FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to term three. It promises to be another fun filled term in our school. I have been delighted to see all of our students return to school enthusiastic and ready to learn. I have also been impressed with the standard of the uniform. Just remember to label all of those new items and clothes purchased over the holidays. All named lost property gets returned to the rightful owner.

We have some great events planned over the next few weeks for students, parents and the school community. Below I have outlined some of the upcoming events:

- **P&C Meeting**: Monday 15 July 7:30pm. Many people have ‘attending a P&C meeting’ on their bucket list. Why not tick this off your list next week?
- **EPSS Fun Day**: 20th July 2:00pm. It is not a fete, but there will be markets, food, rides, free kids activities and of course fireworks. Please get in touch with the P&C if you can help out setting up, or on the day in any way. This will be the biggest and best community event of the year!
- **Parent Information Evening**: Internet Safety - ThinkUKnow - Parent Information Session 6:30pm in the Library. See details below. 25 July - 6:30 pm.
- **Jollybops Arts Council performance on tomorrow, Thursday 11 July**: Please make sure you have made your payment ASAP so your child does not miss out.
- **Footsteps Dance program**: starts this Friday. Feel free to join your child’s class for a lesson. Again please make sure you have paid your child’s term invoice to ensure that they can attend.
- **2014 Student Leadership Consultation**: There has been a date change for this event to avoid clashes with the Internet Safety Parent Information Session. The new date is Wednesday 31 July - 7:00pm in the Library.

**Internet Safety- ThinkUKnow- Parent Information Session**

ThinkUKnow is an internet safety initiative which aims to raise awareness of the issues which young people face online and whilst using mobile phones. It is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP) and Microsoft Australia, and is now proudly supported by ninemsn and Datacom.

Our school will be hosting a ThinkUKnow presentation on 25 July at 6:30 pm in the library and all parents, carers and teachers are encouraged to attend. This presentation will cover topics such as how young people are using...
technology to have fun, online grooming, cyber-bullying, inappropriate content and e-security.

This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more about how young people have fun online, how you can help them to stay in control on the net, and how to report a problem. For more information, you can visit the ThinkUKnow Australia website at www.thinkuknow.org.au or contact Mrs Lukey in the library. We look forward to seeing you all at the presentation.

2014 Enrolments
Please collect an enrolment form from the office if you are enrolling a child for Prep 2014. We are holding Enrolment Information sessions on Monday 29 July at 6:30pm and Tuesday 30 July at 9:00am. We are also holding interviews for parents of 2014 prep students from October 9 and 10. If you have not already done so could you please call the office to make an appointment.

Staff Changes
This term we have Mr Brendan Smith join our school in the role of Deputy Principal. Mr Smith comes to our school after working at Regional Office for the last few years. Mr O’Connor is currently on leave and will be returning later this term. Please join me in welcoming Mr Smith to our school.

Regards
Brad Clark
Principal

PCYC NEWS
Welcome back to all our families new and old after the winter holidays. We had a fantastic first day of our Vacation care program which we ran from the school, the children where a pleasure to have each day so a huge thank you to all the children who visited us over that time. Some of the things we enjoyed were visits from Professor Jelly Bean, where the children all got to dress up as scientist and do experiments like making slime and lava lamps, which they later could take home.
We have a visit from Wild Call wild life show which was also amazing and we got to have lots of hands on experiences. We had Craft and Cooking days, Camp outs in the Hall and on the Oval, Kite making, decorating and flying competition. We went and saw “EPIC” and “MAN OF STEEL” at the Stafford cinemas and finished our last day with a play and picnic at the park.
We have places available for term 3, so if you are looking for casual care as a one off day or 1 – 5 days full time care then please come down and see our amazing and friendly staff to see how we can help you. Alternatively if you would like to enrol your child using our online system then type in this URL address to take you there https://evertontpcy.hubwork.com.au then click on the “REGISTER” button. The coordinator will be in touch shortly after.

Thank you Rachel and the PCYC team.

