FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our 2015 Prep Students!
Over the last week and a half I have had the great pleasure of meeting our 2015 prep students and their families. It has been a truly positive experience to observe the enthusiasm of these young children and to listen to the overwhelming positive comments from their parents about Everton Park State School. Families have chosen Everton Park for their Prep child for a variety of reasons. New families to the school have made comment to me about the strong community feel that they have experienced when interacting with those connected to the school. Many of our current families report that their children have had the best start to their educational journey, with the teachers and staff understanding and catering for the individual needs of their children. These comments are testament to the extraordinary work that takes place within the school by staff, parents and students every day.

Parent information night with John Joseph
John Joseph’s vast experience with young people with challenging behaviour and poor attachments to school underpins his desire to formulate change. His thinking about education results from the rich interplay between his coalface experiences, his own schooling, his systemic experience, the years of lecturing at universities, his prolific reading of current research and the face -to-face interactions he has undertaken over the past decade. He will be presenting an information evening for parents at Windsor State School in the Assembly Hall on Monday, 20 October. The topic is “Parenting with the Brain in Mind”. The recommended arrival time is 7:00pm as the main event commences at 7:30pm and ends at 9:00pm. Tickets may be purchased at the door for $10.00.

Anita Bond
Principal
SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY
NEWS
As parents we want the best for our children but sometimes we are at a loss as to what to do. Reassure your child of how much you really love them by taking two minutes to stop, listen and hug them. Those two minutes and the words “I really love you” will fill their ‘love tank’. Even though things may still be chaotic they may still fight with their siblings and make a mess, they will know they are loved. This in turn gives them a feeling of being safe and wanted. When it comes time to make decisions, you will see a more confident child, less likely to follow the pack and less likely to look for approval and acceptance.

Another four scarves have gone home and in Week 3 we will start our beading activity. All donations will be very much appreciated. Keep smiling and enjoy your children.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Group Photos
This is the last week that the group photos (sports, music, etc) will be displayed in the hall. If you would like to place an order, please collect an envelope from the office.

ARTSLINK PERFORMANCE
Thursday, 23 October
‘Last Tree in the City’ – a story about the environment and the way children relate to it’s beauty. It explores themes of sustainability, the environment through puppetry and storytelling.
Notification and payment envelopes have gone home to all students. Please complete the details required portion on the envelope, enclose the correct money and place it in the ‘Students Payment’ box in the office.
Cost is $6.00 per child. Payment is due by Tuesday, 21 October.

DAY FOR DANIEL
FRIDAY, 31 OCTOBER 2014
This year we will be participating in the Day for Daniel on Friday, 31 October. All children, parents and staff are encouraged to wear a red shirt on the day (or black if you can’t wear red) and donate a gold coin to go to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. We will be incorporating safety initiatives and will also be participating with an Active Travel Walk from Teralba Park on the day. The Day for Daniel is the Daniel Morcombe Foundation’s National Day of Action promoting children’s personal safety and providing Aussie Kids with valuable life skills. Please support this very important day as much as you can. Tracey Irwin (4/5I Teacher)

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS
The school swimming program began this week and it’s great to see parents volunteering their time. However, more parent helpers are required to assist. If you are able to help it would be most appreciated. If any parents are willing to help out in more than just their child’s lesson that would be appreciated as well.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL
Congratulations to 1B for winning the Gold Star award for the previous week’s Fun, Fit, Friday. 1B had a total of 8 students ride their scooter or skateboard to school.
This month’s focus for the Golden Boot award will be ‘most improved from baseline data’. That means that if you actively travel to school (by any mode) this month for ‘Fun, Fit, Fridays’, you’ll receive DOUBLE STAMPS in your active school travel passport. Don’t miss out on this opportunity for extra stamps.
On Friday, 31 October our school will be organising a very special Park and Stride event – the ‘Day for Daniel School Walk’. We will be meeting at Teralba Park at 8:00am and departing from the park sharply at 8:15am. As this is a special Park and Stride event you will receive a red helium balloon to show your support for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation, as well as a special ticket to claim another extra TWO STAMPS in your AST passport. Therefore, if you walk to school with us from Teralba Park on that day, you’ll receive FOUR STAMPS in your AST passports! Don’t miss out on this VERY RARE chance to gain BONUS stamps.
The AST shop (room 22) will be open (at first break after eating time) this Friday for students to claim their AST prizes.

