Dear Parents and Carers

Great Results Guarantee
Our school has received additional funding from the Great Results Guarantee and we need to decide how we can use this money to better support our students and improve their outcomes. We are now working to develop our own Great Results Guarantee with evidence-based strategies and actions to improve literacy and numeracy. Read more about the guarantee at www.education.qld.gov.au/resultsguarantee. If you have an idea on a way to support our students to learn more or if you would like to take part in the discussion please get in touch. We will discuss this in further detail at the first P&C meeting.

Parent Information Sessions
Next week we will start our parent information nights. This is your first opportunity to meet your child’s class teacher and to open up the communication channels. We know strong communication between home and school has a positive effect on student learning and achievement. If you are unable to make the parent information evenings please contact your child’s class teacher to obtain relevant information. At the information sessions we will also be asking parents to check the contact details we have on file. If you do not attend the meetings these forms will be sent home next week. We have 478 forms to check so a prompt return of these forms will be greatly appreciated. It will also be an opportunity to hear from our P&C and what is happening in 2014. It is a fete year so we are keen to get everyone involved. We will also be continuing the class parent rep system and we will be asking for each class to nominate one parent as a key contact. This role will involve being a part of the communication chain from the P&C to parents, to welcome new families to your class and to attend a parent consultation meeting each term. This role can be shared by two or more parents, so feel free to dob in a friend who does not attend the parent information session.

Swimming
Swimming lessons have started for students in Years 1 – 7. As always, parent helpers are greatly appreciated. Please clearly label all belongings, including everything from socks, underwear, towels and goggles.

Student Leadership Induction Ceremony
Our school Leaders Induction Ceremony will be on Friday, 14 February at 9:00am in the school hall. Parents of students in Years 6 and 7 are invited to join us for the ceremony and for morning tea afterwards.

Road Safety
As part of our Active Travel program we try to teach road safety messages to our students to help them come to and from school safely. I am seeking the support of parents in delivering this message by modelling safe behaviours on the road. This includes not crossing between parked cars, parking in the designated areas, travelling at safe speeds and remaining calm. The road signs around the school are not in place to inconvenience parents, they are there to
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Brad Clark
Principal

SWPBS
As part of our SWPBS journey we have reflected upon and refined our school rules. At the beginning of each school year, a huge focus, particularly for our younger students, is on the BE SAFE rule. A major component of this rule involves being in the right place at the right time. This includes before and after school. Students are made aware of which areas are out of bounds and our staff work hard to ensure the expectations around this rule are met. We also need all parents to support us in ensuring we have consistency across our school.

Before school all students must assemble on the veranda outside B Block until staff escort the students to the terraces and oval at 8:25am. All other areas of the school are out of bounds apart from when dropping of school bags and tuckshop etc. Students are not to wait in other areas of the school unless under the direction of a staff member. It is a whole school expectation that all students follow this safety rule. It is important all parents support this school expectation.

P&C NEWS

2014 FETE!!!
Thank you so much to all the people who turned up on Friday to kick start the planning for the fete. Great to see so much enthusiasm! You will see more and more information coming out about the fete over the next few weeks. For now, just lock in Sunday, 1 June 2014 for a great day of fun!

Can you help??
We need to kick off the raffle, and this requires some great prizes so we can sell lots and lots of tickets. The raffle is the major fundraiser for the fete.

Are you a local business? Are you able to donate a prize for our fete? One of the major prizes for last fete was an iPod Touch — and we raised over $10000!! Other ideas might include vouchers or sporting equipment. Please ask around the community to see what great prizes we can count on.

Alternatively, would your business consider sponsoring a stall or another part of our fete? We will be sending more information home about this soon. If you are able to help, please contact the P&G at pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au, or contact Louise at the Front Office.

We are still looking for a fete convener. Someone who can coordinate all the wonderful volunteers that we have. If you think you might be able to help, please get in touch via the email address above, or catch me under the big shed most afternoons to discuss further what is required.

Thank you again for the great support.

Amy List
P&G President

CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM
Planning and fundraising is well underway to employ our first Everton Park School Chaplain. With the support of parents, local community groups and business we can reach our goal of raising $25,000 for a Chaplain to support our students each week.

