FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Showcase- Excellence in Schooling
Happy State Education Week. We kicked off the week on Monday night at the regional Showcase Awards which acknowledges excellence in schooling. I am very pleased to announce that our entry in ‘The Network Ten Showcase Award for Excellence in the Early and Primary Years’ won! Our submission centred on our transition into Prep and about our engagement of our school community. The award recognises the high standard of teaching and learning that is a part of our school as evidenced by our outstanding student results and achievements. While we don’t need awards like this to tell us we have a great school, it is certainly reaffirming to be identified as having excellence in schooling.

We now have now been invited to submit an entry in the State Showcase awards. This is another outstanding achievement for our school and our community. Please join me in thanking Linda Craven and our early phase staff for providing this honour to our school.

National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2013
Next week our Year 3, 5 & 7 classes will be involved in the NAPLAN assessment tasks. Please make sure you keep to your normal family routines and not place too much emphasis on this with your children. It is just another day at school where they will complete a ‘point in time’ test. Please make sure your students arrive at school on time, as any late students will not be permitted to enter the classroom, once assessments have begun.

As we know, to set students up to be successful each day they need a good night’s sleep and a healthy breakfast.

Everton Park State High School
I am sure that you would have seen that Everton Park State High School has been identified for ‘Community Consultation’ regarding proposed closure as part of the Department’s School Viability Assessment process. This does not mean that the school will automatically close at the end of this year. However, it does mean that the school has been identified under the criteria within the DETE School Viability Assessment procedure for community consultation to occur.
This process allows for an open conversation about the future educational needs and opportunities for students in our community. We will also be able to contribute information about the range of factors that are relevant to our community and have this considered in any final determination about the future of the school.

To support this process, the Department has appointed an independent consultant to lead and manage the community consultation process. The process is also open for the community to make a submission and a dedicated email account has been established at evertonparks@det.qld.gov.au for this purpose.

When the consultation process has been completed, the Department will consider the information available. The Minister will make the final determination by the end of Term 3 this year. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the principal of Everton Park State High School or me.

Regards

Brad Clark
Principal

CLASS NEWS

PREP C – In Maths we have been working very hard on our instant recall of 2 digit numbers and numbers that come before and after. We have also been working on collecting and analysing Yes/No data. In Science we have continued our work on Materials and properties. This week we examined a collection of hats to identify what materials they were made from. We have also been preparing some special surprises for our Mums. Don't forget our Mother's pamper night next Tuesday 14th May at 6pm in our classroom. Student of the Week: Lachlan G.

PREP R - This week we have been focusing on our Recounts. We have been practicing to include interesting details as we remember the 3 parts of a story - the beginning, the middle and the end. In Science, we examined a collection of Miss R's hats to identify what materials they were made from. We have also been preparing some special surprises for our Mums. Don't forget our Mother's pamper night next Tuesday 14th May at 6pm in our classroom. Student of the Week: Lachlan G.

PREP 1R - There are so many students to mention this week for being active learners! This week Prep/1R viewed the story of 'The Rainbow Fish'. Prep students built on their writing skills, retelling the story with a partner. A special mention goes out to Liam M and Ruby N for using their knowledge of sightwords, letters and sounds to write sentences. Year One students have been learning about fair shares and doubles. Caitlin C and Harvey S were exceptional leaders during these lessons as they were able to share with their peers, their thinking strategies for solving 'fair share' problems. Congratulations go to Liam B for excelling in spelling. Student of the week is Jak in prep for taking on the 'sightword challenge'. Great stuff!

1B, 1C & 1S – We have started the next science unit and are exploring materials and what they are made of. We are looking at the properties of a variety of materials and their suitability for different uses. We have also started our Drama unit and are working in small groups to plan our role plays for several different scenarios where we can demonstrate the use of “Do the High Five”. We have enjoyed working with grids and following directions to locate and also position a number of objects during our Math lessons.

Congratulations to these people who are our students of the Week. 1B Veronica G, 1C Isabelle B and 1S Rhys M.

2E & 2W – Thank you to all the parents who met with us last week for parent teacher interviews. It is always great opportunity to discuss what your child can do and what we are working on. This week students are writing character descriptions of Mr Wolf from a non-stereotypical view. They are learning to transform simple sentences into compound sentences, as well as use noun groups and feeling words in their writing. In Maths we are looking at mapping, where students will draw a map of the classroom and use mapping language to explain where the objects are located in the room. We are also working with counting patterns, learning how to add the rule and apply the rule to work out the next number in the sequence. Students of the Week: Annabel in 2W and Amanda in 2E.

2/3M – Exciting news ! ‘Wonderful Wednesday Make A New Friend Day’ is back on this week. Just a reminder to any 2/3M students who may not have brought their USB sticks back for the Arts, please do so before Friday. Students of the Week: Dominick A, Mia W, Ahona and Jackson R.

3K – The Mother’s Day stall is running tomorrow (Thursday). Gifts vary in price from $3 - $6. Last week, 3K finally got to experience blogging for the first time! Go to http://education.qld.gov.au/learningplace/to access the 3K blogging forum. Next week, we will be sitting the NAPLAN tests. The only preparation remaining for the tests, is to get lots of sleep and a big healthy breakfast every day next week! Miss. Serow (our QUT Pre-Service Teacher) began on Monday. We welcome Miss. Serow to our classroom and hope that she enjoys her experience!

Miss Serow and 3K investigating, ‘How do shadows change throughout the day?’ Student of the Week: Grace B.

