Dear Parents and Caregivers

Friday Assembly
This Friday we will have a special assembly time of 2:30-3:00. The senior students will be at Gala Day sport so it will only be the Prep-Year 4 students. We will have Mr Peter Garrett, Federal Minister for School Education and our local federal member, Mr Wayne Swan join us for our assembly to present the student of the week awards and our cross country ribbons for our Year 1-4 students. Mr Swan will also lead the discussion to outline the National Plan for School Improvement and chat to parents after the assembly. I encourage all parents to attend to have input into the future of education in Australia and join us for afternoon tea in the hall from 3:00-3:30.

ANZAC Day
We had a lovely ANZAC ceremony at the pool today with our school. Tomorrow our students are also invited to attend the ANZAC Day March at the Gaythorne RSL. We will meet in the park at 6:00am to assemble for the 6:30am march. This is an important tradition for our school as our students pay respect to the Service men and women and we hope to see many of our students attend, proudly wearing their school uniform.

Congratulations to Jasmine L from 5T who won the Gaythorne RSL writing competition, winning a prize of $300 as well as a $300 prize for the school. This competition was open to all school in the area and is outstanding achievement.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Parent Information Session - NAPLAN
Last week through the class parent reps we sent out some information around parent information sessions. If you did not receive an email from your class parent rep please email pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au to have your name added to the mailing list for your class.

Next week on Wednesday 1 May at 7:00-8:00 (approx) we will have our first parent information session on NAPLAN. We will not offer this session each year, so even if your child is not in year 3.5 or 7 I would encourage you to attend.

At the parent information session we will answer any questions or queries and:
- Look at some example test questions.
- Discuss the purpose of NAPLAN.
- Discuss the information NAPLAN provides various stakeholders (School, Government, High Schools).
- Share ways of preparing students for NAPLAN.

To assist us with catering please email: pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au or call the office if you are going to attend.

P&C
Each month our P&C meetings are being attended by more and more parents. We have a streamlined meeting process that keeps the meeting under an hour and a half, with most of the time spent on discussing important matters that make a difference to our students.

Our class parent rep system and parent helper numbers have never been stronger. It is great to see that parents are keen to have a voice and have input into making decisions about the direction of the school and keen to make contributions to improve student learning.

At our last P&C meeting we discussed the idea of getting a chaplain/student welfare officer into our school and we have formed a committee. I am very keen to make sure that we keep this process transparent and parents informed. If you would like to be a part of this committee, please email: the principal@everparkss.eq.edu.au. Later in the term we will send home a parent survey so we can obtain a broader range of ideas and opinions.

Regards

Brad Clark
Principal

PCYC NEWS
Welcome back for another exciting Term of before and after school care. We had a fantastic vacation care time here at Everton Park with lots of families attending our service. The children enjoyed a range of activities during the 2 weeks including incursions from Ocean Life Education, Reverse Garbage Wearable Art and Queensland Rail – with their talk to the children on safety around the trains and tracks. We enjoyed Gardening and PJ days, and the Excursions to Teralba Park and Maleny Dairy Farm was super exciting and heaps of fun for everyone involved. Thank you to all the families for attending.

To thank you to Jamie Furman for your amazing donation of a coloured printer for our library. This will brighten up our service so much. Remember to drop in and say hello if you are looking for either casual care or a full time spot.

From Rachel and the Everton Park PCYC Team.

CLASS NEWS
PREP C - The school cross country was very exciting and all the children did a marvelous job completing the course. Thank you to all the parents who attended to cheer the students on.

The children were very excited to bring home their first readers this week. I hope you have been amazed at the great job they all doing in reading. Please remember to return all reading folders to school on Friday.

Student of the Week: Lachlan B.
1B, 1C & 1S - We were very proud of all the Year Ones this ANZAC Day! They all ran a great race and put in their best effort. In our literature studies this week we are looking at character descriptions. We will be focusing on how the author uses appropriate descriptor words to describe their characters physical appearance. Rotations resumed this week with the students creating beautiful peacock drawings in art, using the cool colours.

