FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Reading Goals
We love reading and it is something we aim to instil in our students. I often use the analogy of reading is like learning to ride a bike. At the start it may be a bit bumpy, but once you get the hang of it, reading becomes really enjoyable. We know that for students to become independent readers who develop a love of books requires many hours of practice. This is why we make reading a part of homework every night for every class. Every student in our school has an individual reading goal that aims to help them take the next step in their literacy journey. Some students will achieve their goal within a few weeks and others may take a term. Once they achieve their goal they then negotiate with their class teacher as to what the next direction will be on their learning pathway. As parent teacher interviews are coming up in the next few weeks I would encourage to chat to your child’s teacher about your child’s learning goals and ways that you can support their reading learning journey.

Instrumental Music
Tomorrow we will see the combined schools band performance conducted by Penny Hall at our school. Parents and carers are invited to attend. Over the last year our instrumental music program has received a $10 000 injection of funding from our P&C and a $30 000 from a gaming grant. As you know we offer our students the opportunity to learn an instrument. Children can learn a stringed instrument from the start of Year 3. They may elect to play violin, viola, cello and double bass. Children in Year 5 and above can learn a windwood, brass or percussion instrument. The instruments available are: flute, clarinet, saxophone, French horn, trombone, euphonium, bass guitar and percussion. All lessons are held for 30 minutes every week in school time. Although lessons are free there are instrumental music contributions. Tuition is given in groups according to abilities and instruments. Once students are technically
ready they can join the string orchestra or band. Please note that is children are in the strings program they cannot also learn a band instrument.

We know that there are many advantages to learning an instrument. Playing a musical instrument:

- relieves stress
- gives a sense of achievement.
- develops fine motor skills and coordination
- provides a means for self-expression and promotes creativity
- teaches the importance of dedication, focus and practice

We are looking at expanding our program next year and we hope to be able to support more students to get involved. For more information about our Instrumental Program please contact our instrumental teacher, Penny Hall (phall35@eq.edu.au).

Optiminds

Congratulations to our two teams who competed at the Optiminds competition on the weekend. Their many weeks of hard work and preparation saw our students represent the school with pride and distinction. Both of our Optiminds teams demonstrated many of the skills that are taught as part of the Australian Curriculum. They had to be creative, effective communicators, collaborators, organised and most importantly apply their academic knowledge and skills. Thank you to Ms Parkinson and Ms Lovelock for their support for our two teams.

Book Week

This week we celebrate book week. The Library has been buzzing with excited readers and literature activities. We hope you can make it to our Assembly this Friday, as our staffs have prepared a special presentation under the careful coordination of Mrs Lukey.

2-Minute Parking Zone

This parking zone is for parents to drop their children off at the school. If you will be perfect for a parent to earn a little bit of extra money during school hours, and helping the school at the same time. The Uniform Shop Convenor will be responsible for managing everything to do with the uniform shop and will report to the Uniform and Tuckshop Subcommittee. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact Pam, Penny Valentine or pandc@everparks.eq.edu.au for more information on the role. Applications for the role will close on Friday the 30th of August. This has been extended for a week due to the lack of a newsletter last week.

Thank you so much, Pam, for the wonderful job you have done in getting the uniform shop running like a well-oiled machine. You will be sorely missed! Pam will be looking after everything until our new convenor is on board.

**Electoral Day Sausage Sizzle**

As usual, we will be running a sausage sizzle on Election Day as we have a polling place at the school hall. You should get an email this week through your class teacher regarding this. Volunteers will also be putting a note on the door of each classroom for you to add you name. If you can help turn a couple of sausages after you’ve voted, we would love to hear from you! Get in early by emailing pandc@everparks.eq.edu.au.

**Election Day Baking**

We’ve found that cupcakes sell really well at sausage sizzles, so this is a great way to help the P&C raise some money. If flipping sausages isn’t your thing, but you love baking, we’d love it if you could donate a batch of cupcakes for us to sell. Please drop off any creations to the tuckshop on Friday the 6th of September.

**CLASS NEWS**

**Prep R** - This week we had a great time at the Junior Sports Day. Thanks to all the parents who came along to support us and completed the activities. We have also started investigating “Sharing” in Maths. This means that we share out a large group and make sure that each person in the group has the same amount. In English, we have completed our Writing Assessments, where we had to write our opinions on the book “The Gruffalo”. We all had great ideas. Student of the Week – Willem B

**Prep C** – This week we have each designed a sandwich to present to the class. Each child will then ask the rest of the class a Yes or No question about their sandwich. In Science we have been learning about the weather and how it affects the type of clothing you wear and activities you do. Thanks to all the parents who came along to Sports Day. It was a great fun morning for all. Student of the Week – Evie F

**Prep 1/R** - We have certainly worked hard this week! I think with our recent excursions and sports day, we will need some early nights! I am so proud of our class’s full participation during our sports activities. The positive supportive atmosphere in our class, cheering each other on. A special mention to Ben A, our Student of the Week, who lead our Maths activities on Monday. Great stuff!!

