Dear Parents and Caregivers

Get Connected- New App Launched
This week sees the launch of our new app to help you stay connected to EPSS. The ‘Qschools’ app is available for both iphone and android phones. The app will give you access to our news feeds, weekly newsletters and calendar of events. It is a free download, just search for Qschools from itunes or google app store. Lots of important information about your child’s education is sent out through our weekly newsletter and staying informed is very easy way to be involved in your child’s education. The app also has the school contact details and has the option of adding school events to your own personal calendar.

Parent Rep Meeting
Next week on Wednesday 5 June we will have our second parent rep meeting at 7:00pm. Again, it is important that each class is represented by a parent to provide balanced input. At this meeting we will be looking at our school opinion survey data and starting to explore our school priorities for the next four years. Please check with your class rep to provide input about what direction the school should take and what you think is important for our students. If you are a P&C rep and you are not able to attend, please invite another parent from the class to attend.
I am sure you have also seen that we are having a working bee in two weeks’ time. Please register your interest to participate in the working bee so we can make a plan for the day that makes the most of everyone’s contributions. Please email pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au and tell us you are attending. If you have not made your contribution to the school, you can tick that box with one day of fun work that will make a difference to our school and your children.

EPSS Achievement- Attendance
Last week we were recognised across the state for having seen a significant improvement in our student attendance. Only two years ago we were seeing a cohort of students miss more than five weeks of school each year. This adds up to over a year of school missed, just in primary school alone. I hope you are familiar with
the phrase ‘everyday counts’ and more importantly the intent of this message. We know that everyday your child is at school, is another step in the lifelong learning journey and everyday missed puts them a step behind. This Friday we will have a film and production crew at our school filming some of our unique initiatives to share across the state for the ‘Attendance Project’. As such I ask that all students are wearing their correct uniform on Friday. We are also after record numbers for our Walk and Talk, Active Travel and Morning Reading club as these two events will be the first three items filmed. They will also be filming in classrooms. If you do not want your child to be recorded, please make sure you notify your child’s class teacher.

Prep Enrolment Day
We are getting some enrolment enquires already for 2014. We will have our Prep Enrolment Evening on Monday 29 July at 6:30pm and our Prep Enrolment Day on Tuesday 30 July at 9:00am in the hall. We would like all parents enrolling a child in Prep in 2014 to attend as we will be explaining the enrolment process. The 2014 prep students must be born between 1 July 2008 and 30 June 2009. Please also let any families who do not have any students currently enrolled at our school know about these sessions. We are very proud of what we achieve at our school and we want to share this with our local community. We are not an enrolment managed school, which means that students who live outside our catchment area are also able to enrol. There are two Prep enrolment sessions and parents only need to attend one. Each session is approximately one hour long with time at the end to answer questions. The information sessions are for parents, but children are welcome to attend.

Everton Park State High School
As you would have seen across the news Everton Park State High School has been identified for community consultation regarding proposed closure as part of the Department’s School Viability Assessment process. It is not a foregone conclusion that the school will close. The process is also open for the community to make a submission and a dedicated email account has been established at evertonparksks@dete.qld.gov.au for the purpose. Can I encourage all parents to have some input into this process as this will have implications for our students and school. You can make a submission anonymously. If you require more information please contact me.

Regards
Brad Clark
Principal

LOTE NEWS
This week in Chinese lessons, the students had their oral presentation assessment in Chinese. Students introduce their family and themselves in Chinese. Most of the students took their Chinese notebooks home the last few weeks to prepare. I believe their efforts will show up in their results!

Good Work, Students at Everton Park SS!
Alex Chen
LOTE Teacher

CLASS NEWS
Prep C - Prep C have been writing and practising oral story retells. We are learning to make sure we remember something from the beginning, middle and end of the story.

In Maths we have been creating 2 part and 3 part patterns. We have also been sorting and comparing 2D shapes as well as learning the names of 3D shapes.

