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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

P&C Meeting
On Monday night we had our final P&C meeting for 2013 and as usual we had a great turnout of parents. On behalf of the school I would like to formally thank all of the parents and community members who have supported our P&C this year. This dedicated group of adults have had such a positive impact across all areas of our school. At the meeting we celebrated our 2013 achievements. Parents who are members of the P&C were also provided with the 2014 class composition models outlining how we will structure our classes next year. I would like to encourage all parents to become a P&C member again next year so you can stay informed on school activities and be a part of a dynamic, dedicated group of people making a difference to the lives of our young students.

School Chaplain
This week with the newsletter is a letter about our school Chaplain program. As you may remember we are aiming to have a chaplain in our school in 2014 and to date we have raised over $7000 dollars with a target of $25 000. This is a voluntary donation and the good news is that all donations are tax deductible. If you would like more information about our chaplaincy program email our Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC)- Chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au
I strongly believe that a Chaplain will add great value to our school and be another layer of support for our students and school community. School chaplains are active in promoting student wellbeing, particularly through the provision of pastoral care and they play an educative role in the areas of beliefs, values, morals and ethics. Our Chaplain will work as part of the school support team to facilitate connection into the school network and wider

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER
25th  2014 Prep Orientation Meeting 7pm in the Hall
26th  Senior Swimming Carnival
27th  Music Soiree in the Hall
28th  Cybersmart Presentation  2:00 – 3pm for Yrs 4-7
28th  Cybersmart Presentation for Parents 7 – 8:30pm

DECEMBER
3rd  Prep End of Year Celebration 6:00 – 7:00pm
4th  Year 7 Graduation 6:30 – 8:30pm in the Hall
4th  Junior Swimming Carnival
6th  Year 7 Final Parade 10:15 – 11:00am
6th  Volunteers Morning Tea 11:00am
9th  Prep Swim 9:00 – 10:00am
9th  Carols Night 6:30 – 8:00pm
11th  Gold Card Day
12th  Class Party Day
13th  Last day of Term 4
community. Our Chaplain will be selected and overseen by the LCC to make sure that the unique needs of our school population are met.

2014 BookLists
Now is the time to start to organise your child’s book pack for next year. Again this year we have online ordering as an option for parents. Each year we try to keep the cost of these packs to be as affordable as possible. With the support of the P&C we have taken the most expensive item off out of every book pack. Instead of asking parents to buy dictionaries the P&C has agreed to buy class sets for use across the school, which potentially could save families up to $100 a year. If you have a dictionary that is in good condition that you wish to donate to the school to help us start of class sets, please send it to the library.

To order your child’s book pack:
1. Log on to www.backtoschoolbooklists.com.au
2. Enter Your School Code: EPARK14
3. Select the Grade you wish to order. Remember: You are ordering for the next School Year!
4. Enter your Child’s Name and pick the quantities you would like to order.
5. Select your method: Delivery or Collection
6. Enter your Contact Details
7. Confirm your Order and Pay Online.

Get everything you need delivered to your door or collect in store. Please note the address of the store is Deakin Street, BRENDALE (not Deakin Street, Everton Park).

Bystander Behaviours
At the P&C we had our 2014 Responsible Behaviour Plan endorsed by the P&C. One of the key aspects to this plan is how we address bullying. Over the last few weeks we have been talking about bystander behaviours to our older students. We have been encouraging our students to take action and not to ignore when someone is being bullied, teased or feels uncomfortable. I am pleased to say that our students are developing a understanding of how to avoid being a bystander and are developing a toolkit on how to address these problems in the playground.

Research has demonstrated that bystanders play a significant role in bullying. Bystanders are present most of the time (85%), where adults are rarely present.

• 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 a simple as saying something to the bully. A phrase that we 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.

Addressing bullying does not involve only students but also school staff and parents. Members of the whole school community may be involved in bullying, being bullied or by knowing that the bullying is happening. We can each be 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, not just for schools, but in communities and workplaces. Remember doing nothing reinforces that the negative behaviours are OK.

Regards
Brad Clark
Principal

PCYC NEWS
Vacation Care
Looking for somewhere for your children during the holidays? Have you got family or friends coming to visit for a holiday who would like a day or two of care? Our vacation care program is open to all children aged 5 to 13 from any school during the vacation care time. We can also take new Prep children from the start of January 2014 which can be a cheaper alternative to daycare centres.