Information on how you can assist will be available at the parent information evenings next week or email the Local Chaplaincy Committee (LCC) at Chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au

CLASS NEWS

PREP B – Prep B are pushing ahead, full steam! This week we are exploring sorting Maths and stories in English. We are sharing our previous experiences and predictions in relation to characters and events in the stories and information books that we’ve read. On Tuesday we had our very first library visit. Remember to return books next Tuesday and please send in a library bag if you haven’t already. Student of the week is Callum. He will receive an award at assembly on Friday.

PREP C – We are settling extremely well into school life and know many of the schools routines and rules. We have enjoyed listening to stories and can now identify some features of a book including the cover, spine, title and author. In Maths we have been learning to represent numbers in digits, words and pictures as well as sort objects into different groups. In Science we have been learning about the 5 senses and what we use them for. The students have been talking about their families and representing the people who live at their house. Don’t forget next Tuesday night we are having our information session at 6pm. I hope that you will be able to make it. Student of the Week: Bradman D

PREP R – In Science this week we have started looking at the five senses and we enjoyed sorting scents, sounds, tastes and bad scents. In Maths we are practising our counting and sorting. Student of the Week – Jaxon F

YR 1B & 1S – What a flying start we are having in Year 1. Connie Confidence has visited Year 1’s about having confidence and giving things a go. We are busy exploring emotions and action words in our reading and writing. In Maths we are looking at counting patterns, growth patterns and numbers to 20. We still require parent helpers for Swimming. 1S swims on a Tuesday and 1B on a Wednesday. Reminder about our Parent Night next Wednesday at 6.00pm

YR 1/2P – The first week of school went very quickly, thanks for making me feel very welcome.

A few notes: Homework goes home on Mondays and is due back on Fridays. Home readers will change every 2nd day. Library is on Thursdays, please ensure your child has a Library bag that is named so they can borrow books.

Parent/Carer Information afternoon is on Wednesday, 12 February at 5pm in the classroom. Everyone welcome.

YR 2E, 2M, 2W – Year 2 are learning about the ‘a’ sound this week. In Sound axes, we are practising stretching our words and counting the sounds. In English we are reading lots of poems and looking at their structure and the poetic features. We know that Poems are written in very specific ways and are used to finding out how many syllables are in each line! We are now working on finding noun groups (blue fan), verbs (swimming) and alliteration (angry ant) in the poems. Our afternoon rotations for Science, History, Health/Art began this week and ran smoothly. Don’t forget swimming starts this week, so bring in those permission notes. Also, our Year 2 parent information night is on next week Wednesday, 12 February at 5pm. We hope to see you there. Students of the Week: 2W Jake, 2E Ben, 2M Jai.

YR 3M & 3R – The children have settled in well to week 2. We have begun our guided reading activities and are continuing to work towards a better understanding of texts. Swimming will be on Thursdays from 10:00 – 11:00am. Please come along and help with swimming.

YR 3/4K – A final reminder that 3/4Ks Parent Information Night will be on Tuesday, 11 February from 5:00 – 5:30pm in our classroom (Room 22). If you haven’t already, please forward your email address to me at akend5@eq.edu.au and I will add you to my mailing list. Thank you to all the parents (who have signed) and students (who have returned – via our message box) their swimming and behaviour notes. If you haven’t already, please do so as soon as possible. Our first library borrowing session was today. Thank you to those students who remembered to bring in their permission notes. Other students will continue to borrow/re-borrow two books from the library each week. One of these books will be for reading in class time and the other will be used as their nightly reading text.

Please use the QAR bookmark to check that your child is reading for meaning. If they are unable to answer questions that you pose to them, it’s an indication that the text is too difficult for them to read/understand. Library books can be borrowed/re-borrowed/returned to the library every morning from 8:30 – 8:50am. Thank you to the parents who have expressed that they are available to help us in the pool. Our first swimming lesson will be tomorrow (Thursday)
morning from 9 – 10am. Students have been asked to wear their swimmers underneath their school uniform to save time in the pool changing rooms. Please make sure that every item in your child’s swimming bag (cap, goggles, towel, underwater swim suit, swimmers, school uniform - including socks) are clearly labelled with your child’s name and class. If an item is lost, the owner can be found. Bookclub orders are due back on Monday, 10 February. Please place your orders in the box at the library.