**1B, 1C, 1S** - What a fantastic excursion the Year 1’s had last week! A special thank-you to the many parents who so capably assisted us and ensured all our students gained a good knowledge of the creek landscape. Our next task is for the children to create a collage of how the creek would look after either a drought or flood. To do this we have asked the children to bring any materials they think would be suitable to use. We will also have a supply of some materials available. A reminder for children to bring in materials to create a rocket in their Technology lesson on Thursday.

**Students of the Week:** Tramson M, 1C Connor N and 1S Corey H.

**2E & 2W** - Yesterday saw the classes participate in a rotational sports day organised by Mr Thomas and the Year Sevens. Thanks to Mr Thomas, Year Sevens and all the family members who came and supported the classes while we went to each activity. The Wonkey Donkey visit by Craig Smith had all children singing and dancing. He also answered some very insightful questions about the writing of his books. The Northern Blossom Bat has been investigated in class and factual information has been gathered. This Friday is Book Week dress-up. Come dressed up as your favourite book character. Student of the Week: 2E is Jack J.

**2/3M** - The children in 2/3 are working very hard on unit 6. The Year 3 children are working towards writing a narrative that captures the reader’s interest and the Year 2 children have been busy understanding information texts and how to take notes. In Science, the Year 2 children will be using their knowledge of the properties of materials to create a lunchbox that can hold a sandwich and an orange. Can you please send materials that your child can use to complete this task by next Wednesday. Your child will be able to discuss what they will need to complete this task e.g. appropriate sized cardboard box. Please also keep your eyes open for the parent/teacher interview time. The classes have sent home early next week. The drama performance will be held on Wednesday the 11th of September. Students of The Week – Jack & Amy.

**3K** - The special guest author for this year’s Book Week, Craig Smith, was brilliant! His performance was definitely worth the $3! Don’t forget this Friday to dress up for the Book Week Assembly – the theme: Reading Across the Universe. Only 2 weeks to go until the Premier’s Reading Challenge ends! Get your forms in! Last Friday your child received a sponsor card 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 that our school is running this week. Please note that 3K will be performing for parents/carers on Tuesday the 10th September from 2:30pm – 3:00pm. Please return the RSVP slip (to our classroom message box) to advise Miss Nolan that you are.
available to attend. Student of the Week: BC.

3/4B - Congratulations to all our budding scientists -- we took out the upper school Science Week award for the best scientific report for our 'egg investigation'! This week we are eggsited (pardon, too busy to pun) working on our Assessment unit (about taking our great prize (an electric paper plane launcher) for a test-spin. This is a big week, having had the Junior Athletics Carnival on Tuesday and Book Week celebrations on Thursday and Friday. Book Week dress-ups! I look forward to seeing many of you at parent/teacher interviews throughout next week. Student of the Week will go to Anika.

4/5P - Over the last two weeks we have been lucky enough to participate in Auztag lessons where we learnt some touch football skills. It was fun and we learnt a lot. In science we have been studying biodegradability and finding out lots about plastics. In history we have been investigating what life was like for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples before the arrival of the Europeans. This week the focus was on Year 7 in 2014 and they plan on attending the Canberra Camp. If you require another note please contact your class teacher.

5 - For Maths this week we will be looking at Fractions, Symmetry and 2D Shapes in Year 4 and Money, Mapping, Addition and Subtraction in Year 5. In History we will be entering the Assessment phase of our Units which are Understanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ stories in Years 4 and 5 and creating real life characters in Year 5. For Maths this week we will be looking at Ratios, Percentage and Substitution in Year 5. In History we will be looking at Australia as a part of the world in the last weeks. The Social Sciences challenge that both teams chose was as follows: ALL TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS ARE LOST! Each team had to identify the cause of the loss, identify the effects of the loss on three different aspects of society, and devise a new way to communicate and decide whether or not the loss of telecommunications systems is beneficial to society. They had to present this as a play. The other part of the competition is to participate in a spontaneous Challenge where teams have to work together to solve an unseen problem. Thank-you very much to Mrs Lovelock for helping the children prepare for this.

