Dear Parents and Caregivers

Active Travel
Attached to the newsletter this week is an Active Travel Map. You will see several Park and Stride locations. This is a place where we would encourage you to park and walk the remaining distance to school. Please also add Teralba Park as an additional Park and Stride location. Remember it’s Walk Safely to School Day this Friday! Enjoy the trip and see you when you get here. We’re asking our parents and students to get up early on Walk Safely to School Day and join thousands of other Australians walking all or part of the way to school. For those who live too far to walk, why not try parking the car a few blocks away and walking the rest of the way with your child? Imagine the difference it can make to the parking and traffic around the school. Walk Safely to School Day promotes the important message that Active Kids are Healthy Kids. Regular walking makes you feel better, is good for the environment and reduces traffic congestion around the school. Our Gold Star award for this week will go to the class who has the largest percentage of students who walk to school or park and stride.

Year Level Moderation Meetings
Over the next few weeks, all our class teachers will be conducting moderation meetings before and after school, in preparation for report cards. At moderation meetings teachers will compare, analyse and discuss how students have demonstrated their knowledge and skills in the year level assessment tasks. It is also an opportunity for teachers to develop and refine curriculum plans to continue to academically challenge students at their individual achievement level. These meetings ensure consistency of teacher judgement and add an additional level of transparency and reliability to the assessment and reporting process. This translates to mean that we do not have teachers who are ‘easy’ or ‘hard’ markers and that we have a consistent standard across each year level and across the school. Mr O’Connor and I also attend these meetings, as it is a great way for us to see how the students across all year levels are progressing.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
All students are invited to take part in the 2013 Premier’s Reading Challenge. Research shows that reading not only develops important listening and language skills, but also fuels the imagination and contributes to a child’s curiosity...
and learning. Start the perpetual cycle of reading by giving the challenge a go. Please encourage your child to take the challenge. The best way to do this is to model reading for enjoyment and take the challenge yourself. We want every parent, staff member and student to give this a go. For more information including guidelines, registration details visit the Premier’s Reading Challenge website at www.education.qld.gov.au/schools/readnchallenge/

As our younger students begin to take home readers I thought it might be useful to outline some tips for home reading success.

- You can never give your child too many experiences with books. You are their first and most significant teacher and you can make the biggest difference before they start school.
- All reading experiences must be fun, enjoyable and successful.
- Re-read favourite books over and over again. It helps develop fluency, confidence, comprehension, vocabulary and intonation.
- Remember, reading is more than saying the words on the page. It is understanding, sharing, communicating and making meaning. We need to understand the text, not to say the words.
- Encourage your child to re-tell the story in order when they have finished reading. Provide prompts and encourage students to use their own words. Experienced readers will be able to tell you why characters did something.
- For every minute your child spends reading, spend the same amount of time talking about the text.

Reconciliation Week 27 May - 3 June

This is National Reconciliation Week. Please visit the website to find out more about the week and how you can get involved.

Regards

Brad Clark
Principal

P&C NEWS

Thanks to everyone who came to the P&C Meeting last night – the discussion regarding the potential closure of EPSHS was really constructive and we have some good feedback to take to the consultative committee from here. If you were unable to attend and would like to contribute to the discussion, please send me an email.

We also found out what was in the Gold Box! I was pleased to pass a big thank you onto the entire staff of the school for the wonderful coffee machine they gave us for P&C Day. Again, thank you to all those parents who helped out in so many different ways around the school which makes EPSHS the great school it is. We will put the coffee machine to good use where the school community can make the most of it!

Working Bee

We’ve had a great response to the working bee, and have booked it in for the 19th of June. Please mark it in your diary, and come along and help out for 30 mins or a few hours – all help is welcome. We’d especially like to hear from you if you have a background in landscaping or gardening to advise us what materials we’ll need – please send me an email at pandc@everyparks.eq.edu.au.

Earn and Learn Stickers

Please don’t forget to bring in your Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers – this is one of the easiest ways we have to raise money for the school. Don’t worry if you haven’t stuck them onto the sheets, please just drop the stickers off in either the box at the front office, or the boxes at the local Woolworths stores. Thanks for your support!

Amy List
EPSS P&C President
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CLASS NEWS

2/3M - Just a reminder the year two students will need their materials for their Science toy before next Tuesday if they haven’t already brought them to school. All students will need to ensure that they have the materials needed for Mrs Cameron’s technology lesson on this Thursday. Student of the Week: Bewynn Mc.

