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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Friday’s Assembly
Many thanks to the parents who attended our special assembly last week when Hon Peter Garrett and Hon Mr Wayne Swan visited our school. We know we have a great school with outstanding achievements, but it is reaffirming to hear this from the Federal Minister of School Education and the Deputy Prime Minister. Mr Garrett also commented on the strong school community and congratulated our P&C for their contributions to the school.

NAPLAN Parent Information Session
Tonight, at 7:00 in the Library we will have a parent information session on NAPLAN. We may not hold this session every year and we encourage parents of all classes to attend. 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, Teachers, Government, High Schools, Parents)
- Share ways of preparing students for NAPLAN (academically and emotionally)

To assist us with catering please email: pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au or call the office if you are going to attend. Entry is free for the first 20 parents.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY
2nd Prep Hearing screening test
9th Mother’s Day Stall
10th Friday Interschool Sport Gala Day
10th Uniform & Tuckshop Meeting in Library 2pm
14-16th NAPLAN testing
20th P&C meeting 7:30pm
24th Friday Interschool Sport Gala Day
29th Artslink Show “Marcus & the Music Makers”

JUNE
3 & 4th Senior Athletics Carnival
7th Uniform & Tuckshop meeting 2pm in Library
12-14th Northside Honours Music Camp (Strings)
17th P&C meeting 7:30pm
21st Last day of Term 2
Golden Boot Winners
We are one of twenty schools across Brisbane participating in the Active Travel Program. Each month there is a ‘Golden Boot’ award given to the school with the highest participation rate and our school won! Our school has seen an increase on our Fun, Fit Fridays from 11% to 52% of students actively travelling to or from school on a Friday. We know we can still improve on this and soon we will announce our Park and Stride locations. Thanks to all of the parents who completed the Active Travel Surveys and provided input into how we can reduce the traffic around our school.

Instrumental Music Grant
Last year the P&C submitted an application to support our instrumental music program and we have recently been notified that we were successful in obtaining the grant. This means we will see around $28,000 spent on purchasing and repairing our current instruments. Again, the clever work of our P&C has resulted in a great gain for our school for now and for years to come. Have you found your way to contribute to the school?

Regards
Brad Clark
Principal

LOTE NEWS
LOTE Teacher
Alex Chen

IMPORTANT NOTE
Monday May 6, 2013 is NOT a public holiday. It is a regular school day. The next public holiday is Monday June 10, which is the Queen’s Birthday public holiday.

PCYC NEWS
Wow, 3 weeks into term already. How time flies when you are having fun! We have a couple of new faces around the service who you may have already met. Trish is working most mornings and has been a big part of the Everton Park community, even sending her own children to this school some years ago now! Trish has completed her certificate 3 in children’s services.

Aimee, William and Caitlin are also new to the service and are all studying teaching at Uni. The centre is licensed for up to 75 children a session, so if you are thinking about before or after school care for even just a casual day here or there, please contact us as we can help you and meet your family’s needs. Alternatively, you can contact Rachel at the service via phone or email. Ph 3355 5050 or evertonparksc@pcyc.org.au

Regards
Rachel and the Team at Everton Park PCYC

CLASS NEWS
PREP C – The students have enjoyed participating in some Dinosaur measuring activities this week. We have been using a variety of objects to measure as dinosaur as well as brainstorming things that are bigger and smaller than a dinosaur.

The children’s letter and sound knowledge is developing well which is assisting them in their writing skills. They can identify the most obvious sounds in a words and write down the letter/letters that represent these sounds.

Our Science work on materials continues with the children identifying various materials used to make/build things in our environment. Student of the Week: Jessica M.

PREP R - In Science we have been studying materials and this week we focused on the properties of our playground equipment. We learnt a new word - waterpails - we have been practicing patterns, comparing in measurement and learning our 2 digit numbers. We have been practicing recounts in English. This means being able to identify - Who, What, When, Where and Why, as well as retell the story. Student of the Week - Amy J.

PREP 1R - This week we are learning to recount familiar events (prep) and describe events throughout a story (year 1). We listened to the story called ‘The Very Blue Thingamajig’ and drew what we imagined him to look like. Year 1 students wrote in paragraphs and preps used labels. During Math lessons, we learned about fair shares and learnt to correctly use the language ‘whole’, ‘half’ and ‘quarter’. We had fun using the interactive whiteboard, sharing bones equally between dogs. Student of the week is Wilhelmina for showing a ‘half’ and a ‘quarter’ of a pizza.

1B, 1C & 1S – In English, we are still exploring different texts and describing each character in sentences. Ask your child about the characters we have been exploring. In Maths we are continuing with patterning and starting to explore positional language. Students of the Week: 1B – Renee M; 1C – Cody S and 1S – Piper. Congratulations to all these students.

