**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**Let’s Hear from You**
Tonight is our first P&C Parent Rep meeting for the year. We hope that each class is represented to provide us with feedback and input into school decision making. Please make sure you pass on your ideas and contributions to your class parent rep. With the introduction of the class mailing lists the communication between home and school has never been stronger. The agenda for our first meeting will be: Independent Public Schools for 2015, Great Results Guarantee, School Camps - for 2015 for Years 4-7 and General Feedback and Questions.

If you have any questions or would like additional information please email Amy, our P&C President, at pandcpresident@everparkss.eq.edu.au or me at the.principal@everparkss.eq.edu.au

**Parent Teacher Meetings**
Over the last two weeks of the term teachers will be offering all parents an opportunity to meet and discuss individual student progress and achievements. As always, I would strongly encourage all parents to take this opportunity to discuss the academic gains your child has made with your child’s class teacher. These meetings are also a great chance for parents to make a stronger connection to the classroom and develop a deeper understanding of your child’s lifelong learning journey. The report card sent home later in the year is another way we like to share this wonderful news with parents and I believe that both forms of communication are very informative.

**NAPLAN Reminder - National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy.**
This year the NAPLAN assessments will take place on 13, 14 and 15 May for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 at our school. This is a reminder that if your child is in one of these year levels and not participating in the assessment, please contact the school as soon as possible.

**Before School**
We have an increasing number of students arriving early to school. I would like to remind parents that any student arriving before 8:30 is not supervised. We have an excellent before and after school program and I would ask that parents take advantage of this service rather than leave their child unattended at school for extended periods. If it is not suitable or possible for parents to use PCYC then please make alternative arrangements with family or friends to

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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**State winner**
Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools

**showcase2013**
Queensland Government
get your children to school between 8:30 and 8:50. We would like to focus our time, energy and resources in educating your children, rather than minding them outside of school hours.

Brad Clark
Principal

EVERTON PARK STATE SCHOOL’S RULE OF THE WEEK
I use all equipment and facilities appropriately. This links to our School Rule – Be Respectful (All areas). This rule means:

- I follow staff instructions when using equipment
- I only use my own equipment, unless I have permission
- I return equipment to the correct place
- If I have an accident with equipment/facilities I report it to a staff member
- I use toilet facilities appropriately and respectfully

The more children hear about our school rules, the greater their understanding will be. Please discuss the rule of the week with your children. My challenge to you is to see how you can integrate our weekly rule focus into around the house home life. Throughout all of our lessons around rules, we will continue to link all of our school values.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM
We are excited to announce that last week the LCC successfully recruited our first School Chaplain who will commence next term. Our Chaplain will work with the whole school community to establish the Chaplaincy Program and identify how best to support our students. This appointment has been possible because of the great support we have received from our school families, local community and businesses. We now have over $9,000 in our account with some donors willing to make a regular commitment. With a target of $25,000 we need to keep up our efforts and we look forward to seeing many of you at the Family Movie Night this Friday. For more information you can email the LCC at Chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au

THE ART CLUB
Amazing play dough creations, very clever collage self-portraits and tricky origami were all on the cards last week at art club. Well done to all the students - your energy was infectious! And we need to say a huge thank you to the parent helpers on the day as well as those who made play dough and donated boxes. You are helping us grow - thank you! This Friday is all about lines, shapes and visual puzzles. And there’ll be teams. Mmm... got you thinking?? Great! Come along.

Our recycle centre is growing. Keep the boxes and cardboard coming! And if you have any large paper (printed on one side is fine), we’d be happy to take it off your hands. Look for the signs near the art room or call Nadya on 0411 18 18 20. Thanks again and see you at Art Club! - Friday morning, first break, in the art area (under Yr 3 classrooms).

LIBRARY NEWS
This is the last week for borrowing. All books need to be returned by the 4th of April. Have you tried the World Book Online. A great starting point for research and information. Just google world book online, then username: epss password: e4053
Have you got any time to spare to help with book covering. All welcome, sit in air-conditioned comfort or you may like to take a small pile home. If your children enjoy lego have a look at the web site, Build with https://www.buildwithchrome.com/
Free App to try - Dragon dictation (turns your voice into text, Amazing!)

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL
Let’s get active!

Once again, a BIG thank you to all the students, parents, carers, grandmas and grandpas for supporting our ‘Ride to School Day’ this year. Without your dedicated support, our school wouldn’t have won ‘School of the Year’ for 2013! Another ‘Mystery Day’ has been decided!!! That means DOUBLE STAMPS once again in your passports!!! Will it be on a Monday? Tuesday? Wednesday? Or Thursday? What week will it be happening? What’s the special occasion? Will it be a ‘Park and Stride’ event? Be sure to read the upcoming AST newsletter snippets for all the answers!!!
Don’t forget that your AST prizes can be claimed at Miss K’s room (room 22) at first break (after eating time) every Friday.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS
On Friday 4th April (the last day of the term) the student council are holding a free dress day. The theme is fluoro! We want to see everyone dressed as brightly as possible. We are asking for a gold coin donation which will go towards raising funds for The Smith Family.

MISSING MUSICAL RECORDER
Nathan from 3/4K has misplaced his musical recorder. It is clearly labelled with his name. If found, please return it to Miss K (in room 22) as soon as possible. Thank you.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS
District Netball
Congratulations to Mia L, Chloe L and Terina P for being chosen to represent the district in netball.
District Rugby League
Congratulations to Mitchell G for being chosen to represent the district in Rugby League.
District Soccer
Congratulations to Sofia H-S and Emileigh B for being chosen to represent the district in soccer.
Cross Country
For those students interested in cross country training Mr Crawford is holding training session on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00. Meet under the little shed on the oval.

