FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Farewell Amy

In my short time at Everton Park State School I have noted a great sense of community so it is with great sadness that I inform our parent community that Amy List will step down from her current role as President of the Everton Park State Primary School P&C as her family is relocating. Although I have only been here a very short time, my observation of Amy is that she is a fair leader and a considered decision maker who is obviously respected and admired by the parent community. Following the P&C meeting last night, many parents have said to me that under her leadership the school has grown from strength to strength and that she will be very sadly missed. On behalf of the school community, I would like to thank Amy for her dedication to our school and the support she have provided to the staff, parents and students. We wish Amy and her family the very best of luck in this next exciting chapter of their lives.

School Opinion Survey

The School Opinion Survey is undertaken each year by the department’s State Schools Division to obtain the opinions of parent/caregivers, students and school staff about important aspects of schooling. The survey is designed to help schools identify what they do well and what they can improve.

The annual School Opinion Survey is open this week and will close on the 3rd of August 2014. All families from our school (previously only a sample of families), school staff and a representative sample of students from our school, will be invited to take part. We encourage all of you to take this opportunity to have your say about what Everton Park State School does well and how we can improve.

The school has been issued with parent invitation letters that are to be provided to the eldest child in each family at our school. Teachers will issue these letters to the students this week. This invitation letter contains access details so that Parents/Caregivers can complete the survey on line. Please be reminded that this year all parent surveys are to be conducted online however, if parents require the use of a computer, the school will make some computers available in our school library on Monday, 28 July from 8:15am until 10:00am.

Message from our local member, Tim Mander

Last week Minister for Education, John-Paul Langbroek, invited all Queensland students from Prep to Year 12 to have their say on the future of education in Queensland.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY
21–25th Year 6/7 trip to Canberra
28-29th District Track & Field
29th Breakfast Club
31st School photos (Groups)

AUGUST
1st School photos
5th Junior Athletics Carnival
5th Breakfast Club
12th Intermediate Music Camp
12th Breakfast Club
13th EKKA holiday
14th Intermediate Music Camp
19th Breakfast Club
20-22nd Year 5 Camp
I would appreciate it if you could distribute the below information to your students and encourage them to have a say in the future of education. We want to hear their suggestions on how we can ensure all students are given the best education and outcomes.

Students can say what’s great and what they would like to change in their schools by submitting a short online video before 8 August at www.dete.qld.gov.au/educationaccord.

For more information about this opportunity visit http://dete.qld.gov.au/about/educationaccord/student-engagement.html

Also, a reminder for the Education Accord forum next week on Wednesday, 30 August. If you haven’t RSVP’d already, please do so to my office at everton@parliament.qld.gov.au

Regards
Tim Mander MP
State Member for Everton
Minister for Housing and Public Works

Anita Bond
Principal

P&C NEWS

Thanks to all the parents who came along to the P&C Meeting last night. We’ve got lots of great activities coming up throughout Term 3 so keep your eye out for news!

A new fan!
The P&C submitted a grant in February for an industrial fan in the school hall. This grant has been approved! The P&C will now work with the school to install the fan over Term 3 so it will hopefully be in place by the time the temperature heats up in summer.

I would also like to announce that I will be stepping down as President of the P&C in mid-August as our family is moving to Canberra. So we will be looking for a new President over the next few weeks and I would like to encourage anybody who may be interested to get in contact with me on pandpresident@everparks.eq.edu.au.

The rest of the committee will still be around to provide all of the support and assistance a new President could need – it really is a great community organisation to be involved in which has a direct impact on the learning of your children. However if nominating for President is a step too far, we do need volunteers to help coordinate the following activities as well:

- Two working bees – one painting bee and one general tidy-up. These are great fun, with lots of involvement from the school community.
- The EPSS Spellathon – we ran this last year and it was a huge success. All the hard work has been done, we just need someone to coordinate it this year.

If you are able to help out with these jobs please contact us at pand@everparks.eq.edu.au.

Amy List
P&C President

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

Congratulations to 1B and Prep C for winning the Gold Star award with both classes having 100% of students actively travelling for Term 2. Week 10’s Fun, Fit, Friday.

Our school has won the AST Golden Boot Award for the month of June - ‘Most improved school – from the previous month’!!! Could this be our second chance at a hat trick? Could we win it for the month of July as well? The criteria for July is ‘School with the highest cycling percentage’. As our school is SUPER keen to make it a hat trick (3 months in a row) and keen to keep the title of ‘AST School of the Year’, GET ON YOUR BIKE AND RIDE TO SCHOOL THIS FUN, FIT, FRIDAY!!! DOUBLE STAMPS FOR STUDENTS WHO RIDE THEIR BICYCLES.

