FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

School Community
As the fete approaches you can feel the school community coming together to make this another extraordinary event. It is not too late to get involved, contact your class rep to see how you can help out.

Chappie Nikki has also had a warm welcome into our school and is a great addition to our learning community. If you would like your child to talk or work with Chappie Nikki drop in to the office to collect a form or see Chappie Nikki on a Tuesday or Friday.

P&C and Swim Club
I know it is a bit cold to be getting into the water but due to the cancellation of the swim club AGM last term, tonight there will be a Special General P&C Meeting for the purpose of:
1. Admitting new members to the P&C Association; and
2. Electing a new Swim Club sub-committee.

The meeting will be held at 7pm at the school library. Please email apologies or nominations for election to the sub-committee to pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au. If you would like to know more the pool operations or would like to get involved in swim club please join us for our meeting tonight.

2015 Prep Enrolments
As we are already receiving many inquiries about enrolments, we are going to have our Prep information sessions in term two this year. It seems early in the year to be talking about 2015 enrolments but next week we will hold our Prep Enrolment Sessions. We would like all parents enrolling a child in Prep in 2015 to attend as we will be outlining the enrolment process.

We will also briefly discuss the way we enact the Prep curriculum and the learning opportunities we provide our Prep students. The Prep students for 2015 must be born between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010. If you are thinking...
of delaying entry to your Prep aged child, please contact the office to arrange an appointment to discuss this option.

Please also let any families who do not have any students currently enrolled at our school know about these sessions. We are interested in what we achieve at our school and we want to share this with our local community. We are not an enrolment managed school, which means that students who live outside our catchment area are also able to enrol. If you are unable to attend, please contact the office after June 17 to obtain an enrolment pack and to make an enrolment interview.

Monday, June 16: 6:30pm - In the Hall (Join us afterwards for our P&C meeting in the library at 7:30)
Tuesday, June 17: 9:30am - In the Hall with the option for a school tour at the end of the presentation.

School Uniform

I am immensely proud of our school and I know our students are as well. A great way for students to show that they are a student of Everton Park State School is in their school uniform. Brisbane is to wear the Everton Park State School uniform. Everton Park State School has a dress code that is endorsed by the P&C. This requires that all students wear our school uniform every day. With winter approaching we are starting to see students wearing hoodies and jumpers that are not a part of our school uniform.

I seek the support of all parents to ensure that their child comes to school each day wearing the correct uniform. I will also ask parents to make sure that their child does not come to school with necklaces or bracelets unless they are worn for religious or medical reasons. Of course students take off these jumpers through the day so it is very important to make sure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

If you need some support in providing your child with the correct uniform please contact the office, we have a strong community ready to assist.

Brad Clark
Principal

THE BENEFITS OF RULES OR BOUNDARIES FOR CHILDREN

I'm often asked, "Why do we have school rules about this or about that?" I usually answer that it is about teaching the children to have their own behaviour in a consistent manner which is socially acceptable. Sounds a bit long winded but I think it gets to the point. As children are developing their social and emotion selves, consistency means a lot. That's one of our priorities with the way we manage student behaviour at EPSS. I'm also often asked, "What can I do as a parent to improve my child's behaviour?" One of the simplest ways to improve a child's behaviour is to be more consistent. Children love their parents to be consistent as they are able to predict how they will act. A consistent approach to discipline puts kids in control of their behaviour.

Consistency means that as parents we follow through and do as we say we will. It means resisting giving kids second and third chances when they break the rules or behave poorly around others. When we let children get away with two or three infractions we often end up coming down very hard when they break another rule, which causes resentment. Act early to prevent poor behaviour from escalating.

Consistency also means both parents respond in similar ways when children are less than perfect. Children learn from a young age to play one parent off against the other when their standards differ or communication is poor. My children try it all the time. Sole parents need to be consistent in their reactions.