CLASS NEWS
Prep R – Welcome back to Term 3! We have started with a bang! In English we are focusing on rhyme - hearing and identifying words that rhyme. In Maths, we are continuing our investigations of measurement, focusing on Mass this week. In Science, we have started looking at Weather and received an email from Wilma the Weather Wombat, asking us to help her by keeping a weather chart. Student of the Week - Nia G-P.
Prep 1R - This afternoon we reflected on our engaging and challenging Maths lesson that kicked off the term. Preps were learning to write, make and sequence numbers from 0-20 while year ones were learning to write, make and sequence numbers from 1-100. We captured it in pictures - I think there were about 6 different levels of challenge and thinking strategies going on here across P-1. We were writing, drawing, matching, thinking abstractly to complete problems in our head, recording, discussing, working with teachers, working in groups, applying independently and had FUN doing it! We all proudly reached our learning goals that were pitched at our individual level of challenge. I have a feeling that this term will be an action packed one for Prep/1R! Student of the week is Alyssa K for writing and representing two digit numbers with blocks and sequencing them in ascending order!
Yr 1B, 1C & 1S - We trust that everyone has had a safe and relaxing holiday. This Friday we begin the dance unit and it is great to have the Footsteps people coming in to assist us with this. Towards the end of the term the children will be assessed on this by working in small groups to develop and perform a simple dance of their own using the knowledge they have gained. We have two new children in our Year 1 classes this term. A very warm welcome to Amali in 1B and Roy in 1S. Congratulations to the Students of the Week: Luke R and Amali J in 1B, Daniel S in 1C and Roy P in 1S.
2E & 2W - Welcome back to Term 3! We have many new and exciting topics to learn about. In literacy we are learning to write procedural texts and use commas when listing. We have started reading Roald Dahl’s “Georgie’s Marvelous Medicine” which relates to our current English unit. In Maths we are introducing 3 digit numbers and are learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards. We are also continuing to write 3 digit, 2 digit and single digit numbers from biggest to smallest. Our history topic this term is ‘Our Local Community: Past and Present’ and the kids are enjoying comparing sites of the past with sites of the present. In Science this week we are starting our new topic ‘living things’ and have started to look at the life cycles of animals.

2/3M – Welcome back everyone. The excursion to Ngutana-Lui Centre was a great success. All the children enjoyed themselves and learnt many interesting things about indigenous culture. Homework will begin in Week 2.

Welcome back to Term 3 – Tayley H.
3K – This week, our class has been celebrating NAIDOC Week. We have created our very own NAIDOC Week bunting (beautifully displayed outside our classroom) and have learnt a lot, while on our excursion, about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Thank you to all the students and parents who have promptly paid their outstanding school invoices. It makes organising these educational experiences less stressful not just for the teachers, but for the administration staff too. We are looking forward to attending the Arts Council performance during the middle session this Thursday. Footsteps Dance classes begin this Friday. Don’t forget that Mrs Lukey is hosting the massive Book Swap also this Friday! Bring a book to swap and a gold coin donation to help indigenous students across Australia to improve their reading. A friendly reminder that if you would like for your child to participate in the FREE Spectro Skills Program being offered at our school, the permission forms are due back by next Monday (15 July). On a final note, for this term’s Science investigation/assessment, students are required to bring to school an undamaged, clean, empty, 600ml water bottle (Mount Franklin or similar). In advance, thank you for your donations.

Student of the Week: Isabella M.

3/4P – Welcome back! I hope that you and the children have recuperated well over the school break. We will get straight back into things this week, focusing on traditional Asian stories in English, 4 digit numbers in Maths, heat transfer in Science and the history of our local community in History. Year 4s will branch off as usual for Maths and Science this term. Could year 3 parents please begin sending in empty, clear 600ml water bottles and insulating materials for Science (scrap of foil, foam, cloth etc). Remember that library is on Wednesdays (except for today, as we had the year 3 excursion). Look out for the class curriculum newsletter too – coming soon! Student of the week will go to Frankie. He will receive his award at assembly on Friday.