ARTSLINK PERFORMANCE
“No Way!”
Thursday 3 April
This is an interactive dance theatre production that tackles the serious issue of bullying in a creative and vibrant way. The cost is $6 per student. Please place the correct money in a marked envelope and return to the Students Payments box in the office. (No credit card payments under $10).

CHEERLEADING
There will be NO cheerleading (all 3 teams) during Week 10 Term 1 (31 March - 4 April) or Week 1 Term 2 (22 - 24 April). All cheerleading teams will resume practises Week 2 Term 2. Miss R ☺️
MUSIC NEWS

As you know, there will be a beginner music concert for all 1st year players of strings and band instruments on WEDNESDAY, 26 MARCH in our school hall at 4pm until 4.45pm. All students need to meet Ms Keenan and Mrs Hall at 3.30 for a 4pm start. Reminder letters have been sent home to our students this week.

* Keep encouraging your children to practise on the days with the letter Y in it. The more practice your child does, the easier the instruments will be to play and sound wonderful!

***PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO BAND/PERCUSSION REHEARSALS BEFORE SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL. PLEASE NOTE LESSONS WITH MRS HALL ON WEDNESDAY, 23 APRIL WILL COMMENCE AT 11.40 AM***

For any string queries please contact Ms Keenan at akeenan@eq.edu.au (Ms Keenan teaches at our school on THURSDAYS)

For any band queries please contact Mrs Hall at pglah@eq.edu.au (Mrs Hall teaches at our school on WEDNESDAYS)

For any other musical queries please contact Mrs Crook at bcroo4@eq.edu.au (Mrs Crook teaches at our school on MONDAYS, TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS)

ELEMENTS

“ELEMENTS” will perform a short item on parade this Friday.

Junior Choir will perform in April on a date TBA.

MUSIC SHIRTS and MUSIC FOLDERS

All members of our vocal groups and our instrumental students, brass, woodwind, percussion and all the Strings, are asked to hire a music shirt for the year. The cost is $10.00, and the shirt can be worn for any performances during the year. Instrumental students please check with your teacher if you need to purchase a music folder. Please place your $10.00 in an envelope with your name and either Music Shirt Hire or Music Folder on the front and send to the school office.

Bernadette Crook
Music Teacher

GARDENING CLUB

Our first planting of vegies and herbs in the citrus garden are holding their own in spite of the heat. We will be meeting again this Wednesday at 11.00am but we will be mainly working on the garden beyond the cricket nets. We are still in great need of some parent helpers – please let me know if you can be available for an hour on Wednesdays from 11.00am.

Bernadette Crook
Treasurer

VACANCY- SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR

This Friday, 21 March is the deadline for acceptance of Applications for our School Crossing Supervisor position.

If you are interested please pick up an application form from the office.

Some pre-employment conditions apply. Roster – up to 5 days per week in all weather conditions. 1 hour 15 minutes per day on a rostered basis. Pay Rate $26.90 per hour.

INTERNET BANKING

When paying via internet banking please ensure that your child’s unique EQ ID number is used as a reference. This number is 10 digits and one letter long and is on your debtor statement/invoice. Thanks you to those families who are already using these numbers as a reference as it makes for accurate receipting.

2014 FETE NEWS

So many donations!!! Thank you to all the businesses who have donated to our raffle so far. The latest include:

- Collins Family
- My Bike Shop
- Bellrose Jewellers
- Tim Mander, Member for Everton
- Fruition
- Event Cinemas Chermside
- Sports co
- Suburban Salon
- Angus and Robertson
- Nextra Newsagents Brookside

We are also looking for a “big ticket” entertainment item for the day. If you have a grand idea or belong to an amazing cultural dance/ theatrical group we want to hear from you! There are also still some roles to be filled to make this important event work. If you are yet to find a way to get involved around the school then perhaps one of these might be for you. Get in touch at the email address below to find out more.

We also still have spaces for sponsors and fete friends. If you or your workplace want some affordable advertising to anything from 3000 people on fete day or 10 000 cars daily let us know. Email us at pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au

Karla Chaffey
Fete Coordinator

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open each Friday from 8:30 – 9:30am.

March Roster

Thursday 27 – Jo Baird
Friday 28 – Melissa Hulbert, Greg Scott, Carmel Privitera
Monday 31 –
April Roster

Thursday 3 – June Lever
Friday 4 – Misato Betts, Vicky Wilson, Trinette Walmsley

Volunteers don’t just do the work – they make it work.

The Tuckshop still needs one more Friday volunteer for one morning a month. The work is not difficult and you are gone by 12:00md. So if you can help, please email your contact details to tuckshop@everparkss.eq.edu.au as soon as possible.

Order online flexischools.com.au

It’s a bit tricky finding the 2014 Tuckshop Menu on the EPSS website everparkss.eq.edu.au. Go to ‘Support & Resources’ tab on the homepage, ‘Forms & Documents’ and it is in the ‘Documents’ list.

Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convener

Friday 28 March 2014
In the hall
Doors open 6.15pm
Movie start 7.00pm
Entry fee $5
(includes popcorn and a drink)

a fundraising initiative for the
EPSS Local Chaplaincy Committee

!!! 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

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

If your child requires medication at school eg. antibiotics, panadol, allergy creams, etc., a Medication Permission form is required to be completed by parents/carers. This form can be collected from the office. We have refrigeration facilities for antibiotics in the Health Room at Administration.