A consistent approach is shown through a clear set of limits and boundaries that provide children with structure and teach them how to behave. Studies show families with few boundaries or rules are more likely to have children who behave poorly around others or who don't consider their own safety. Children like limits and they like to push against boundaries. One study found children will push parental boundaries about one-third of the time. This is a normal but irritating expression of a child's fight for independence and autonomy. Some toddlers, teens and tricky children push twice that amount, which is hard for parents. Busy parents often sacrifice consistency for a quick fix. Try not to get drawn into that habit. It's hard to break. I've been there. When you are tired and overworked, the last thing you want to do is engage in a battle with a strong-willed child over what are sometimes petty issues. Besides, consistency can often make a well-meaning parent feel downright awful. But giving in is not a smart long-term strategy. If you give in occasionally, children learn that if they push hard enough, you will eventually give in. Consistency is about being strong. It takes backbone and grit, but persevere and you will reap the rewards.

Here are some ideas to help you be more consistent with your children:

Focus on priority behaviours. It is difficult to be consistent with every single misbehaviour, but it is easy to focus on one or two. When you are consistent with one or two priority behaviours it has a positive impact on other behaviours.

Give yourself a tangible reminder about the behaviour you want to follow up on. Leave a note telling yourself: "Walk away when a child whines. Don't give in." Or: "Congratulations your child when they resolve a problem without arguing." Check your routines. Have simple routines for troublesome times of the day such as bedtime or mealtimes.

Act rather than over-talk or repeat yourself when children misbehave. Sometimes it is inconvenient to set a consequence, as it means you may have to battle a tantrum. But the stand-firm approach pays off in the long term as children learn that you mean what you say.

Being consistent and standing firm when children break the rules means they learn to be in control of their behaviour. Before long you will find that you have more control over your household and it is not being overrun by a gang of under tens.

David O'Conner
Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS

If you're going to come along to one P&C meeting this year – make it this one!! The P&C Meeting will be held on Monday, 19 May at 7:30pm at the school library

This week we will be discussing some really important topics:

- Prioritisation of funding. If you have something you would like to see the P&C fund, come along and add your voice. This is your chance a year to direct funding to large changes to the school.
- Meet the Chappy. Our new Chaplain Nikki will be coming along to introduce herself and you can ask her any questions you have.
- School Photos. We will be getting a presentation from a new company who would like to do school photos this year. Come along and see if you like their product.
- Fete News. It's the last P&C meeting before the fete and our last chance to have input into the day Did I mention that the meeting will be catered??
We'd love to see lots of new faces and new ideas at the meeting, so come along!

Amy List
P&C President

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

Chappie Nikki has been enjoying getting to know the students and looks forward to meeting parents over the next few weeks. Join in Walk to School Safety Day on the 23rd and stay on for a coffee and chat with Nikki before assembly or come along to the P&C Meeting on the 19th to hear more about how the Chaplaincy Program will contribute to our school. You can contact Nikki by phoning the school on Tuesdays and Fridays or for more information email the LCC at Chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au and please keep the donations coming in!

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

Congratulations to 1/2P on winning the Gold Star Award for Fun, Fit, Friday – Week 2. Which class will be our school Star for Monday, 19 May?

To welcome our new school Chaplain (Nikki), our school will be organising a very special 'Walk to School Safety Day' 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 will receive DOUBLE STAMPS in their AST passports!!! And as the parents, carers and grandparents don’t have an AST passport, the LCC is offering FREE tea and coffee for their efforts!!! Meet and greet Nikki at the school hall on ‘Walk to School Safely Day’ from 8:30 – 9:00am 😊

Thank you to all the students who entered the Active School Travel ‘Bruce the Busy Bus’ 2014 book illustration competition. The entries were amazing!!! Good luck to everyone 😊

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.

SCHOOL DISCO
Are you afraid to dance? If you aren’t, then come to the Spooky Night Disco on Friday, 13 June. The night starts at 5pm for students in Prep to Year 4 and from 6:30 – 8:00pm for Years 5 – 7. A sausage sizzle will be available on the night. See you there, if you dare!

