FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Each year we seek feedback from our school community on ways we can improve through our School Opinion Survey. The information we received last year was that parents would like to have more information and up-to-date news. I am proud to say we have listened to the feedback and have launched ourselves into the world of electronic communication.

I am sure by now you have visited our updated website which contains all of our school newsletters, annual reports, executive summaries of our Discipline Audit and Teaching and Learning Audit. It also contains the parent information book, school forms, school plans such as the Responsible Behaviour Plan and the tuckshop and uniform shop prices.

If you have a smart phone I would also encourage you to download the Qschools App. Recently there was an update rolled out which enhances that functionality of the app. This is a free app for android, iphone and now Windows phones. It will give you access to up to date information, as well as all of the documents listed above.
Our P&C also have a facebook page dedicated to keeping parents informed - www.facebook.com/epsspandc. The great news about our showcase win two weeks ago was shared over 1700 times through this page.

This week we also joined the world of Twitter. Follow us on Twitter @EvertonParkSS. This provides parents and community members with tweets of info about school activities and events. Of course the best information is the one you get first hand. We love having parents involved in the school and in their child’s classroom.

Everton Park State School Has Talent

It is official; the students at our school are a talented bunch. Recently our students have been auditioning and performing in the lunchtime activity of Everton Park State School Has Talent. Congratulations and thanks to Ms Moser who made this event so successful. Each day the hall is full of performers and a captivated audience. Stay tuned for more details about our finals.

2014 Enrolments

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week we had our Prep Orientation visits for our 2014 Prep students. I am always amazed at how big our current Preps are and how much they have grown; physically and academically. Just a reminder to collect your 2014 class placements forms if you would like to provide us with additional information for your child’s 2014 class placement. Also, please notify us as soon as possible if your child will not be attending Everton Park State School next year, as this will impact on our staffing and classes.

Monday 11 November 2013

Remembrance Day (11 November) marks the anniversary of the Armistice on 11 November which ended the First World War (1914–18). Each year Australians observe one minute silence at 11am on 11 November, in memory of those who died or suffered in all wars and armed conflicts. This year is not only the 95th anniversary of the armistice on 11 November which ended the First World War, but also the 20th anniversary of the reinterment of the Unknown Australian Soldier in the Australian War Memorial’s Hall of Memory.

Regards

Brad Clark
Principal

2014 FETE IDEAS

Got any celebration ideas?? We are holding a brainstorming session for the 2014 Fete - any and all ideas are welcome. Meet in the hall after assembly this Friday 8 Nov (around 9.30am). No need to be on the committee. Have ideas but cannot come along? Email: 2014fete@everparkss.eq.edu.au

CLASS NEWS

Prep C - Wow Prep C are fantastic counters! It is great to see so many children working hard on their sight words. Don’t forget to try to practise reading strategies when reading with your child each night. We are working hard on writing letters to a story character. Thank you to the class for helping in welcoming all the children coming to Prep next year.

Don’t forget to pay for the Under the Sea Puppet Show that is on this Friday – Student of the Week: Seb W.

Prep R - A great week in which we have focused on our counting sequences and our letter writing. This week we wrote a letter as Tiddler the Fidgety Fish, explaining his adventures in the deep ocean. In Maths we have concentrated on our skip counting and our before and after numbers. In Science we have investigated things that roll and bounce. We compared a variety of items and decided that the shape of the object means whether it will roll/bounce or neither of these motions. Student of the Week - Chrissy P.

1B, 1C & 1S - This week we are completing our assessment task in English by working in groups to help Mrs Grinling solve a problem with the seagulls. We have also been looking at multimodal presentations by exploring how to make a powerpoint slideshow. In Maths we have continued to explore the language of chance as well as looking at the different ways to represent and solve addition and subtraction number stories. We have been brainstorming natural and artificial sources of sound during science. Students of the Week: 1B Jai J, 1C Sam K and 1S Oliver B Congratulations to these people.

2E & 2W – Grade 2 are now beginning their assessment which will run over the next two weeks for all subject areas. In English they are required to write a new event for a story, keeping the theme and characters. We are looking for their use of simple and compound sentences, expanded noun groups, synonyms, pronouns and punctuation. In Maths we are working through both time (o’clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to) and data (posing questions, collecting information and representing their findings in a graph). A reminder that the excursion to the Twelfth Night Theatre is in 2 weeks, so please send in any remainder permission notes and money to the office. Students of the Week: 2W - Archie and 2E – Jack.