Student of the Week: Jayden B-B.

YR 4SP – Our year has started very well. The children have not only been creatively working away at decorating our classroom, they have also been getting started on lots of Year 4 work. This week we began to write down our writing goals for the term so please feel free to ask your child what their goal is.

Student of the Week is Zanda M.

YR 4/5 – Thanks to those parents who have already returned their child’s swimming permission note. We will need parents to attend the swimming lessons, so if you are free on Mondays from 11:40-12:40 please try to have you help us with our lessons. This week we will be revising Narratives in English. For Maths this week we will be looking at numbers to 10,000, as well as basic addition and multiplication facts and fractions in Year 4 and factors, multiples, mental computation in Year 5. Homework began this week. It is given out on Wednesdays and is due back at school the following Tuesday. Don’t forget our Parent Information Night is on Tuesday, 11 February from 5pm; hope to see you all there. Have a great week.

Students of the Week: Grace M and Wyatt M.

YR SS – Our first week was a wonderful week spent getting to know each other. Students are very excited about the term ahead. Our swimming lesson begins THIS THURSDAY – 12:10-12:40pm! Please make sure your child is wearing the correct swimming gear and that they are well hydrated. Library Times are as follows:

- Mon: 5S, 2W
- Tues: Prep R, Prep B, 4/5I, 3R
- Wed: 3M, 6W, 4SP, 3/4K, 6P
- Thurs: Prep C, 1/2P, 2E, 5T
- Fri: 1B, 1S, 7L, 2M

Just a reminder that students in Prep to Year 3 must have a library bag. Waterproof bags are the best. This year we are encouraging students in years 4 to 7 to also bring a library bag. Many books last year were water damaged and had to be disposed. Please take the time to get involved in your child’s reading and the library books they bring home. Read with them, ask questions, take an interest, drop into our library before or after school, or visit other council libraries to source a wide range of books to choose from.

BOOK CLUB – Please place book club orders into the book club box in the library. Book club must be in by Monday 10th February. No late orders can be accepted.

International Book Giving Day – Friday, 14 February. You can visit www.bookgivingday.com to join us for this worthwhile event.

Mater Fun Run
Please join the Mater Fun Run on Sunday, 9 March around South Bank. This event is about raising money to provide practical support to women with cancer and fund world class cancer research. Our staff has registered this team and we would love any of our gals in the Everton Park School community to join us for this worthwhile event. You need to register online and then join our team Everpark Ladies. Any queries please email me and I can send you the

ACtIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL UPDATE

*At last week’s assembly, we informed the whole school that some very special guests would be visiting for this week’s assembly. Roadstar and his Active Travel crew are BACK!!! Don’t miss their special AST show at this week’s assembly!!!

*The AST passports are currently being organised to be distributed back to the students before the re-launch of the program. Friday the 28th February (Week 5) will be the re-launch date of our popular Fun Fit Fridays!!! Keep your eyes peeled on our weekly school newsletter snippets, for details on what will be planned to celebrate the re-launch!!!
direct team link. (Team Captain, that’s me – Bernadette Lukey)
bluke1@eq.edu.au

CLASS MUSIC NEWS
Thank you to all the families who made sure their child has a recorder and a music book in these first two weeks!
Vocal Group information for Junior Choir and Elements has been handed out.
If you have not received a form, please come and see me in the music room.
Bernadette Crook
Classroom Music Teacher

STRINGS MUSIC NEWS
Welcome to a new year and a new strings teacher. My name is Ms Anne Keenan and I am replacing Ms Kathryn Payne. I am looking forward to meeting all the Everton Park Strings students as I have heard such great things about you. I work in 4 other schools so the best way to contact me will be via email akeen9@eq.edu.au If you have any queries please either come and see me or phone the school on a THURSDAY, which is when I will be at Everton Park SS, or of course send an email.
Please note that due to my involvement in Beginner Strings Camps on Thursday, 6 and Thursday, 13 February, the first official day of lessons will be Thursday, 20 Feb (week 4). I will be in the school this Friday morning, 7 February, to organise the instruments for the beginner strings students attending Kick Start on Thursday, 13 February at Mitchelton High School.