1C are chatting with Gabby Get Along who talks about sharing, turn-taking and getting along with others. In Maths we are investigating repeating patterns and missing elements in patterns as well as using positional language to follow and give directions.

Students of the Week are Destiny D - 1C, Kobe M - 1S and Ben C - 1B.

2E & 2W - Year 2 have had an excellent week working on new concepts and sounds already! In Literacy we are working towards writing a character description which is non-stereotypical. We are revising sentence structure and learning how to turn our simple sentences into compound sentences using joining words like ‘and’, ‘but’, ‘so’, ‘because’ and ‘as’. In maths we are revising 2D and 3D shapes, as well as revising mental maths strategies (near doubles, counting on and back, partitioning). This week in Science students are exploring how toys move, looking at whether the force applied by them is a push or a pull. A reminder to keep up the reading every night. Also, parents to help with your child understanding of what they are reading (comprehension) please ask them to a) retell what they have read out loud to you and b) ask them a couple of questions to see if they have understood what they read.

Well done Student of the Week: Ruby D and Lillian S.

2/3M - We are off to a wonderful start for this term. It’s so very difficult to choose students of the week. Everyone is working so well! Just a reminder homework has begun again and is due back on Friday.

Students of the Week – Harley O and Leila M.

3K – Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along last Friday to watch our assembly performance. You were correct in hearing that we also were awarded the ANZAC Day Award, for actively travelling to and from school at the end of last term.

Homework began this week and is due every Friday morning. Your child’s family photos (to be saved onto their USB memory stick) are due back by next Monday. Your child’s school invoice (stating the cost of the CSIRO Science show, that we attended last term as well as the payment required for the upcoming Arts Council show) is due back as soon as possible to the brown money box in the school office.

Thank you to all the parents/carers/students who donated greenery and flowers for our class ANZAC Day wreath. This term’s Curriculum New sletter is to be distributed this week – please keep your eyes open for it and read it to keep informed about what we’re learning about at school. (3K’s student teacher) will be with us from 6th May until 31st May. We look forward to Miss Serow working with us!

Student of the Week: Jakub H.

3/4P - There has been much excitement surrounding the students getting settled into place in the school this week, so it is very important that we stay focused on our school work and homework too. Our library day has changed to Wednesday which we will miss this week due to the ANZAC ceremonies. Children are encouraged to borrow/return during their own time this week. Next week I will be away from class for personal reasons on Thursday and Friday. I will return to class the following Thursday (9th May) as ‘Ms Bibby’. The ‘Student of the Week’ award will go to Christopher for wonderful behaviour and effort all week. Christopher’s award will be presented on the special assembly at 2:30pm on Friday.

4P & 4L - We have started our new Maths groupings and the students seem to be managing the changes very well. This is a very exciting year with the cross country, ANZAC day service on Wednesday and ANZAC day on Thursday. We were very impressed by the enthusiasm and team spirit demonstrated by the Year 4’s at the Cross Country. Congratulations for your fast running and efforts Year 4.

Students of the Week - 4P Duncan M 4L Flynn G.

4S1 - This week in English we will be completing our Poetry Assessment in Year 4 and choosing a poem to analyse and write a response for our Poetry Assessment in Year 5. In History, we will complete our final assessment and in Art we will begin our Still Life Portrait unit of work. For Maths this week we will be looking at data and 5 digit numbers and Place Value in Year 4 and data and adding and subtracting 5 digit numbers in Year 5. All the Year 5’s were competing in their first Gala Day this Friday. Have a great week.

Student of the Week: Katrina T.

5T – A reminder that 5T Parent Teacher interviews start next week from Monday 29 April – Friday 3 May. If parents want
to make an interview time they can ask their child to bring home another note. 6/7P – This week 6/7P are starting our new SOSE Unit. This unit gives us the opportunity to study the contributions of some significant Australians. These people contributed to social and citizenship changes during the 19th and 20th centuries. Did you know? The town of Parkes in NSW is named after Sir Henry Parkes. He is known as the ‘Father of Federation’ because he worked so tirelessly toward federation, which ultimately came about in 1901. This man is only one example of those who helped build the Australia we enjoy today. Congratulations to everyone who entered the cross country on Tuesday. Please remember that Friday is gala day. Have a great week everyone!

