FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to the parents who helped out with the district cross country earlier this week. It was a wonderful sunny day for our students to compete and they all produced a great effort and showed they were true representatives of Everton park State School.

We welcome our new Chaplain, Nikki Pulfer, to our school. She is a welcome addition to our school and will make a huge difference to the atmosphere at EPSS.

NAPLAN is just around the corner, next week to be exact. NAPLAN should not strike fear into the hearts of anyone. It is simply a point in time assessment. We do lots of them throughout the year. Some suggestions to help with children who are feeling a bit nervous is to reassure them that this is just as I said, one assessment which is part of their current year of study. As we do for all of our school year, we recommend children get a good night’s sleep and a hearty breakfast to kick off each day. Healthy bodies will always help healthy minds. Any specific news will come from class teachers regarding daily expectations and timetables. We do remind parents to inform the office or class teachers of any children who are absent as we would for all school days.
As promised, part 3 of my article from the last two weeks now follows.……

3. Foster Inquisitiveness and Fantasy Play
Children are natural born scientists. Their research program gets going almost as soon as they are born. As infants, they use their entire set of senses to study the physical properties of the world. They grab things, squeeze things, push things, spill things, dip their hands into things, pull things into their mouths, rip things apart, and bang things into one another. All of this means a very messy laboratory. Once children have collected sufficient pilot data, they begin to carry out experiments to see, and that a flying fairy takes their baby teeth in exchange for a small prize.

But an adult could never get away with such fancy, right?
The very best innovators—those who change the world with their ideas—also think about the non-existent and dream up imaginary worlds. The difference between children and adults, however, is that adult innovators make their fantasies come true. Almost everything in the room you're sitting in now—from your contact lenses to your smartphone to your coffee machine to your lcd tv — would have seemed as fantastic to your great-great-great-great-grandparents as Middle Earth does to you. Think about it. A twisted bulb of glass that produces light? A way to cure a festering infection? A handheld machine that allows you to throw your prep student a goodnight kiss from a taxi in Melbourne, map the kms you jogged that morning even though you have no idea where you are, set the Foxtel IQ in the family room to record the weekend's games, and broadcast a homemade video of your dogs dressed up in Halloween Santa Yoda and Princess Leia? All of these things surely seemed utterly fantastic before they were conceived and built. Their eventual invention depended on a healthy dose of the fantastic. Unimaginative scientists don't produce radical new ideas. Likewise, children invent new ideas when they're given the room to create, consider, and immerse themselves in worlds that don't exist.

So there you go. Make sure you encourage your children's natural inquisitiveness and their consequent desire to explore and experiment. Second, give your children, even the older ones, the space and the freedom to fantasize. Growing older shouldn't mean the end of one's fantasy life. In fact, it is the knowledge that we gain as we grow older that gives imagination its power. It is exactly how one very innovative engineer, for instance, took Isaac Newton's theories on centrifugal force and gravity, imagined a roller coaster with an inclined diving loop and a wraparound corkscrew, and then built it. That's right - the SeaWorld rollercoaster! I hope this discussion will make you look at the last few weeks has given you some very powerful but simple things you can do to boost your children's success. As focussed as we are on making sure our children have the best and can be the best sometimes overshadowed what is really important.

David O'Connor
Acting Principal

P&C NEWS

I would firstly like to thank all of the hard working volunteers from our community that we have helping out in our school at the moment. The at risk of forgetting something, below is a list of just some of the amazing activities our community is doing to make our school a more vibrant, secure environment for our children to learn:

• Our tireless Fete Committee, who are at a very busy time of making sure our fete will run smoothly.

• Our wonderful P&C Committees and sub-committees who manage the services we expect the school to offer.

• The makeover of the fairy garden – thank you Matrisse and your team!

• All the parent helpers who come and help reading and other activities in the classroom. It makes a huge difference to the literacy and therefore the lives of our students

• The helpers who volunteered to help get students to their representative sport activities.

• Our Active School Travel Team, who work very hard behind the scenes to make the roads around the school safer for all.

• People who volunteer in the tuckshop, garden club, art projects and sports programs.

The list goes on and I sincerely apologise to anyone I have forgotten.

