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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST
21 – 23rd Year 5 Camp
23rd Wonky Donkey – Craig Smith Prep – Yr 3
26-30th Book Week
27th Junior Athletics Carnival
27th Australian Youth Choir auditions
29th Band Performance
30th Book Week Dress-Up
30-3rd Sept Book Fair

SEPTEMBER
9 – 11th Northside Jnr Music Camp
16th P&C meeting 7:30pm in Library
20th Last day of term 3

OCTOBER
7th Public Holiday
8th First day of Term 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Fun Day
I am sure everyone enjoyed the EKKA @ EP Fun Day as much as I did. It was brilliantly coordinated and run by a dynamic group of parents. We have had many emails, phone calls and conversations from the community telling us that they had a great day and to pass on our congratulations to the organisers of the event, especially to Pam Vanderkruk, Penny Liddell, Linda Apps and our P&C executives, Gayle Speirling and Kim Pickering. Our Year 7 students, along with Mrs Sawyer, did a great job with the Showbags and the fundraising for RSPCA. We have a very talented group of future entrepreneurs who raised a good deal of money and learnt some great lessons in Mathematics along the way.

It's amazing what a difference a small group of dedicated parents can make. Thanks to all of the parents who made their contribution to our school on this day helping run the barbeque, serve at the bar and help set up or clean up. All we need is for every parent to commit to doing one activity in the school each year. Have you made your contribution yet? Please contact me if you have not found a way to be a part of our success story and I will point you in the right direction.

Spell-a-thon
This term our school will be running a Spell-a-thon for all students from Prep - Year 7. Students will be asked to seek sponsorship for learning their words as part of a P&C fundraiser and will complete their spelling test in week ten of this term. In the near future you will get a Spell-a-thon note explaining the process, the prizes and the spelling words.

Election Day Bake Off
I am sure you have seen enough TV cooking shows to be able to get some cakes in the oven. Our school will be an election day Polling Booth and we will be running a sausage Sizzle and a cake Stall. We are asking parents to dig out your Grandma’s secret scone or cake recipe and do some baking for our Cake Stall. This might be your one contribution you make to the school for the year. We will be asking for the cakes in a little over two weeks, so in the meantime I am happy to serve as a quality assurance officer testing all of the recipes.
2014 Enrolments
Just a reminder to please return any 2014 enrolment forms to the office as soon as possible, along with an original birth certificate or passport. Once you have submitted your enrolment form, you will be able to make an interview. If you have any questions about the enrolment process, please contact the office.

Lost Property
I ask that parents make sure all school articles should be clearly marked with your child’s name and class for identification purposes. Every effort is made to return articles to their rightful owners, but when articles are not marked, identification is time consuming and in many cases most impossible. Lost property is housed at the base of the stairs near the Tuckshop. As winter comes to an end we see an increasing amount of jumpers and track suit pants being left behind.

Brad Clark
Principal

P&C NEWS

EKKA @ EP Fun Day
Thank you so much to all of our wonderful parents who helped make the Family Fun Day possible. Everybody who attended would know how much fun the students had, and none of it would be possible without you. The school relies on it’s wonderful community to make it a special place and you certainly showed how great EPSS is!
A special thank you to the students of Prep 1/R who presented the P&C with an Information Report. We all made great improvements using strong, clear voices and some actions to make our presentations more interesting. We had our excursion to the Sensitivity Unit and completed many great activities. We learnt how to control a wheelchair, we walked through the vision (should be called the no vision) tunnel and we used hearing aids. Thanks to Mums and Dads who helped with our excursion! Student of the Week “Cayden”

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This week year ones are interviewers! They interviewed each other about characters that they created for a “Wilky the Wimp” story. Preps are poet’s. They have begun to write rhymes that they have learned in English and rhyming words. Our rhyme of the week was: “Hop, hop, hop to the shop, To buy a red lollypop”. Mrs Lyon and Mrs Ramage were blown away by the dialogue and higher order thinking that was going on in our room. Student of the week is Seth L for writing our rhyme of the week.

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YRS 1B, 1C, 1S
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4P - This week we have been impressing our teachers with their excellent presentations. We have enjoyed thinking about and writing of the experiences of children who came to Australia as convicts. In Science we did an investigation where we had to blow up a balloon using bi-carb soda and vinegar for science week. We are waiting to hear your child’s class. We have our author visit on Friday, please make sure you have paid your money to the office by Thursday morning. Students of the week: 1B – Jake W, 1C – Steele B and 1S – Lucy C – Congratulations to these students.

