Dear Parents and Carers

Working Bee
On Saturday the P&C held a working bee and the response was outstanding. We had over thirty parents turn up to get their hands dirty. The saying of many hands make light work was true as we got through our to-do list in no time at all. The front of the school got a makeover and the gardens and hedges were neatened up. At one stage we had 6 pressure hose cleaners going at once, cleaning the shed, terraces, the garden beds, pathways, steps and the front entrance to the school. We moved 10 cubic meters of mulch into the gardens and 10 cubic meters of trimmings out. We removed the old sinks near the terraces, shifting over a tonne of concrete. We cleaned out drains, returned lost property and assembled a retaining wall. We cooked over 100 sausages and generally had a good time with our school community.

There was a fabulous vibe around the school and it was an event that brought the school community together. I apologise to those parents who were not able to be a part of this, but don’t worry, there is already talk of another working bee to provide this opportunity to those who missed out. A special mention to City Hire who kindly donated some of their equipment for the day. City Hire is proud to be part of the Everton Park State School community and would like to extend a Discount Offer of 10% off equipment and took hire to all EPSS families. The discount is applicable to hire items only and does not apply to transport, labour and sales items.

I would also like to sincerely thank the parents of who came along and helped out. We ask that each parent find one way to support the school throughout the year, and this group of parents certainly went above and beyond. You are a great role model for your children to show such commitment and respect to our school community and your efforts were greeted by the smiles for 465 students on Monday.
Applying (AP)  The student applies a thorough understanding of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student demonstrates a high level of skill that can be transferred to new situations.

Making Connections (MC)  The student makes connections using the curriculum content and demonstrates a clear understanding of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student applies a high level of skill in situations familiar to them and is beginning to transfer skills to new situations.

Working With (WW)  The student can work with the curriculum content and demonstrates an understanding of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student can apply skills in situations familiar to them.

Exploring (EX)  The student is exploring the curriculum content and demonstrates an understanding of aspects of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student applies a varying level of skill in situations familiar to them.

Becoming Aware (BA)  The student is becoming aware of the curriculum content and demonstrates a basic understanding of aspects of required concepts, facts and procedures. The student is beginning to apply skills in situations familiar to them.

If a student is able to demonstrate the required knowledge or skills then they receive the appropriate achievement rating. We use a standards based assessment so it is technically possible for all students to achieve an ‘A’. We do not use bell curves. Please remember, a student who achieves a ‘C’ or ‘Sound’ here at Everton Park is working at the same level as a student in Melbourne or Darwin who is also achieving a ‘C’ or ‘Sound’.

Equally important with a students’ achievement level is the effort which the students complete their work and their behaviour. Students are rated on their efforts in each subject area. Our report cards are a great way for formally acknowledging the wonderful effort that our students demonstrate on a daily basis. I ask that parents spend time talking to their child about this achievement rating to celebrate hard work. We expect that all students can achieve at the highest level with the effort and behaviour ratings.

As always, I ask that parents not to give rewards, gifts or punishments when the report cards come home. We know that this method can be very counterproductive and also send the wrong message to our students. It also may mean that you will be paying your student to go to school for many more years to come. The report cards are written with parents as the intended audience and are sent home in a sealed envelope. Your child will be curious and will be looking for reassurance and affirmations which is done best by open conversations. Congratulations to all of the students on the outstanding progress that they have made during the first semester of 2013.

Nut Friendly  Just a reminder that when you are packing lunches you consider the health needs of our students. We are seeing an increasing number of students bringing nuts and eggs to school. We have several students across the school who will have an anaphylactic reaction if they come into contact with these foods. Students are also reminded that they are not to share food with other students. This also includes parents giving lollies or treats to classmates at the end of the school day. Last week we had a child become ill after being given lollies by another parent after school. We are also seeing students come to school with some unhealthy choices, such as lollies and chocolate. Not only do these foods, when consumed each day, put your child at risk with their health it also has a negative effect on their ability to concentrate and learn. Please save these treats for the weekend.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays  Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Regards

Brad Clark  Principal

P&C NEWS

Firstly, thank you so much to everyone who came to the working bee – I hope you all enjoyed yourselves as much as I did and the students certainly noticed the difference when they came to school on Monday morning.

