FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

The Network Ten Showcase Award for Excellence in the Early and Primary Years
Last Friday night the 2013 Showcase Awards winners were announced and I am very proud to say that our school won the state category of ‘Excellence in the Early and Primary Years’ for our entry of Activating a Learning Community. This is the highest acknowledgement and recognition for the wonderful outcomes our school has achieved over the last few years. It is an outstanding achievement that reflects the amazing things we can accomplish as a united school community. After winning the regional final and being a state finalist and winning the state final our school will receive over $25 000 in prize money to further develop academic initiatives. A special thanks to Amy List and Linda Craven who joined me for the final judging interview to get us across the line and a special thanks to our local state member, Mr Tim Mander, who supported us on the evening and supported our staff being able to attend the awards ceremony.

International Teacher’s Day
This Friday, 25 October, 2013 we celebrate World Teachers’ Day in Queensland. World Teachers’ Day offers a chance to acknowledge our teachers and say thanks. Every day our teachers are making a difference educating and inspiring our young students.
World Teachers’ Day is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society.
Please join us for our assembly to help us celebrate this special day. I would also encourage you to find your own unique way of making a personalised message for your child’s class teacher. For ideas visit http://www.qct.edu.au/wtd/

2014 Class Placements
At Everton Park State School, we continually strive to best meet the individual needs of each student. We are now starting to look at class placements for 2014. It is vital that we have an accurate understanding of our student numbers and needs. Please contact the office if your child will not be attending Everton Park State School next
year or even if you are unsure which school your child will be attending.

Parents who wish to provide additional information for consideration for class placements are encouraged to complete a 2014 Class Placement form which can be collected from the office. Please be aware that the information on the forms will also be shared with our teachers in the decision making process and parents are encouraged to discuss their concerns with the 2013 class teacher.

While all information will be taken into account, we cannot guarantee that all requests will be met. We will consider issues that relate to the social, emotional or academic needs of your child within the context of the year level. Parents are not able to select or request a specific teacher. In fact we will have our students organised into classes before we allocate teachers to year levels. Our staffing is often not finalised until the second week of the new school year.

There are always additional factors in finalising class placements and we take into account all relevant pieces of information. We endeavour to place each student in the most conducive learning environment possible and to do this we have a thorough and detailed class placement process. Your child’s current teacher will have input into this decision making process and we are confident that they are very aware of the specific needs of every individual child when making these decisions.

Regards
Brad Clark
Principal

CHAPLAINCY
"Chaplains run positive, fun activities for students and assist in fostering supportive, caring school communities."

The Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) has been established to assist in the implementation of a Chaplaincy program within our school. Currently we are working towards our goal of raising enough funding to employ a Chaplain for 2 days per week. If you’d like more information or would like to get involved, you can email us at Chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au.

CLASS NEWS

Prep R - This week we have concentrated on "Under the Sea" and have started a variety of art activities, as well as language activities focusing on this topic. We have started reading the "Rainbow Fish" book series and have written a letter to Rainbow Fish discussing his feelings in the book and when we have felt the same way. In Maths we are focusing on number sequences, basic number words, our own numbers - numerals, pictures and words. Student of the Week - Heaven H.

Prep 1R - Thank you to all who came to our prep family night. It was lovely to see so many young folk, parents, grandparents and friends. We will have to organise an end of year family celebration for our whole class toward the end of the term. Every day seems to be action packed in our room! This week we divide into half and quarter and explore the concept of sharing. Student of the Week is Lorelei F for successfully using her writing checklist to correctly write a procedure text! WOW!!

1B, 1C & 2E - We continue our literature studies with the focus being procedure texts. To do this we are reading books, recipes, board game instructions and electronic books. The students have been identifying command sentences as well as writing their own instructions. We have discovered that instruction sentences usually begin with action words. Students are also analysing the layout of procedure texts. In Maths we are identifying purposeful questions and collecting and representing data using tally marks and simple picture graphs in order to find answers to these questions. In Science we continue our investigations into light sources and shadows. In the area of Health we further our learning around the components of a happy and healthy lifestyle. Our swimming program is uncovering new and previously hidden talents to those who have volunteered their time to help at the pool. Students of the Week are Thomas K – 1S, Jake W and Jett A – 1B and Daniel S – 1C.

2E & 2W – This week Year 2 are reading, comprehending and plotting the events in ‘Clancy the Courageous Cow’. They are learning to identify theme and re-write the middle (problem) of the story. We are doing lots of word connections and pronouns so that our writing is more interesting. In Maths we are revising strategies to subtract 2 digit numbers. Students will identify the number sum in a word problem and then use a pictorial strategy to add and subtract. In Science we are exploring the components of a happy and healthy lifestyle. Our swimming program is uncovering new and previously hidden talents to those who have volunteered their time to help at the pool. Students of the Week are Thomas K – 1S, Jake W and Jett A – 1B and Daniel S – 1C.

4L & 4P – We are really getting in to our Science lessons where we are learning about forces. This week we have been finding out about magnetic forces. In HPE we are writing a story about the relationships between characters in fairy tales to help us understand different types of relationships and how we relate to each other. We are thinking very creatively about our item for Everton Park has got Talent. Students of the Week: 4P – Olive B and 4L – Grace M.

5/6M – This week we have continued our persuasive speech writing and have completed some writing workshops. In Reading we have read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and in Writing we have explored abstract nouns. In Maths we have been working on multiplication, division and fractions. We have also been working on our spelling lists.

