Dear Parents and Caregivers

School Chaplain
The P&C meeting for April has been moved to this Monday 22 April. At the last meeting I tabled the idea of having a student welfare officer or school chaplain in our school for consideration and feedback. At the P&C meeting we will be discussing this idea and the right model or approach for our school. Since the last meeting we have discovered that there are some strong opinions on this topic and some misconceptions around the role of a chaplain.
I would encourage all parents to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend and would like to have input please contact the school, your class parent rep or email the P&C.

Term Invoices
This week the term invoices will be sent home for Term two. We ask that parents pay on a lump sum to streamline the cash collection process in the school. As always, if you have difficulty making a payment, please contact the school to organise a payment plan. All payments must be made at least the day before the event. We will not accept any payments on the day. Any outstanding invoices from Term One have also been sent home and prompt payment of these is greatly appreciated.

Woolworths Earn and Learn
We are underway and we have already collected lots of points. Please drop your earn and learn points into the box located in the office or at our local Woolworths stores at Flockton Street or Stafford. Last year this provided our school with lots of great reading books, Maths equipment and learning resources and this year we are aiming for even more points. Get your relatives, neighbours and friends to collect points for our school as well.

SMS
Why do storms always hit right at 3:00? It was great to see how fast our school could respond to a real emergency situation. Each parent who is listed at the main contact on our school system should have received a text from the school. Only one parent contact per student is possible. The message read: “Due to severe students in hall waiting for storm to finish. They will be dismissed once the storm has eased. do not reply. EPSS”
It should have read “Due to severe weather students in hall waiting for storm to finish.” We don’t have any severe students in our school. If your family did not receive a text, please contact the office to check or update your contact details.

**Active Travel – This Friday!**

Every Friday is an Active Travel Day- a Fun Fit Friday. Plan how you and your family will get to school. Some ideas might be to cycle or to park and walk a block away, ride or scooter to school (don’t forget your helmet), catch a bus or park and stride a few blocks to and from school. We are aiming for 70% of the school to actively travel to or from school every Friday. Students will get their stamps in the book in the classroom on Friday when our Active Travel coordinators go around to each class to survey the students.

Regards

Brad Clark

Principal

---

**SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

On Friday 26 April our school assembly will be held at 2:30pm and not the regular time of 9am.

---

**CLASS NEWS**

**PREP C - WE CAN READ!** Prep C have been working very hard on learning some reading strategies this week. The children have been so excited to “read” and are really enjoying the fun activities we have been doing with the gold sight words. Readers and Sight Word books will be coming home on Monday and the children are ready to show you how clever they all are. In Maths we have been participating in lots of measuring activities. One of our favourites was measuring volume to cook doughnuts on Wednesday.

Thank you to our Parent Helpers who helped with Morning Rotations this week. We will be doing these every Monday and Tuesday so please come along and share in your child’s learning.

**Student of the Week:** Ellie E.

**PREP R – Welcome back to Term 2!** We have started with a bang, with all the children settling straight back into class routines. Monday we practicing our public speaking and wrote some great stories about our holidays. In Maths this week, we are focusing on measurement - length, height, mass and capacity. We can easily identify between 2 items, so now are concentrating on ordering 3 or more items (ie longest to shortest).

**Student of the Week: Lucie H.**

**1B, 1C & 1S –** It seems our children have had a great holiday and are all eager to get back into being active learners. This week we are completing our English Unit 2 writing assessment with the writing of a retell of the story “Muddle in a Puddle”. In Maths we are continuing work with doubles facts to 20 revising the teen number and we will also be revisiting data collection and representation.

**Our Curriculum Newsletter for Term 2 is almost completed and you will receive this very shortly.**

**Students of the Week are 1B Charlotte W, 1C Emily S, 1S Amelia R.**

**3K –** As you may have already been informed by your child, homework begins next Monday - Week 2. Our assembly performance is this Friday 19th April. We look forward to seeing you there. Remember, Mr Clark has given us permission to ‘dress up’ for the performance (keeping in theme with the songs). We will remain in this attire for the whole day, so it must be sun safe clothing with closed in shoes.

**3/4P - Welcome back!** The children are refreshed and working well after their well-deserved break. Our behaviour rewards system has changed this term, so ClassDojo is no longer. The new system is based on daily, weekly and end of term incentives for individuals and the whole class. Swimming has now finished so PE is back to normal. The annual Cross Country will take place next Tuesday morning, so it’s a great opportunity for the kids to get out and have a couple of practise runs. Please return Cross Country permission forms before Tuesday. I hope everyone managed to have a bit of down-time over the Easter holidays. Student of the week will go to Ava - as a warm welcome from 3/4P.

