FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Parent Rep Meeting
Next week we will have our third Parent Rep meeting. Each term we have been holding a forum to get parents to provide feedback to the school and input into our four year strategic plan. On Wednesday, 11 August at 7:00pm we will be meeting in the Library and ask that the P&C parent rep from each class attend. At the next meeting we will be discussing home/school communication, the findings of the recent teaching and learning audit and behaviour management.
Please get in touch with your class rep if you would like to provide input into this meeting or come along to join the fun. It is important that we have representation from each class across the school to ensure a balanced feedback approach. If you have any questions or would like additional information please email Amy, our P&C President at pandcpresident@everparkss.eq.edu.au or me at the.principal@everparkss.eq.edu.au

Gardens
If you have been around our library for the book fair or around A Block I am sure you would have seen the beautiful gardens in full bloom. A special thank you to Mrs Sperling’s husband, Les, who donates his time and green thumbs the year around to keep these garden beds in such magnificent shape. Many thanks Les for making our school a better place.

Bystander Behaviours
A message we try to get across to all of our students to help reduce bullying is about bystander behaviours. We have been encouraging our students to do something and not to ignore it when someone is being bullied. I am pleased to say that our students are developing a good understanding of how to avoid being a bystander and some are developing a toolkit on how to address these problems in the playground.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
11th Uniform & Tuckshop meeting in Library at 2pm
21st Student Free Day
21st P&C meeting 7:30pm
25th Day for Daniel
Research has demonstrated that bystanders play a significant role in bullying.

- Bystanders are present most of the time (85%), where adults are rarely present.
- Most young people feel uncomfortable but very few know what to do to stop it happening.
- Bullying behaviours are reinforced when people watch but do nothing.
- When bystanders do intervene, the bullying is more likely to stop quickly most of the time. Intervention may be as simple as saying something to the bully. A phrase that I have been teaching our students is “That is not how we treat each other at Everton Park State School.” This sends a clear message to the bully that they do not like the behaviour that they have seen and a message to the victim that support is nearby.

The solutions to bullying involves not only students but also school staff and parents. We can only change part of the problem - or part of the solution. It’s up to everyone to create a safe school environment and we can all help. Motivating bystanders to act is now being promoted as a major positive response.

**Attendance is important in the last weeks of term**

As we reach the end of Term 3, parents are reminded that children must attend school on every school day unless they have a reasonable excuse for being away, such as illness.

Visiting family, being tired, or starting holidays early are not good reasons to be away from school. Every day counts. More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at www.education.qld.gov.au/everdaycounts/docs/parent-fact-sheet.pdf

Regards

Brad Clark
Principal

**P&C NEWS**

**Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall**

We are still in desperate need for some helpers to run a sausage sizzle on Saturday. If you can spare anytime at all on Saturday, 7 September and want to come and help the school raise some much needed funds, please let us know! Either email pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au or put your name on the list on each classroom door.

We’d also really appreciate any donations of baked goods us to sell. If you’re able to help, please drop off your donations to the tuckshop this Friday.

**Spelling Bee**

Hopefully everyone received their Word List and Sponsorship form for the Spelling last week! I hope everyone is practicing their words for the test next week! So that students can get their results quickly, we are hoping to get some parents to help on the day with a ‘Marking Bee’. The Spellingthon will be held on Thursday, 11 September and markingsould be a couple of hours in the morning. If you are interested in helping, please let us know by emailing pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au. Once the date has been confirmed, we’ll send out an email via the Class Representative too asking for help.

Amy List
P&C President

**CLASS NEWS**

**Prep R** - We have been working very hard at producing our Maths Data presentations. Each child created a sandwich (varying levels of yumminess) and then had to create and ask a question to their classmates. From the class answers they had to generate and analyse the data. Everyone did a great job! In Science we are focusing on the different types of clothes and the appropriate activities you can do in different types of weather. Student of the Week - Joshua N.

**Prep 1/R** - This week we explore time! Preps are sequencing events in order and thinking about what activities we do on each school day. Grade ones are writing half past and o’clock times on analogue and digital clocks. During Science lessons, Preps are choosing clothes for different seasons and weather. Year Ones will complete a collage of Terabla Creek, illustrating before and after a flood or drought. Student of the Week is Kawaiwani.