Nadja C helping 3K students to utilise their creativity, during her Art lesson.

4/5I - In English, we complete our Traditional Stories in Year 4 and Fantasy Novels in Year 5 this week. For Maths this week we will be looking at Maps, Angles and Operations in Year 4 and 3D
Shapes and Angles in Year 5. In History we will continue looking at Life in Australia before 1770 in Year 4 and Australian colonies in the 1800s in Year 5. For Health, we will be starting the Daniel Morecombe Child Safety Unit. Don’t forget Footsteps Dance on Fridays for the rest of the term. Have a great week. Student of the Week: Van Lal Pek T.

5/6A - This week we have jumped right into learning. We have been on a journey with the Jolly Postman delivering letter to fairy tale characters. We have also written a letter ourselves. In maths we have been revising prime numbers and division strategies. We have also started to look at square and triangular numbers. We’ve begun to explore our place in the solar system and are working towards transforming our classroom by building a simple solar system.

7S – Welcome back to Term 3! 7S smashed their reading record and read 384 books in Term 2. Family Fun Day notes have gone home and the Every Girl Program and Rock and Water for Boys starts this week. Please make sure all notes are returned to Mrs Sawyer as soon as possible.

**SHOE BOXES WANTED**

Year 4/5 and ST need shoe boxes for a Science project. If you have any could you please bring them to Ms Irwin’s classroom.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Great Book Swap Challenge Friday 12th July at the library

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. This Friday is The Great Book Swap Challenge. It is a fundraising event to help address literacy in remote Indigenous communities. Participating students bring along a gold coin and a book they have read and enjoyed and swap it for another book. Parents, staff and other community members are welcome to bring in a book as well. There will be an adult section as well. Money raised will go to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. http://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/ See you there.

ARTS COUNCIL

“Jollybops Factory” Term 3, Thursday 11 July

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

The Footsteps Dance program commences this Friday. If you have not already paid ($22.50) please could you bring the money to the office.

MUSIC NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3! Classroom music lessons continue with all students from years 4 -7 requiring a recorder, music book and pencil at every music lesson. Students who do not have the correct equipment are disadvantaged in their learning, so please make sure you have all the requirements at every lesson. Students in year 3 are also practising their music and rhythm writing in their big red manuscript book.

JUNIOR CHOIR

We recommence this Friday at 8.00 am. Make sure you are out of bed early, so we can all start on time! Students from years 2, 3 and 4 are all welcome!

THE ELEMENTS

We now have a new name for our Vocal/Instrumental Group - thanks to Harrison S in Year 4/5 for thinking of it. We are now called The Elements. All students from years 1 – 7 are welcome on Tuesdays at 8.00 am.

Bernadette Crook
Classroom Music Teacher

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Bravo Bravo to all of our students who performed well at our Winter Concert. A special thank you to all parents and friends for your attendance at the concert and to the P and C. We also would like to thank Nicola Herbert from Everton Park State High School and her father Mr Greg Herbert for being our special guests.

INTERMEDIATE MUSIC CAMP TUESDAY 13TH AND THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST

Information about the Intermediate Camp at Mitchelton State High School and Mitchelton State School was posted home in the holidays to Mrs Hall’s students who have been learning their instrument for at least one year. All medical forms and payments must be returned to our school office by FRIDAY 26th JULY. This camp is also for Mrs Payne’s students and was also sent home last term.

Upcoming Events

Band performance - Thursday 29th August
Band and strings tour day - performance day - last week of term 3
For all string queries please don’t hesitate to contact Kathryn Payne at kpayn49@eq.edu.au
For all band queries please don’t hesitate to contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au

CHEERLEADING

Welcome back to Term 3! It was great to see so many of the girls at cheer practices on Monday and Tuesday, as we are preparing for our performances at the Fun Day (20 July). More details will come out about this soon. See you there!