Dear Parents and Carers

Celebration
Today was filled with fun, excitement and anticipation. The day started with wet and wild fun with our first water Gold Card Day. It is a day to acknowledge the outstanding behaviour demonstrated by the majority of our students. I was also very pleased to see the attendance of our students across the year. We have a large number of students who attended every day.

Today we also had our Shuffle Up day for 2014. It was a chance for our students to go to their new classroom, to meet their new classmates and their new teacher. The intent of this day is to take away the fear that sometimes is generated from the unknown and to assist students’ transition successfully into their new year level.

Our teachers have spent a great deal of time in placing the students into classes with the directive of making them conducive for learning. Where possible, we have taken into account friendship groups in conjunction with social, emotional and academic differences.

Please assist us to set your child up for success by modelling that their transition into next year will be a positive experience. Students are very perceptive and will pick up on any anxieties or negative feelings.

Each year we also caution that our classes and class structures can change after the 8th day of school when we are officially informed of our teacher allocation for the year.

Below I have listed our 2014 class teachers.

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Sad this means we have some teachers moving to other locations. Please join me in thanking these teachers for their hard work and dedication. We will greatly miss Mrs Jane Gilbies and Mrs Melissa McKelvie.

Happy Holidays

The staff at Everton Park State School would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and school holidays. This has been an amazing year for our school and I know next year will be just as rewarding. Please make sure that you keep on reading over the school holidays (books make great Christmas gifts!).

The school office will be closed from 3pm Friday, 13 December (Black Friday). The office will re-open at 10am on Monday 20 January 2014. If your enrolment plans change over the holidays, please drop us an email or leave a message on our answering machine.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays. To look out for after-hours crime at our school. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number –13 17 88 – and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Of course, if a crime is in progress call 000. Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community

I look forward to seeing everyone back at our school ready for another year of fun, excitement and learning.

Regards

Brad Clark
Principal

P&C NEWS

On behalf of the P&C, I would like to wish everybody in our wonderful EPSS community a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to a fantastic 2014. Thank you so much to all of the families who do so much to help the school and make it such a wonderful place for students to learn. A big thank you as well to the wonderful teachers and staff we have at EPSS who go the extra mile to help every student. The P&C have had an exciting 2013 with lots of great events and involvement in developing school policies and direction and we look forward to growing on these achievements next year. Thanks to all of our P&C Members who get involved and run these activities for our school, and also to our wonderful Class Representatives who have helped with communication and parent involvement in all aspects of EPSS.

Christmas Donations

At Christmas, it’s a time to think of those who are less fortunate than us. Thank you to those families who provided donations on Monday night for the Multi-cultural Development Association, an organisation who support refugees as they are resettled into the community. If you would still like to help, the donation bins will be at the library until Thursday. Please bring in any non-perishable goods or toiletries (toothbrushes etc), and the MDA will deliver them to those who need it.

Lastly, we wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2014!

Amy List
EPSS P&C President

CLASS NEWS

Prep R – The children did a fantastic job singing their Christmas carols on Monday night. Thanks to everyone for a fantastic year! I hope everyone has a great holiday and returns in 2014 for a fantastic year in Grade 1. Ava - enjoy your new school, you will be missed. Merry Christmas!

Yr 1B, 1C & 1S - Tomorrow is the celebration of all our hard work throughout the year and we all have really earned this day. We will be visiting Old McDonald’s farm on the junior playground, playing games in the class room, enjoying our McDonald’s lunch and watching a movie. Please check that all belongings have come home by Thursday afternoon. There are lots of items in the lost property area. We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank-you to all parents for helping to make this year so enjoyable. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

2E & 2W – Thanks Year 2 students for a fantastic 2013! We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you and helping you learn new things. Remember party day is on Thursday, so don’t forget to bring your food item. Parents, thank you for all of your support. We wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas.

2/3M - As 2013 comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It has been a pleasure teaching the wonderful class of 2/3M this year! The children are truly special little people and I wish them every success next year and throughout their lives. I would also like to thank the many volunteers who have given their time to lend a hand with learning opportunities. If you would like to lend a hand one last time, we need at least two adults to act as spotters during our free swim time on Thursday. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you and helping you learn new things. Remember party day is on Thursday, so don’t forget to bring your food item. Parents, thank you for all of your support. We wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas.

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3K – Mrs Lukey has notified our class that we have not returned quite a few books in your household, please return it as soon as possible to Miss K. Our Break-up Day party will be tomorrow (Thursday). Most students have paid their $5 for the catered morning tea and lunch. If you haven’t paid, don’t forget to pack your own morning tea and lunch. Our party includes one final FREE TIME session in the pool tomorrow (Thursday) from 10 - 11am. Don’t forget your swim bag! Please email Miss K if you are available to supervise other children of school (Friday) will be ‘Clean-up Day’. If your child is very good at cleaning, please send them to school. Many hands make light work. I would 3K for all newsletter entry for 2013, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their support this year and a special thank you to all the students in 3K for all their hard work and commitment in making our class a happy, safe and productive learning environment. Best wishes for this Christmas and New Year. Enjoy your well-deserved summer vacation!

