**NEWSLETTER NO.18**
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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents and Carers

**School Camps**

This year our year six and seven students are heading off to Canberra. This has long been a tradition of our school as government was an important part of the Year 7 curriculum.

We have to make some decisions for school camps in the years to follow as the Year 7’s head off to high school next year. The curriculum links to Canberra and Sydney are not as relevant for the Year 6 curriculum and the cost of this camp has gone up to nearly $1000.

We have also seen that only two thirds of our senior students are attending the camp this year in Canberra, making it clear we need to rethink this option. I am seeking feedback from parents with students currently in Years 2-5 for our school camps in the year ahead. A survey will be attached to this newsletter for these students. Please complete the survey and return it to the box in the office by Friday 20 June. If you do not receive the survey, you can collect a form from the office.

**Reading- It’s Important**

Reading is the most important skill we teach our students. In fact it is one of the few skills we continue to improve on as we get older. It is a skill we refine and develop long after we have left school. The main reason behind this is that reading is a skill that we use every day.

With this in mind you can see why we are always encouraging students to read or share a book at home every night, even on the weekends. Students who don’t read on a regular basis obviously get a lot less experience and practice and as a consequence find it increasingly more difficult as they start working with harder texts. Reading as little as 10 minutes a night gives your child an extra 60 hours of practice each year.

Reading is more than just saying the words on the page. With so much information available via the internet it is important that children develop the ability to critically reflect on the text that they read. It is vital that every time your

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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child reads with you that you spend time talking about the text and making connections to the real world and other concepts.

Below are some tips for reading at home.

- Make it a positive and successful experience. You can help out with some of the really tricky words, don’t make them struggle through the text. If the text is too hard, parents can read the text for them and swap it over for a different book the next day back at school.

- Young children can read body language and nonverbal cues very well. They know when you are really paying attention or are not interested. Five minutes of quality time is far better than 20 minutes of reading while you cook dinner or drive the car. Make sure you give lots of praise and give reassurance “I really liked the way you went back and re-read that sentence to make sure it made sense.”

- If your child gets stuck, if your head count to five and give an appropriate prompt. “I can see a smaller word at the end.” “It starts with a b.” Don’t be too quick to jump in and help them out, otherwise they will quickly learn to get mum or dad help with all tricky words. Remember the books we send home as home readers should be very easy for your child to read. If they are coming across lots of tricky words, they need to change to an easier text.

- Draw their attention to important textual and picture clues. “I wonder why that word is written in bold.” You do not have to read the whole text. Remember to leave time for discussion and to make a connection to the book.

Brad Clark
Principal

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

What a privilege it was to help serve your children breakfast today. The team from Nexus church has been providing breakfast for the children at Everton Park State School on a Tuesday morning for about 18 months now. Believing it is a simple task but they do it with such love, care and dedication. And the children respond in kind, I heard some really lovely mannerisms this morning and the patience and care of the older children toward the littles is heart-warming. Watching them pass drinks and toast to those who couldn’t see or reach was beautiful and to give the last one piece to someone else and they choose to wait…WOW.

Everton Park State School you should be very proud of your children. Being kind to volunteers, cleaning and grounds staff is very important and shows good values and a warm heart, for without them our school would be very different….Imaging if no one mowed the oval, it wouldn’t be much fun, long grass with little animals and possible snakes, tripping in holes or not seeing puddles. Imaging how sick we would all get if we didn’t have cleaners in our classroom….disinfecting and mopping, our carpets would smell and our desks would be gross and sticky huh….

So when you see our cleaners, groundsmen and all the volunteers please smile, be kind and thoughtful and remember to thank them …even if it’s just for doing a great job 😊

Chappy Nikki

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

Congratulations to 1B for once again winning the Gold Star award with 91% of students actively travelling for the previous week’s Fun, Fit, Friday.

Unfortunately, our school missed out on winning the AST Golden Boot Award for a ‘hat trick’ (three consecutive months) – but only by 1%! The criteria for the month of June was ‘Most Improved’ school – from the previous month’. Perhaps we will be ‘the most improved school’ (using May’s figures/data) and take back the AST Golden Boot Award, placing it back where it belongs – in our school.

This week’s ‘Whole School Behaviour Rule’ has focussed on Bike and Scooter safety. Please remember to follow the road and bike/scooter safety rules. Always secure your helmet firmly to your head and walk your bikes and scooters while on school grounds.

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 PHOTOS

31 July and 1 August

Class photos will be taken on Thursday, 31 July and group photos on Friday, 1 August. There is an insert in this newsletter outlining the procedure for ordering photos. In the next few weeks a flyer/envelope will be sent to each child explaining the products available and how they may be ordered. If you have not received any information before the school holidays, please contact the school office.

YEAR 5 CAMP

Invoices for Camp were sent home this week and all relevant Camp Notices were emailed as well. Don’t forget that we require the first payment of $20 to be made by the 13 June to confirm your child’s attendance at the Year 5 Camp. If we don’t have a preliminary payment made by this date, your child will not be eligible to attend Year 5 Camp this year.

