FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

2014 NAPLAN Results – A Wonderful Achievement!
Parents should have already received a copy of their child’s NAPLAN report from their child’s class teacher. Please contact your child’s teacher if you have not yet received this report.

The school has also received a number of data sets illustrating how Everton Park State School students have performed against the rest of the state and the nation. This preliminary data indicates that right across Years 3, 5 and 7 our student achievement has been similar to, or in some cases, above the national cohort. This is an exceptional achievement for the students in Year 3, 5 and 7. These students have been able to accomplish these outstanding results through the hard work and dedication of all of the teachers and support staff who have worked with them over the years. It is obvious that these students have consistently followed the school rule of “Being an Active Learner” throughout their learning and deserve to be congratulated. Well done to all!

Regional Athletics Trials
This week, several of our students will be attending the Regional Athletics Trial at the St Lucia International Athletics Track. We wish them the very best of luck!

Disabled Parking
Please be reminded that parents are not permitted to use the staff car park, including the disabled car park as a drop off or pick up zone unless they have prior permission from administration or have an appropriate disabled parking permit. Please be understanding if you are asked to move your car or denied access to this car park.

Reader’s Theatre
Today our Prep to Year 2 students enjoyed a morning of presenting and listening to a number of stories through the mode of a Reader’s Theatre. All students demonstrated great courage by standing up in front of lots of parents,
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Friday, 31 October is the date for our next LCC Family Movie Night (not Sept 12 as previously advertised). Bring the whole family along for an easy dinner and movie. $5 entry for kids, adults are free. More details coming soon!

OPTIMINDS 2014
Everton Park was very lucky to be represented by 4 amazing Year 6 students this year. Jordan O, Zander G, Ava A and Tarina P worked very hard over the last 6 weeks to develop their long term challenge. The team had to create the brand new ‘true blue’ tale which shows us about Australian life today. It had to include:

- their own original creation of 2 different, ‘iconic’ and uniquely Australian characters;
- their choice of a character from an iconic Australian book;
- The use of Australian slang by 1 or more characters.

The students should be commended for their fantastic work ethic and outstanding teamwork. These qualities were also noted by the judges at Optiminds. Congratulations!

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL
Congratulations to 45I for winning the Gold Star award for the previous week’s Fun, Fit, Friday. Year 4/5I had a MASSIVE 17 students walk to school on the ‘Park and Stripe’ day! Keep up the great work.

Don’t forget that THIS Friday is the last chance to gain DOUBLE stamps in your Active School Travel passports for carpooling. Get organised and carpool with some friends!

All Prep students have been offered the opportunity to participate in the Pro-Scooter Skills training program. Prep parents, an initial ‘expression of interest’ school letter will be sent home by the end of this week for you to read and sign. For your child to participate, they MUST return the slip at the bottom of this letter to the AST box (in the school office) no later than 3pm NEXT Wednesday, 3 SEPTEMBER. Once the numbers are finalised, a follow up Scooter Skills flyer/permission form, will be sent home.

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

SPELL-A-THON 2014
Wednesday, 3 September
Don’t forget to keep learning your words. The Spell-a-thon will be held on Wednesday, 3 September in class time. Sponsorship cards will need to be returned to school on the day of the Spell-a-thon so the amount of correct words spelt can be recorded. Thursday, 4 September there will be a marking bee. If any parent or guardian is able to help please contact Suzie Chandler via email, suzie@suziechandler.com

All Spell-a-thon money to be returned to the school by Wednesday, 17 September.