7S - Grade 7’s exemplified wonderful leadership skills this week helping to organise and run Cross Country and ANZAC Day events. It always makes us proud when they step up and show their leadership skills. I will have more information about the arrival of the Grade 7 shirts asap, unfortunately they have not arrived just yet. Reminder to make your parent teacher interview time.

BOOK CLUB 2013 ISSUE #3
A reminder that Issue #3 of Bookclub closes on FRIDAY, 26 MARCH 2013.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ORDERS AFTER THIS DATE CANNOT BE ACCEPTED
To order please complete the student order form on the back of the book club brochure. Orders and correct money are to be placed into the “Book club” box located in the library. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.

Credit Card Payment Method
To pay by credit card you must pay by phone or online, then record the receipt number on the “CREDIT CARD RECEIPT DETAILS” coupon on the back of the book club brochure. Do not write your credit card number on this coupon.

There is a supply of the different book club forms at the library (Wombat/Lucky/Arrow/Star)

If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to leave a message for me at the office and I will contact you as soon as possible.

Tanya Kendall
(Bookclub Coordinator)

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

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 marketsatеп@live.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 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.

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.

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

Lessons and Concert Band rehearsals resume with Mrs Hall on Wednesday 1st May.

For all choir queries please contact Bernadette Crook
bcrook49@eq.edu.au (Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays - at our school)
For all band queries please contact Penny Hall
phill35@eq.edu.au (Wednesdays at our school)
For all string queries please contact Kathryn Payne
kpayn49@eq.edu.au (Thursdays at our school)

FRIDAY INTERSCHOOL SPORT GALA DAYS
26 APRIL, 10 May, 24 May
Invoices were distributed to all students participating in GALA day sport. There is a $5 levy for ALL students participating and this must be paid by the morning of Friday, 26 April.

Students participating in netball and girls soccer also have a fee of $33 for bus transport for the 3 GALA days this term. All other sports will be walking or taking private transport.

AUSKICK
NAB AFL Auskick is running Everton Park State School now.
Where: Everton Park State School oval
When: First session is on Wednesday 1st May.
Time: 7:25 – 8.25am
Length of program: 8 w eeks
Cost: $60

When you participate in Auskick you also receive your very own football, backpack with a hat, drink bottle, pump plus heaps more! For more information visit aflauskick.com.au or call 3033 35432.

CLASSROOM MUSIC NEWS
It’s wonderful to be back at Everton Park after my leave. Now I’m really looking forward to working with our two singing groups again - the Vocal/Intrumental Music Group on Tuesdays, and the Junior Choir on Fridays. Thanks very much to Ms Kendes and Ms Lovelock who worked with the Tuesday morning group while I was away - great work ladies! We may have a short performance coming up for our Tuesday morning group - we’ll keep you posted!

Bernadette Crook
Classroom Music Teacher

Mother’s Day Stall
Thursday 9th May
Gifs from $3 - $6

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to shop and select a special gift for mum.

We need volunteers to help set up on Wednesday after school and to serve the students on Thursday.

If you can help on any of these days please text or email Pam
M:0403321170
E:pamelegg@optusnet.com.au

It someone who can take the place of everyone else, but no one in the world can take her place.

- Author unknown
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 ten 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.

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.

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

TUCKSHOP
Tuckshop is open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.15am to 11.40am.

APRIL ROSTER
Kim Grogan, Melissa Hubert, Jeanette Jenkinson

MAY ROSTER
Amanda Sewell
June Lever
Patrina Drane, Caroline Chorley, Susan Seeto

Lemonade icy twists not available until Term 4. Try a yummy VANILLA Paddle Pop instead - $1.70.

Winter Menu items available this term.
Warm up with some garlic bread, chicken and vegetable or thai pumpkin soup and warm milo.

Please remember – use separate bags for first and second break orders and there is no hot food, slush puppies or ice blocks available second break.

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.

FOUND
A young child’s bicycle has been found outside the school grounds. If your child is missing theirs please enquire at the office.
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:

- 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

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