N.B.: If FULL payment is not made by Friday, 18 July, your child will be unable to attend the camp. There is an option to pay for camp by a part payment system. If you choose to do a part payment system, the payment amounts and dates due are as follows:

Payment 1 - $20 due by 13 June
Payment 2 - $50 due by 20 June
Payment 3 - $50 due by 27 June, Final Payment 4 - $10 due by 16 July

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Senior Athletics Carnival

The middle distance events have been changed from Thursday, 12 June to Tuesday, 17 June starting at 1:45 – 3:00pm.

PARENT BOOTCAMP

If any parents are interested in attending a bootcamp session run by a qualified PT, please let Louise know in the office. The PT has informed me that a minimum of 5 participants would be needed for the session to go ahead. The mornings available are Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays and could coincide with school drop-off. The sessions would run here at school.

CHEERLEADING

We will be performing at the school fete. All students are to meet on the grassed area, behind the hall, at 9.45am. They are to wear their uniform to school and change after the performance. We will be performing in front of the terraces at 10.15am.

Pups – wear the school shirt with black shorts/bike pants
Reserves - green crossed uniform (sent home on Tuesday)
Squad - wear your performing uniform.

If you have any questions please talk to me by Thursday. Miss R :o)

ART CLUB

Art club is back this week at first break. See you there under the Year 3 classrooms.

CHOIR NEWS

Congratulations to our Junior Choir and Elements singers who did a terrific job at the school Fete on Sunday. It is not easy performing outdoors and at the end of a hugely exciting day, but you all did a great job! Thanks so much to our wonderful audience who supported our young singers!

GARDEN NEWS

It was wonderful to see parents of our Garden Club members visiting our garden on Fete day. You can still check out the signs and have a good look at what we have all been working on in the garden. You might have some small plants or seedlings at home that you think we may be able to plant in our vegetable garden. We would love to have some of your ideas about easy flowers and vegetables to try to
growth! Remember, we meet at 11.00 am Wednesdays and welcome all volunteers!

Bernadette Crook

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
Winter Soiree - Wednesday 25 June
Mrs Hall's band concert WILL NOW BE ON WED 25 JUNE the day before my band tour in the afternoon. Concert starts at 3.30 until 4.00 pm. Information will be sent home this week.

BAND TOUR - Thursday 26 June
There will be a band tour for our senior band students on Thursday 26 June during the school day to a number of childcare centres and a nursing home. Information will be sent home during this week.

NORTHSIDE JUNIOR MUSIC BEGINNER CAMP - TUESDAY 10 – THURSDAY 12 JUNE
If your child is attending the strings camp and is taught by Ms Keenan your venue is Stafford State School for Tuesday and Wednesday of camp. Your contact person during the camp ONLY is Mrs Kathryn Payne - 0402 250 966

If your child is attending the band camp and is taught by Mrs Hall your venue is Aspley State School for Tuesday and Wednesday of camp. Your contact person during the camp ONLY is Mrs Christine Jabs - 0412 022 160

What happens on Thursday 12 June?

All strings students go to Stafford State School in the morning of camp and then later in the day will be at Brisbane City Hall for the remainder of the day. They will travel by bus. The concert starts at 4 pm and all Strings children need to be collected after the concert at Brisbane City Hall.

All Band students go to ASPLEY State School NOT Stafford State School in the morning of camp and then later in the day will be at Brisbane City Hall for the remainder of the day. They will travel by bus. The concert starts at 4 pm and all Band children need to be collected after the concert at Brisbane City Hall.

What are the travelling arrangements and hours of camp?
Parents/Guardians are responsible for arranging transport to and from the camp each day. Registration is from 8.00 am each day. Music camp starts at 8:30 am each day and concludes at 3.30 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday. The concert on Thursday at Brisbane City Hall will conclude at 5.15pm. (Parents/guardians need to take children home after the concert)

What is the dress code?
Covered shoes please - appropriate free dress.

What to bring? (please label all equipment clearly)
- music stand
- 2 pencils and a soft eraser
- water bottle
- hat and sunscreen
- morning tea and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday
- morning tea and snakes on Thursday - Lunch is provided on Thursday only

For all band queries please contact Penny at phall35@eq.edu.au

For all string queries please contact our school as Ms Keenan is on leave for the remainder of this term.

FOUND

A Harry Potter book has been handed in at the office. Please enquire at the front desk.

UNIFORM SHOP

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

JUNE ROSTER
Thursday 12 – Anita Reynolds
Friday 13 – Vicky Wilson, Genevieve Moller, Misato Betts
Thursday 19 – Megan Limpus, Jenny Sewell
Friday 20 – Penny Valentine, Carol McLean, Janene Ashton

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – Still needing one wonderful person for the fourth Friday of the month (starting in June). Email me if you can help.

Senior Athletics Carnival
Thursday 19 June

‘Runna Banana’ Smoothie $3.00
Milk, banana and scoop of vanilla ice cream. Soy milk/gluten free option available. Order online or over the counter before 9am on the day. First break only.

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.

NEW! Tuckshop Convenor

TUCKSHOP

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.

Kathrina Coomber

Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NEWS

YOGA

Yoga classes are held in the EPSS Library at 7pm every Tuesday night during the school terms. Contact Ursula Lovelock 0409 708 192 or breathe-yoga@hotmail.com

NEW! 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
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