All of these activities have two things in common:

1. They make a huge difference to the environment for our children, improving their educational outcomes and by extension who they grow into as adults; and

2. They require people to donate something very valuable to all of us — our time.

If you have taken the time to read this, thank you. I would like to ask each of you to consider if you can give us some of your time. That might be selling raffle tickets up and down your street. It might be coming into a classroom to help out. Or it might be taking on a role at the fete. Regardless of what you do, there is one promise I can make. You will be making a direct contribution to your own child’s education and you will feel good about doing it.

A great place to start is to read through the Fete Newsletter and see if there is anything on their that you can help with. Each and every cent raised at the fete will go directly to the school’s priorities, which you can help shape through the P&C.

Thank you.

Amy List
P&C President.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

The P&C have called a Special General Meeting on Wednesday, 14 May at 7pm at the library. The purpose of the Special General Meeting is to:

1. Admit new members to the P&C Association; and

2. Elect a new swim club sub-committee.

Please forward apologies, or nominations in absentia for the swim club sub-committee to pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au.

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

Last week we welcomed our Chaplain Nicole to our school. Nicole will work
every Tuesday and Friday and looks forward to getting to know the students and their families as she establishes our Chaplain Program. Join Active School Travel on Friday the 23rd and keep an eye out for other opportunities to meet our Chaplain and to join in our next fundraising event. In the meantime you can contact Nicole by phoning the school office or for more information email the LCC at Chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au

LIBRARY NEWS
Look out for new Non-Fiction books in our library. Books about Spies, Ghosts, Aircraft, Wild Adventures, Cooking and even A Gaggle of Giggles have joined the collection. Just a reminder about being responsible and caring for ALL books that are borrowed, and or course returning them on time. There are still several students with outstanding loans. Please take the time to check in on your child and see what they are reading. Would love to hear any feedback about World Book Online. Username: epss Password: e4053 This is a trial this year so any comments would be appreciated. Thanks.
Ms Lukey bluke1@eq.edu.au

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

WOW!!! We won the BCC Golden Boot award AGAIN!!! Congratulations and thank you to everyone for supporting the Active School Travel program at our school!!! Keep up the great commitment to the program, as there will be more exciting AST events this year!!!

To welcome our new school Chaplain (Nicole), our school will be organising a very special ‘Walk To School Safely Day’ on Friday, 23 May. It will be a ‘Park and Stride’ event – walking from Teralba Park to our school. We will depart Teralba Park at 8:15am. In advance, thank you to all the parents/carers/grandparents who will assist us to walk safely from the park to school that morning. All active travellers for this Fun, Fit, Friday will receive DOUBLE STAMPS in their AST passports!!! Don’t miss out on this DOUBLE STAMP opportunity!!!

The Active School Travel ‘Bruce the Busy Bus’ 2014 book illustration competition has now closed. Thank you to all the students who entered the competition. We wish you all good luck.

Register today to receive every issue of the Active School Travel enewsletter. The enewsletter contains information on the latest active travel news and events, successful school-run initiatives and recent school achievements. Anyone can register to receive the Active School Travel enewsletter. To register please visit Council’s website www.brisbane.qld.gov.au and sign up via the link on the Active School Travel page.

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.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Congratulations to all students who participated at the District Cross Country on Monday. Thanks to all parents who came and supported their children and who provided transport to and from the venue. Congratulations to Sarah who placed 12th in her first Cross Country with Everton Park State School. A reminder to students to return their Country Cross singlets to the office.

Remember that Gala Day is taking place this Friday, 9 May. All students to meet on the front verandah at 8:00am as the buses will be leaving at 8:15am and 8:30am. If you have not already paid please do so as soon as possible.

In PE at the moment we are practicing athletics in preparation for the school athletics carnival which will be taking place on Thursday, 19 June.

ART CLUB

Wow, did we make a mess last week!! There was much merriment painting boxes and loads of fun making paper bag puppets. Good work all. You do use art smocks when painting - be sure to put one as soon as you arrive, or bring your own old t-shirt if you prefer.

We have a very special thank you this week to the lovely Sheridan Abrey. You are a constant help to us at Art Club (setting up, helping younger students, joining in, gathering data) and we love your energy and enthusiasm. Thank you Sheridan!

This week will see us entering new art territory (for Art Club anyway) so come along and find out what we have planned. Some younger students are having trouble finding us - anyone ‘in the know’ - help them out by showing them the art area at other times or walk them down on a Friday. Thank you!

