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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Caregivers

At Everton Park State School we pride ourselves on having such a strong school community supporting the very important work that we do. Many of the opportunities that we provide our students would not be possible without the support of our dedicated parents or P&C. This year we are asking all parents to find a way to make a contribution to our school. Next week is another opportunity where you can have input into your child’s education by coming along to the P&C AGM.

At the Parent Information Sessions this week you will receive more information about this as well as a P&C membership form. Parents are also invited to a BBQ before the AGM to meet new families to our school community, 7:00 in the Shed, near the Terraces. Preceding the AGM we will also be outlining our school priorities for 2013 and some of the planned activities.

I would also like to strongly encourage each parent to provide their contact details to be a part of the Class Rep system. We are aiming to strengthen communication channels between home and school and this is one strategy we are employing to do this. You will hear more information about this at your Parent Information Session.
Tonight’s Parent Information Sessions:

Prep C & Prep R - 6:00pm
2E and 2W - 5:00pm
3K and 3/4P – 5:00pm in 3/4P classroom
5T - 6:00pm in the classroom
5/6A, 6/7P & 7S - 6:00pm

Morning Reading Club- MRC
Our Morning Reading Club has had a successful start. We are still chasing more parent support. Please email Marg Lyon, our MRC coordinator (mlyon59@eq.edu.au), if you are able to help. Parents are also invited to attend a free workshop titled: HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD’S READING. Education starts at home and parents and families are their children’s first teachers. With this in mind, the free Parent Ready Readers training program provides parents and carers of children in Prep to Year 3 with some key strategies to use at home to support their child’s reading and to develop a love of books prior to developing their reading abilities.

The training runs for approximately 90 minutes and consists of four modules:

- What is literacy?
- Understanding the reading process
- Stages of reading
- Listening to your child read and reading to your child

Participants receive a Parent Ready Readers booklet with training notes, reading activities and additional resources, which will help to build a lifelong love of reading.

Session times for 2013 (you may attend any venue that is convenient to you):

Tuesday 19 March 2013 9.30pm – 11.00am  Woodcrest State College - Springfield
Monday 29 April 2013 9.30 – 11.00am  Albany Creek State School – Albany Creek.

Come along and find out how you can help your child enjoy reading! Children are welcome to attend with their Parents/Caregivers. To reserve a place please email sharlene.emanuel@dete.qld.gov.au

Student Leader's Induction
This Friday at 9:00am we will have our Student Leaders Induction Ceremony. Our Year 7 students will be formally presented with their badges by our special guests.

Due to this special ceremony there will be no Student of the Week awards given out on assembly.

P&C Annual General Meeting BBQ
The P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle in the Shed at 7:00pm on Monday 18 February, prior to the AGM. We would love you to join us and meet some new people and join the school community.

Please note that the children are now partitioning whole numbers which will lead into addition. Thanks for the parents for all your help and support with your child’s class in the mornings for reading and for PE - the students and the teachers appreciate your help.

P&C 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held at 7:30 at the school library. Everyone is invited to join us at 7:00 for a sausage sizzle to meet new parents, then move into the library for the meeting to discuss the P&C aims for 2013. If you are not able to make the AGM, please get your membership forms back to us before the AGM by dropping them at the P&C Mail Box in the Front Office. At the AGM, all positions in the committee are declared vacant, and we would love some new faces to join our team. All you need to be on the committee is enthusiasm and a desire to make the school even better. The treasurer role does require basic accounting and business knowledge – if this sounds like you but you’d like some more information on this or any other role, please contact the P&C on pandc@everparks.eq.edu.au.

ATTENTION BOOK KEEPERS!
The P&C Committee has established a position of Book-keeper as a paid casual employee within the P&C Organisation and are seeking applicants for the position. The job will involve on average 3-6 hours work a week, up to 10 hours a week during busy times. This job will be perfect for a parent to earn a little bit of extra money during school hours, and helping the school at the same time. The book-keeper will be responsible for processing financial transactions for the P&C sub-committees and will report to the P&C Treasurer. Experience with MYOB, payroll and inventory reconciliations is essential. Potential applicants are encouraged to contact me at pandc@everparks.eq.edu.au for more information on the role. Applications for the role will close on Wednesday the 27th of February.

PARENT INFORMATION PACK
This week, the Principal and I will visit classes during the Parent Information Night to hand out the P&C Information Pack. If you weren’t able to make the Parent Information Night and you missed out on receiving the information, please ask your class teacher for a pack.

Amy List
P&C President
pandc@everparks.eq.edu.au

PCYC BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL/VACATION CARE
Welcome to all the new families who have registered for our service. Please note we are still waiting to hear back from the office of early childhood to confirm our increase of numbers from 50 to 75. The children have been enjoying lots of outdoor activities throughout the afternoon and building with lego and construction.