Don’t forget to always secure your helmet firmly to your head and walk your bikes and scooters while on school grounds.

The AST shop (room 22) will be open (at first break after eating time) this Friday for students to claim their AST prizes.

THE ART CLUB

And... we’re back! Time for more creative craziness. We have loads of great art activities planned for Art Club this term. Come along on Friday and find out what this week has in store. As always we will recycle and reuse where possible and we always welcome donations of unwanted paper and other resources. Big thanks to those who have already donated materials to Art Club. It all finds a way to be used. Art Club meets every Friday at first break in the art area (under the Year 3 classrooms). All parents are welcome too!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

31 July and 1 August

Ordering and payment details have been sent home with each student. You are encouraged to order online. You may also order by completing the envelope given to your child and returning it with enclosed payment to the class teacher before photo day. If you order online do not return the envelope to your child’s teacher.

Group photo ordering will be done after photo day. You must place your order for group photos once you have viewed the proofs which will be display either in the office or the Library at a later date yet to be confirmed.

YEAR 5 CAMP

Please be reminded that the final payment for Year 5 Camp of $105 must be made by Friday, 18 July and all Camp forms are due then as well.

N.B.: If FULL payment is not made by Friday, 18 July, your child will NOT be able to attend the camp.

Further notices pertaining to the Camp itself will be sent out once final numbers are known. If you have any queries don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or myself.

Tracey Irwin

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

District Athletic Trials

District Athletic Trials are on Monday, 28 July and Tuesday, 29 July at Bowden Park, Geebung. Students have been relay training at lunch times and training sessions are being offered Thursday before school at 7:45am and Thursday after school from 3:15 until 4:30. All students participating in field events are welcome to attend these training sessions. Parents are also welcome to attend. Could any outstanding forms be brought to the school office by this Friday, 25 July. I wish luck to all students involved in the District Athletic Trials.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Intermediate Music Camp - Tuesday 12 and Thursday 14 August

Information has been sent home regarding the Intermediate Music Camp for children who were not accepted into the Advanced Music Camp or who are in their 2nd year of learning an instrument. This two day camp will involve special guest conductors and ensembles to work with children from across local schools. The camp will be held at our school as well as Mitchelon State High School. There will be a free concert on Tuesday 12th August at 2 pm at Mitchelon State High School’s Hall.

ALL FORMS AND PAYMENTS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO OUR SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY, 25 JULY - NO LATE FORMS AND PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE

Cost of camp for two days is $70.00 which includes expert tuition on instruments, guest conductors and guest ensembles.
Junior Athletics
Carnival Tuesday 5th August
‘Runna Banana’ Smoothie $3.00

Milk, banana, honey and scoop of vanilla ice cream. Soy milk/gluten free option available.
Pre-order online or over the counter before 9.00am Monday, 4 August so your junior athlete can enjoy this on the day.

Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor

Honours Music Camp 9 – 12 September
Some strings and band students have been sent home information about an auditioned music camp which is held at Craigslea State High School. All consent forms need to be returned to our school office by Friday, 25 July. Auditions will be taking place at our school on Wednesday 30 and Thursday 31 July.

For all string queries please contact Anne Keenan at akeen9@eq.edu.au
For all band queries please contact Angela Batch at abbat0@eq.edu.au

UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop is open each Friday from 8.30 – 9.30 am

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

Craigslea State High School
Open Mornings on the 1st and 3rd Friday each month from 9 – 10am. See classes in action and tour the school. Contact Cathy 3326 5222.

JULY ROSTER
Thursday 24 – Jo Baird
Friday 25 – Melissa Hulbert, Jo Hennessey, Annesley Milestone
Monday 28 –
Thursday 31 – Jenny Sewell

AUGUST ROSTER
Friday 1 – Misato Betts, Vicky Wilson, Greg Scott

Order online at flexischools.com.au

Winter Menu items for first break

- Delicious homemade soup - Creamy Chicken and Vegetable plus a serve of garlic bread $5.00
- Single serve garlic bread $1.00
- Warm milo $1.50
- Pizza slices $3.00. Two delicious flavours – BBQ Chicken and Hawaiian (Ham & Pineapple).