FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Enrolment Numbers for 2015
It has been a very busy and exciting year and as we draw to a close we will be formulating our classes for 2015. If your child will not be returning to Everton Park State School next year, could you please contact the office so we are able to take this into consideration for class placements for 2015. Could you also please let us know if your child will be away for the first two weeks of Term 1 in 2015.

How to Help Your Kids with Homework
The nagging, the battles, the lost books or sheets—do you dread homework work as much as the kids do? Here’s how to help them hit the books and develop good study habits.

Step 1: Have a Plan
Sit down with your kids and lay out some mutually agreed expectations, rather than waiting until problems arise. Two or three goals is plenty and you’ll get better results if your child helps decide them. Adjust your plan as you go, letting your child take as much ownership of the process as possible.

Step 2: Get in the Groove
All the research says the single best way to improve your child’s homework performance—and bring more peace to your home—is to insist on a daily schedule or routine. The key is to be consistent about the routine. Take a few weeks before homework gets heavy to try different approaches and see what works best, then stick to it.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER
23rd Artslink performance
31st Family Movie Night
31st Day for Daniel

NOVEMBER
4th Prep Puppet Show
7th Interschool Sport
11th Remembrance Day Ceremony
12th Skate Night, Albany Creek SkateAway
13th Instrumental Music Parent Evening, Library 6:30 – 7:45pm
14th G20 Brisbane Public Holiday (School Closed)
17th P&C Meeting 7:30pm in Library
19 – 20th Year 4 Camp to Underwaterworld
25th Senior Swimming Carnival

DECEMBER
2nd Year 6 Graduation
2nd Junior Swimming Carnival
3rd Year 7 Graduation
8th Carols Night 6:00 – 7:30pm
9th Prep Swimming Carnival
Step 3: Know When to Get Your Child Extra Help
If your kid is truly stuck on a homework assignment, don’t make the common mistake of trying to reteach the information. Your goal is not to become your child’s study buddy. Plus, your approach might be too different from the teacher’s. Imagine being a kid learning long division for the first time. You don’t understand what your teacher is saying, and your parents teach you another method. When you get back to school, you’re bound to be even more confused. Instead, send an e-mail or note to the teacher asking them to please explain the concept to your child again.

Step 4: Pick the Right Spot
Some kids do best with a desk set up in their bedroom so they can work independently; others want to be smack in the middle of the kitchen while you cook dinner. I would recommend letting kids choose their preferred study spot.

Step 5: Try Not to Be Too Helpful!
Of course, it’s okay—and actually necessary—to sit with 5- or 6-year-olds while they do homework. However, your goal should be to help less over time and move physically farther from where your child works. When it comes to proofing a homework assignment, less is definitely better. Check a few answers to ensure that your child understands what they’re doing, but don’t go over the entire page. After all, your child’s teacher needs an accurate measure of whether they really understand the work.

Step 6: Make Them Accountable
Although you may feel guilty at first, it’s smart to have a one-strike rule when it comes to forgetting homework. If your child leaves their assignment at home and calls, begging you to bring it to school, bail them out, say, only once. For many kids, just one missed play-break (or whatever the teacher’s policy is for not handing in homework) usually improves their memory.

Step 7: Watch for overload
If your 8 year old is spending an hour and a half on just their math homework, for instance, that’s way too much. Keep track of their time for several days, then make an appointment to talk to the teacher. If your child routinely works long hours because they are struggling, also talk to the teacher. But if they seem to be slaving over homework because they’re a perfectionist, you may need to discuss a reasonable amount of time to devote to an assignment and then time them.

ADOPT-A-COP ADOPTION
On Friday’s assembly we had the pleasure of officially adopting our new Adopt-A-Cop, Senior Constable Meriel Ianna. Meriel is a District Crime Prevention Coordinator Officer based at Ferny Grove Police Station. This role involves Meriel in educating the community about crime prevention. As our Adopt-A-Cop Meriel will work in various ways to educate our students and school community about crime prevention; particularly in regard to personal safety and cyber bullying. Meriel is also a parent at our school who regularly volunteers as a police officer. Meriel’s presence in the school is a great opportunity for students to connect with and become comfortable with a police officer. We are all very happy to welcome Senior Constable Meriel Ianna as our Adopt-A-Cop and I know that I speak for all staff when I say that this is a worthwhile and valuable program that will benefit our entire school community.

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY NEWS
The students are taking home their bracelets today. The designs of the bracelets are indicative of their creativity and personalities. Some are random, some meticulous, whilst some are hurried. Either way, great friendships, sharing and patience is developing. I’m really looking forward to Movie Night next Friday. There will be a coffee machine and some wonderful home-made cakes available for the parents who choose to stay. Mr O’Connor and my husband, Scott, will be coming to assist with the BBQ and the coffees. We are really looking forward to meeting more mums and dads.
Chappy Nikki

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.

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)

EVERTON PARK SHARKS SWIMMING CLUB
Come and try Swim Club at the Everton Park Sharks swimming club this Friday night for a free, no obligation try night where you and your children can experience the fun and rewarding atmosphere of club night with family and friends. Everton Park Sharks Club night is an easy introduction to competitive swimming for children of all different levels of swimming abilities. We are located in Lyne Street, Everton Park. Gates open at 6pm and nominations close by 6.30pm so swimming can commence at 7:00pm. As the Everton Park Sharks swimming club is run on a non-profit basis, we rely heavily on the volunteer capacities of its members. Each member of the club is valued and their commitment and support is crucial for the club to continue its goal to extend, encourage and improve the art of swimming in an enjoyable and family environment. There are still quite a number of positions which
require filling and if anyone is interested and wants to become more involved with the club, please visit our website: www.epssasc.org.au for more information.