CLASS NEWS
PREP R - We have had a sensational week! We have been counting our days at school and this week we were visited by “Zero the Hero” as we reached the 10th day of school. We are counting our way to 100! For English and History we have been writing about something we like doing with our family and identifying who is in our family.

1B, 1C & 1S - We have been so busy in Year 1 during the last week! In English we are still exploring emotions and starting to write about them. In Maths we are now partitioning whole numbers which will lead into addition. Thanks for the parents for all your help and support with your child’s class in the mornings for reading and for PE - the students and the teachers appreciate your help.

2W - Year 2 are having great fun learning the features of poetry this week. We are being excellent detectives, spotting rhyming words, verses, alliteration, nouns, verbs and adjectives. The students are also learning how poems can be performed in many different ways. In Maths students are revising their knowledge of counting forwards and backwards in 1s, 2s, 5s and 10s. They are also learning the correct order of days in a week and months in a year. They are enjoying learning how many days are in each month!

Science - In Science we are discovering properties of materials and what the difference is between a material and an object.

2/3M - There is so much going in 2/3! History...ask us about it. Life was very different when our grandparents were our age. Science... all the growing and changing natural world. On that note the year 2 students for science need two photographs of themselves. One when they were as a wee little baby and a present day photo on or close as possible. Please write your child’s name on the back and place in a small snap lock bag. These photos will be needed by this Friday.

3K – Our library borrowing time has changed from Thursdays to Fridays. Please ensure that your child brings their library bag to school every Friday morning. Please also remind your children that they can return and borrow books at any time throughout the week (the library is open from 8:30 – 8:45am every school day).

3K’s and 3/4P’s ‘Parent Information Night’ will be held in 3K’s classroom (Room 19) tonight Wednesday the 13th February from 5:00 – 5:30pm. We look forward to meeting/seeing you then.

3/4P – The class has rocketed into Week 3 with some great active learning. Homework was sent out on Monday and is due back on Friday – please place homework in the box just inside the door. Post spelling tests will be carried out late each week. Religious Education classes will take place on Thursday.

Library is Thursday afternoons, so please ensure that children bring their books and library bags this week for...
borrowing. In Maths this week we will begin to focus on time concepts. In English we will continue to analyse The Twits story, focusing on language to develop characters and plot. There have been some hiccups with the ClassDojo resource. It is currently working to resolve these issues. The children are responding really well to this system, so it would be lovely to see it reinforced at home. This week our Student of the Week award will go to Joshua Cleverly for being an active learner and always having a go. Josh will be awarded his certificate on assembly (9:00am Friday).

WALK ‘N TALK IS BACK IN 2013

I just wanted to advise that Walk ‘n’ Talk has commenced with sessions being held on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 8.30am on the oval. Parents, grandparents and carers are encouraged to join their children for some early morning exercise, while listening to some music and enjoying the sunshine. First song…Gangnam Style!! So grab a hat and get walking! I look forward to seeing you all on Monday morning.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Lessons for our woodwind, brass and percussion program including beginners will resume on WEDNESDAY 20th February for all of Penny Hall’s students.

Band rehearsals will commence on WEDNESDAY 20th FEBRUARY in the music room with a prompt start at 7:45 am. This band rehearsal is for all students in their 2nd and third year of learning an instrument and is NOT for beginners.

For all woodwind, brass and percussion queries please contact Mrs Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au. Penny teaches at our school on Wednesdays.

For our string queries (violin, viola, cello and double bass) please contact Mrs Kathryn Payne at kpayn49@eq.edu.au. Kathryn will be teaching at our school on Thursdays.

For all choir queries please contact Mrs Bernadette Crook at bcrooo4@eq.edu.au. Bernadette teaches at our school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

MUSIC NEWS

Thank you to the students who have returned permission slips to join one of our vocal groups. Junior Choir on Fridays at 8.00 am (Years 2 and 3) and our Vocal/Instrumental group, open to students from years 1 - 7. Everyone is welcome to sing, but only students who can already play their instrument well will be able to play. This group will meet on Tuesdays at 8.00 am. If you have not received a letter, please contact Mr Thomas for trial forms and venues.

FOR SALE

Prep – Year 1 desk and chair set sale. $5 for a desk and chair or $3 individually.

Ideal for playrooms, cubby houses and other home applications. Please contact the school office.

PE NEWS

Thank you to the parents who have been helping with the PE program this week. Just a reminder that we do need parent helpers for swimming and if you are available please let see your child’s classroom teacher.

PMP classes for Preps are on Tuesday mornings between 9 and 10:30am in your child’s PE timetables. Parent helpers are also required to make this program successful. Please see your child’s teacher if you are available.

Finally, good luck to our district representatives who are off to swim in the North District Swimming Carnival Tuesday and Thursday next week. GO EPSS!!!