We have planned lots of fun and exciting activities to keep your children engaged, excited, and wanting to participate!
We are running 4 weeks of Vacation Care from Monday 16th December 2013 – Friday 20th December 2013, we will reopen on January 6th 2014 – Friday 24th January 2014. Our service has spaces available for 75 children a day and is conveniently located on the school site. We are located in D block in front of the oval where we can show you around and answer any questions you may have.

We are open from 6.30am – until 6pm. You can call the service on 3385 5050 and leave a message any time or alternatively drop me an email at evertonparkscg@pcyc.org.au.

We hope you all have a wonderful week.

Rachel and the Everton Park PCYC Team.

CLASS NEWS
Prep C - The children have done a fantastic job with their term 4 assessment. It was so lovely to see how far ALL the children have come in their reading, writing and counting skills. The next 4 weeks continue to be busy. Please make sure that you check with your child each day for any notes about upcoming events, as I would not like to see anyone miss out. Just a reminder that there will be NO swimming lesson next Tuesday due to the senior swimming carnival.

If you have any spare wire coat hanger, please send them to the classroom for Christmas craft. Don’t forget that this Friday is DRESS UP day for our class. Children can come dressed as a Princess, Super hero or something from Under the Sea. Students of the Week: Last week: Michael G. This week: Ellie E..

Prep 1R -This week preps reflect on their favourite story activity that they have experienced during their first year of school. It is lovely to report that everyone has had such a positive year and the list of ‘favourite things’ seemed never ending. iPads were definitely on the top 10 list along with excursions, writing times and social games. Year Ones finish their maths investigations to demonstrate their improved understanding of number and place value. Year Ones join 1B for more social games and to reflect on the exciting year that was. Student of the Week is Gabby M for putting in a top effort all year. I am very proud of you, Gabby!

1B, 1C & 1S - All Year Ones have been working very hard to complete their Maths assessment tasks. In Science we have been further investigating “Sound”, with a focus on pitch and volume activities. Students have been looking at the various components of a happy and healthy lifestyle in Health lessons. They will be planning and designing a colourful poster to demonstrate their understanding of the essential elements needed for this to occur. Last week, in conjunction with our History unit of work, the children took home their 3 questions to ask their grandparents or elderly friends. These questions were about what life was like for them when they were in Year One. Their responses are due back this week for the children to share with their classes. Students of the Week are: 1C Kai L. and Jordan G., 1S – Rhys M. and 1B – Jake W. and Charlotte W. Congratulations to these students.

2W - What a fantastic week to be in Year 2! We thoroughly enjoyed our amazing excursion to the Tiwi Islands yesterday. The students loved seeing the three books we have read in class over the year (The Twits, Fantastic Mr Fox and George’s Marvellous Medicine), come to life. Hopefully we have inspired the students to read more Roald Dahl books or perhaps write a book of their own! This week we are finishing off assessment for our SOSE unit on belonging. The students have enjoyed thinking about all the clubs and groups they belong to and why belonging to something makes us feel good. Lastly, now that we have 3 weeks left of grade 2, spend some time looking back at how far each child has travelled this year and congratulate them on all things they can do! Students of the Week: Oliver (2W) and Zander (2E).

3K – Our assessment for this year is complete! Hooray! We still have a lot more work to do (another English and Mathematics unit) before the last day of school. This week the students have begun to receive summative feedback on how they have performed this semester based on the various assessment tasks.
I’d like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the hard work that the students have shown this year and to congratulate every single student on their progress in learning across all subject areas. It certainly has been a challenge, but we have all strived to succeed.

Don’t forget that ‘Terrific Traveller Tuesday’ is this coming Tuesday! BLING YOUR THING and ride it to and from school this Tuesday! Farewell, Merry Christmas and best wishes for the new school year to Jakub, Yessica and Jacinta, who are off early for their holidays. Student of the Week: Isabella M.

Grace, Jakub, Tamoe, Isabella, Izeiah and Alex from 3K, working as a team to solve a fraction problem.