4/5I - This week we will finish our Still Life Portraits, we have some very talented artists in 4/5i. For Maths this week we will be looking at Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division in Year 4 and Multiplying by multiples of 10 and 100, Dividing larger numbers and Decimal Fractions in Year 5. We will also look at Persuasive Techniques and Language for both Year Levels. Have a great week.

Student of the Week: Noah T.

5T – Next week heralds the Naplan tests. To allow some ‘down time’ from the apprehension of this process, the homework program will be suspended for the week. However students should continue to read nightly.

Tuesday = Language Conventions and Writing, Wednesday = Reading, Thursday = Numeracy

Things that I have told the children to reduce worry include:

- Have a hearty, nutritious breakfast before coming to school
- Get lots of sleep
- Laugh – it sends ‘anti-stress’ hormones around the body

Remember that this is a ‘point in time’ test - it is NOT how well they know the year five curriculum. Student of the Week: Fletcher M, Jasmine L.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Congratulations to all our Cross-Country competitors who have been working hard at our morning training sessions over the past several weeks. After a couple of years drought the Overall Percentage Trophy has finally come back to its rightful home!!! Go Team!!!

Our next Gala day is this Friday. Please don’t forget to bring all your equipment, lunch, hats and SUNSCREEN!!!

Our Athletics training sessions will start next Tuesday the 14th of May starting at 8am. These sessions will cover the different disciplines of Track and Field and will be for children from Years 4-7.

A reminder to all the Cross-Country competitors to please wash and return your singlets to me by Friday.

Yours in sport

Trent Thomas

MOTHERS DAY STALL

Thursday 9 May

A reminder for your children that our Mother’s Day Stall will be
held tomorrow in the hall and that they may purchase gifts from between $3 and $6.

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

LIBRARY NEWS

The Premier's Reading Challenge starts this week. The goal for prep to year 4 students is to read 20 books by September. For years 5, 6 and 7 the goal is 15 books. We are encouraging the whole school to participate this year with parents, teachers and other community members reading as well to support our students. It's just a matter of keeping a record of the books you read over the next 4 months, with parents or teachers signing off that the book has been read. Some great news for the preps and year 1's. Students in these classes can now borrow 2 books. Chiarde has gone out. Please help your child to find these books and return them. Any concerns please call me or drop in to the library.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk Safely to School Day (WSTSD) is an annual, national event when all primary school children will be encouraged to walk and commute safely to school. It is a community event seeking to promote Road Safety, Health, Public Transport and the Environment. It will be held throughout Australia on Friday, 24 May 2013.

The objectives of WSTSD are:
- To encourage parents and carers to walk to school with primary school age children and reinforce safe pedestrian behaviour.
- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To help children develop the vital road crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To promote the use of public transport.
- To reduce the level of air pollution created by motor vehicles.
- To reduce the level of traffic congestion.

FRIDAY INTERSCHOOL SPORT GALA DAYS

10 May, 24 May

This Friday, 10 May, is the second Sports Gala Day. If your child is participating and has not yet paid their fees they are please to bring their money in a named envelope to the office. If your child walks to their venue (Teralba Park) there is only a one-off levy of $5 to use the field.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Honours Music Camp: Congratulations to the following students who were successful in auditioning for Honours Music Camp. Malika S, Joshua B, Madeleine F, Hannah P and Angelique Z. They will attend camp during the week of June 11. Have a great time!

Music Folders: instrumental Music students (except beginner students) are required to purchase a new band folder. 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.

Music Concert: Our school music concert for semester 1 will be on Thursday June 20 in the hall starting at 6:30pm. More information to come.

Everton Park SHS Music Concert: This will be held on the 4th of June. More information to come.

Please note that lessons and ensembles will still be on during NAPLAN testing.

Kathryn Payne (Strings) kpayn40@eq.edu.au
Penny Hall (Instrumental) phall35@eq.edu.au

ICAS SCIENCE ENTRIES

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

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 so many Pups attending practice! Well done! A reminder to bring a water bottle to every practice!
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 Convener

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

Mother's Day Stall
Thursday 9th May
Gifts 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:pamelagv@optusnet.com.au

Tights
Microfibre $9.95
Cotton $12.95

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

FOR SALE
Black Acoustic Electric Bass Guitar
Condition: Practically brand new - rarely been played.
Price: $300 ONO
Contact: Miss. K by email akend5@eq.edu.au

FUNDRAISER
Ex EP students, Thomas Turner and Soraya Bake,r are on track to get to Borneo at the end of the year. Their next fundraiser is a Volleyball Day on Saturday 11th May from 10am till 2pm, being held at Brisbane Beach Sports, 129 Shaw Road, Wooloowin. There will be games to suit all ages and skill levels, a BBQ, shade and free parking. Only $10 for adults and $5 for students (bring your ID). Please come help the 2013 World Challenge Team.

ASHGROVE STATE SCHOOL – “STORYBOOK” FETE
Come along to Ashgrove State School’s annual Mothers’ Day Fete and pick up a treat for mum or grandma. There are stalls with cakes, jams, arts & crafts, flowers, sweets, pre-loved treasures and lots more. Rides start at 9am and All Day Passes can be bought before the day for $30 ($40 on Fete Day) from the school’s Uniform Shop (at the bottom of the main stairwell) on Tue, Wed and Fri mornings until 9:30am. The Auctions start at 3pm and there’s entertainment throughout the day.
When: Saturday 11 May, 9am-5pm
Where: Ashgrove State School, 31 Glory Street, Ashgrove

HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD’S READING – A FREE WORKSHOP
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.
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