Dear Parents and Carers

2014 Student Leadership Parent Forum/Consultation
At the end of 2014 both our Year 6 and Year 7 students will be heading off to high school. This presents some interesting and unusual opportunities for our school and for our students. Tonight we are holding a parent information session at 7pm in the Library to discuss what the plans are for our school for next year. We are also keen to have parent input into this process to make sure we have considered all implications, especially for students in Year 6 and 7 in 2014 (Our current Year 5 and 6 students).
Tonight we will be discussing:

- Student Leadership
  - School and House Captains
  - Leadership expectations and requirements
  - Buddies and leadership opportunities.

- School Camp: Canberra trip and other options.
- Special Programs and experiences for senior students
- High school transition process
- Curriculum and Learning

Woolworths Points
We have finished counting the Woolworths 'Earn and Learn' points. Many thanks to Bianca Jarro who diligently collected and sorted all of our reward points. We were able to collect 32,280 points which we will be able to use to order new reading books for our school. Thanks to all of the families who supported this initiative.
School Rules
This week we will focus on our second school rule “Be Safe”. This is not a complete list but it serves as providing of what is expected of our students to maintain a safe learning environment.

Be Safe

All Areas
- Keep my hands, feet and objects to myself.
- Follow the High 5 steps to deal with bullying.
- Always stay inside school boundaries.
- My bag must remain in the port racks at all times.
- Leave my mobile phone or any other technology devices in my bag.
- Encourage others to act in a safe manner.

Learning Environments
- Enter only in the presence of a staff member.
- Leave only with permission.
- Use equipment safely.
- Use furniture properly.
- Follow classroom rules.

Ovals and Playgrounds
- Wear my hat and shoes at all times in all outdoor areas.
- Play by the rules.
- Report any issues to a duty teacher.
- Use playground equipment correctly.
- Stay in my grade specific play area.

In Science
Year Ones have studied the role they will play in the story. In Maths we are continuing to work with two-digit numbers and revisiting half of a collection. Our Science this week will involve looking at and discussing different landscapes. We are thoroughly enjoying the Footsteps Dancing on Fridays.

Student of the Week: Jada Quinn.

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In English we will continue with our class decided that they would like to use a writing checklist to help them achieve their writing goals. – Wow! Many Prep students are already self-checking and remembering to use their sound fist to sound out unfamiliar words, include spaces, capital letters, full stops and write neatly. A special mention to Jo, Marley and Alyssa for writing reflective journals about their day. Year One students have been using Mathematical language - left, right, straight, beside, turn and under to create and follow treasure maps of our school. During Science, Year Ones have studied the schoolyard in search of man-made and natural features of our school. Student of the Week is Lorelei F.

1B, 1C & 1S - This week we begin creating our own character to add to the Willy the Wimp stories. We are looking at their outside appearance and inside qualities. We are also determining the role they will play in the story. In Maths we are continuing to work with two-digit numbers and revisiting half of a collection. Our Science this week will involve looking at and discussing different landscapes. We are thoroughly enjoying the Footsteps Dancing on Fridays.

Students of the Week: Sophie G and Brayden R 1B, Hudson D 1C and Eve W 1S.

2E & 2W - Investigating and comparing units of measurement is the focus in Maths this week. The correct format for the writing of procedures remains the focus of our Literacy Unit. We are eagerly watching the growth of our bean seeds in Science and are documenting our observations. History involves the posing of questions in order to find out information about a historical site. Thank you to all the parents who have finalised their child’s invoice payments. If you still have outstanding payments for CSIRO Science, Arts Council or Dancing please make payments to the office ASAP. Students of the Week – 2W are Melakai and Ben and 2E is Benjamin.

2/3M – The Year 2’s have been looking at procedures and they looked at a recipe for making omelettes. The Year 3’s have been sorting evaluative words into positive and negative groups in language. Student of the Week – Mia W.

3K – WLF (one of our classroom assistants) is missing! She is a tiny white mouse with adorable black eyes.

CLASS NEWS
Prep R – This week we have still been focusing on rhyme, but we have started writing our own simple rhymes as a class. We have also been focusing on giving an opinion for the books we have been reading. In Science we have looked at different activities that you can do in both sunny and windy weather. In Maths we are investigating a growing pattern. Student of the Week - Samantha G.

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MISSING MOUSE - Name: WLF
Height: 10 cm Fur colour: White.

We have a feeling that she has snuck into someone’s school bag and then hidden for the past week under a student’s bed or possibly in their rubbish bin! If found, please return her to 3K’s classroom immediately. It was great to see so many students at Terala Park last Friday for the free breakfast to promote our ‘Park and Stride’ initiative. Please check your child’s hair for head lice and treat immediately. 3K will have their class photo at 9:30am on Wednesday the 7th August. All other special group photos will be taken on the 8th August. Student of the Week: Isabella H.

3/4B - Wow, how the weeks are flying by! Our 3s and 4s put on a stellar show for Prep C last week. Students prepared and presented oral stories, supported by their drawings of traditional Aboriginal symbols. There were some beaming younger siblings amongst the Prep group!

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4/5I - In English we will continue with our new units which are Understanding Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders’ peoples’ stories in Year 4 and creating fantasy characters in Year 5. For Maths this week we will be looking at Money, Place Value and Operations in Year 4 and Number Patterns, Data and Multiplication Problems 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 Rush 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: Jada B.

5T - A love of reading is the single greatest gift we can give a child. 5T are aiming for 100% success in The Premier’s Reading Challenge. All students have been participating in this activity for 12½ weeks, so they should have a minimum of 10 books completed.