SHOE BOXES NEEDED
The Year 5’s need normal sized shoe boxes with lids (not large boxes) for their current Science Unit. If you have any that you no longer need could you please drop them off at Year 4/5I’s classroom. Thanks in advance, Tracey Irwin

LIBRARY NEWS
CONNECT TO READING
EPSS BOOK WEEK – 25th August to 29th August
This year’s Book Week theme is CONNECT TO READING. We want children to connect by simply participating in the act of reading, whether that reading is a book, magazine, sign, label, game or even food packaging! It’s all about getting them to understand how important reading is in their lives and to develop reading skills so they can connect to the world around them. Children can make connections between what they read and other things they think, feel and know. Talking about books and sharing ideas and opinions is a great way to connect with other people and develop a broader knowledge about literature. At EPSS we celebrate the short-listed books chosen by the Children’s Book Council of Australia. This selection includes picture books, information books and paperbacks by some of the best authors Australia.

READERS THEATRE – Wednesday, 27 August - Prep to Year 2.
AUTOR VISIT – OLIVER PHOMMAVANH Thursday, 28 August - Years 3 to 7.
You should have received this note already. Only $3!

BOOK WEEK PARADE – Friday, 29 August.
At parade during book week the students all get to dress up as a book character. We encourage students and parents to use things at home rather than buy any costume. There will be a book prize for a student from each class who has the best costume. I know all the teachers love to dress up for this and we are hoping this year more parents will get on board.

CONGRATULATIONS
Kacee A will be competing in the grand final in the U11’s, division 2 Rugby League for West Mitchelton Rugby League Football Club on Sunday, 31 August. Well done Kacee and good luck!

MUSIC NEWS
Our Band teacher, Mrs Hall, is now taking some well-deserved leave and will return on Wednesday 8 October.

Mrs Melissa Cain will be replacing Mrs Hall and will teach on Mondays instead of Wednesdays. Woodwind, brass and percussion students need to be organised and have all their equipment for lessons on Mondays, starting next week Monday 1 September.

All strings and band students need to take their instruments home after their lessons and play every day. Quite a few students are leaving their instruments in the Music Room, which means that they are not practising and it is also causing the Music Room to be over-crowded!

Bernadette Crook

FOUND
An un-named school jacket was left in the office last week. It belongs to a student in either Year 6 or 7.

WANTED
We are looking for a parent volunteer who would be prepared to make us some curtains for our newly painted Music Room. The curtains required are very basic in design. Material would be supplied by the school. If you are able to help please contact the office.

GARDEN CLUB
We are continuing this week to work in our Oval Garden. The sugar snap peas are really sweet and crunchy and the nasturtiums are spreading rapidly. Time for us to get busy again after that welcome rain. Thanks to Mr Cannard for bringing along some punnets of vegies to plant! We really appreciate our volunteers in the Garden Club!

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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
Mrs Hall will be on Long Service Leave from 1 September to the end of term 3. Her replacement teacher, Mrs Melissa Cain, will commence on Monday 1 September at 7:45am.

Please note Band lessons and band rehearsals will be on

Mondays for the remainder of the term 3.

Mrs Hall will be back teaching at our school on Wednesdays starting on Wednesday, 8 October.

Intermediate Music Camp
Congratulations to all of our students who did a great job at the camp concert last Thursday at Mitchelton State High School.

Mrs Hall will be on leave from Monday, 25 August until Monday, 6 October. In regards to band lessons and rehearsals for the last 4 weeks of this term while Mrs Hall is on leave, please contact our school administration about this.

Mrs Hall will be back teaching at our school on Wednesday, 8 October.

Instrumental Music band testing for years 3’s and Year 4’s for 2015 will be happening in week 2 of term 4. Our information night about our Instrumental Music program for strings and band will be held on Wednesday, 13 November at 6.30pm. Initial information about the program has been sent home to parents in Years 2 – 4.

Congratulations to Lachlan Gavegan in Year 7 who has been accepted into the Northside Honours Camp later this term.

For any further information please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Bernadette Crook (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday) at bcroo4@eq.edu.au (classroom teacher and choir specialist)

For any further information about the band program please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Penny Hall (Wednesdays) at phall35@eq.edu.au

For any further information regarding the strings program please don’t hesitate to contact Ms Anne Keenan (Thursdays) at akeen5@eq.edu.au

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