Dear Parents and Carers

Active Travel
As we announced on assembly last week our school has been named School of the Year by the Brisbane City Council for the Active Travel Program. This is another great acknowledgement for our school community and a special congratulations and thanks has to be passed on to our Active Travel Team - Ms Kendes our coordinator, Leonie Gorton (our Crossing Supervisor) and Leonie Wood and Joy Wood our two parent volunteers. This team have spent many hours supporting the program across the year collecting the data, handing our prizes and organising many active travel events with the main goal of reducing traffic to make it safer around our school. At the start of the year we averaged only 16% of students, compared to now where we have around 60% of students actively travelling to school each Friday. Some weeks we have even had 100% of a class actively travel to school. Don’t forget to keep on collecting your Active Travel stamps so you can be in the draw later in the year to win a new bike up to the value of $250.

Finish Strong
I have used the analogy with our students of finishing the year like it is a running race. It is important that they give 100% until they are across the finish line and not to stop or slow down a few metres short. As always, we will maintain our high expectations of student effort and behaviour, every day. The school is buzzing with activity and ringing of student accomplishments. It is that time of the year when students have the opportunity to demonstrate and apply their skills, knowledge and deep understandings. Even though we can see the holidays on the horizon, it is the most important time of the year as students complete culminating learning activities that connect their learning and experiences from the academic year. Essentially, it is a time for our students to show us how clever they are and how far they have come and the academic distance they have travelled.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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State winner
Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools

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Our P&C
Next week we will have our last P&C meeting for the year. I will be outlining our 2014 priorities and our 4-year Operational Plan. We will also be tabling a revised Responsible Behaviour Plan, seeking the endorsement from the P&C. This plan outlines how we manage student behaviour, student expectations, consequences and processes. I hope you are able to attend the meeting as we want to hear your views and have your input on a range of issues. It is the last meeting of the year, where there is the smallest chance of picking up a job to do, so there is no need to have an excuse. There are also some special treats planned to celebrate the wonderful achievements of the year.

2014 Classes
The window for parent input into the class placement process is coming to a close as we start to put together classes for next year. To be fair to the other parents who have met the timeframes, we will not be able to accept any class placement forms after this Friday, 15 November. Parents can collect forms from the office up until that date. Also, please let us know if your child is not attending our school next year as we are submitting enrolment numbers to regional office soon and these numbers need to be as accurate as possible to minimise disruptions to classes at the start of next year.

Twitter
Are you following us on Twitter? Stay informed and get regular tweets on what is happening in our school @EvertonParkSS

Regards
Brad Clark
Principal

P&C NEWS

2014 Fete
Thanks to all the parents who came to the brainstorming session last Friday, some great ideas were generated. A special thank you to Nadya Constantinidis for organising it all! Keep tuned for more information, and if you have some ideas for the fete, let us know on 2014fete@everparkss.eq.edu.au.

Final P&C Meeting
The Final P&C Meeting for the year will be held in the school hall at 7:30 pm on Monday, 18 November. Even if you haven’t come along to a meeting all year, come to this one! We’ll be making plans for next year and celebrating all the great achievements for 2013. It’s our chance to thank all the parents who have done so much to make the school a great place. We’ll be serving some drinks and light refreshments and we’d love to see you there.

Amy List
P&C President

CLASS NEWS

Prep R – This week, we had our Reef Puppet Show visit and it was wonderful! We saw lots of different sea creatures and learnt lots of interesting facts. We also went on a deep sea adventure, where we pretended to put on our wet suit and go diving. We have also completed some of our Term 4 assessment pieces and everyone has put in 100% effort - well done! Student of the Week - Jack P.

Prep 1R - Last week Preps went to see the Reef Puppet show! I received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from students so it’s safe to say that it was enjoyed by all. Year One students have been working online to search for digital images for their ‘icky sandwich’. They collected and presented their procedures on the computer. Last week we sent home 2014 booklists for Year one and Year two. If you have any further questions, please see either myself or Mrs Lyon. Student of the Week is Kawai for working hard to achieve her reading goals.