This means the titles are recorded on the record sheet and an adult has confirmed the reading by signature. I will monitor progress towards the goal of 15 books.

Regards
Brad Clark
Principal
Permission slips and money need to be in by the 15th of August. I'm so excited! Also, don't forget the Premiers Reading Challenge. We have until September the 6th to reach our goals. Book week is approaching very quickly and students have been enjoying the selection of shortlisted picture books this year. It will be hard to choose a winner and students will have the chance to vote for their favourite book. For technology the tech students across the school will be designing and making various spacecraft, space travellers and moon bases. Many of these designs will be made out of recycled materials so it would be great if you could think about saving any items that may come in handy, e.g. gladwraps, rolls, plastic bottles, strawberry punnet containers, yoghurt containers etc. Also if you are feeling creative we would love to display any spacecraft you would like to make at home as a family project.

**BLAK HISTORY MONTH**
July is Blak History Month and has been celebrated in Australia in July each year since 2008. Blak History Month seeks to promote, celebrate and remember the history of Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. This week all classes are celebrating Blak History Month by completing a variety of activities. On Friday 2nd August, we will be showcasing each Year Levels contributions on Parade.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS**
Our athletes have been training hard in preparation for the North District Athletics Carnival next Monday and Tuesday at Bowden Park, Geelong. Thank you to the parents who have been dropping their kids off early for our Tuesday and Thursday morning sessions, and a special thank you to the parents who have been assisting our team in the preparation for the carnival.

If you have not returned your child's permission form and money to the school can you please do that ASAP. GO EPSS!!! Notes will be coming home soon regarding the Athletics carnival. The date has had to be moved due to the postponing of the 'Fun Day' and the rescheduling of that event to the EKKA holiday. This will mean that the oval will have rides being set up on it during our previously scheduled date. The date that looks most likely for the Junior carnival now is Tuesday the 27th of August.

Finally, a huge congratulations to Nick Barnwell who has just come back from competing overseas as a member of the Australian Junior Hockey team. Nick and his team won third place in the Junior Olympics. They also beat the Silicon Valley Quakers to win gold in the Junior World Cup.

**Very Impressive performance indeed!!**

**INTERNET BANKING**
When paying via internet banking please ensure that your child's unique EQ ID number is used as a reference. This is 10 digits and one letter long and is on your debtor statement/invoice.

**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 last week. The envelopes and money are 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.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS**
**INTERMEDIATE MUSIC CAMP** - Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th August
Our intermediate music camp concert will be held on Thursday 15th August at 2 pm at Mitchelton State High School's Hall all parents and friends are welcome!

**THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST** – Combined Schools Band Tour Day
My combined school band with our senior band from Everton Park State School will be performing on a band tour day on Thursday 29th August. Information was sent home two weeks ago. We will be performing at our school at 2 pm at our school hall. All parents and friends are welcome. All permission slips need to be returned to our school office by FRIDAY 9th AUGUST.

**BEGINNER BAND CAMP FORMS – 9th – 11th September – Beginner Camp**
If your child received a beginner camp form (1st year beginner band students) and 2nd year string students don't forget to return your child's money of $95.00 to our school office by FRIDAY 9th August.

Don't forget if your child misses 3 lessons or 3 rehearsals from our instrumental music program will be sent home.

Well Done to Alexis Williams, Julia Jones, Jamie Medua, Jessica Ney, Imogen Howie and Tahlia Agius who have performed at our school assemblies the last two Fridays. If your child is interested in performing their instrument on assembly please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Hall.

For all band queries please contact Penny Hall – phall35@eq.edu.au  
For all string queries please contact Kathryn Payne – kpayr49@eq.edu.au

Viva la musica!

Penny Hall  
Instrumental Music Teacher  
Ph: 0408 708 399  
Mondays - Mount Samson State School  
Tuesdays – Mitchelton State School  
Wednesdays – Everton Park State School
Thursdays – Mitchelton State High School and Grovely State School

CHEERLEADING
Practices are:
Pups - Monday 7.45-8.30
Reserves - Tuesday 7.45-8.30
Squad - Monday and Thursday 3.15-5pm
Please remember to bring along a drink bottle.

A note regarding Fun Day performances will be out soon.
Thanks, Miss R :o)

TUCKSHOP

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

AUGUST ROSTER
THURS 1
June Lever
FRI 2
Viviana Scherman, Susan Seeto, Caroline Chorley
MON 5
Amanda Sewell
THURS 8
Carol Gavegan
FRI 9
Penny Liddell, Carol Gilmour, Sam Muir

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!

From next Monday 5th August, the Tuckshop is introducing a great new online ordering system for called FlexiSchools. This system allows parents, carers and staff to place orders from home, work or school at any time. 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 find enclosed a FlexiSchools brochure in this week's newsletter. It has all the details on how to set up your account, ready for ordering from next week.

Orders for the day need to be placed online by 9.00am. After 9.00am, the system will not allow you to order for that day. If you have placed an order and your child is not at school, the order can be cancelled by you before 9.00am or please call the Tuckshop on 3550 2250 where it can be cancelled before 9.15am.

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

Fundraiser
Ex-EP student, Michelle Rooyakers (nee Smith) is suffering from an aggressive form of Leukaemia (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia - ALL). Michelle is 35 (wife & mother) and has been a member of our community all her life, also attending EPSh. A fundraising page has been set up to obtain donations, in order to support her and her family in this time of need.


Please feel free to donate or for any queries contact a.patterson2@up.edu.au

Enrolment Applications for Wavell State High School are now due. For further details contact the Enrolment Officer, Ms Lock, on 3350 0326.