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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Transfers – Staff Movement
Two of our wonderful teachers from EPSS have received transfers for the commencement of 2015. Loren Watson will be transferring to Woodlinks Park State School and Kate Ramage will be transferring to Sandgate State School. These two ladies had made such wonderful contributions to our school community over the years and they will be sadly missed. We wish them every success for this next exciting chapter of their professional journey. EPSS will welcome Ben De Pasqualee from Barkley Highway State School (Mount Isa) and Amy Jones from Samford State School.

Master Teacher Position
As a part of the "Greater Teacher = Greater Results" initiative, Everton Park State School will receive a Master Teacher position along with 300 other Master Teacher position across the state. EPSS will share this position with Ferny Hills State School. The Master Teacher position is paid at a Head of Curriculum level and will focus on building teacher capacity in order to improve student outcomes. I will be part of a joint panel for the selection of Master Teacher positions across, Samford State School, EPSS and Ferny Hills State School. The panel will meet this week for shortlisting and the successful applicant will be informed before the end of the year.

Swimming Carnivals
Next week we start swimming carnival season at EPSS! I hope to see everybody at the carnivals.I participating in the day. There is often a lot of attention given to literacy and numeracy development and of course, that is important, however, it is important to remember the great benefits that sport and physical activity has on a child’s development.

When your children take part in sports they develop:

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER
19 – 20th Year 4 Camp to Underwater World  
21st Kids Trivia Night 6:30pm  
25th Senior Swimming Carnival

DECEMBER
2nd Year 6 Graduation  
2nd Junior Swimming Carnival  
3rd Year 7 Graduation  
5th Final Assembly for 2014  
8th Carols Night 6:00 – 7:30pm  
9th Prep Swimming Carnival  
12th Last day of Term 4

JANUARY 2015
26th Australia Day  
27th First day of Term 1
• friendship and camaraderie
• cooperation and teamwork skills
• leadership skills
• appreciation of different peoples’ abilities
• respect for team mates/opponents/officials
• a sense of belonging/team membership
• social interaction skills
• physical skills
• self-esteem and self-concept
• team goal-setting skills
• self-discipline, patience and persistence
• resilience through sharing positive and negative experiences.

Benefits also include:
• reduced risk of obesity
• increased cardiovascular fitness
• healthy growth of bones, muscles, ligaments and tendons
• improved coordination and balance
• improved sleep
• mental health benefits, such as greater confidence
• Data shows that high school students who play sport are less likely to drop out.
• Participation in sport also has been associated with completing more years of education and consistently higher grades in school.
• A 2007 study found that women who played sport in high school were 73 percent more likely to earn a degree within six years of graduating high school than those who did not play sport. This statistic held up even for students facing socioeconomic challenges.
• Higher self-esteem, greater sense of self-worth, less likely to be involved in high risk taking activities and the list goes on.

The experts recommend that children and young people should participate in at least 3 hours of activity per day, with 60 minutes of that being moderate to vigorous-intensity. It is also recommended that children should not spend more than two hours a day using electronic media for entertainment (such as computer games, internet, TV), particularly during daylight hours.

So I hope to see all of our students at the carnival having a great time!

Anita Bond
Principal

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL

Congratulations to Prep B for winning the Gold Star award for the previous week’s Fun Fit Friday. Prep B had 4 students actively travelling to school by public transport.

The Brisbane City Council has kindly offered our Year 5 students an opportunity to participate in a Bike Skills Course. As we haven’t had many Year 5 students express an interest in participating, we are opening the invitation up to the Year 4 students. If you are interested in participating in a FREE Bike Skills Course and you are in Year 4 or Year 5, please see Miss K before 3pm this Friday to obtain a parent/carer consent form. The consent forms are due Friday, 28 November. Students wanting to participate must return the signed parent/carer consent form (to the AST box in the office) and provide their own bicycle and helmet for the duration of the course. The Bike Skills Course will be run on Friday, 5 December from 9:30 – 11:00am.

How many stamps do you have in your AST passport? This is an important question! Why? The AST committee have a scooter and bicycle up for grabs. We will be running two raffles and drawing them at the upcoming school Christmas Carols night. Preps to Year 3’s have the chance to win a scooter and Years 4 – 7’s have the chance to win a bicycle. To be in the draw, Preps and new students to EPSS (2014) must have 30 stamps in their AST passports and Years 1-7 must have 50 stamps in their AST passports before the special passport collection date – Friday, 28 November.

The active travel focus for November will be on ‘Public Transport’. Catch a bus or another mode of public transport to gain DOUBLE STAMPS in your AST passports.

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

BOOK CLUB 2014 ISSUE #8

A reminder that Issue #8 of Book club closes on FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2014.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ORDERS AFTER THIS DATE CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED

To order please complete the student order form on the back of the book club brochure. Orders and correct money are to be placed into the “Book club” box located in the library. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.

Credit Card Payment Method

To pay by credit card you must pay by phone or online, then record the receipt number only on the “CREDIT CARD RECEIPT DETAILS” coupon on the back of the book club brochure. Do not write your credit card number on this coupon.