**1B, 1C, 1S** - Now that our planning of our Science assessment collages is well underway we will be starting our creations this week. The students should have brought in suitable materials for their own collages and we will be supplying them with some other materials to choose from as well. Their creations should show natural and man-made features of the local creek area, as well as depicting specific changes to the creek landscape that would occur as a result of severe weather conditions like a drought or flood. By the end of the term all students will have formally presented and discussed their collages in front of their classes. This week in Technology students have also been constructing appropriate rocket models, based on the “create, design, plan and evaluate” model. In Literacy we are reading and analysing more cultural stories, focusing on the different elements of creative writing sessions. We are also practising retelling these stories orally, using nice book language and expression. This is in readiness for our oral oral presentations to the class. We have all established reading goals that we are working hard towards achieving, so please ask us about these.

In Maths we are working on duration of time, calendars and representing half past times both digitally and on analogue clocks. Students of the Week are Cooper J – 1C, David E – 1S, Eva E – 1B.

**2E & 2W** - This week Year 2 are working hard at completing their assessments. They think and search questions for the text ‘Fox and Fine Feathers’. They are learning to use wording from the question in their answer and provide lots of detail. In Numeracy we are looking at counting money and exchanging smaller coins/ notes for larger coins and notes. In Science we are beginning the assessment where children will be showing the life cycle of an animal or plant, describing new, clarifying and explaining what it needs as it grows. Students of the week are: 2E: Sam and 2W: Luke and Blair.

**3K** - The Premier’s Reading Challenge ends this Friday! Get your forms in! Next Thursday, our school will run the Spell-a-thon. A few weeks ago your child received a sponsor card that included their list of words. Please encourage your child to revise/revisit these familiar spelling words in preparation for the Spell-a-thon. Please note that 3K will be performing their Drama freeze frames for parents/carers on Tuesday, 10 September from 2:30pm – 3:00pm (in the school hall). Please return the RSVP slip (to our classroom message box) before this Friday to advise Miss Nolan that you are available to attend. Student of the Week: Ellie S.

**4/5I** - In English we will complete the Assessment of the units we have been working on and will begin our new units which are exploring recounts set in the past in Year 4 and examining media texts in Year 5. For Maths we will be looking at Fractions, Symmetry, 2D Shapes and Mass in Year 4 and Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication, Division and Symmetry in Year 5. In History we will be entering the assessment phase of our Units which we will complete over the next few weeks. Parent-Teacher Interview letters went home yesterday and will be held from 10 – 17 September. Have a great week.

**Student of the Week: Zanthe M.**

**5T** - This week the class will be comparing the narrative features of the poem Waltzing Matilda with a story version. We will explore how each version creates the orientation, develops the complication and reaches a climax and resolution. Our examination will also investigate how character traits and motivation are presented to grab a reader’s attention. A focus on noun groups will assist the students to effectively describe the setting and provide important detail to the reader.

Next week the students start their own individual narratives that will form part of our assessment for unit 6. Student of the Week: Suliman K.

**6/7P** - Well done everyone for keeping up the good work. This is a long term and it is great to see students continuing to do their best work. This week we are completing our History investigations and exploring space in Science. Remember to keep working on your Premier’s Reading Challenge. Please bear in mind to read as much as you can, it helps to increase your vocabulary and helps with all aspects of your reading and writing. It’s great for the imagination too! Have a great week everyone!
**LIBRARY NEWS**

Another successful Book Week this year thanks to such a supportive school community. Students have also enjoyed browsing at the Book Fair and making their wish lists. If you missed out on the Book Fair, the Scholastic Book Club will be out once again early next term. Premiers Reading Challenge finishes officially this Friday so all books read should have been recorded by now and handed in to the class teacher. I've just finished my reading challenge with an audio book I downloaded from the Brisbane City Council Library. I downloaded an app called BorrowBox Library (free) and a few minutes later had downloaded a couple of audio library books onto my iPad. If you want some ideas on what to read try the website Get reading - Top 50 Books You Can't Put Down. www.getreading.com.au They also have a list of Australia’s Top 100 favourite Homegrown Reads.

*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 who have 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**

Well done to our athletes who competed at the Met North trials for Track and Field last week. I am still waiting for official results but so far I would like to congratulate Adrian Herbert who has been selected to represent Met North at the State Carnival in the discus event. Adrian finished a close second!