In Science we are continuing our work on materials and properties. We are designing a wind chime to reflect the information we have learnt about good choices for materials to use on an outside object.

Students of the Week: Eli R and Jacynth V.

Prep R - This week we have concentrated on “How to be a good speaker” in preparation for our class orals. We are learning to use a big speaking voice, to look at our audience, to stand mostly still and to tell an interesting story with lots of information. We have also completed an experiment in Science, where we investigated which materials are effected by the rain (water from our spray bottle) and the wind (from the hair dryer). We learnt that wood, plastic, metal and brick are good to have outside, as they are unaffected by the weather elements.

Student of the Week - Alec H.

Prep 1R - This week is action packed! We begin a new poetry unit of study for grade ones while prep students prepare for their first ever writing task - a written retell. During history lessons with Mrs Buchanan, year ones gave an oral presentation about an important event in their life. I heard so much positive feedback about how well our students spoke in front of their peers. Student of the week is Lorelei F for articulating how an important event that happened in the past relates to her life today. WOW!

2E - Thanks to all the parents who have paid for the Arts Council which we saw today. All children enjoyed the show. The office has advised that there are still some families who have not paid the $7.50 from last term’s CSIRO Science visit. Please pay this ASAP so that we can finalise the costs.

Year 2 children have been busy constructing both a boat and a push or pull toy. They will both be completed next week. Please ensure that your child has the necessary items to enable this to be completed (the children are aware of what they will require).

Assessment activities continue this week in our lead up to the end of the term. Student of the week - 2E is Alec and 2W is Matthew.

23M - A reminder that permission forms for the excursion to the Ngutana-Lui Centre need to be returned as soon as possible. You will be invoiced for this excursion in term 3. The cost is $15.00 per student.

A final check that all year 2 students have the materials they will require for their toy that they will be making this week in Science. Students of the Week: Amy V and Claire G.

3K – Last Friday was Walk Safely to School Day. It was wonderful to see/hear that so many students in 3K DID indeed walk safely to school that morning. This coming Friday afternoon, 3K will be having a film party to celebrate Miss Serow’s final day of her practicum. Please allow your child to bring a plate or bowl of food to share for our party. 3K students can bring these food items straight to the classroom on Friday morning (before parade). If your child has not completed their ‘special card’ for Miss Serow, please encourage them to do so before this Friday. I (Miss K) will be on Long Service Leave for the next two weeks (I’m off to South Korea for my brother’s wedding). Mr Wren will be teaching 3K in my absence. See you in Week 10!

Student of the Week: Nicole E.

Alex F, walking to school safely

Miss. Serow and 3K students, working with 3D construction straws and metre rulers.

3/4P - This week we have begun exploring literary recounts in English. The children did a great job on their latest art project - the texture pieces are now on display in the classroom. Please remember to check and sign your child’s homework each night. The Year 3 Term 3 excursion notes should have arrived home last week. The Year 4 Sports Day notes went home Monday. The Student of the Week award will go to Jack. Jack will receive his award at assembly on Friday.

4L & 4P - In year 4 we are enjoying preparing for the athletics carnival which is on Monday. In class we are finishing off our excellent traditional stories. In art we are producing interesting patterns to improve our still life art work. We are
making fascinating flyers that create health awareness in HPE and we have learnt a lot about the concept of bartering in SOSE. Students of the Week: 4P – Asha S and 4L – Jamison C.

5T – Learners in our class have been dabbling in an ‘stop gap’ animation for present a 10 – 20 second film which will support the students’ SOSE exploration. Using a hinged ‘doll’, the children will demonstrate an aspect of their chosen culture by dressing and moving the figure. By taking a series of photographs where small movements are made, the character will appear to be moving. A huge thank you goes to Mr Fenson for creating some iPad support tables that will ensure the images are photographed in the same position, resulting in a smother final product. Students of the Week: Jacinta Mc and Lachlan H.