Yours in Sport

Trent Thomas

District trial dates (Term 1):

AFL - Boys 11 & 12 March
Basketball 12 & Under- Boys & Girls 21 Feb (date change)
Hockey 12 & Under- Boys & Girls 11 March
Netball 12 Under- Girls 20 March
Netball 11 Under- Girls 21 March
Rugby League 12 Under- Boys 21 March
Rugby League 11 Under- Boys 21 March
Soccer 12 Under Boys 19 & 20 March
Soccer Girls- 25 March
Swimming- 12 & 14 Feb

Anyone wanting to trial for these sports will need to see Mr Thomas for trial forms and venues.

Regards

Trent Thomas

LOST PROPERTY

All lost property has been washed and sorted by one of our amazing Mums. If your child is missing an item please call Donna on 0400 559 030.

LIBRARY

Choosing library books can often take some time for our students. A book needs to be engaging, maybe it’s a series they like, or a favourite author, or it could be they just like to read a particular genre like fantasy or historical fiction. Also it’s important that they can read the book themselves. It is not so hard that they give up after the first page. Just like adults children often borrow a library book that doesn’t get them reading. Please take an interest in what your children are reading, read with them, discuss the book and encourage them to return a book when it is not the right one for them. The library is open every morning before and after school, and at both breaks. Don’t let those library books sit untouched in a school bag from week to week. And finally clearly labelled waterproof library bags are essential for all our students. So many library books are being damaged by being placed next to water bottles in school bags.
CHEERLEADING

Yeah!!!! Practices have started!! Just a reminder that all contracts must be signed and returned to Miss Rogers as soon as possible. All girls need to bring a water bottle to training. Squad members need to bring a light afternoon tea snack to eat before practice. If you are in Prep or a new student to the school this year and you would like to join cheerleading, please come and see me.

Pups - Prep - Year 2 - Monday 7.45-8.30am
Reserves - Year 3-7 - Tuesday 7.45-8.30am
Squad - Monday and Thursday afternoons - 3.15 - 5pm.

Any questions please come and see me. Miss Rogers :) 

UNIFORM SHOP

Swimming bags are now available from the uniform shop for $12.00 and Lycra Bathing Caps are $6.00. The Uniform Shop will be open from 8:30 – 9:30am on Fridays. However, if this time is unsuitable, alternate arrangements can be made by calling Pam on 0403 321 170.

New season shorts now available

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

The Uniform Shop is in desperate need of second hand polo shirts. Please bring to the Uniform Shop or leave in the office with your name and contact details attached.

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop will be open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.15am to 11.40am. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help in the Tuckshop one morning a month. There are still vacancies for each day.

FEBRUARY ROSTER

THURS 14
Carol Gavegan
FRI 15
Janene Ashton, Carol McLean, Penny Valentine
WED 20
Jo Hennessey
THURS 21
FRI 22
Kim Grogan, Melissa Hulbert, Jeanette Jenkinson

NEW to the Menu!

- Carrot sticks and tzatziki dip $1.50
- Cheese and rice cracker packs $1.50
- Vaalia yoghurt tubs $2.00
- Apricot slice (made by Cooking’s Cool) $2.00
- Tuna for sandwich and salad filling

Price changes for this year! Please check the Menu when ordering as some prices have changed. The main ones are:

- Macaroni Cheese $4.00
- Lasagne $4.00
- Slush Puppies $2.00

Do not hesitate to contact me on 3550 2250, during operating hours, if you have any queries regarding the Tuckshop.

Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Do you have an interest in our school uniform or tuckshop? Are you new to the school and looking to get involved with a small, yet highly productive friendly group of parents?

Our Uniform and Tuckshop sub-committee would like to welcome you to our first meeting/AGM of 2013.

Please note change of venue for the meeting – now to be held in the school Library on Friday 15 February at 1:30pm.

Any questions please feel free to contact Penny Liddell 0407147223 or penpharm@bigpond.net.au

NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

To sign up for eNews type in the link below into the address bar of your browser and follow the prompts: http://mailouts.austnews.com.au/subscription/everton-park-ss.html

!!! 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

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

The uniform shop is open every Friday from 8:30 – 9:30am

BACK in 2013
Over 30 stalls
Handmade Gourmet & Arty Stuff
SATURDAY FEB 16th
3 - 7pm
In the school hall
marketsattep.com.au

Uniform Shop
Friday Mornings 9.15am - 9.30am

Have your say!
Proposed new product!
Soft Microfibre Jacket & Pant

Water Repellent,
Two External Slash Pockets
One Internal Pocket
Elastic Cuffs
Fully Lined
All Seams Safety Stitched
Jacket $40
Pant $25

Samples will be displayed at the Uniform and Tuckshop Meeting this Friday 1.30pm in the Library... come along and have your say...

Chairbags-
New colours just arrived
Pink, Purple, Black, Lime, Orange, Navy, Cobalt. $9.00

For more information please contact the Uniform Shop Convenor
Pam: 0403 321 170