3/4B - This week has been an exciting one for the Year 4’s as they have experienced their first school camp. I write this in the lead up to the Underwater World adventure, but I trust that by the time you are reading this, the Year 4’s will have had a wonderful time and I know that they will have represented our class with outstanding behaviour. The Year 3’s have spent time in classes with their peers, which is a worthwhile experience leading up to 2014 class changes. This week I will post our Christmas card entries away to the annual Wayne Swan Christmas Card Competition. Fingers crossed for potential prize-winners! A reminder to actively travel to school on Fridays and next Tuesday – it would be lovely for our children to be at winning the Golden Star Award at least once this year. Carpooling is a great way for the children to receive stamps on these days. Students of the week: Chloe and Mario.

4L & 4P - The Year 4’s have been working very hard to get their assessment all done before we go on our fun celebration sleepover! We are very excited about going on our first school camp. We are especially looking forward to seeing the animals from the deep parts of the sea, feeding the sharks, walking on the beach and sleeping! Students of the Week: 4P Kaylah A and Asha S. 4L Flynn G and Jimmy A.

4/5I - In English we are continuing with 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 Operations, Money and Area in Year 4 and Operations, Time and Angles in Year 5. We will complete 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 thanks to those parents who have assisted with our lessons so far. We really appreciate having you there.

Student of the Week: Nathan G.

5T - In Mathematics we are applying a range of mental and written strategies to solve addition and subtraction problems. Students will examine and apply the written strategy ‘vertical place value’ to solve multiplication problems and apply mental and written approaches to calculate division with and without remainders. A confident and capable grasp of this material is always improved by quick and accurate recall of basic multiplication and division facts. It is vital that students practise these regularly. This is supported within class work and in the assigned homework. In addition, your child can always go online to the Mathletics website, a challenging and fun resource that employs technology to improve fact recall.

6/7P – This week we are focusing on our Science topic – Energy! We all looking at electricity and air resistance. We have already investigated electrical circuits and we are now moving onto balloon powered vehicles. Also, we will be delivering our persuasive speeches – remember, speak with conviction! Everyone did a great job with their SOSE projects, they were informative and interesting. If the weather stays good we will fly our kites again this week. 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.
Money is due this Friday, 22 November.

GRADE 7 FINAL ASSEMBLY
Friday, 6 December
The final assembly for our Grade 7’s will be held on Friday, 6 December at 10:00am at the school hall and will be followed by a Volunteers Morning Tea.

EVERTON PARK’S GOT TALENT
Our finale for Everton Park’s Got Talent is in week 8 Wednesday, 27 November (first break in the hall). The finalists for 2013:
Upper
Isaac 6/7P
Taylor Amber, Hannah, Renee (5/6M)
Kaia, Georgie, Sarah 7S
Middle
Lily 3K, Kohen 4L Abbie 4/5I
Lower
Ella (1C) and Jean (1S)
Amity, Jasmine Josie and Leila (2/3M)
Alain, Dominick and Jack (2/3M)

LIBRARY NEWS
The Cybersmart Outreach - Internet Safety Awareness presentation
Date: Thursday, 28 November
Time: 7pm to 8.30pm
Where: The School Library

Internet safety presentation helps children stay safe online
Young people today are immersed in digital technologies. They use the internet and mobile phones to socialise, study, exchange ideas and play. While online activity has many benefits, there are also risks. To help your children stay safe online, our school is hosting a Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation.

Designed for parents, this presentation is provided by the Australian Communications and Media Authority (the ACMA) as part of a national program of cybersmart initiatives. The Cybersmart Outreach—Internet Safety Awareness presentation is thorough and non-technical. It covers a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks for children online, such as cyberbullying, identity theft, inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content
- tips to help children stay safe online.

The presentation is conducted by an ACMA Cybersmart trainer and is free of charge.

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 the students what these rules look like and mean in our school context. Evidence shows that if our students understand what the rules mean and how to work with them, they will better understand how to manage their own behaviour in our school and in future contexts.

Our School Mascot, Ev the Emu has been announced and has been positively received by the students. There will be a major unveiling before too long! Ev will be ensuring many positive messages and reminders will be out there for all to see, hear and learn from in the very near future. A magnificent mural featuring the three Evs painted by Nadia Constantinidis is on display in our undercover area.

We are focussing strongly on ensuring all students maintain a high standard in
terms of following our 3 main school rules  to finish off this extremely successful year. As part of my classroom visits for the remainder of this year I will be checking in with students regarding these rules and how they feel our school is travelling.