3K – It has been reported that some students in 3K are sharing food and money (given to children by their parents for tuckshop). We are not clear of the consequences of such an incident happening again – a detention. Please speak with your children and remind them that this is against the school rules and that it can be a serious problem for students who have a medical condition. Your support is greatly appreciated. On a final note, thank you in advance for returning the Active School Travel panes to the box in the school office by this Friday, 6 November. Student of the Week: Brandan F.

4/5I - In English we have begun our new units which are Exploring a quest novel in Year 4 and Examining characters in an animated film in Year 5. For Maths this week we will be looking at Chance and Data and Operations in Year 4 and Operations and Chance and Data in Year 5. We have finished the History Unit and will begin a Geography Unit next week. Our PE Lesson is now on Thursday afternoons from 1.50 - 2.50. Parents are needed in order for this lesson to go ahead. A big thank you to those parents who have assisted with our lessons so far. We really appreciate having you there. Student of the Week: Poriya T.

5T - This term our English focus has increased our language skills in written expression. The students’ skill and knowledge was explicitly taught and developed last term with our work that involved photography. We have explored the methods authors use to engage their readers: techniques such as figurative language, precise and emotive vocabulary, as well as building tension within the plot. We are now investigating the tools directors use to create their version of the story and the challenges they face translating the story to the screen. Our written task is very challenging, students need to compare and contrast the effectiveness of the book and the film versions. In addition, they will outline their preferred account and justify their point of view using examples from both texts. This task will be finalised by the end of week 6.

Year 5 students have been participating in the leadership accreditation process. The system commenced in week 2 when leadership cards were handed out. To be considered for leadership positions, students must have the accreditation card completed by the end of November. Speeches will take place in week 8 and 9. Student of the Week: Finn C.

6/7P - Well, here we go again, another term flying by! I encourage the Year 7’s to make the most of their last few weeks at primary school. We have lots to look forward to in the next few weeks – the swimming carnival, skate night, music soiree, Year 7 graduation and the carols night. This week in our classroom we are working diligently on SOSE projects and persuasive speeches. That means that next week we will be presenting them – so be prepared to speak in front of the class! Please remember that we still
have lots to do and your high standards of effort and behaviour must be maintained. Keep setting a good example for the rest of the school. Have a great week, everyone!

7S - Monday was the last day that Miss Nolan was with us. We enjoyed having her and as such she is an integral part of our classroom throughout the year. The next few weeks we are beginning and completing our final assessments. Students have been working strongly and this is showing in their results. Don’t forget swimming is on Monday.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
This year Remembrance Day falls on the 11th November, which is a Monday. Our school will be observing a minutes silence on Monday, 11th November at 11am, before students are dismissed to first break.

Poppies will be available for sale on Thursday and Friday this week before school. Poppies are available for 50cents and will also be available for sale from the Grade 7 leaders. Find them from 8:20am-8:40am in the area between SEP and 4L (near the Tuckshop). This year we have only been given 200 poppies to sell, if there are any remaining we will continue to sell them on Monday, 11th November.

GRADE 7 GRADUATION
Wednesday, 4 December
Graduation Night is on Wednesday, 4 December at 6pm for a 6:30pm start in the School Hall. A note was sent home this week regarding Graduation. Please make sure you have received this and reply as soon as possible.

GRADE 7 FINAL ASSEMBLY
Friday, 6 December
The final assembly for our Grade 7’s will be held on Friday, 6 December at 10:30am at the school hall and will be followed by a Volunteers Morning Tea.

SKATE NIGHT
Wednesday 13 November
Come and join in a fun-filled fundraising evening at Skateaway at Albany Creek from 6:30 – 8:30pm. Admission is $10. Fully supervised. Non skating parents admitted free.

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LIBRARY NEWS
The Readers Cup Years 4&5 team – Jasmine, Jacinta, Olivia and Katrina have only one more week before they compete next week at Geebung State School. Ask them about Tom Kruse? No, not THE Tom Cruise! But who is Tom Kruse? All library borrowing will finish at the end of this month. This allows the library staff time to do some much needed stocktaking. However don’t forget that in our local area we have some wonderful council libraries that you can visit and they have so much to choose from. The Everton Park Brisbane City Council library is just down the road from the school and I know they love seeing all our students. Now back to THE Tom Cruise! No it wasn’t Tom Cruise but Elijah Wood who read to me last night. Me and My Cat written by Satoshi Kitamura. www.storylineonline.net

Thursday 7pm November 28th – Mark this Date on your Calendar!

