be held again in Term 2. If your child is in Years 5-7 then they have had the opportunity to sign on for a sport. If your child has been away and has missed sign on then please ask them to advise their teacher. Finally, good luck to those who are trialling for various North District teams this week and next.

*Date claimer- 23rd April for School Cross Country P-7

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 THIS FRIDAY! So, get on your bike, scooter or skateboard and ride to school on Friday the 22nd March!

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS UPDATE

Thomas and Soraya, who are past students from EPSS, are holding a carwash as a fundraiser for a world challenge expedition to Borneo they are doing later this year. The carwash will be held on Sunday, 24 March at Kedron High School. It starts at 9:00am and it costs only $10 to get your car washed. Hope you can come along and support these two enterprising students.

Thank you.

Penny Turner

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

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. All of Mrs Hall’s students will be involved in concerts next term.

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 i/payn49@eq.edu.au Kathryn will be teaching at our school on Thursdays.
**Beginner Band Students Information**

An Adult starter concert band have been rehearsing hard over the past 6 weeks at Ferny Grove State School under the direction of Mr John Grainger, another instrumental music teacher in the local area. Congratulations to one of our beginner band parents Mr Scott (parent of Harrison) who has been learning how to play the saxophone! Mr Grainger has invited our beginner band students to perform with the Adult Starter on Wednesday 27 March to celebrate their first term of learning an instrument. Here are the details below:

**Date:** Wednesday March 27  
**Time:** Arrive 6:30pm  (parent/guardian supervision essential).  
**BBQ sausage sizzle - $2.00**

**Music Folders**

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**

**Tuckshop**

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

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**EASTER RAFFLE**

Please make sure tickets and money are returned to the office before Friday 22 March, including all unsold tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the dance on Monday, 25 March.

**BUNNY BOOGIE**

Are you coming? Forms are due back by Friday 22 March. $5 entry – includes glow stick.

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**LIBRARIES APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAM**

Make a movie, take the best photo ever, learn to cartoon, meet and hold our local Heroes! There are still overdue books outstanding. Please assist your child in locating these books or give me a call if you have any concerns. The new shelf dividers in the fiction section of the library are up and running with the non-fiction shelf labels to follow. It’s been fantastic to have so many new library monitors in training at the library. Morning reading club is always busy. If you have a few minutes to spare in the morning we are always looking for volunteers.

**CHEERLEADING**

There will be NO cheerleading next week. Practices will resume Week 1, Term 2.

Have a great holiday!
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PARENT WORKSHOP

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