There is a supply of the different book club forms at the library (Wombat/Lucky/Arrow/Star). If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to leave a message for me at the office and I will contact you as soon as possible.

Tanya Kendall
(Bookclub Coordinator)

This is your LAST CHANCE to buy tickets to the first ever EPSS Kid’s Trivia Night

Friday, 21 November
From 6.30pm
in the School Hall

Tickets: $7
All grades welcome, with students randomly placed into teams on the night

Lucky door prize & individual prizes up for grabs

Drinks, snacks & ice-blocks available for sale on the night

Please include your name & grade with payment and place in the P&C payment box by

Wednesday, 19 November

No tickets are for sale at the door

If any parents would like to help supervise students or sell items during intermissions, please contact me on 0435992433.

Thank you & hope to see you there,
Tanya Kendall
(EPSS ‘Kids’ Trivia’ Master)
PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS
The Senior Swimming Carnival will be held this coming Tuesday, 25 November. Medleys start at 8:00am but we would ask students to arrive by 7.50am to allow for marshalling. The rest of the carnival starts at 9:00am with the order of events being butterfly, breaststroke, backstroke and freestyle. Students will be informed in the coming days if they have qualified for 50m events. Parents are encouraged to come and watch their child compete and volunteers are also asked for timekeeping.

The Junior Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 2 December starting at 9:00am. Students will have a choice between 12.5m and 25m in both freestyle and backstroke. The carnival will finish up with fun relays such as noodle relay, dry magazine relay and jersey swap relay. The carnival is expected to finish at first break.

GARDEN CLUB NEWS
This week was our last Garden Club meeting and we celebrated our year with a garden break-up party. We have had an enjoyable and interesting year in the garden and look forward to starting again very early in first term next year. Keep on gardening until then!

MUSIC NEWS
JUNIOR CHOIR and ELEMENTS
Both our vocal groups will be performing at the end of year music concert this Thursday, 20 November commencing at 6.00pm sharp.
Elements will be the first item, followed by the Junior Choir. Please make sure you arrive at school by 5.30pm for warm-up. Please wear your music shirt and school shorts or skorts, black shoes and white socks. If you have not hired a music shirt, please wear your full school uniform. No plain clothes are to be worn.

Junior Choir will still have one final performance after this at Wheller Gardens Nursing Home on Monday, 1 December departing school at 1.10pm. We need permission slips and transport information returned promptly. Many thanks to those who have returned their forms already.
See you there.
Bernadette Crook

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
A special thank you to all parents/guardians and students for attending our parent information evening last Thursday. Please send in your child’s enrolment forms to our school office by Wednesday, 3 December. Levies are due Thursday, 5 February next year.

END OF YEAR CONCERT – THURSDAY, 20 NOVEMBER
Our final end of year concert for all Strings, Band, Choir and the Elements groups will be on Thursday, 20 November at our school hall at 6.00pm until approximately 7.15pm. There will be a coffee van available to purchase drinks from 5.15pm until 6.00pm. All Strings students need to meet Anne Keenan at 5.00pm and all Band and Choir students need to meet Bernadette Crook and Penny Hall at 5.30pm. Letters have been sent home to students. Please send your child’s permission slips back to the office as soon as possible. All students who have paid for the hire of their music shirt must be wearing these at the concert. If you have not paid for your child’s shirt your child is required to wear their formal uniform. It is also important that these shirts are returned to the music room by WEDNESDAY, 26 November. We look forward to a wonderful concert!

For all string queries please contact Anne Keenan at akeen9@eq.edu.au (THURSDAYS at Everton Park State School)
For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au (WEDNESDAYS at Everton Park State School)
For all classroom queries and choir queries please contact Bernadette Crook at bcroo4@eq.edu.au (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Everton Park State School)

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 Monday, 9 December – 11 December 2014 and 27 January – 30 January 2015 between the hours of 8:30 – 10:30am

NOVEMBER ROSTER
Thursday 20 – Jenny Sewell, Megan Limpus
Friday 21 – Penny Valentine, Misato Betts, Janene Ashton
Thursday 27 – Jo Baird
Friday 28 – Melissa Hulbert, Jo Hennessey, Annesley Milestone

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COMMUNITY NEWS
YOGA has been cancelled for today, Thursday, 13 November. Classes will resume on Thursday, 20 November.

LOST PROPERTY
If your child is missing an item of clothing, swimming togs, gogles, water bottles, lunch boxes, etc could you or your child please come and look through the mound of lost property which has collected outside the Tuckshop.

ATTENTION !!!

STUDENT ABSENCE NOTIFICATION
To leave notification of student absences please call our hot line on 3550 2277 at any time, day or night.
Absences can also be emailed to: absences@everparkss.eq.edu.au

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MENU UPDATE
Thai pumpkin or creamy chicken & vegetable soup – NOW $3.00

Last day of Tuckshop for 2014 will be Friday, 5 December.
Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor

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