CYBERSMART OUTREACH Presentation to be held at our school. This is an internet safety awareness presentation for parents and covers a range of issues including: the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies, potential risks for children online (cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact), and tips to help children stay safe online. This free presentation is provided by the Australian communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives. Free brochures and other information can be obtained at www.cybersmart.gov.au More details to follow in next week’s newsletter. TTAFN G2G

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE
*As of today, every Active School Travel newsletter snippet will include the type of active school travel that our school will focus on for the upcoming Friday. At last week’s assembly, it was stated that for last Friday’s travel, we would be awarding the Gold Star Award to the class that had the most people riding their scooters. The winners will be announced at this Friday’s assembly. For this coming Friday, we will be awarding the Gold Star Award for the class that travels the most by bicycles. Ride your bike to school this Friday for your class to win!

Welcome to Brice from 4/5I, Abbie from 4/5I, Olivia from 4/5I and Mia from 5T, to our AST crew! Brice, Abbie, Olivia and Mia are Year 5 leaders, who have demonstrated that they are keen to help Active School Travel succeed at our school. Their jobs, as a part of our crew include: stamping active traveller’s hands as they enter the school gates, changing the messages on the AST notice walk board and handing out cool prizes.

The next ‘Terrific Traveller Tuesday’ will be on the 26th November. Don’t forget to remind your classroom teacher to stamp your AST passport on these special Tuesdays as well as every Friday that you travel actively to school!

*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).

*In advance, thank you to all the parents and carers for returning their Active School Travel parent/carer surveys to the AST box in the school office, by this Friday.

EVERTON PARK’S GOT TALENT!
Performance this week will be on Thursday 7 Nov – Yrs 1, 2 & Prep.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
Congratulations to Joshua Fogarty in 5T who received an A for his AMEB piano exam last week.
Congratulations also to Imogen Howie in 7S who has been accepted into Kelvin Grove State College’s Music Excellence Program for 2014. That is one of the most sought after extension music programs to be involved in in Queensland.
Congratulations also to our school captain, Malika, who has been accepted into the music program at Brisbane State High School. This is also another most sought after extension music program to be involved in in Queensland.
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 the band program.

Our final Music Soiree, featuring special performances by No Strings Attached and Mr David O’Connor, our Deputy Principal, will be held at 6:30pm in our school hall. The concert is for strings, band and choral groups. Letters will be sent out in the coming weeks.

If your child has been tested for the Instrumental Music Program for 2014 by Kathryn or myself please remember to return your forms to us as soon as possible.

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

CHEERLEADING

Thanks to everyone who has auditioned this year. The final team lists will be posted before the end of the year. Cheerleading photos - I am looking for any photos that have been taken of the cheer teams (all three). So if you have any photos of the Pups, the Reserves or the Squad, can you please let me know and I will organise to get a copy. Thanks Miss R.

INTERSCOLAR SPORT RESULTS

Cricket

Volleyball
Girls
Game 1 – Senior vs Somerset – lost 26 – 28
Junior 1 vs Eaton’s Hill White lost 25 – 28
Junior 2 vs Eaton’s Hill Navy lost 20 – 25

Girls Game 2
Senior vs NCC – lost 18 – 33
Junior 1 vs Eaton’s Hill Green lost 24 – 29
Junior 2 vs Prince of Peace Blue – lost 20 – 24

Touch
Year 5 Boys
EPSS defeated PoP 1 - 0
EPSS defeated NCC 2 - 0

Year 5 Girls
EPSS defeated PoP 4 – 1 EPSS defeated NCC 4 - 0

Touch
Year 6 Boys
EPSS vs AspleyB – lost 1 – 2
EPSS vs Albany Hills – lost 1 – 0
Year 7 boys
EPSS vs Albany Hills- won 2 – 1
EPSS vs PoP – drew 3 - 3

Touch
Year 6 Girls
EPSS vs Albany Creek – lost 1 – 4
EPSS vs Eaton’s Hill – won 2 – 0

Year 7 Girls
EPSS vs McDowall B – won 3 – 1
EPSS vs Albany Creek – lost 0 - 4

TUCKSHOP NEWS

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

NOVEMBER ROSTER
THURSDAY 7
June Lever
FRIDAY 8
Carol Gilmour, Kim Grogan
MONDAY 11
Karen Pennman
THURSDAY 14
Carol Gavegan
FRIDAY 15
Janene Ashton, Penny Valentine, Hayley Swain

If anyone can help Friday 8th November please contact me asap.

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!

‘BANANAGURT’
Strange name but great taste. This frozen treat is healthy and delicious! Half a banana on a stick, dipped in Vaalia berry yoghurt and then rolled in milk arrowroot biscuit crumble. There is a gluten free option available (no biscuit crumble).$1.00 each.

Last day of Tuckshop for 2013 is Friday 6th December.

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.

LOST
A red and black Steeden football was accidentally kicked over the fence into Barton Street on Monday. If found please return to Keegan Wood in 2E. Thank you.