1B, 1C & 1S - We are busy completing assessment in all KLA’s and completing any unfinished activities. We are now moving into our final unit of English looking at persuasive writing and its’ features. Ask your child about the story ‘Pigeon’ who wanted a puppy – very funny!!! Just a reminder….please remind your child to bring a clean drink bottle each day as the weather is getting hotter. Happy days. Students of the Week: 1B Samson M & Jazlyn O – 1B, 1C – Matilda B & 1S Caitlin F.

2E & 2W – Assessment continues this week. We are also continuing with our new event within a story. We are looking at 3D shapes and the difference between prisms and pyramids. In Science, air is being conserved and in Health we continue to identify safe and unsafe situations. Students of the Week: 2W – Luke and 2E – Ruby R.

2/3M - This is a busy time of the year for the children in 2/3M. Much assessment is happening throughout the week. Every day at school is important for your child’s learning. Early nights and a good breakfast help your child to work to his or her best. Students of the Week: Lara and Matthew.

3K – Booklists for 2014 were distributed last week. This week we will begin to bring home some school resources/books that we no longer require for use at school. Please note the items (on the booklist) that need to be retained for Year 4. Mrs Crook will hold onto our ‘Brolga music note books’ for Year 4. If you have misplaced your booklist, another can be obtained from the office. A hair inspection was done today and I’m pleased to report that there are no lice present on students’ hair, although some students have eggs. Please continue to treat your child’s hair to ensure that our classroom is lice-free. Thanks in advance for being vigilant in ensuring that your child’s hair is checked/treated on a daily basis.

Student of the Week: Mariska S.

Ellie, Lily, Alex and Jacinta explore creating their own 3D model (using construction straws) of Brisbane City Hall.

3/4B - Last week the children worked diligently to complete all their assessment pieces. This week we will start our final units in English and Maths. It has been great to see our class represented in Everton Park’s Got Talent. The rest of the class has also performed courageously this last week in Drama and English. Connor and Alex’s mother has asked for me to extend an invitation to all their friends to a catch-up this Saturday. Please contact me if you’d like more details. Next week I will be joining the Year 4’s on their overnight stay at Underwater World. Please ensure that final payments for this camp are made by Tuesday, 19 November. I have included a photo of some very engaged, budding 3/4B scientists. Student of the Week will go to Ava and Ethan at assembly on Friday.

4/5I - In English we have begun our new units which are Exploring a quest novel in Year 4 and Examining characters in animated film in Year 5. For Maths this week we will be looking at Operating Money and Area in Year 4 and Chance and Data, Operations and Time in Year 5. We will begin a Geography Unit this 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: Katelyn H.

5T – Our class are involved with Mr Phillip Reid from Everton Park State High School in exploring a 3-D graphics program that’s used by designers,
engineers and architects. This experience will develop their three dimensional special awareness and give them an experience of the high school curriculum. Student of the Week – Jordan M. 6/7P – What a fantastic week. We are learning about countries from around the world and our SOSE presentations have been terrific. Thanks to the parents who consistently come swimming with us, you are greatly appreciated. Once our SOSE projects are finished we will be working on our persuasive speeches and starting our new Science units. We have plenty of work to do, which will keep us working hard until the very end of the year. Keep up the good work 6/7P. Have a great week everyone!

GRADE 7 GRADUATION
Wednesday, 4 December
Graduation Night is on Wednesday, 4 December 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.

EPSS SWPBS
What an Acronym!! What does it mean??? Here at Everton Park State School we are working through a process called Positive School Wide Behaviour Support. This process involves us as a staff and school community looking closely at the way we manage the students within our school and how we can better develop their self-management skills. We have based all we do around our 3 School Rules – Be Respectful; Be Safe; Be an Active Learner. From these rules we have developed lessons to explicitly teach these rules and how they feel our school is travelling.

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.

EVERTON PARK’S GOT TALENT
The Grand Finale for Everton Park’s Got Talent will take place next Thursday 21/11/13 at first break in the school hall. Students who are in the grand finale will be contacted by Miss Moser by this Friday to let them know the exciting news. Good luck to all!!