67P - We are having a hectic week this week, finishing health posters and SOSE biographies and preparing to look at our new writing task – memoirs. This is the last week for our student teachers Mrs. Francis and Miss Brennan. They have brought great ideas to the classroom and will certainly be missed next week! Please refer to the note that went home this week about Athletics – the 800m will be run on Wednesday this week and the high jump on Thursday morning. Our main Athletics day is to be held this Monday (3rd June). Make sure you all have your house shirts ready for that day! Have a great week everyone! Student of the Week: Reynaldo R.

7S – I am extremely proud of my class’s achievement this week! Last Wednesday we discovered one of our favourite American authors was visiting Australia this week thanks to the State Library of Victoria, and presenting 1 day at State Library of QLD. My students created a PowerPoint to email SLQ explaining why they would benefit from a visit by graphic novelist Raina Telgemeier. Within 24 hours of sending this off we had been phoned by SLQ and emailed and tweeted by Raina! On Tuesday my class got to spend a wonderful hour with Raina and Tim Sinclair learning about the art of writing and becoming an author. In our final question to the students asked during their Q&A session is a demonstration of the reading and writing passion I see in my students daily! Congratulations 7S! It is amazing what you can achieve if you just have a go!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

The final Gaia sport rounds were held last week. Once again there were some very close matches. This sees inter school sport finished now until Term 4 when we return to the Friday afternoon school sport format. By now you should have received a note at home explaining the revised Athletics carnival. This new format is a trial which aims to minimise student time out of class and maximise their performance on the track. We hope to see some great performances from the students after the training they have been doing in PE classes and in the before school sessions on Tuesday mornings. Finally, good luck to Sophia, Callum and Connor who are representing the ND at the Met North Cross Country carnival on Tuesday.

Yours in Sport
Trent Thomas

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.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN 2013

Many thanks to everyone that have 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 and friends to collect points for our school as well. For further information go to woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

LIBRARY NEWS

Ebooks. Just a reminder about the Amazing range of ebooks you can borrow/download from the Brisbane City Council library website. Google eLibCat, go to ebooks and downloads. Check out Overdrive Downloads for hundreds of ebooks to choose from. You do need to have a library card. Also try InPera and Tumblebooks. Students can also access these two sites through our school intranet. Other sites to try are: We give books http://www.wegivebooks.org/ and Storyline Online http://www.storylineonline.net/ Our Year 6/7 Readers Cup team is counting down to next Thursday the 6th of June when they will compete against around 30 other teams from across Brisbane’s northside. If you see Malikia, Seth, Adrian, Thomas C, Angelique or Isaac around the school, ask them what they’re reading? Overdue notices are out this week. Please help your child locate their library books and please see me if you have any queries.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

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

TUCKSHOP

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

MAY ROSTER

THURS 30
Hayley Swain

FRI 31
Sam Nicholson, Kirsty Cleverly, Karla Chaffey

WED 5
Amanda Sewell

THURS 6
June Lever

FRI 7
Susan Seeto, Greg Scott and ?

Help needed: Again I am in desperate need of one volunteer for next Friday 7 June. If anyone is able to help, please email me Katrina.c@ptusnet.com.au or contact me via the Tuckshop. Thank you so much.

Winter

It’s here so stay warm with the extra Winter Menu items. Garlic bread $1.00 chicken and vegetable or thai pumpkin soup with garlic bread $5.00 and warm Milo $1.50 are now available for first break.

Senior Athletics Carnival Monday

3rd June - the Tuckshop will be open for over-the-counter first break treats. On the Monday a ‘Senior Athletes Performance Pack’ is also 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 Coombert
Tuckshop Convenor

UNIFORM SHOP

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Welcoming the Babies
Wayne Swan MP invites all local families with babies up to 18 months of age to take part in this ceremony at Kidspace, Seventh Brigade Park, Chermside on Sunday 16 June at 10:00am. This event is to help recognise the important contribution children and parents make to our local community.