We look forward to seeing you Friday night.
Kathy Goding (EPSSASC President)

**ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL**

Congratulations to 1B for winning the Gold Star award for last week’s Fun, Fit, Friday. 1B had an amazing 87% of students in their class actively travel to school last Friday. Well done!

Don’t forget, this month’s focus for the Golden Boot award is ‘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 active school travel passport. Therefore, if you walk to school with us from Teralba Park on that day, you’ll receive FOUR STAMPS in your AST passport. 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**

**Junior**
EPSS Green game 1 v Prince of Peace - lost 22 – 28
EPSS Green game 2 v Prince of Peace
EPSS Gold v Eaton’s Hill Teal – won 22 – 5.
EPSS White game 1 v Aspley Red – lost 18 – 25.
EPSS game 2 v EPSS White – won 29 – 17.

**Senior**
EPSS Green game 1 v Aspley Blue – lost 12 – 14.
EPSS Green game 2 v Aspley Green – lost 19 – 34.

**CRICKET**
Bye

**SENIOR BOYS TOUCH**
Year 7 Boys
EPSS v Northside Christian College – won 5 – 1.
EPSS v Albany Creek – lost 3 – 0.

**Year 6 Boys**
EPSS v Prince of Peace – drew 1 – 1.
EP v Northside Christian College A - won 1 – 0.

**YEAR 5 TOUCH**

**Girls**
Game 1 v Prince of Peace - 0:1. We lost but Kiana scored.
Game 2 v McDowall - 2:0. We won with Kiana and Joanna scoring and Grace coming really close to scoring as well.
Note: Girls started defending well in the second game, keeping together as they came up against the opposition.

**Boys**
Game 1 v McDowall - 2:2 = a draw with Mario and Jesse scoring.
Game 2 v Eaton’s Hill B - 2:0. We won with Duncan and Mario scoring.
Note: We need to work on using all players on the field. It keeps the opposition guessing.

**SENIOR GIRLS TOUCH**
Year 6
EPSS v Craigielea – drew 0 – 0.
EPSS v Albany Hills – lost 0 – 3.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS**

**STRINGS 2015**
Year 2 students did a music aptitude test in Term 3, to determine which children will be invited to participate in the school Instrumental Music Strings program next year. The instruments being taught next year in the Strings program will include violin, viola and cello.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Initial testing took place during music lessons, followed by gathering of information from the class teacher regarding suitability of students to be part of the program. Issues considered were overall music results, academic results and how students work independently. Please note that borrowing, purchasing or hiring an instrument for your child will not guarantee their involvement in the Instrumental Music program. Places are determined through the selection process and are only available through consultation with the Instrumental Music teacher. Remember that even if you have access to a specific instrument or want your child to learn a particular instrument, they need to be selected to become a part of the instrumental music program to receive tuition and the specific instrument they study needs to be considered carefully. Please note that Education Queensland’s Policy for Instrumental Music states that children are only permitted to learn ONE instrument through the school program. Therefore, children who are already in the Strings program ARE NOT eligible to change over and be a part of the Band program.

**AUDITIONING PROCESS**

According to the number of places available (determined by the amount of time our Instrumental Music teacher is allocated at the school); a core group of students undertake a practical test with our Specialist Strings Instrumental Music Teacher. Each child selected in Year 2 will try the instruments on offer for 2015. It is important to check physical suitability as each instrument has different physical requirements for ease of playing. The practical testing is underway at the moment (Term 4) and is only able to take place on the day the Instrumental Teacher is at the school (Thursday).

Following the practical test the children are asked to rank the instruments in order of preference. This, along with results of the physical testing, will help us determine which instrument the Instrumental Music teacher believes each individual is most suited to and the need to balance the program with the correct amount of instruments. Following this, offer forms will be sent home with the final selection of instruments. As the Instrumental Music teachers are only in the school one day a week the recruitment process takes a considerable
number of weeks to reach completion. Offers are usually not finalised till early term four.

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.

**TUCKSHOP**

**OCTOBER ROSTER**
**Thursday 23** – Jo Baird  
**Friday 24** – Melissa Hulbert, Annesley Milestone, Jo Hennessey  
**Thursday 30** - Hayley Swain  
**Friday 31** - Karla Chafey, Carmel Privitera, Kirstin Banvill

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**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

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 Craigslea State High. Each evening (30 October and 27 November) will run for an hour commencing at 5:30pm. Please see the glass noticeboard on our front verandah.

**EVERTON PARK STATE HIGH SCHOOL DANCE**
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Year 12 students and teachers from Everton Park State High School will be in attendance to help supervise. Parents, families and teachers are very welcome to attend.

Lolly bags and other snacks will be available for purchase on the night. Funds raised will go towards school programs to support our school’s quality teaching and learning. RSVP to kmoss55@eq.edu.au by Wednesday 29 October.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

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**GARLIC BREAD SOLD OUT!**