2E & 2W – Year 2 are busy working on ‘busting the stereotype’. We are making sure that we are using not only simple sentences but compound ones as well. We are in the middle of Parent Teacher interviews. For those parents who missed out please contact your teacher.

Students of the Week: Keegan W in 2E and Sam B in 2W.

3K – Thank you to those parents/carers who have assisted their child to obtain photos (of family members) for our class media project. We will begin our projects tomorrow. Congratulations to all of the students who completed in this year’s Cross Country. A special congratulations to Grace and Mariska for finishing in the top 3 places! A reminder that the Mother’s Day stall is running next Thursday. Gifts vary in price from $3 - $6. Student of the Week: Jacinta S.

3/4P - This week we have conquered assessment tasks in English, History and Art. Library has changed to Wednesdays. A reminder: I will be absent from May 2nd until May 8th. Please encourage children to read the homework carefully, as there are changes this week. Homework will span a two-week period while I am away. Please ensure that children are completing their Mathletics homework and be sure to sign at the bottom of each day so I know that tasks have been completed. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding term invoices. Student of the Week goes to Mario for ongoing hard work. Mario will receive his award on assembly this Friday.

4P & 4L – We have had had a great start to the term. We are enjoying learning about traditional stories and practicing our comprehension. Our grass heads are growing very well and many of them look like they might need a haircut. Congratulations to Kiana, Taylor S, Duncan, Will K, Molly, Grace, Billie and Cael for their result in the cross country.

Students of the Week: 4P – Atticus K and 4L – Alyssa K.

4/5I - This week we will begin our Still Life Portrait unit of work. For Maths this week we will be looking at 5 digit numbers, Place Value and Addition and Subtraction in Year 4 and Adding and Subtracting 5 digit numbers. Multiplying by multiples of 10 and 100 as well as Dividing larger numbers in Year 5. We will also continue Naplan practice in Reading, Language Conventions, Writing and Maths, have a great week.

Student of the Week: Cassie M.

5T – This term we will explore the reality of Australia’s multicultural society. Students will prepare a 2 to 3 minute oral that will explain the cultures that have influenced their own customs, beliefs and practices. We will investigate a number of very different ethnic groups and their belief systems and examine how migrants have contributed to the development and strength of the modern, Australian culture. Finally, students will reflect on how their own beliefs have a dramatic influence on how they live their lives. Student of the Week: Suliman K and Ashley N.

5/6A - What a fabulous term this is shaping up to be. So far we have all put on our lab coats to become scientists as we set out on our 35th Voice to discover what matter is and its states. We have also put on our reporters hats to delve into the world of reporting in order to develop our skills as readers and writers of feature articles and that is hardly touching the surface of our learning experiences so far. Congratulations to students for an
amazing effort to compete in the Cross Country and Gala day last week, demonstrating wonderful school spirit. Student of the week: Finley - working hard to be an active learner in all areas learning.

6/7F – It’s nice to get back to a ‘normal’ week without the interruptions of last week. We are starting work on our biographies this week. The study of influential Australians has been really interesting. Did you know? Peter Lalor was one of the leaders of the Eureka Stockade. This event is controversially identified with the ‘birth of democracy’ in Australia. He is famous for being the only outlaw to make it to parliament. This week we will meet our student teachers who will start with 6/7P on Monday. We have lots to look forward to this term. Keep up the good work, everyone!

Student of the Week: Adrian H 7F – It’s important that your students are bringing a healthy lunch to school. This is vitally important for students brain energy throughout the day. Unfortunately many students in 7S are just coming to school with one or two small items in their lunchbox to sustain them for the whole day. NAPLAN is in a week and a half so please ensure healthy breakfast and lunches particularly on these days.

GRADE 7
Parents, Guardians and Family of Grade 7! We need you!! Each year the parents and lunches particularly on these days.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN 2013
Everton Park State School will once again be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. It is designed to assist schools in obtaining valuable teaching resources – simply by doing your grocery shopping at a Woolworths supermarket and collecting the Earn & Learn stickers. There is 1 sticker for every $10.00 spent. Please ask the cashier for a sticker card and place your stickers on the card and when the card is full it can be brought to school and placed in the sticker collection box in the office.

At the end of the promotion we will be able to select from over 7,000 valuable school resources including Maths and Science equipment, arts and crafts material, sports gear and lots more. For further information go to woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

HEARING TEST FOR PREPPIES
A reminder to all Prep parents/carers if you have not already done so to return the permission note to the office if you would like your child to be tested by local Hearing Health care provider, ACTIV-EARS, a private audiology practice tomorrow, 2 May.