See you at Art Club! - this Friday morning, first break in the art area (under Yr 3 classrooms).

MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Thursday, 8 May
We will be holding our annual Mother’s Day Stall tomorrow, 8 May in the Hall. Gifts will be valued at $5 and $7. Parent help will be required on the day before (Wednesday 7 May) with set up and also on the day of the stall. Please contact Pam Vanderkruk on 0403 321 170 or email pamelagv@optusnet.com.au

WORLD OF FUN FETE

1 JUNE 2014
Welcome to our major sponsor Exclaim IT, Specialists in contract and permanent IT recruitment. Our generous sponsors are proud to represent our school and wish for our entire school community to get on board with the giving spirit, working together to make the World of Fun Fete a united achievement. Check out their opportunities at www.exclaim-it.com.au

Ute bute: if you can help us with picking up equipment locally on 28,29,30th of May please contact Karla on 0419556937.

Working bee: Saturday 31st from 12pm onwards. We’re setting up marquees and trestle tables.

If you have a current senior first aid certificate we need you for the first aid area. Contact me to register your interest and available times.

Raffle tickets have gone home this week. Send the stubs and payments back to the office in a snap lock bag or envelope with your child’s name and class on the front.

Last if all, the entertainment is organised for the day but we need someone to guide the performers and keep the set list on time on the day. If you love to keep people in line and helping with the team spirit, let us know.

Let us know how you can help out, large or small, it’s all appreciated.

pandi@evertonpark.com.au or Karla on 0419556937.

Karla Chaffey
Fete coordinator

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

BEGINNER MUSIC CAMP - 1ST YEAR BAND STUDENTS AND 2ND YEAR STRING STUDENTS
Information has been sent home about the Northside Music Camp being held from Tuesday 10 until Thursday 12 June. All forms and monies need to be paid to our school office by FRIDAY 16TH MAY.

QUEENSLAND WIND AND BRASS CONCERT BAND PERFORMANCE - SAT 10 MAY
Mrs Hall performs with Queensland Wind and Brass Concert Band conducted by Mr Bevan Messenger. They are performing a concert on Saturday 10th May as part of the 4MBS classic series. If you are
interested in attending these are the details:

'Once Upon a time' - the band will perform works about fantasies and legends including:
- Lord of the Rings
- Don Quixote
- Jurassic Park
- Also Sprach Zarathustra

Concert time: 7.30 pm
Venue: Old Museum, Gregory Tce, Bowen Hills
Ticket prices:
- Adults $20.00
- Concession $15.00
- Children’s tickets are FREE

Tickets are available at the door or through 4MBS ph: 3847 1717
For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au
For all string queries please contact Anne Keenan at akeen9@eq.edu.au

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

**TUCKSHOP**
MAY ROSTER
Thursday 8 – Hayley Swain
Friday 9 – Genevieve Moller, Karla Chaffey, Nikki Clur
Monday 12 –
Thursday 15 – Jenny Sewell, Megan or Ben Limus
Friday 16 – Penny Valentine, Carol McLean, Janene Ashton

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Thanks to the ladies who offered to help on 30/5. Still needing some wonderful people for the fifth Friday of the month (29/8 and 31/10) and one for the fourth Friday of the month (starting in June).

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 Convenor

- NEW! Pizza slices $3.00. Two delicious flavours – BBQ Chicken and Hawaiian (Ham & Pineapple)
- NEW! Creepy Cheese Mini Bites $1.20. A wholegrain brown rice cake snack that’s gluten free. First and second break.

Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**
Thursday 8th May
Gifts from $4 – $7
The Mother’s Day Stall is a wonderful opportunity for students to shop and select a special gift for mum. We need volunteers to help set up on Wednesday after school and to serve the students on Thursday.
If you can help on any of the times please text or email Pam.
M:0403321170
E: pamelagv@optusnet.com.au

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**YOGA**
Yoga classes will be held in the EPSS Library at 7pm on Tuesday nights. $12 casual or $50 for a 5 class pass.
Contact Ursula Lovelock on 0409 708 192 or breathe-yoga@hotmail.com

**ALDERLEY KINDY**
Open Day is being held on Saturday, 31 May, 9 – 11am.

**EVERTON PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY**
Open Day is being held on Tuesday, 27 May from 3 – 6:00pm Please RSVP Enrolment Officer on ischa22@eq.edu.au