2E & 2W - After the short EKKA week, Year 2 have started their new English Unit. We are looking at Narratives and how to turn information from it into an Information Report. We have begun work on Stellaluna. Maths is focusing on three digit numbers - how to correctly spell them, use them to count in different counting patterns and identify their place values. Thank you to those who have paid for Friday’s Wonky Donkey Author visit. We have read the book and are looking forward to his visit. Students of the Week - 2E - Jayda and 2W – Reagan.

3K – We welcome our pre-service teachers (Miss Serow and Miss Nolani) back to our classroom. We’re all very excited about having both of you working with us again until the end of this term. This Tuesday our class will participate in a FREE Oztag session! Yay! Thank you to the parents/carers who have paid $3 to allow their child to see our guest author, Craig Smith, this coming Friday in the lead up to celebrating next week’s annual Book Week. Thanks to Mrs Luker for organising this wonderful event. The Junior Sports Carnival will be on Tuesday, 27 August. Please ensure that your child wears their house shirt and that he/she has applied sunscreen before arriving at school. Don’t forget your water bottle! This week your child received a list of words for the Spell-a-thon that our school is running in Week 10 of this term. Please encourage your child to revise/revisit these familiar spelling words in preparation for the Spell-a-thon. More information will be released in the coming weeks. As a part of our History research we are keen to locate an Indigenous person/elder from Brisbane area to answer a few of our students’ questions. If you are a part of this language group or know someone that is (and who is willing to come into our school to answer some questions about their land, language and culture) please email Miss K at akend5@eq.edu.au. Student of the Week: Blanca E.

3/4B - After all the hard work the children put into writing their ‘traditional tales’, they were able to proudly present them to the Year 1’s at the end of last week. We learnt that presentation is paramount, so this will be a focus for our new English unit – Humorology. We are looking forward to next week when the students will get the opportunity to join in on an Oztag workshop as a bonus to their usual PE timetable. I hope everyone is busily organising their Book Week. Reading is a Universal way to keep these great books at home…Mrs Bibby still has a bit of work to do on hers! The Student of the Week is Joss.

PCYC NEWS

It is that time of the term again where vacation care is fast approaching so preparations for this time are well under way with the program due to be out on Friday 23rd August.
We are trying to incorporate some space and materials to set up our very own “Play Pod” to do this we are asking for donations of all sorts of things like, Tyres, Old sheets or Blankets, Bottles, containers or anything you may have lying around which we could use, please bring it in and leave it with our friendly staff. If you would like more information on the type of play we want to develop Google search “Play Pods”. Started in the UK it is an amazing concept for play and imagination.

CLASS NEWS

Prep R – This week we completed our Nursery Rhyme speeches. We all made great improvements using strong, clear voices and some actions to make our presentations more interesting. We had our excursion to the Sensitivity Unit and completed many great activities. We learnt how to control a wheelchair, we walked through the vision (should be called the no vision) tunnel and we used hearing aids. Thanks to Mums and Dads who helped with our excursion! Student of the Week “Cayden”

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

We are approaching a busy time in the Everton Park sporting world this week and next! Firstly, we have a fantastic opportunity for our kids to try Oztag this Tuesday and next. The Ferny Hills Oztag organisation is giving our kids the chance to try the sport over 2 sessions. This should be lots of fun! The Junior School Athletics carnival (P-3) is next Tuesday the 27th from 9-11ish. We have been practising our events in PE classes. Our Junior School kids are looking forward to trying their skills out on the day in a fun and supportive environment. I look forward to seeing lots of parents down to support their little ones on the day. Our district athletics representatives are off to the Met North competition next week. Once again I wish them well and look forward to hearing their stories of how they went throughout the competition. Good luck!

Finally, we are also very fortunate that the Pine Hills Football Club is sending some coaches to work with our students during our PE classes starting from next week. We will together be aiming to provide our P-4s with the opportunity to try football (soccer) in class time, working with myself and club coaches. My aim is for them to have the confidence to join our school team when they reach Grade 5.