BOOKCLUB COORDINATOR VACANCY
Unfortunately I will be unable to continue in the role of Scholastic Book Club in 2015 and therefore hope that another EPSS parent will volunteer for this worthwhile position. Having been the Book Club Coordinator for the past seven years, I am able to provide extensive training in the transitional phase and ongoing support if and when needed next year.
Although two issues of Bookclub are generally provided each term, due to last month’s Book Fair, only one issue (Issue #8) will be held this term. Issue 8 will be available in a couple of weeks and will be the final issue that I will be able to organise. However, this would be the perfect opportunity for another volunteer to witness the process and gain insight into the requirements of the role. Therefore, if you are interested in providing this worthwhile service to the students of EPSS, please contact me on 0435 492 433 to discuss further. I hope to hear from someone soon. Thank you
Tanya Kendall

FRIDAY INTERSCHOOL SPORT RESULTS
VOLLEYBALL – BOYS AND GIRLS
EPSS Green v Aspley Blue – lost 12 – 14.
EPSS Gold v Eaton’s Hill Teal – won 22 – 8.
EPSS White v Aspley Red – lost 18 – 25.
EPSS Green V Aspley Green - lost 19 – 34.
EPSS White v EPSS Gold – lost 17 – 29.

CRICKET
EPSS v Prince of Peace – lost 32 – 12.
SENIOR BOYS TOUCH
Year 7 Boys
EP vs Craigslea (3-1 to Craigslea).
EP vs Albany Hills (3-1 to Albany Hills).
Year 6 Boys
EP vs Eaton’s Hill B (3-1 to Eaton’s Hill B).
EP vs Craigslea (5-2 to Craigslea).

YEAR 5 TOUCH
Girls
Game 1 v Craigslea - lost 0 – 1.
Game 2 v Aspley – won 1 – 0.
Boys
Game 1 - Bye.
Game 2 v Prince of Peace White – won 2 – 0.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
INFORMATION NIGHT FOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2015
This 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.

CHOIR NEWS
Elements and Junior Choir have started again for fourth term. Try to be on time, so we can make the most of our rehearsal time!

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

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

EXTRA OPENING HOURS
In preparation for 2015 we will be open from 9 December – 11 December 2014 and 27 January – 30 January 2015 between the hours of 8:30 – 10:30am

MENU CHANGES
• Devondale Smoothies are only available in Banana & Honey while stocks last - $1.20
• Vanilla Ice Up ‘n’ Go are back - $2.00
• Lemonade Icy Twists have returned for summer - $1.00
• Slush Puppie Natural Flavour range. Three new natural flavours have been introduced – Strawberry/Vanilla, Tropical and CocoaBanana - $2.00
• Special treat! Paddle Pop Dragon Popper - $1.70
• Garlic bread while stocks last - $1.00
• Thai pumpkin or creamy chicken & vegetable soup - $4.00

Did you know that EPSS Tuckshop has been nominated for Tuckshop of the Year?
Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NEWS
YOGA will recommence on the new day and time of THURSDAYS AT 6:45PM in the school Library.

Craigslea State High School
Parent information evenings are being held this term for parents of Junior Secondary students and any future students wanting to attend Craigslia State High. Each evening (16 and 30 October and 27 November) will run for an hour commencing at 5:30pm. Please see the glass noticeboard on our front verandah.

‘Parenting with the Brain in Mind’ Seminar
This will take place on Monday, 20 October in the Hall at Windsor State School. It is being presented by John Joseph. Tickets can be purchased at the door $10.00. Arrive at 7 – 7:30pm. The event will begin at 7:30pm and conclude at 9pm.

TUCKSHOP

OCTOBER ROSTER
Thursday 16 – Jenny Sewell, Megan or Ben Limpus
Friday 17 – Penny Valentine, Karla Chaffey Carol McLean
Thursday 23 – Jo Baird
Friday 24 – Melissa Hulbert, Annesley Milestone, Jo Hennessey

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