At the P&C Meeting on Monday night, the P&C heard again from EPSHS about their plans for keeping their school open. If you would like to contribute to the school community response on this issue, please email pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au before the end of term.

We also finalised the decision on the issue of a Chaplain or Student Welfare Officer at the school. Thank you to all of those who contributed to the discussion. The P&C voted to create a position of Chaplain within the school. Further information on this will be distributed as the establishment process gets underway.

The Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion is finished, so please have a look through the kitchen drawers and drop off any remaining stickers before the end of term. These are a great way to support the school.

Lastly, don't forget about the Family Fun Day on the 20th of July and pre-purchase your ride passes. If you are able to help out in any way on the day, be it setting up before hand or turning a few sausages on the stall, please fill in the volunteer form or email us directly at pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au.

Have a great winter holiday, see you all in Term 3!

Amy List  P&C President  pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au

CLASS NEWS

Prep R – This week we have been working on 2 class stories. We wrote the story and have now illustrated it. Next we will use the iPad to take photos of each illustration and record our stories. The first story is called "The Jungle Clown" and the second story is called "The Friends and the Lost Princess". In Maths, we are still looking at measurement, in regards to mass and have started looking at measuring time. This is when we determine whether an
activity takes a long or a short time to complete. Student of the Week – Sanjay. Prep 1R - Water! Was! Web! Wizard! Who can guess our sound of the week?! This week in P/1R we are learning about the letter W! We also had a special talk about safety on the road when we walk or ride our bike. During maths lessons we will learn more about special graphs and the information we can gather from them. Wishing everybody a safe and happy holiday. See you in term 3.

2E & 2W - Happy holiday. We are very lucky and grateful to thank you to all the parents/grandparents who have helped us this semester with reading, writing, and math. We are so grateful to have you working with us each week! Student of the week: 2W - Drew and 2E – Mikey.

2/3M - A very big congratulations to all of the students in 2/3M for the terrific effort they have put into this term. All students have definitely ‘finished strong’. I would like wish all families a safe and happy holiday break. Students of the Week: Makaiah, Spencer and Matthew. 3K – A huge thank you for your child’s involvement by paying an initial amount of $50 before Friday.

YEAR 5 CAMP
The Year 5, term 3 camp is only 9 weeks away! The camp takes place at the YMCA - Camp North Pine, Old Petrie Town, Kurwongbah from Wednesday 21st August until Friday 23rd August. Please ensure you have registered your child’s involvement by paying an initial amount of $50 before Friday.

LOTTE NEWS
I would like to thank all the students and staff at Everton Park State School for their support over the past year. This is my last year as a LOTE teacher at Everton Park and I wish everyone all the best for the future.

Xie Xie and Zai Jian
Mr Alex Chen

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS
This Friday is Gold Card day. As part of the day we have Snap Gym from Everton Park coming out to offer aerobics classes to our senior primary kids. Thank you very much to Yas from Snap for supporting this initiative. Students of the Week: Elayna 5T – 6/7P – Some colourful and interesting art work has been sent home this week. I’m sure they will decorate your homes as nicely as they have decorated our classroom. Please read the curriculum newsletter that has gone home with this newsletter. It has important information in it about next term. 6/7R’s get to use their leadership skills by helping out with the junior gold class day. Our gold class activities will occur later in the day on Friday. This week has been spent completing our work for the term, finishing Science investigations and writing Memoirs. Have a great holiday everyone!

7S – It would be great if you could spend some time over the holidays starting to find photos for the Our 7 year book. Please put these on a USB or CD and start sending them in so that the process can start! Wishing everyone a safe and happy holidays and 7S will see you next term at the Family Fun Day Sevens Showbag Stall.

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT (SWPBS)
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Student of the Week: Matthew I.

Planning and Angles in Year 4 and Traditional Stories in Year 4. For Maths this time. I’m sure the students will enjoy the opportunity to showcase their talents and learn with another teacher, who will bring new perspectives and ideas that I will shamelessly adopt as my own on my return.

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that starts with ‘E’ or ‘P’ or by designing a unique and individual character and giving it an ‘E’ or ‘P’ name. The competition will be open til Monday Week 2 of Term 3. Please hand in your completed copy to the office.