**4P & 4L – Welcome back to Term Two.** We hope that you have had a lovely break, the year 4’s certainly seem positive and ready to learn. Regarding our Mathematics groups this term, we are just sorting out timetabling and hope to get started by Thursday. To get us started on our ready, steady grow unit in science we have enjoyed making seed heads, we just hope they grow! We look forward to talking with you about your child’s progress over the next couple of weeks. Remember next week we have Cross Country on Tuesday and ANZAC day holiday on Thursday.

**4/5I - Welcome back to Term 2! I trust you all had a relaxing and refreshing Easter Break.** Just a reminder that Parent-Teacher Interview notices went home on the last week of school and these interviews will be held from 19th April-3rd May. This week in English we will be looking at examining and evaluating poems limericks and humorous poems before beginning our Poetry Assessment in Year 4 and analysing and writing a response to “Mother Earth, Walzing Matilda” and I am Australian before choosing a poem to analyse for our Poetry Assessment in Year 5. In History, we will complete our assessment. For Maths this week we will be looking at using and adding digit numbers in Year 4 and probability and data in Year 5. Permission notes for the Cross Country to be held on April 23rd were sent home on Monday. These need to be send back as soon as possible so that your child can compete in the Cross Country. Have a great week.

**Student of the Week: Abbie C**

5T – Welcome back to the second term. It will be an action-packed one with sport being a huge focus: we have cross country, three, full-day, gala days and our athletics carnival. ICT’s will also feature with our class launching our virtual classroom. Ask your child to show you. No more homework sheets! Can’t find a permission note – you can print your own. Just baby steps at the moment.

**5T Teacher/Parent interviews are scheduled for week three this term.** The meeting (Monday 29th April – Friday 3rd May) is not compulsory, but is an excellent opportunity to discuss a range of issues. To date I have 15 scheduled interviews. Parents should have received a slip confirming their appointment time. Please let me know, via email or student diary, if you have not received this. **Student of the Week:** Luke F, Tahnee K.

6/7P – Welcome to term 2! As usual, the year is already flying by. We have the cross country and our ANZAC Day ceremony next week. Then of course, NAPLAN is just around the corner for the year 7’s. As you may be aware, the curriculum newsletter, a lot of work is to be covered in these ten weeks so this term is going to be busy. The way extension homework is given out has changed this term. The usual 2 worksheets are compulsory homework. Extension homework is now Mathletics, which is to be done as an optional extra by those who have the time and the computer access. Have a great week everyone!

**7S - Welcome back for another brilliant term! In term 1 our class read OVER 144 books! This is an amazing effort! We have set ourselves a goal to beat this number in Term 2 so watch this space!** Parent teacher interviews will be held in Week 2 and 3. Forms, as well as the curriculum newsletter was sent home on Monday so please make sure you have received these. Grade 7 shirts will be arriving any day now!

---

**ARE YOU AN ELECTRICIAN?**

The P&C are seeking quotes for some electrical work to be done as an optional extra. If you are interested in providing a quote, please contact Linda at markets@tp.com.au, or leave your details at the office and I will get in touch.

Also, I have attached a copy of the ad I put in the NWN this week for the markets. Is it possible for it to go in the newsletter also? If it won’t fit as is let me know and I will put together something that will.

---

**ANZAC DAY CEREMONY AT EVERTON PARK STATE SCHOOL**

Wednesday, 24 April

ANZAC Badges will be sold on the morning before the ceremony as well as during the week before.
It is our tradition that all classes make a wreath which we float in the school swimming pool during the ceremony. It would be greatly appreciated if you can bring some greenery and/or flowers to school on Tuesday afternoon/Wednesday morning to help your class create their ANZAC wreath.

**ANZAC DAY AT THE GAYTHORNE RSL**

Every year Everton Park State School participates in the ANZAC Day morning march, held at the Gaythorne RSL. All students are welcome to join us. Students will need to wear their school uniform and meet Miss Rogers in Sir Loder Park (behind the Gaythorne RSL) at 6am. Please come along and join in this special occasion.

**P&C SAUSAGE SIZZLE AT THE MARKETS!**

The P&C are running a sausage sizzle at this weekend’s Markets @ EP. Come along on Saturday 20th April, 3-7pm for some great shopping and scrumptious sausages. See you there!

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS**

Welcome back everybody! I hope you all had a happy and active Easter break.

This term sees the beginning of the Cross-Country and Senior Athletics season. We have number of eager runners looking forward to the event. We have our first Gala day on the 26th of April (week 2). Notes will be coming home over the next couple of days. The sports that were offered were- soccer (boys and girls) and netball (girls). Tryathlon training for the registered students will begin this Wednesday. If your child is interested, but has not registered, then please return your form to school and register on the Weetbix Tryathlon website.