YEAR 6/7 CANBERRA TRIP
Final Payment
The Year 6 and 7 students will be heading to Canberra for their very exciting excursion on Monday 21 July until Friday 25 July. Final payment for this trip is due on 20 June.

ART CLUB
Last week saw some great sketching and inventive photo frame decoration. It is fascinating to see who does what with new projects. Happy chatter and laughter are always good signs!

See you at Art Club this Friday, first break! Find us in the art area under the Yr 3 classrooms.

WORLD OF FUN FETE
1 JUNE 2014
T minus 2.5 weeks to go, and . . . eek . . . we’re getting close! Rides passes are now available on www.flexischools.com.au with Junior and All Access passes available. For more details see the full fete newsletter, or the flexischools website after you’ve logged in. Ride passes increase by $5 per pass on the day of the fete. Get your colouring in posters to the office by Wednesday, 28 May for a chance to win a pass! Raffle tickets are selling like hotcakes! Is your family going home with the iPod for the highest ticket seller? You can collect new books from the office when you drop off your sold ones with the money.

Getting your bake-on will be happening soon. Baked goods and sweet treats will be needing to come into the tuckshop on Friday, 30 May from 2:30-3:45pm. All items MUST be contained in a disposable receptacle, labelled with description of the item and a list of ingredients READY FOR SALE. If you require any forms or have any questions regarding this please contact me on the number below.

Are you a Fete Flyer Walker? If you can help us by dropping fete flyers into your neighbourhood mailboxes, please let me know on the number below. And while you are at it you can register for our Set Up day on Saturday, 31 May from 12pm onwards, assisting with marques and table setups.

The next fete meeting is this Friday (16/5), after parade in the Library. Please come along if you would like any more information about how you can help on or before the day.

Kara Chaffey M-0419556937 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, 16 MAY. No late forms and monies will be accepted after this date.

For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at phali35@eq.edu.au
For all string queries please contact Anne Keenan at akeen9@eq.edu.au

FRIDAY GALA DAY SPORT RESULTS
Junior Boys Soccer
EPSS1 def Aspley 8-2
EPSS2 def Stafford 2-1
EPSS3 def Stafford 3-1

Albany Hills SS def EPSS 3-2
EPSS2 def Albany Hills SS 2-1
McDowall def EPSS 1 2-0

EPSS2 drew with POP 3-3
POP def EPSS 3 1-0

Senior boys Soccer
Year 7
EPSS lost to Aspley 2 – 0
EPSS lost to Albany Creek – 6 – 3
EPSS lost to Eaton’s Hill – 8 – 0

Year 6
EPSS def Aspley 5 – 4
EPSS def Albany Creek 2 – 1
EPSS def Eaton’s Hill 6 – 4

Senior Girls Soccer
EPSS def Albany Creek 5 – 2
EPSS def Albany Hills 5 – 0
EPSS def Prince of Peace 8 – 0
EPSS def NCC 3 – 1

Congratulations to all players for their great team work!

Junior Girls Soccer
EPSS lost to McDowall 1 0 – 3
EPSS lost to Albany Hills 0 – 1
EPSS lost to POP 0 – 4
EPSS lost to Eaton’s Hill 0 – 6

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

MAY ROSTER
Thursday 15 – Jenny Sewell, Megan or Ben Limpus
Friday 16 – Penny Valentine, Carol McLean, Janene Ashton
Monday 19 –
Thursday 22 – Jo Baird
Friday 23 – Melissa Hulbert, Jo Hennessy, Carmel Privitera

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 evenparkss.eq.edu.au. Go to ‘Support & Resources’ tab on the homepage, ‘Forms & Documents’ and it is in the ‘Documents’ list.

Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor

NOW AVAILABLE – additional Winter Menu items for first break

Delicious homemade soups - Thai Pumpkin or Creamy Chicken and Vegetable plus a serve of garlic bread $5.00
• Single serve garlic bread $1.00
• Warm milo $1.50
• 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

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

Tuckshop Menu

- Art Club
- School Disco
- Year 6/7 Canberra Trip
- uniform shop
- May Roster