Well done! In class this week it is all go go! We have Maths to complete, History reports to write and Science to learn. Please remember to keep working on your Food Diaries. Make sure they are finished and back at school on Friday. We can then complete the last section of our diet/lifestyle unit in Health. It’s great to see everyone working so hard and maintaining their leadership roles confidently. Have a great week everyone!

7S - This week Grade 7’s were wonderful helpers for the Junior Athletics Day. It’s wonderful to see so many senior students working with the younger grades. In class we have been focusing on our English, Maths, Science and History as we wrap up our next unit and complete assessment over the next 3 weeks. Parents/ Guardians: Time to pencil into your calendars Graduation Night in Term 4 will be Wednesday 4 December (starting time to be confirmed in Term 4, however approx. 6pm start).

OPTI-MINDS

Congratulations to our wonderful and hardworking Optiminds teams! They have been working VERY hard all term preparing for this competition and, for the SECOND year in a row, one of the teams, ‘Telepathos United’ (Riley M-V, Adrian H, Malika S, Dominic D) brought home a very special Spirit of Optiminds award! This award is given for teams who have shown outstanding team work, have excellent creative problem solving and organisation skills and demonstrate that they had fun! Even though only one team was recognised on the day it was the other team, ‘Gemleisatah’ (Gemma A, Isaac T, Leticia P, Tahlia A) also displayed these qualities and should be heartily commented for their efforts as well.

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2014 GRADE 6/7 CAMP

Please don’t forget to pay your $100 deposit if your child will be in Grade 6 or 7 in 2014 and they plan on attending the Canberra Camp. If you require another note please contact your class teacher.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week Assembly 2013 – Read Across the Universe.

Come and celebrate with us this Friday at our Book Week Assembly. Dress up as a favourite book character and/or wear something related to our space theme. We encourage everyone to use their imagination and be creative: ice-cream containers make wonderful space helmets! Then after assembly drop into the Book Fair in the Library. Book Fair continues on Monday and Tuesday as well so you won’t miss out. A great time to buy up for Christmas and support our library at the same time. Our rocket ship has been very busy this week. Thanks Mrs Fizzle and her class.

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).

*Thousands of high school students across Brisbane catch the bus to school every day, but only a hand full of primary school students travel to school by bus. The Brisbane City Council are helping primary school students develop the skills to travel by bus safely. As part of the AST program, Bus Buzz comprises of sessions to educate students on the practicalities of bus travel as well as appropriate and safe behaviours. The program’s run to also increase awareness of bus services and aim to motivate families to catch the bus to travel to and from school. Our Years 5 - 7 students will be provided with a FREE Bus Buzz session, in the last week of this term.

*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 Year 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.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Another very busy week for sport is upon us! Firstly, we have had coaches from the Pine Hills Football club start working with our kids. They will be running specialised football (soccer) sessions with our junior school students for the next few weeks. What a great opportunity for our kids to try this fantastic sport!

Oztag has also been out delivering sessions for our senior school students. This week was the second week of the program. I have had a lot of positive feedback from our students over this program. Once again, another great opportunity for our students to get involved in sport at our school. Our Junior Athletics Carnival was held on Tuesday. The students were well
supported by parents. It was fantastic to see so many down on the oval taking photos and cheering. Everyone had a great time, and this was due in no small part to our fantastic Year 7 students who were running the activities. Great work everyone!

Finally, our District representatives are competing at the Met North carnival over Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Good luck to all! Results to follow!!!

Go EPSS!!!
Trent Thomas

MUSIC NEWS

BAND TOUR DAY - THURSDAY 29th AUGUST

Our senior band students who rehearse on Wednesday morning 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 THURSDAYS) - kpayn49@eq.edu.au
For all band queries (please contact Penny Hall who teaches at our school on WEDNESDAYS) - phall35@eq.edu.au

JUNIOR CHOIR NEWS

Look out for the note coming home about our excursion on Wednesday 11 September to the Wheller Gardens Nursing home. We will be needing assistance with transport, so please reply as soon as possible if you are able to assist.

Year 4 Recorder Players

Congratulations to all the year four students who played Rockin’ Train on parade week! You did a fantastic job, in your first year of recorder playing. Keep up the good work!

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 NEWS

August Roster
Thursday 29th –
Friday 30th – Sam Nicholson, Greg Scott, Carmel Privitera

September Roster
Monday 2nd – Amanda Sewell
Thursday 5th – June Lever
Friday 6th – Caroline Chorley, Susan Seeot, Sam Muir

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.

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.

Krazy Lemon homestyle lemonade $2.00
Trop-0-saurus Slime Paddle Pop $1.90

Have a great week.
Katrina

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.

Remember!
The Tuckshop is now open Monday, Thursday and Fridays 8.15am to 11.45 am.