Finally, there will be North District Touch trials conducted at our school next Tuesday the 23rd of April for 12yr old boys. If you have a student who is interested in trialling then please have them see me for trial details and paperwork.

Yours in Sport
Trent Thomas.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS**

Music Folders - Instrumental Music students (except beginner students) received a letter last term about our new band folders. They cost $8.00 each and are great so that music books, pencils and ensemble music is safe. Don’t forget to send in your child’s money in as soon as possible.

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO LESSONS OR BAND REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAY 24th APRIL WITH MRS HALL**

Date claimer: Our concert band will be performing as part of Everton Park State High School’s music evening on Tuesday 4th June.

A special big thank you to all parents who were involved in organising and applying for our government instrumental music grant of $30,000. We are all very excited to have been successful in receiving the money and we look forward to the many opportunities that this money will provide our program.

For all choir queries please contact Bernadette Crook - bcroo4@eq.edu.au (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays - at our school) For all band queries please contact Penny Hall - phall35@eq.edu.au (Wednesdays at our school) For all string queries please contact Kathryn Payne - kpayn49@eq.edu.au (Thursdays at our school)

**CHEERLEADING**

All squads have resumed practice this week. It is great to see that many have been practicing over the holidays - well done! Later this term the Cheer Squad will perform at a competition with their Cheer routine. More information will come out soon.

**MISSING SCOOTER**

A scooter was removed from the bike racks yesterday. It is a Razor brand scooter with silver and black colouring. If this is found could it please be returned to the office as soon as possible.

**AUTUMN SWIMMING TRAINING**

The EPSS Amateur Swimming Club is now offering swimming training sessions all year round. The Autumn/Winter season commences in Week 2 of Term 2. Swimmers from Levels 3 and up are catered for. Enrolments are open now - visit www.epssasc.org.au for session details and enrolment forms, or you can ask the Lessons Coordinator a question at lessons@epssasc.org.au

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

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

**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.

**APRIL ROSTER**

**THURS 18**

Misato Betts

**FRI 19**

Janene Ashton, Carol McLean, Penny Valentine

**WED 20**

Anita Reynolds

**FRI 26**

Kim mGrogan, Jelissa Hubert, Jeanette Jenkinson

**Lemonade Icy Mixes not available until Term 4. Try a Yummy VANILLA Paddle Pop instead - $1.70.**

Toasted, buttered, fruitless hot cross buns are still available. Sale price 60c until stocks last. Yum yum!

**Winter Menu items available next term.**

Warm up with some garlic bread, soup and warm milk.

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

Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor

**WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY**

Sunday 19 May from 2 – 4:30pm in the Hall, Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights. Consider Wavell for your child’s secondary education, including Year 7 placement in 2015.
Education starts at home and parents and families are their children's first teachers. With this in mind, the free Parent Ready Readers training program provides parents and carers of children in Prep to Year 3 with some key strategies to use at home to support their child's reading and to develop a love of books prior to developing their reading abilities.

The training runs for approximately 90 minutes and consists of four modules:

- What is literacy?
- Understanding the reading process
- Stages of reading
- Listening to your child read and reading to your child

Participants receive a Parent Ready Readers booklet with training notes, reading activities and additional resources, which will help to build a lifelong love of reading.

**Session times for 2013** - you may attend any venue that is convenient to you.

- **Monday 29 April 2013** 9.30 – 11.00am  Albany Creek State School – Albany Creek
- **Tuesday 18 June 2013** 9.30am – 11.00am  Belmont State School - Belmont
- **Friday 19 July 2013** 9.30 – 11.00am  West End State School - West End
- **Thursday 8 August 2013** 9.30 – 11.00am  Newmarket State School - Newmarket
- **Wednesday 16 October 2013** 9.30 – 11.00am  Warrigal Road State School – Eight Mile Plains

Come along and find out how you can help your child enjoy reading!

Children are welcome to attend with their Parents/Caregivers

To reserve a place please email

sharlene.emanuel@dete.qld.gov.au

**NOW ARRIVED!**

**FREE - “HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD’S READING” WORKSHOP**

**Uniform Shop**

**Friday Mornings 8.15am - 9.30am**

- **NEW** Soft Microfibre Jacket & Pant
- Water Repellent, Two External Slash Pockets, One Internal Pocket, Elastic Cuffs, Fully Lined, Safety Stitched

Jacket $40
Pant $25

**Chairbags - New colours just arrived**

- Pink, Purple, Black, Lime, Orange, Navy, Cobalt.

$9.00

For more information please contact the Uniform Shop Convener
Pam: 0403 321 170

**NOW ARRIVED!**