**GOLD CARD DAY**

Gold Card Day is held at the end of each term as a reward for students. The lower classes (Prep – Year 3) will have their activities in the first session after Assembly. Popcorn will be served so if you do not want your child to have any please let your child’s teacher know. Years 4 and 5 will have their activities in the middle session (11:40 – 1:10pm).

**ARTS COUNCIL**

“Jollybops Factory”

Term 3, 11 July

This is a show looking at Aboriginal technologies in the science areas of flight, fire and sound. Families will be invoiced in Term 3 for a payment of $6.00 for the above arts Council performance which must be made by Tuesday 9 July for your child to participate. No late payments will be accepted.

**FOOTSTEPS DANCE PROGRAM**

Once again we will be having the Footsteps Dance program on Fridays, beginning the first Friday of Term 3, 12 July. It will run for 10 weeks at a total cost of $22.50 per student.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Have you got a favourite book you would like to swap? Our school will be holding The Great Book Swap on Friday the 12th July to help raise funds and address literacy in remote indigenous communities. Students, teachers, parents and other school community members bring along one of your favourite books so you can swap it for someone else’s. It should be a book that you have really enjoyed but can bear to part with. You can also make a gold donation and all the money raised is donated to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/ Don’t forget to keep reading for the Premiers Reading Challenge. 10 weeks to go!

**MUSIC NEWS**

The Winter Concert is on this Thursday 20 June, starting at 6.30pm. Performers need to arrive by 5.45, for setting up, tuning up and warming up! Please wear music uniform (or school uniform if you don’t have it yet). We are very much looking forward to listening to our special guests for the evening Mr Greg Herbert and his daughter Nicola (a past student of our school). Mr Herbert performed in the band ‘The Promise’. You can still hire your music shirt - pay at the office, and collect it from me in the Music Room on Thursday. The P&C will be selling drinks on the right. Keep practising!

Lessons and band rehearsals for term 3 will recommence on Wednesday 10th July with Mrs Hall - phall35@eq.edu.au String orchestra rehearsals and lessons will recommence on Thursday 11th July with Mrs Payne. - kpayrn49@eq.edu.au

Please note there will be NO choir practice on Friday 21st June with Mrs Crook. - bcroo4@eq.edu.au

For any queries please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Bernadette, Penny and Kathryn

**CHEERLEADING**

Thanks for a great term! Cheerleading practices will begin again in Week 1 next term, as we will be preparing for the Fun Day. All teams will be performing at the Fun Day, so watch this space for more details.

**TUCKSHOP**

News Flash! Beginning next term, the Tuckshop will be opening Mondays! This is instead of Wednesdays. The Tuckshop will be open on Monday, Thursday and Friday 8.15am to 11.45 am.

Online Ordering is coming to EPSS! In term 3 the Uniform shop and Tuckshop will be going online. Work is being done over the holidays to get this started as soon as possible. Meanwhile check out the company and system we will be using at www.flexischools.com.au.

The online ordering will not be limited to Uniform shop and Tuckshop, but also for future event payments.

**JUNE ROSTER**

THURS 20
Misato Betts
Fri 21
Penny Valentine, Janene Ashton, Carol McLean

**JULY ROSTER**

MON 8

THURS 11
Carol Gavegan
FRI 12
Penny Liddell, Sam Muir, Carol Gilmour

With the Tuckshop opening Mondays from next term, I would love one marvellous Monday volunteer to help me one morning once a month. If you would like to get involved, please let me know by email katrina.c@optusnet.com.au or 0413 959 675 by Friday 21st June.

Thank you to my wonderful Wednesday volunteers this semester – Anita Reynolds, Jo Hennessey, Amanda Sewell and Margaret Ney.

NEW - Sumo Cookies & Cream mini biscuits! These teeny, tiny Oreo-like bikkies are $1.00 for packet of 8. They are available first and second break.

Holidays are almost here! As there are only two more days of Tuckshop for term 2, some items may not be available by Friday or flavours will need to be substituted. We always endeavour to keep tummies full so please understand if your child doesn’t get exactly what has been ordered.

Have a great holiday. See you first day, Monday 8th July.

Katrina

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Mitchelton State High School is looking for a Uniform Convenor – Casual position – 6 hours per week.

Please contact pandcpresident@mitcheltonsh.eq.edu.au for details.