5/6S – This week we have continued to develop an understanding of how maps use degrees of latitude and longitude. We are about to begin learning how to identify and measure angles and we are also making a start on our persuasive speech writing. This week we are embarking on a project to create red poppies for the 5000 poppies project, so if you have any red fabric pieces/remnants at home that you would like to donate they would be much appreciated. Any spare black buttons that may be hanging around would also...
be great. Homework booklets should be returned each Wednesday for marking. With regards to Parent Teacher interviews, if you are unable to attend your scheduled interview please email or phone the school to reschedule prior to the arranged time.

6/7P - It’s great to be back at school today. I’m pleased to see how well everyone has been working in my absence. This term is super busy, we are currently working on writing and delivering our reading and language studies. I am looking forward to the Semester 1, Year 6 report cards coming home next week. Please ensure you have your child’s report cards ready and they are up to date and have them signed by Tuesday the 29th of October and 26th of November.

*Are you a Y5 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 is looking for Year 5 students to help with assembling student’s hands at the school gates for future upcoming Active School Travel events. Please see Miss K (room 19) to express your interest.

**EVERTON PARK’S GOT TALENT!**

Everton Park’s Got Talent Competition will begin next week. Times are as follows:

- **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at first break (11:00 – 11:40am)**

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS**

Recruiting for 2014

Information has been sent home to our year 2 and 4 students about our Instrumental Music program. However, if your child is entering year 5 or above and is not already learning a band instrument and they are interested in learning a band instrument in 2014 please contact Penny Hall. Testing for selection of students will be happening in the next few weeks.

**Information Evening Instrumental Music Program - Tuesday 12th November**

There will be an Information Evening about our Instrumental Music program held in our school Library on Tuesday, 12 November at 6.30pm for parents/guardians. This evening is for parents/guardians who will have children in their first year of learning an instrument in 2014 in either the strings or band program.

For all string queries (please contact Kathryn Payne who teaches at our school on THURSDAYS) - kpayn19@eq.edu.au

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

**DAY FOR DANIEL**

25 OCTOBER 2013

We will be participating in the Day for Daniel on Friday, 25 October. All children, parents and staff are encouraged to wear a red shirt on the day (or black if you can’t wear red) and donate a gold coin to go to the Daniel Morecombe Foundation. We will be incorporating safety initiatives on the day and are hoping that our local police officer will come and talk to us as well. Don’t forget to join the Day for Daniel walk as part of the Active Travel initiatives on the day, details are in this week’s Newsletter. The Day for Daniel is the Daniel Morecombe Foundation’s National Day of Action promoting children’s personal safety and providing Aussie Kids with valuable life skills. Please support this very important day as much as you can.

Tracey Irwin (4/5I Teacher)

**CHEERLEADING**

Next week is the last week of Cheerleading for 2013. Final auditions will be held next week. Pups (Preps - Yr 2) - Monday morning and Monday 2nd break - due to the public holiday and pupil free day. Reserves (Yr 3 - Yr 6) - Tuesday morning 7.45-8.30am

Squad - Monday afternoon only

Cheer Squad - we have our final competition this weekend, at Logan Metro Sports Centre. We will be performing on Saturday and Sunday morning. Please let me know if you need carpooling by Thursday’s practice session.

There will be NO cheerleading after Week 4. Team lists will be displayed around the school at the end of the year. Thanks Miss R:o)

**INTERSCHOOL SPORT RESULTS**

**Cricket**

EPSS lost 44 to 71 against Northside Christian College Black.

**Volleyball**

Game 1

Senior Girls EPSS 30 - Northside Christian College #3 23

Junior Girls 1 EPSS 27 - Junior Girls 2 EPSS 32

Game 2

Senior Girls EPSS 25 - Northside Christian College #1 39

Junior Girls 1 EPSS 18- Aspley #2 - 34

Junior Girls 2 EPSS 14- Aspley #1- 33

**LEARN TO SWIM CLASSES ON NOW**

Learn to swim classes suitable for preschool children and over are held at the school pool every Saturday during Term 4. Contact the lessons coordinator on 0450 064 415, visit www.epssasc.org.au
Remember!
The Tuckshop is now open Monday, Thursday and Fridays 8.15am to 11.45am.

OCTOBER ROSTER
THURSDAY 24
Karlene Amos
FRIDAY 25
Kim Grogan, Melissa Hulbert, Jeanette Jenkinson
MONDAY 28
THURSDAY 31
Hayley Swain, Penny Valentine

NOVEMBER ROSTER
FRIDAY 1
Karla Chaffey, Caroline Chorley, Susan Seeto

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.

NEW!

Krazy Lemon - homestyle lemonade $2.00.
Trop-0-Saurus Slime Paddle Pop $1.90.
Lemonade Icy Twists $1.00
Watermelon Slush Puppies $2.00

Have a great week everyone.
Katrina
Tuckshop Convenor

Tuckshop Online Ordering is here!
Getting online is easy and only takes a few minutes to register. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and follow the instructions.

Please note - paper bag ordering is still available.

'Spooky Spiders' are back for Halloween Thursday 31st October, $2.00 each. Black or red lemonade and vanilla ice cream. Pre-order online at www.flexischools.com.au or at the Tuckshop. Over the counter orders close next Monday 28th October. Do you dare...?