FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

2014 Classes
On Monday night we introduced our 2014 Prep classes to our school. At this stage we will have three prep classes with Mrs Craven, Ms Rogers and Mrs Bibby as our three prep teachers. Thanks to all of the parents who provided input into the class placement process and as classes have now started to be formed we are not able to accept any more class placement forms. Many parents have made requests for their child not to be placed in a composite class. While we will take these requests into consideration, it will be inevitable that some students will be placed in composite classes. At the moment teachers are asking students to identify a small group of friends that they would like to be in their class for next year and we will endeavour to make sure that all students are placed with a nominated friend. Mrs Julie Cole will be retiring next year, but has plans to be around the school doing contracts and supplying teaching.

End of Year Treats
We love seeing at the end of the year students giving Christmas cards to each other, but please do not send your child with candy canes or lollies to give to other students. We have some students with life threatening allergies and medical conditions who should not be eating certain foods. It also makes it very difficult for students who have eaten a diet of lollies all day to stay focussed on their learning and to follow school rules. Earlier this week one student told me that he had eaten the bag of candy canes himself that his mother thought he was going to give to his friends. Please save these special treats to be shared in the school holidays.

End of Year Events
We have many exciting events between now and the end of the school year. This week we have had our 2014 Prep Information Evening and our senior swimming carnival. We still have our Prep end of year celebration, our junior...
swimming carnival, year 7 graduation, volunteers reading in tea. Prep, swimming carnival, gold card day, party day and clean-up day. Also don’t forget our Christmas Carols on Monday 9 December. It would be greatly appreciated if any donated items for the Christmas Carols raffle can be dropped off at the Library.

Sun safety
Our school has a sun safety policy and students are encouraged to wear a hat, protective clothing and apply sunscreen when they are outside of the classroom. They are also required to wear swim shirts during all water-based activities.

As we move into summer, it’s important to remember that peak times for exposure to the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation are 10am – 2pm. It is vital that parents encourage their children to be sun safe every day.

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CLASS NEWS

Prep R - This week we have been focusing on our preparation for the End of Year Show. We are looking forward to this night, so we hope that everyone can come! Don’t forget it is next Tuesday at 6pm in the Hall. In class we have still been practicing our letter writing. Now that Tom is overseas, we are writing to him. We have been concentrating on our Maths and English small group activities, including Beebot, Money matching, numbers and names, sight word shapes and more. Week 1B, 1C & 1S - Next Wednesday, 4 December is our Junior Swimming Carnival. Remember to bring your swimming gear. Students of the Week: 1B – Amy F and Alex K, 1C – Dylan D, 1S – Ellie S. 2E & 2W - This week sees the completion of Reading Groups in both Year 2 classes. Our sincere thanks to all the parents who have assisted with this over the year. Homework and spelling also draws to its conclusion. From next week, the children only have home reading, Mathletics and Christmas Carol learning for our Carol’s Night. Please remember to bring in your named Red shirt. Students of the Week are: 2E - Ava and 2W - Matthew.

3K - Due to timetable changes and end of year events, please note the following dates that 3K will be using the pool. Any parents helpers that are able to supervise/swim at these times, please email Miss K to let her know. Tomorrow, Thursday 28 Nov 1:50 – 2:50pm (formal swimming lesson). Thursday 5 Dec 12:10 – 1:10pm (formal swimming lesson). Tuesday 10 Dec 10:00 – 11:00am (free swim) and Thursday 12 Dec 10:00 – 11:00am (free swim). Don’t forget your swimming gear for next Wednesday’s Junior Swimming Carnival!

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3K students creating their own 3D model (using construction straws) of the Brisbane Story Bridge.

3/4B - Yet another jam-packed week! The 4’s have attended the Senior Swimming Carnival – cheered on enthusiastically by their younger classmates. I was very proud to receive glowing reports about the behaviour of our 3’s while the rest of us were away on camp. The 4’s enjoyed a wonderful experience and I’m sure they slept well on Thursday night – I know I did! In English this week we continue to read and respond to a quest novel in preparation for posting our responses on an online discussion board. This week we will begin mid-week ‘Charlie home-stays’. Students of the Week: Jack and Sophie.

4L & 4P – The Year 4’s were a credit to our school at our Underwater World sleep-over. We hope they had a fantastic time celebrating the end of a year of hard work. It was also wonderful to see everyone trying their best at the swimming carnival. Students of the Week: 4P – Sheridan A, 4L – Grace M, Taylor R, Kohen H and Alex E. 4/5I - In English we are continuing with exploring a graphic novel in Year 4 and examining characters in animated film in Year 5. For Maths this week we will be looking at Are, Measurement and Fractions in Year 4 and Time and Operations in Year 5. For this week only our PE Lesson will be on Thursday afternoons from 12.10—1.10. 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: Katrina T.