FRIDAY INTERSCHOOL SPORT GALA DAYS
26 APRIL, 10 May, 24 May
Invitations 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 1 May Time: 7:25 – 8:25am Length of program: 8 weeks 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.

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: 4 June concert at Everton Park State High School evening concert. Stay tuned for more details.

Remember to keep encouraging your child to keep practicing on the days that they play.

Practice=Progress=Fun!

ICAS SCIENCE ENTRIES
Due date extended by a week – due now 9 May 2013.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS
What an action packed week of sport we have just had! Firstly, we had our school cross-country. This was a hotly contested event with students giving some fantastic efforts. Top six students from the 10-13yrs age groups will be receiving ND cross-country notes this week. The North District cross-country will be held next Tuesday, 7 May. There will be a team training session this Friday morning (3 May) all representatives to attend.

We had our first district Gala Day event last Friday. There were many great reports about how well our students represented our school. We had some other positive reports on performances from the day also. Thank you to the parents who have been very supportive of these events.

Finally, we are entering our Senior Track and Field season. PE lessons for Yr4-7s will be covering all the elements in preparation for this big event. Our athletics carnival is scheduled to be held on 3 and 4 June. Good Luck to our cross-country team next Tuesday!

Yours in sport
Trent Thomas

FRIDAY INTERSCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

GIRLS SOCCER
Year 7
EP defeated Prince of Peace 6-4
EP lost to McDowall 1-1

Year 6
EP defeated Prince of Peace 2-1
EP drew with McDowall 1-1

EP defeated Craigslea 4-0

BOYS FOOTBALL
Year 7
EP defeated Prince of Peace 8-0
EP defeated Stafford Heights 4-0

Year 6
EP defeated Prince of Peace 13-0
EP defeated Stafford Heights 9-0

Year 5
EP lost to Northside 1-7
Northside 7

EP lost to McDowall 1-4

EP drew with Albany Hills (B) 2-2
EP defeated Eaton’s Hill (B) 3-2

EP lost to Albany Hills (B) 1-8
EP lost to Northside 1-4

JUNIOR BOYS SOCCER
Congratulations to both junior boys soccer teams! They played enthusiastically and with great sportsmanship at our gala day on Friday. Our teams had mixed success with a draw and some losses on the day. However, we all had a terrific day. Many thanks go to the soccer mums who helped to transport us and help supervise throughout the day. You are greatly appreciated. We are all looking forward to our next gala day!

FOUND
If you are missing a soccer ball, one was found on the grounds at the beginning of the day. Please enquire at the office.

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 receiving is being done.
CHEERLEADING

It’s great to see everyone at practice! Please remember to bring your drink bottle (especially Cheer Squad)!

A reminder that the Cheer Squad’s practice on Monday afternoon will finish at 4.30pm.
Thanks, Miss R :o)

UNTUCKSHOP

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

MAY ROSTER

WED 1
Amanda Sewell

THURS 2
June Lever

FRI 3
Caroline Chorley, Susan Seeto, Greg Scott

WED 8

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THURS 9
Carol Gavegan

FRI 10
Penny Liddell, Carol Gilmour, Sam Muir

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

Last term, 5T sampled and reviewed the Homemade Apricot Slice now sold at the Tuckshop. Here is what Jack F thought of it...The apricot slice is a new item at the tuckshop. Have you tried it? Bite into the golden surface and enjoy big chunks of delicious apricot. It’s a better alternative to sugary foods because it doesn’t contain highly processed ingredients. People with food allergies can safely eat the slice. Go on try it, you know you want to!

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

UNIFORM SHOP

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

"THEY’RE CALLING ON YOU"
Recycle your mobile phone and help save Chimpanzees and Gorillas

Have you recently upgraded or bought a new phone? In Australia a gobsmacking 9 million phones were sold in the last 12 months and on average we upgrade our mobile phones every 18-24 months. This results in millions being dumped into landfill. Our reliance on mobile phones is driving Chimpanzees and Gorillas to extinction. Your phone contains coltan and the mining of this mineral is devastating the natural habitat of these animals. Every time you recycle a phone, the coltan is reused in a new phone and the need to mine is less.

You can donate your old mobile phones, their batteries, chargers, PDA’s, Blackberries, iPads and tablets, iPods and MP3 players in any condition and they will be recycled or refurbished. This simple act of altruism will help to fund the Jane Goodall Institute’s Park Ranger conservation program, reduce landfill and will also leave you feeling warm and fuzzy.

Please ask your Mum, Dad and their work mates, Aunty’s, Uncles, Neighbours, and friends to help this cause. A collection box will be made available at the school office. Any questions about mobile phone recycling or the Jane Goodall Institute please contact Kristen at kristen_bland@yahoo.com.au.
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

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