Dear Parents and Carers

Swimming Carnival
This week was my first Swimming Carnival at Everton Park State School and it was outstanding! Again, there was that indescribable community spirit that you can feel at EPSS events, where students, parents and staff come together to support our students. I observed staff, parents and students alike supporting each other throughout the day without a thought for the very hot sun and the very long day ahead of them.

Some of our students found it tough to finish their race but they found the courage to keep going with the reassurance of their team mates as they cheered for them from the sidelines or even entered the pool to be right beside them in order support them. These scenes could be witnessed all throughout the day and were a testament to the teamwork present within each house and the great leadership skills possessed by our house captains.

Congratulations to all of our winners on the day! You are indeed winners. However, sometimes you don’t have to receive a ribbon, trophy or medallion to be a winner. Sometimes winners are not the people who never fail, but the people who never quit. You might be a person who just missed out on a ribbon or fell short of being the age champion but maybe you swam a personal best instead or you entered an event that you never have before. These achievements are just as noteworthy. It is important that you take the time to celebrate your own personal achievements and continue to work hard on achieving your individual goals.

I would like to say thank you to Mr Crawford, our staff, the parent helpers and the super team from the swim club who all worked together to ensure that our day was a smooth one. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the work of Mr O’Connor who works with all of these people behind the scenes in all manner of ways to plan for the swimming carnivals. I’m sure it just wouldn’t be the same without his leadership of this event and it certainly wouldn’t be as fun!

I can hardly wait for the Junior Carnival next week!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Results from this week’s Senior Swimming Carnival

Medley Champions
Girls
1st Ashley N
2nd Tanisha J
3rd Eva H

Boys
1st Harry G
2nd Mitch G
3rd Lachlan G

Age Champions
9 Year Girls – Nicole E
9 Year Boys – Blair C & Nathan M
10 Year Girls – Grace M
10 Year Boys – Duncan M
11 Year Girls – Mia L
11 Year Boys – Flynn G
12 Year Girls – Tanisha J
12 Year Boys – Mitchell G & Harry G
13 Year Boys – Dominic Drane

House Champions
Gold – 1635
Red – 784
Green – 590

Golf Ball Champions
Red House

Overall House Winner
Gold House (Hinton)

Mrs Bond with Gold House Captains

All age group champions

Anita Bond
Principal

PCYC NEWS

What are your children doing these school holidays? Come and see us at the PCYC rooms and speak to us about our exciting vacation care program. If you join our vacation care program your children will enjoy a range of activities offered, such as ice skating, Christmas activities and a whole lot more.

We are now taking enrolments for 2015. If your child is starting Prep next year come and meet our friendly staff and pick up an enrolment pack or, alternatively, you can pick up an enrolment pack from the school office.

Alicia Ross-Glider
Coordinator - Everton Park PCYC

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. 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. Prep to Year 3’s have the chance to win a scooter and Years 4 – 7 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Library borrowing finishes this week. This is the best chance we have to review the collection for damaged and missing resources and to keep them safe over the long holiday period. Also, many students leave for holidays early and library books tend to be forgotten. During this time please make use of the amazing resources at the local council libraries. They also run many children’s events over the holiday period. Morning Reading Club has also finished but the library is still open every morning at 8.30am for all students and, of course, parents are always welcome! Any queries please call or email. bluke1@eq.edu.au

Ms Lukey

FRIDAY INTERSCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

CRICKET
EPSS v McDowall Red – lost 38 – 60.

SENIOR GIRLS TOUCH
Year 6
EPSS v Prince of Peace – drew 22 – 22.
EPSS v Craigielea – won 4 – 1.

Year 7
EPSS v Northside Christian College – lost 0 – 2.
EPSS v Prince of Peace Blue – lost 1 – 3.

VOLLEYBALL
EPSS Gold v Aspley Blue – lost 8 – 25.
EPSS Green v Northside Christian College Green – lost 28 – 33.
EPSS Gold v EPSS Green – drew 22 – 22.
EPSS Green v Northside Christian College – lost 32 – 34.
EPSS White v Eaton’s Hill Teal won 28 – 16.
EPSS Green v Prince of Peace Corn – lost 8 – 11.

SENIOR BOYS TOUCH
Year 7 Boys
EPSS vs Albany Creek – lost 1 – 5.
EPSS vs Eaton’s Hill A – lost 0 – 7.
Year 6 Boys
EPSS vs Northside Christian College – won 1 – 0.
EPSS vs Albany Creek – lost 0 – 3.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS
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.

MUSIC NEWS
JUNIOR CHOIR
We have one more concert to attend on Monday, 1 December at Weller Gardens Nursing Home at Chermside. We still need more parents to assist with transporting students to and from the venue. If you are able to assist please contact the office. Permission slips need to be returned for students to attend the excursion.

VOCAL MUSIC CHRISTMAS PARTY BREAK-UP
Junior Choir and Elements Christmas break-up will be held on Tuesday, 2 December at first break. Please bring a small plate of food to share. Juice will be provided.

Congratulations to all of our Instrumental Music students, the Elements and Choir students who did a fantastic job at their final concert last week. It was a wonderful night and a great opportunity for our families and friends to hear for themselves the progress our vocalists and instrumentalists are making. Thank you to all those who attended.

***Please make sure your child returns their Band instrument and music to the music room by WEDNESDAY, 26 November***

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BREAK-UP BREAKFAST – WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER
To celebrate all of the Instrumental Music students hard work this year, there will be a break-up breakfast in our hall on Wednesday, 3 December at 8:00am. Please ask your child to bring a small plate of breakfast food to share. Drinks will be provided.

***If your child is going to be learning a new instrument in 2015 please make sure you return your forms to our office by WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER***

For all string queries please contact Anne Keenan at akeen@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 9 December – 11 December 2014 and 27 January – 30 January 2015 between the hours of 8:30 – 10:30am.

TUCKSHOP
Order online at flexischools.com.au

MENU UPDATE
Oh no, the Slush Puppie machine is broken again! There is a possibility there will be no Slush Puppies on Thursday. Check Flexischools or at the Tuckshop on Thursday morning.

Creamy chicken & vegetable soup – NOW $3.00

COMMUNITY NEWS
YOGA is on this Thursday, 26 November at the normal time of 6:45pm in the EPSS library. Please note that the last class will be on Thursday, 4 December and will recommence in February 2015.

Everton Wolves JÄFC
Sign-on – 7 and 8 February 2015 from 8 – 9am, Enoggera Memorial Park, Mott Street, Gaythorne.

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