FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Fun Day
On Friday we had to make the tough decision to postpone the Fun Day. While it was not an easy decision, we made it with the best of intentions and in hindsight it was the right one. In rain and drizzle the rides would not have been able to operate. I thank everyone for their understanding and support around this.

The good news is we have decided to move the day to Wednesday August 14 from 1:00 - 7:00 under the new title of Ekka @ EP. Like the real Ekka, there will be rides, showbags, markets, stalls and fireworks. We might even have dagwood dogs and strawberries.

With everyone's continued support I am confident that this will be a great community event to rival the real Ekka.

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 tomorrow night, Thursday 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.

School Rules
Last week I outlined our three school rules that we have at our school. Over the course of the next few weeks I will expand on what these rules mean, this week focussing on ‘Be Respectful’.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY
25th ThinkUKnow Cyber Safety session for parents 6:30pm in the Library
29th 2013 Prep Enrolment evening 6:30pm
30th 2013 Prep Enrolment morning 9:00am
31st 2014 Student Leadership consultation

AUGUST
7th School Photos
8th School Photos
13th Australian Girl's Choir auditions
14th Ekka show holiday
14th Ekka @ EP – Fun Day
19th Confucious Day for our Yr 6 and 7's
19th P&C meeting 7:30 in Library
21–23rd Year 5 Camp
27th Australian Youth Choir auditions
29th Band Performance
All Areas
- I use appropriate language.
- I respect my own and others personal space and property.
- I keep hurtful and bullying actions out of our school.
- I keep my workspace tidy and clean up after myself.
- I follow staff directions.
- I do not take photos, videos or make any recordings of any students or teachers (unless under teacher direction).
- I use polite and appropriate language at all times.
- I encourage others to be respectful.

Learning Environments
- I leave only with permission.
- I follow teacher directions.
- I cooperate with others.
- I wear correct school uniform.
- I listen to others.
- I respect the right of others to learn.
- I raise my hand to speak.

Ovals and Playgrounds
- I share equipment.
- I follow teacher directions.
- I invite others who want to join in.
- I am aware of other games taking place and share the space fairly.
- I use encouraging language.
- I stay out of the gardens.

Hall
- I leave the space clean and tidy.
- I use all equipment appropriately.

Tuck-Shop
- I line up quietly.
- I speak politely to the Tuck-Shop staff.

Nominate and Outstanding Teacher
The closing date is fast approaching to nominate teachers for the ASG NEiTA Awards for inspirational Educators. Be sure to submit your nominations for our school’s outstanding teachers and leaders to NEiTA by 31 July 2013.

It’s easy to nominate. Nominations can be completed online, or download a nomination form, at www.neita.com.au. For more information call NEiTA for a free call 1800 624 487. Nominations close on 31 July 2013.

Regards
Brad Clark
Principal

P&C NEWS
Change of Fun Day Date
If you are unable to attend the Fun Day on the new date of Wednesday 14 August 2013 you can request a refund for pre-purchased ride passes until Wednesday July 31. Email Penny Liddell on penpharm@bigpond.net.au or visit the School office to obtain a copy of the refund form. Refund forms must be returned to the P&C box in the school office by Wednesday July 31 along with the ride passes. Please note any refund requests submitted without the passes will not be able to be processed. All refunds will be processed by Friday, July 2.

CLASS NEWS
Prep R – This week we have continued practicing our rhyming skills. We are now identifying rhyming words in stories and then creating our own to match them. You can help with this by doing the same when you read a rhyming book at home. In Maths, we are looking at groups, including more than, less than and equal to. We have also started looking at combining these groups together to get a total. Student of the Week - Ronnie SJ.

On behalf of all the Prep classes, we would like to say a very big "THANK YOU!" to all of the Mums, Dads, Grandparents and siblings who came along to make our 100th Day so great! Thanks to all of the volunteers who made cupcakes and icing - we loved it!