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 carpooling. 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 public transport. Catch public transport this Friday for your class to win!

**Terrific Traveller Tuesday** is this coming Tuesday - 26th November. BLING YOUR THING AND RIDE IT TO SCHOOL THIS COMING TUESDAY!! 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 Mis. K’s classroom (room 19) on Fridays - first break (during play time).*

MUSIC NEWS

End of year music soiree next Wednesday 27 November, 6.15pm for 6.30 pm start. 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 and string students please meet Mrs Hall and Mrs Payne at 6.00 pm for the concert for tuning and warm-up***

JUNIOR CHOIR

Our regular choir rehearsal will take place this Friday 22 November. We will have an extra rehearsal on Monday 25 November at 8.00 am for our final practice before the Soiree on Wednesday, 27 November. That will be our final rehearsal for the year – please make sure you are on time! After that we will then prepare for our 2013 Choir Break-Up party.

ELEMENTS

Elements have been rehearsing every Tuesday in preparation for our items for the music soiree next Wednesday. Please make sure you are on time for our final rehearsal for the year on Tuesday 26 November, 8.00 am sharp! Start thinking about our 2013 Choir Break-up party.

CLASSROOM MUSIC

We are now preparing for our Christmas Carols for our Carols evening in the last week of school.

NEW STUDENTS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM FOR 2014

Don’t forget to please send in all paperwork by FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2014. 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.

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

BREAK-UP BREAKFAST - THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER

To celebrate all of band and strings students hard work this year we will be having a break-up breakfast party on Thursday 5th December at 7:45 am. We would like all strings and band students to please bring a small plate of breakfast food to share. Some food suggestions are: bread with your child’s favourite spread, healthy muffins, a small plate of fruit cut up. Please don’t send along junk food ie chocolate, sweet biscuits or chips. Mrs Payne and Mrs Hall will organise drinks. Letters will be sent home this week.

INTERSchool SPORT RESULTS

Cricket

EPSS defeated Eaton’s Hill 113 – 26

Volleyball

Seniors
Game 1 v NCC – lost 20 – 44
Game 2 v Aspley – won 39 – 223
Juniors 1 v Eaton’s Hill – lost 24 – 34
Juniors 2 v Eaton’s Hill – lost 19 – 33

Touch

Year 5 Boys
EPSS v Eaton’s Hill – lost 1 – 4
EPSS v Craigielea – lost 0 - 2

Year 5 Girls
EPSS v Eaton’s Hill – lost 0 – 1
EPSS v Craigielea – drew 1 - 1

Senior Boys Touch

Year 6 Boys

EPSS v Eaton’s Hill – drew 2 – 2
EPSS v Aspley – won 2 - 1

Year 7 boys
EPSS v Craigielea – won 4 – 2
EPSS v PoP – won 3 – 0

Senior Girls Touch

Year 6 Girls
EPSS v NCC – won 2 – 1
EPSS v Eaton’s Hill – won 5 - 0

Year 7 Girls
EPSS v Albany Hills – lost 0 – 2
EPSS v PoP – won 1 – 0

Swimming Lesson Sign-on For 2014

Sign on for Term 1 2014 swimming lessons with the EPSS Amateur Swimming Club at the school pool 3:30-5:30pm on Wednesday 4 December. The club offers Learn to Swim lessons through to advanced and adult classes, and runs family friendly fixtures every Friday night in Terms 4 and 1. New enrolments and enquiries welcome – see our website for details: www.epssasc.org.au

Tuckshop News

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

November Roster

Thursday 21
Misato Betts
Sam Muir, Melissa Hulbert, Jeanette Jenkinson

Monday 25

Thursday 28
Can anyone help please?
Friday 29
Sam Nicholson, Carmel Privitera, 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.

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.
‘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.**
This day will be a pre-order day only. The menu for this day will be available next week via Flexischools or over the counter. Orders will close Monday 2nd 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](http://www.flexischools.com.au) and follow the instructions.
Please note - paper bag ordering is still available.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**TUCKSHOP CONVENOR**
Stafford Heights State School P & C Association is seeking a well-motivated, client focused person to fill the position of Tuckshop Convenor. This is a casual position, with our Tuckshop opening 3 days per week - 18 paid hours plus volunteer hours. Closes November 25.

Peter White – 0421 372 514

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**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