This week we still have the Pine Hills football club working with our junior school kids in PE classes. They are bringing some great drills and lots of enthusiasm! We also welcome back the NRL development officers to our school. Our Preps are also going to be lucky enough to participate in their introductory program over the last few weeks of school. My fantastic helpers from the PMP program can have a much deserved break until the holidays!!!

Finally, we will be having sign-ons for our Term 4 Friday afternoon sports this week. The sports being offered are Touch for boys and girls, cricket for boys and softball for girls. Our teams are always dependant on having enough children signing on so that we can field a team. Please encourage your child to play a sport for Term 4. Friday afternoon interschool sport is only available for children in Years 5-7.

Yours in Sport
Trent Thomas

**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 is 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 is 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.*

**SKATE NIGHT**

Wednesday 11 September
Come and join our fun-filled fundraising night at SkateAway Skate Centre, Albany Creek Square in Albany Creek from 6:30 – 8:30pm. See enclosed flyer.

**MUSIC NEWS**

**BAND TOUR** 29th AUGUST
Congratulations to all of our senior band students who did a great job on our band performance day! Special thank you to all classes and parents who came to watch our final performance at our school.

**JUNIOR MUSIC CAMP - 9TH - 11TH SEPTEMBER**
Our Junior Music Camp is fast approaching. If your child is learning strings in their second year with Mrs Payne they will be attending the camp at Windsor State School.

If your child is learning band in their 1st year and is attending the camp with Mrs Hall they will be attending the camp at Aspley State School.

Don’t forget the concert for the camp will be held at the Brisbane Exhibition/Show Grounds on Wednesday, 11 September at 4.00 pm.

**Band and Strings tour - Members of our strings and band students will be attending a performance day in the last week of school on Thursday, 19 September. Information has been sent home. Don’t forget to send in your child’s permission slip as soon as possible.**

***THERE WILL BE NO STRINGS LESSONS AND NO STRING REHEARSALS ON THURSDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER WITH MRS PAYNE***

***THERE WILL BE NO LESSONS AND NO BAND REHEARSALS ON WEDNESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER WITH MRS HALL***

**BAND PROGRAM - 2014**
Information will be sent home about our band program this week to our Year 4 parents. However, if your child is entering Year 5 or above and is not already learning a strings or band instrument and they are interested in learning a band instrument in 2014 please contact Penny Hall.

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

For all band queries (please contact Penny Hall who teaches at our school on Wednesday) - phall35@eq.edu.au

Viva la musica!

**JUNIOR CHOIR NEWS**

Thank you to the families who have returned permission /transport slips for our visit to Wheeler Gardens on 11 September. We need to finalise transport this week, so please return slips immediately to the school office if you would like your child to participate.

**YEAR 5**
All Year 5 students will perform a piece on recorder this Friday 6 September at Parade. Make sure you bring your recorder to Parade!

**ELEMENTS**
Our vocal/instrumental Group - Elements - will perform a short item on Parade on Friday, 13 September.

Bernadette Crook
Choir & Music Teacher

**CHEERLEADING**
Please remember to come to practice! If you are unable to make it, you need to come and see me to let me know why you were absent.

Interested in being in the 2014 Cheerleading teams? Then get ready, as we will be auditioning for the teams during 4th term. More details will come out soon!

Thanks, Miss R :o)
Remember!
The Tuckshop is now open Monday, Thursday and Fridays 8.15am to 11.45 am.

SEPTEMBER ROSTER
Thursday 5
June Lever
Friday 6
Caroline Chorley, Susan Seeto, Sam Muir
Monday 9
Karen Penman
Thursday 12
Karen Gavegan
Friday 13
Penny Liddell, Carol Gilmour, Karla Chaffey

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 Monday and Thursdays.

NEW!
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.

PLAN B 4 KIDS PARENT WORKSHOP
The Plan B 4 Kids Parent Workshop will be conducted at the Enoggera Parent Education Centre on Thursdays 17 and 24 October from 9.15am to 11.30am.
The workshop offers parents ideas on how to deal effectively with challenging behaviours children (3 to 12 year olds) display at home or in the community.
Please contact the Centre on Ph.: 33559202 to express your interest in participating in these two sessions. The number of participants will be limited so attendance will be based on order of registration. Child care will not be available on the day. Morning tea will be provided.