Prep 1R - This week the class explored the ‘or’ sound, like in ‘horse’. Wow, there are so many spelling choices for this sound! – or, o, aw, ore, ough, a, ure. We brainstormed an impressive word wall and sorted word cards into their spelling choices. Preps have begun to recite nursery rhymes. This week we practised ‘Hickory Dickory Dock’. We are trying to remember volume, expression, body gestures and eye contact when we recite the rhyme to a group of peers. Student of the week is Alyssa K for improving in her reading!

1B, 1C & 1S - We all have had a wonderful start to Term 3. The students are enjoying creating characters to be included in the book that we are reading in class. Some very imaginative students we have amongst us! We are working on our interviewing skills and should be able to talk science, 1B – Aidan R and Annabel I; 1S – Matthew B and 1C – Sam K.

2E & 2W – Year 2 have been enjoying writing and following procedures this week. They are learning to use headings, sub headings, organise their method under steps using sequential language and make sure each step has a verb. In maths students are revising doubles and multiples of 10. They are also learning about fact families. In Science we are looking at animals and changes to offspring as they grow. A reminder to pay for Footsteps Dance. This is a part of our Arts unit and is assessable. Student of the week: Kayla and Isabel.

2/3M – We have created an Aboriginal narrative for Black History Week using ‘mostly’ traditional symbols. Ask us about our picture narrative. Student of the Week – William Mc.

3K – Wow! What another great Arts Council performance! The ‘Jollybops’ show was certainly well worth the $6. On that note, a friendly reminder to please pay any outstanding money amounts on your invoices ☺ It was great to see so many students travelling actively to school last Friday in their crazy socks! Don’t forget to actively travel this Friday from Teralba Park (FREE breakfast served from 7:15am)!

We hope that the students who participated in the FREE Scooter Skills programme learnt lots of great things ☺ Miss. Michelle Nolan (a QUT pre-service teacher) will be visiting our classroom tomorrow to observe how things are run in our classroom. We look forward to working with Miss. Nolan and Miss. Serow again this term. Student of the Week: Yessica S.

Alex F and Isabella FG become stars of the show!

4P - Even though the Fun Day was cancelled and we were very disappointed, we got over it! In class we have been working on our monitoring task for historical recounts and looking at the properties of materials in science. We had fun designing and making a shelf that was strong enough to hold a dictionary.

4S1 - In English we will continue with our new units which are Understanding Aboriginal peoples’ and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ stories in Year 4 and Creating fantasy characters in Year 5. For Maths this week we will be looking at Money and Place Value in Year 4 and Multiplication, Division, Decimals and Data in Year 5. In History we will continue looking at Land and Place in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander life in Year 4 and inquiring into changes brought about by the gold rushes in Year 5. For Health, we will continue with the Daniel Morecombe Child Safety Unit. Don’t forget that payment for Footsteps Dance is now due. Have a great week.

Student of the Week: Jack W.
LIBRARY NEWS

Craig Smith, author of the Wonky Donkey, will be performing for the Prep to Year 3s on Friday the 23rd of August. Notes have been sent out this week, the cost is only $3. The Premiers Reading Challenge finishes on the 6th of September, so there’s still time to reach your goal. Book Week is from the 26th of August to the 30th. Dress up parade will be on Friday 30th August. The theme this year is *Read across the Universe* and I’m looking forward to meeting some visitors from outer-space! *Book Fair* will open on the 30th of August.

ThinkUKnow Cybersafety Information Session for Parents
This Thursday, July 25th 6.30 – 8pm in the Library

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**SHOE BOXES**
We no longer require shoe boxes for our project. Thank you very much to those families who helped us with this project.

INTERNET BANKING

When paying via internet banking please ensure that your child’s unique EQ ID number is used as a reference. This number is 10 digits and one letter long and is on your debter statement/invoice. Thanks you to those families who are already using these numbers as a reference as it makes for accurate receipting.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

7 and 8 August

Class photos will be taken on Wednesday 7 August and group/sport photos on Thursday 8 August. Envelopes were handed to each student at the beginning of this week. The envelopes and money is to be handed to the photographer on the day. Each student is to have their own envelope. PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THE ENVELOPES TO THE OFFICE BEFORE PHOTO DAY.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

BEGINNER STUDENTS

Information will be sent out to 2nd year strings and beginner band students this week about a junior music camp that will be held from 9th – 11th September. All monies and forms must be sent back to our school office by 9th AUGUST.