LIBRARY NEWS
The last Book Club has gone out for the year. Orders must be returned by Monday, 18 November. The Book Club box is in the library. No late forms can be accepted. I’d like to thank Tanya Kendall for the awesome job she does as the Book Club Co-ordinator. Thankyou also to the school community who support the Scholastic Book Club. Our library has gained a huge assortment of books over the past year thanks to the Book Club reward system.

Morning Reading Club finishes this Thursday. It has been a very busy year for Mrs Lyon and all the parent volunteers who have made this morning event so successful. Many students have been coming regularly all year and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and progress.

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

A CYBERSMART OUTREACH Presentation is to be held at our school on the 28th of November. 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

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE
*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 bicycles. 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 carpool. Carpool this Friday for your class to win! *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 the 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). *Thank you to all the parents and carers for returning the Active School Travel parent/carer surveys to the AST box in the school office.

*Last Thursday night the adult AST crew attended the AST Awards night at Brisbane City Hall. We are pleased to announce that our school was awarded the AST ’2013 School of the Year’!!! Thank you to all the students, parents and staff that have worked hard to make AST at our school a success! Keep up the great work by continuing to promote active travel to and from our school.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
FINAL MUSIC SOIREE - Wednesday 27th November
Our final music soiree featuring special performances by No Strings Attached and Mr David O’Connor our deputy principal will be held at 6.30 pm in our school hall. The concert is for strings, band and choral groups. Letters have been sent home. Please return your child’s permission slip to the office as soon as possible.

***Can all band students please meet Mrs Hall at the music room at 6.00 pm for the concert***

NEW STUDENTS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM FOR 2014
Don’t forget to please send in all paperwork by FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2013. All payments for the Kickstart and the loan of an instrument need to be paid for by FRIDAY, 31st JANUARY 2014. Instruments will not be loaned out until money is paid for the instrument. For all payment queries please don’t hesitate to contact our
Business Services Manager, Mrs Barbara Morris.  
Viva la musica!

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

INTERSCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

**Cricket**  
EPSS defeated Albany Creek Maroons 85 – 77

**Volleyball**  
Junior Girls 1  
EPSS vs PoP – won 27 – 20  
EPSS vs Eaton’s Hill – won 27 – 23

Junior Girls 2  
Game 1 vs Aspley – lost 22 – 25  
Game 2 vs Eaton’s Hill – lost 22 – 26

Senior Game 1  
EPSS vs P of P – won 28 – 25  
Senior Game 2  
EPSS vs Eaton’s Hill – lost 34 – 21

**Touch**  
Year 5 Boys  
EPSS defeated McDowall 4 – 0  
Albany Hills defeated EPSS 3 – 2

Year 5 Girls  
EPSS defeated McDowall 4 – 0  
EPSS defeated Albany Hills 6 - 2

**Senior Boys Touch**  
Year 6 Boys  
EPSS defeated PoP Blue 5 – 2  
EPSS lost to NCC 0 – 2

Year 7 boys  
EPSS defeated McDowall 3 – 0  
EPSS defeated Eaton’s Hill 2 – 1

**Senior Girls Touch**  
Year 6 Girls  
Game 1 – EPSS won 2 – 1  
Game 2 – EPSS won 1 – 0

Year 7 Girls  
Game 1 EPSS lost 3 – 4  
Game 2 EPSS lost 0 - 2

ATTENTION !!!  
STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATION  
To leave notification of student absences please call our hot line on 3550 2277 at any time, day or night.  
Absences can also be emailed to: absences@everparkss.eq.edu.au

TUCKSHOP NEWS

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

**THURSDAY 14**  
Janene Ashton

**FRIDAY 15**  
Carol Gavegan, Penny Valentine, Hayley Swain

**MONDAY 18**  
Lisa Mullen

**THURSDAY 21**  
Misato Betts

**FRIDAY 22**  
Sam Muir, Melissa Huibert, Jeanette Jenkinson

Tuckshop Online Ordering – we encourage families to use the online facility in 2014. Getting online is easy and only takes a few minutes to register. Simply go to www.flexischools.com.au and follow the instructions.

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.

The Tuckshop will be open for first break treats on the day of the Senior Swimming Carnival, Tuesday 26th November.

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

Katrina  
Tuckshop Convenor

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Please note - paper bag ordering is still available.