3K – Congratulations to all 3K students for doing their best work in the NAPLAN tests. As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, all students are required to bring in some recyclable materials for Mrs Cameron’s Technology lesson tomorrow. Please ensure that all recyclable items have been washed, dried and placed in a plastic shopping bag. Mrs Tierman has begun to work with the UPP students and six of our lucky students have been selected to participate in the program. Parents/Careers will receive a letter in the coming weeks, to inform them about the program. On Monday, we had a very special visitor to our school. For one of our SOSE assessment tasks, we had to interview a ‘new Australian’ (Mrs Kendes – Miss K’s mum). Using the information/responses from the interview, we then wrote Mrs Kendes’ Biography. Don’t forget ‘Walk Safely to School Day’ this Friday!!! Student of the Week: Nathan M.

YEAR FIVE CAMP

The final cost of the year 5 camp has been finalised. The three day, two night camp is $190 inclusive. We are asking parents to indicate their child’s involvement by paying an initial amount of $50 before the end of Term Two. This will allow us to reserve the required cabins at the camp.

If there are any difficulties meeting the timeline for this first payment, we encourage families to discuss payment options with Mr Clark.

BOOK CLUB 2013 ISSUE #4

A reminder that Issue #4 of Bookclub closes on MONDAY, 27 MAY 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 only 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)

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN 2013
Many thanks to everyone that has been bringing in their points! Last year this provided our school with lots of great reading books, Maths equipment and learning resources. This year we are aiming for even more points and we still have a long way to go. The promotion will end in early June. So remember to drop your earn and learn points into the box located in the office or at our local Woolworths stores at Flockton Street, Brookside or Stafford. Remember to get your relatives, neighbours and friends to collect points for our school as well. For further information go to woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

LIBRARY NEWS
Reading reading reading! Wow our students are well on track for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Just to let you know what’s coming up in the future. Our annual Book Fair will be on again in July this year. A great way to start off the beginning of Term 3 and this will be closely followed by Book Week at the beginning of Term 3 and this will be held on Tuesday 4th of June at 630 pm. Information was sent home two weeks ago. Please send in your child’s permission slip in as soon as possible.

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MUSIC NEWS
Both the Vocal/Instrumental Group (Tuesday) and the Junior Choir (Friday) will recommence this week.

Thanks to Ms Kendes and Ms Lovelock for working with the Vocal/Instrumental Group while I was on leave.

Brush out the cobwebs from your instruments and warm up your voices. See you all at 8.00 am.

Bernadette Crook
Classroom Music Teacher

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
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.

Eveton Park SHS Music Concert for all Mrs Hall’s band students: This will be held on Tuesday 4th of June at 630 pm. Information was sent home two weeks ago. Please send in your child’s permission slip in as soon as possible.

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

MAY ROSTER
THURS 23
Sarah Dew, Karlene Amos
Kim Grogan, Melissa Hulbert, Jeanette Jenkinson

FRI 24
Margaret Ney
THURS 30
Hayley Swain
FRI 31
Sam Nicholson, ?, ?

Help needed: Due to other commitments, I am in desperate need of two volunteers for Friday 31 May. If anyone is able to help, please email me Katrina.c@ptusnet.com.au or contact me via the Tuckshop. Thanks a lot.

Winter is almost here so stay warm with the extra Winter Menu items. Garlic bread $1.00 chicken and vegetable or thai pumpkin soup with garlic bread $3.00 and warm milk $1.50 are now available for first break.

Senior Athletics Carnival Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th June - the Tuckshop will be open for over-the-counter first break treats both days. On the Monday a ‘Senior Athletes Performance Pack’ will also be available to pre-order. This is only available for Years 4 – 7. Please complete the order form in today’s newsletter and return to the Tuckshop by the due date. Extra order forms are also available from the Tuckshop.

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 Convener

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

FUN DAY MEETING
There will be a meeting regarding the Fun Day this Friday 24 May at 2:30pm on the terraces. All welcome.

Save the date!
COMMUNITY NEWS

EVERTON PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY
Tuesday, 28 May 3:00 – 6:00pm
Activities will include principal's address, class visits, tours of the school, chance to speak with teachers and support staff about the learning needs of students and enrolment information.

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

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED
The Bunyaville Environmental Education Centre provides environmental education programs for schools by engaging students in real-life experiences in natural settings. We currently have positions for volunteer coordinator and someone to assist in fundraising. If you would like to help please email dianne_lea@hotmail.com

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