4/5I – I was very proud to watch the children sing beautifully at the Carols night on Monday. It has been a great year with a lovely class of children. Please remember that we will be swimming on Thursday too, so the children will require all their sun safe swimming gear again. Thank you to the parents who have offered to help supervise at the pool. A reminder that Friday will be a pack-up/cleaning day. Have a wonderful, well-deserved Christmas break and keep a look out for me in the Prep zone next year!

4P - Congratulations to all of the Year 4’s on your fantastic performance once again at the Carols night. It was wonderful to listen to you all singing so beautifully. We hope that you enjoyed celebrating your achievements on Gold Card Day and we are looking forward to more celebrations on Thursday at our class party. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday.

4/5J – This week we have been busy with Christmas activities, practicing for the Carols night and enjoying our last few days together. On Thursday we will have our free swim with 5T and 5/6M from 1.50-3.00. If you are free, please come along and help us keep all the children safe. A big thanks to those parents who have assisted with Excursions, Camps and Swimming Lessons this year. We really appreciated having you with us. All children will need to make sure they bring along a cup and plate as well as a board game, their Secret Santa present and some food to share for our Party on Thursday. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 2014. I will look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.

5T - Personal growth for learners occurs when there is a three-way partnership between the student, their parents and the teacher. Thank you so much for making the year such a happy and positive one. I look forward to new and exciting adventures at Everton Park State School next year. On behalf of the students and staff, I wish you all a happy and joyous one. Best wishes to all the fantastic year five students. Have a restful and safe break and get ready to WOW those lucky year six teachers.

Best wishes.

6/7P - Congratulations 67P you have completed a very successful year. I’d like to wish the year 7’s luck in high school and I look forward to watching the year 6’s become leaders in Year 7. I’d like to thank parents/carers for all your support this year. You have helped to make 2013 productive and fun for all of us. Have a great Christmas everyone!
**FINAL EVENTS FOR GRADE 7’S**

**Thursday, 12 December** - 11:40-1:10
6/7P and 7S Free Swim (We need parent volunteers please).

**Friday, 13 December** - Clean Up Day!!!!
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL.

**ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE**

*Last Monday, we collected all student passports for safe keeping. Miss K will hold onto all the passports until 2014. When Active School Travel resumes next year, your class teacher will return your passport to you, so that you can continue to get stamps and ultimately collect ALL of the prize rewards!!!*

*The winner of the Bike Voucher is: Joshua F from 5T! Congratulations Joshua! We hope that you enjoy riding your new bike to and from school next year.*

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Please have a look out for any of our School library books. These need to be returned. I’d like to say a huge thank-you for the community support once again this year and especially to my band of volunteers. Don’t forget to visit your local library over the holidays. If you haven’t been to one yet please take the time to join and enjoy all the benefits. Lots of holiday activities happening as well.


**MUSIC NEWS**

Congratulations to all our Everton Park Students, Families and Staff for your fantastic contribution to our Christmas Carols evening on Monday night.

It was certainly a wonderful night of sight and sound!

The unsung heroes of the night were our Arts Captains, Imogen Howie and Adrian Herbert. Just as they have done all year, both our hosts did a wonderful job with the microphone - whoever takes on the role of Arts Captain next year will certainly have the best role models to learn from! Great job Imogen and Adrian! Thank you also to Mr O’Connor and Thomas Lundy who worked from early afternoon till the very end of the Carols night, to set up and operate the lights and sound for our singers! We couldn’t have done it without you!

I think some of our teachers are already thinking of great ideas for next year’s carols!

**MUSIC SHIRTS**

Music shirts need to be returned immediately! Please make sure they are washed and placed in a plastic bag and returned to the Music Room!

Merry Christmas to all our families! See you in the New Year!

Bernadette Crook
Classroom Music Teacher

**NEW STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM FOR 2014**

All payments for the kickstart day and the loan of an instrument need to be paid for by FRIDAY 31st JANUARY 2014. School 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.

Lessons for Mrs Hall’s (2nd and third year students ONLY) will commence for 2014 on WED 12th February.

Concert Band for Mrs Hall (2nd and third year students ONLY) will commence at 7:45 pm WED 19th February.

Mrs Hall’s beginner students (first year students) will commence their musical journeys at the Kickstart day at Mitchelton State High School on Thursday 13th February.

For all string queries (please contact Kathryn Payne who teaches at our school on THURSDAYS) - kpavn49@eq.edu.au

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

In regards to string lessons for 2014, Mrs Payne will not be working at our school next year and we wish her every success at her new schools. Our new teacher coming to our school is Mrs Anne Keenan. Mrs Keenan will be in touch with our students next year.

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

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

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

**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

Wishing everyone a restful and safe Christmas break and look forward to seeing you in 2014.

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.