5T& 5/6M – The students are beginning to work on their joint song selection for the celebrated Everton Park State School Carol Night scheduled for Monday, 9 December. Under the expert guidance of Mrs Crook our first item will divide the audience into two camps: traditionalists and Glee fans! Our second song is more traditional and it showcases the lovely blend of high, sweet voices and deep rich voices that make up this talented group. We look forward to sharing our singing talents with you on Carol Night. See you there. Students of the Week: Josh F, Julia J and Ben P.

LIBRARY NEWS

This is the last week for borrowing. All books need to be returned next week. Staff from the local City Council Libraries will be coming to speak at Assembly this week to tell us about the activities happening over the holidays. Just because our school library is closed during the holidays doesn’t mean you have to miss out on borrowing books and other resources.

Cybersmart Presentation
This Thursday evening at 7pm in the school library please come and gain some valuable knowledge and understanding of the online world and how this impacts on your children. Every day we hear on the news about another cyberbullying or online issue that leads to often disastrous consequences. This presentation runs for around 60 minutes and offers an overview of cybersafety issues focussing on the interests and needs of parents. Students in years 4 to 7 will have their own session during the afternoon from 2pm to 3pm at the school. I look forward to seeing you there. Any queries please contact me at school. Information can also be found at http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/whats/

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 10:15am at the school hall and will be followed by a Volunteers Morning Tea.

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 catching public transport. 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 using their legs – walking © Walk to school this Friday for your class to win!

*It was great to see so many students celebrating yesterday’s ‘Terrific Traveller Tuesday’ by Blinging their Thing! Keep your eyes open for some pics in next week’s newsletter entry!

*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).

**SWPBS**

The SWPBS trial focus for week 8 was the first bell and second bell rule. This is underpinned by the school rules - Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be an Active Learner.

What does this mean? At Everton Park State School, we have an expectation that all students arrive for class and learning time punctually.

Why do we do this? This aids in the development of diligent learning habits and will actually give classes more time to complete learning tasks and goals and henceforth give more time for the acknowledgement and rewarding of success.

What does this look like? It looks like students doing the right thing in response to our school bells such as leaving the oval promptly at the first bell and being ready to enter the classroom for learning by the second bell.

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS**

Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped out during the Senior Swimming Carnival and thank you to all the students who participated. Congratulations to all on the success of the event.

**MUSIC NEWS**

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 have been sent home. The P and C are kindly providing light refreshments on the evening. Please return your child’s permission slip to the office as soon as possible. All parents/friends are all welcome.

***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***

****PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO MORE REHEARSALS OR LESSONS WITH MRS HALL AFTER THE CONCERT. MRS PAYNE WILL HAVE ONE MORE LESSON ON THURSDAY, 28 NOVEMBER.

**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 McDowall Red 62 – 39

**Volleyball**

Jnr 1 v Aspley – lost 21 – 27  
Jnr 1 v PoP – won 27 - 25  
Jnr 2 v Somerset Hills – won 23 – 13 
Jnr 2 v PoP – lost 25 – 33 
Snr Game 1 v Eaton’s Hill – lost 26 – 34 
Snr Game 2 v Somerset Hills – drew 26 – 26

**Touch**

Year 5 Boys  
EPSS v MCC – won 4 – 1  
EPSS v McDowall – won 3 - 2

Year 5 Girls  
EPSS V MCC – won 4 – 1  
EPSS v McDowall – won 3 - 2

**Senior Boys Touch**

Year 6 Boys  
EPSS v NCC – won 4 – 3 
EPSS v PoP – won 5 - 0 
Year 7 boys  
EPSS v Albany Creek – drew 1 all 
EPSS v Aspley – lost 0 – 4

**Senior Girls Touch**

Year 6 Girls  
EPSS v Craiglea – lost 1 – 2 
EPSS v PoP – won 2 - 0 
Year 7 Girls  
EPSS v NCC – won 2 – 1 
EPSS v McDowall – won 1 - 2

**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.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

In preparation for the New Year, the Uniform Shop will be open on the following days:

2013  
November 15, 22, 29: 8:30 -9:30am  
December 9, 11: 8:30 – 9:30am

2014  
January 23, 24: 8:30 – 10:00am  
January 28 – 31: 8:30 – 9:30am

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

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

**NOVEMBER ROSTER**

THURSDAY 28  
Can anyone help please?  
FRIDAY 29  
Sam Nicholson, Carmel Privitera, Susan Seeto

**DECEMBER ROSTER**

MONDAY 2  
Amanda Sewell

THURSDAY 5  
June Lever

FRIDAY 6  
Karla Chaffey, Caroline Chorley, Susan Seeto

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.

**NEW!**

'BANANA CURD'

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. 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!**

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Please note - paper bag ordering is still available.

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**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.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**EVERTON WOLVES JAF C**

**SIGN-ON**

FEB 8TH AND 9TH 2014

10am – 2pm

Enoggera Memorial Park

93 Mott St, Gaythorne

Email [evertonjuniors@albj.com](mailto:evertonjuniors@albj.com)


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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](mailto:absences@everparkss.eq.edu.au)