INTERMEDIATE MUSIC CAMP – 13th and 15th AUGUST

Don’t forget to send in your child’s intermediate music camp forms and monies which are due FRIDAY 26th JULY.

BAND TOUR PERFORMANCE – THURSDAY 29th AUGUST

Members of our Senior band will be performing in a combined band performance on Thursday 29th August. We will be performing at our school at 2.00 pm at our school hall. All welcome!

For all string queries please contact Kathryn Payne at kpayn49@eq.edu.au (Kathryn teaches at our school on Thursdays)

For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at phal35@eq.edu.au (Penny teaches at our school on Wednesdays)

For all choir queries please contact Bernadette Crook at bcroo4@eq.edu.au (Bernadette teaches at our school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays)

Penny Hall
Instrumental Music Teacher
Ph: 0408 708 399

Mondays - Mount Samson State School
Wednesdays – Mitchelton State School
Thursdays – Everton Park State School

TICKET TO THE OFFICE BEFORE PHOTO DAY.

**NEW SCOOTER RACKS**

New scooter racks are coming in now! Please hand them in to Mrs Sawyer asap.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE

*New scooter racks – situated outside Mr. Clark’s office – students require own padlock to secure their scooter.

*Bike skills program – consent forms are due 29th July Spare forms available at the school office.

*Norm Wyndham (Councillor for McDowall) has awarded our school a bike voucher for being an Active School Travel School! Thanks Norm! We’ll have to award this great prize to one of the most active travellers in our school! It could be you! Do you travel actively to school?

**Tuesday’s Tremendous Travellers** is a new initiative for reducing traffic on Tuesdays. On Tuesday of the 13th August, students who actively travel to school, will get a stamp at the school gate. Students who also travel actively on the Friday will get a stamp too! Whether you travel actively on the Tuesday or Friday, you will receive one stamp in your passport for that week’s active travel.

Remember! The Tuckshop is now open Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays 8.15am to 11.45 am.

JULY ROSTER

THURS 25
Sarah Dew, Karlene Amos

FRI 26
Kim Grogan, Jeanette Jenkinson, Mel Hulbert

MON 29

- AUGUST ROSTER

THURS 1
June Lever

FRI 2
Viviana Scherman, Susan Seeto, Caroline Chorley

With the Tuckshop now open Mondays, I really need a marvellous Monday volunteer to help me one morning once a...
month. If you are able and would like to get involved, please let me know by email katrina.c@optusnet.com.au or 0413 959 675 as soon as possible.

Online Ordering is coming!
Our school is shortly introducing a great new online ordering system for Canteen, Uniform, Events & Fundraising called FlexiSchools. This system allows parents, carers and staff to place orders from home, work or school at any time. The payment is also done online. As well as being convenient, the online orders are much faster and easier for Tuckshop to process - so it makes everyone’s life a little easier. FlexiSchools is well established and tested, operating in hundreds of schools across Australia.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about Flexischools and the online ordering process. Paper bag ordering will still be available.
Katrina

GREAT TEACHERS = GREAT RESULTS

Great teachers = Great results is the Queensland Government’s five-year, $537 million action plan to make our state’s education system even better.
It will:
- support teachers with mentoring, training and resources
- reward outstanding teachers with career opportunities and scholarships
- strengthen state school discipline
- allow schools to have more say in how they are run because each school community knows what’s best for Queensland kids.

The plan will lift standards of teaching and give schools more flexibility to get on with the job with a range of research-based initiatives to help your child get a great education, no matter where you live.
There will be new ways of measuring and rewarding high performances among our teachers, as well as strengthened discipline and streamlined processes for suspensions and exclusions.
Find out more about the plan: www.qld.gov.au/greatteachers

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CHOIR

A representative from the Australian Youth Choir will be visiting us on Tuesday 27 August at 1:10pm to audition interested students from Years 2–6. If your child would like to be auditioned, please can you complete the attached permission note and return it to the office.

Please don’t hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the Australian Youth Choir.