Yours in Sport
Trent Thomas

LIBRARY NEWS

Only another few weeks for the Premiers Reading Challenge, so there is still time to reach your goal. Craig Smith author and singer of the Wonky Donkey will be here this Friday and I know everyone is just as excited as I am. Book Week starts next week and there will be lots to do in the library. Book Fair will be open on Friday the 30th August, the same day as the school concert. The band, staff and all members of the school community are welcome to dress as a favourite book character and/or dress in a Space theme. Prizes for each year level! Picture Book of the Year Winner – The Coat by Julie Hunt & Ron Brooks: Early Childhood book of the Year – The Terrible Suitcase by Emma Allen & Freya Blackwood.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE

* The ‘AST Golden Boot’ award will be presented to the school that has the highest percentage of carpooling for the month of August. Let’s win that Golden Boot again! Hitch a car ride to school with your school friends this month!

* Students can claim their AST prizes (check your passports to see if you have acquired enough stamps) from Miss. K’s classroom (room 19) on Fridays - first break (during play time).

* Great to see/hear that so many students actively travelled to school last Tuesday for ‘Tuesday’s Tremendous Travellers’! Keep reading the weekly Active School Travel newsletter snippet to know when the next ‘Tuesday’s Tremendous Travellers’ will be held!

* Are you a Year 6 or Year 7 student who doesn’t have a leadership role? Or perhaps you’re just a person that likes to ‘help out’? The Active Travel Crew NEEDS YOU! The Active School Travel Crew are looking for Years 6 and 7 students to help with stamping student’s hands at the school gates for future upcoming Active School Travel events. Please see Miss K (room 19) to express your interest.

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to all of our strings and band students who attended the Intermediate Music Camp. A special thank you to all parents and friends who attended the concert!

BAND TOUR DAY – THURSDAY 29th AUGUST

Our senior band students who rehearse on Wednesdays will be performing as part of a band tour day with Mitchelton State School, Mitchelton State High School and Grovely State School on Thursday 29th August. We will be performing at our school hall from 1.55 pm - 2.25 pm. All parents and friends are most welcome to attend. This short concert is particularly useful for parents/guardians who have children who are considering learning a band instrument in 2014. For all string queries (please contact Kathryn Payne who teaches at our school on Thursday 29th August) - kpayne49@eq.edu.au

For all band queries (please contact Penny Hall who teaches at our school on WEDNESDAYS) - phall55@eq.edu.au

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. ☺️
FRI 23
Kim Grogan, Melissa Hulbert, Jeanette Jenkinson
MON 26

THURS 29
Hayley Swain

FRI 30
Sam Nicholson, Greg Scott, Carmel Privitera

Please remember Prep to Grade 2 children may not buy items over the counter. Everything needs to be ordered online or on a paper bag.

Tuckshop Online Ordering is here!
Run out of bread? Not enough cash on hand? Order your tuckshop lunches online!
Getting online is easy and only takes a few minutes to register. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and follow the instructions.
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 8.00am or please call the Tuckshop on 3550 2250 where it can be cancelled before 9.15am. If you have embraced online ordering and now have unwanted paper bags in the cupboard, please send them to Tuckshop where we can use them.
Thanks to the families who have already sent theirs in.
Please note - paper bag ordering is still available.

Yummy! Fresh Strawberry Smoothies $2.00. This is an online ordering promotion and only available online Mondays and Thursdays.

Junior Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 27 August
Tuckshop will be open to provide a Junior Athlete’s Performance Pack and treats only at first break. Menus for the Performance Pack were distributed to Prep – Grade 3 students on Monday. Spare copies are available from the Tuckshop. Orders need to be received by this Friday 23rd August.
Have a great week.
Katrina

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 debtor statement/invoice. Thanks you to those families who are already using these numbers as a reference as it makes for accurate receipting.

Free treatment for children (aged 8 to 12 years) who WORRY a lot

GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY
Parents, is your child a worrier or a “worry wart”? Does your child worry a lot about everything like school, family, friends, their health and saying the wrong thing? At Griffith University Mt Gravatt we are offering a free treatment program for children aged 8 to 12 years who worry a lot. Interested? Contact: Monique Holmes (07) 3735 3305; email noworriesprogram@griffith.edu.au; Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/NoWorriesProgram

ONLINE ORDERING
• Available 24/7
• Convenient for parents
• Removes paper orders and cash
• FREE registration

Online ordering is more convenient, providing a 24/7 payment and ordering system that can be accessed from home, work or a mobile device.
No more fumbling around for coins in the morning or sending kids to school with excess cash, online orders are faster and more accurate giving parents peace of mind that their order and payment is received accurately at the school.

Registration is free and only takes a few minutes.