Lessons will commence Thursday, 20 February (week 4). Senior Strings Orchestra will also commence rehearsals that morning at 7.45am. That means on Thursday, 20 February all 3rd, 4th and 5th year Strings Students should be at school by 7.40am ready to commence rehearsal at 7.45am. Last year’s Adagio Strings students are now members of the Senior Strings. Last year’s Beginners will become Adagio Strings. Adagio strings will commence rehearsals later in the term. Looking forward to meeting everyone.
Ms Anne Keenan
Strings Teacher

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS
WOODWIND, BRASS AND PERCUSSION
Lessons for Mrs Hall’s (2nd and third year students ONLY) will commence on WED 5th February.
Concert Band for Mrs Hall (2nd and third year students ONLY) will commence at 7.45 AM (before school on WED 12th February)

Mrs Hall’s beginner students (first year students) will commence their musical journeys at the Kickstart day at Mitchelton State High School on Thursday, 13 February.

For all band queries please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Penny Hall at phal35@eq.edu.au Penny will be teaching at our school on WEDNESDAYS

STRINGS
Strings day will be THURSDAYS.
No Strings on 6 Feb as Ms Keenan is involved with a Beginner Strings Camp for other schools on her circuit.
Everton Park Beginner Strings – Kickstart Thursday, 13 Feb Mitchelton State High School.
First lessons for all levels Thursday, 20 Feb.
First String Orchestra rehearsal will also be Thursday, 20 Feb - (students in the 3rd, 4th and 5th year of strings) – 7.45 am in the Music Room.
I took time to meeting all the string families at Everton Park SS. If you have any queries please contact me at akeen9@eq.edu.au.

EVERTON PARK KICKSTART - BEGINNERS WORKSHOP DAY – THURSDAY, 13 FEBRUARY
This day is for all of our new strings and band students who will be learning an instrument this year.
Venue: Mitchelton State High School's Hall, Samford Road
Arrival time: 8:15
**Transport to and from Mitchelton State High School is Parent/Guardian Responsibility**

Uniform: school uniform
What my child needs to bring: Instrument, musical equipment needed to play instrument, music stand, morning tea, lunch, hat, water bottle
Concert time: 2pm in the hall and all parents are welcome
Finish time and where do I collect my child: 2:30 pm
**Please note there will be no supervision of children after 2:50**

LEARN TO SWIM CLASSES ON NOW
Learn to swim classes suitable for preschool children and over are held at the school pool on Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings during Term 1. Fee is $160 for a 10-week block of 30-minute lessons. Contact the lessons coordinator on 0450 064 415, visit www.epsasc.org.au, or email lessons@epsasc.org.au or visit our Facebook page on www.facebook.com/epsasc. Alternatively, you may drop in to see the coaches at the pool this Saturday at 9:45am.

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

Second Hand Uniforms
The Uniform Shop is in need of second hand uniforms of good quality (no stains or tears). If you have any we will pay $10 for each item. Could you please bring them to the Uniform Shop along with your account details so that a deposit can be made directly into your account.
Jeanette Jenkinson
Uniform Convener

Uniform and Tuckshop Sub-Committee Annual General Meeting
The U&T sub-committee will hold its Annual General Meeting on Friday, 14 February at 2pm in the Library. At this meeting we will elect new sub-committee members – so if you would like to be involved in this sub-committee please come along. We would love to see you.
If you would like to know more about the committee and the available roles, please contact Penny via pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au

TUCKSHOP NEWS
Order online flexischools.com.au

This year in Tuckshop, we really encourage families to use the convenient and easy online ordering system via Flexischools. Orders can be placed weeks in advance or before 9:00am on the day. The online Menu is updated regularly plus there will be online only specials throughout the year.
Check out Flexischools on your smartphone /tablet/pc.
The 2014 Tuckshop Menu is now available to download from the EPSS website everparkss.eq.edu.au. Printed Menus will not be sent home this year however, you can pick up a copy from the Tuckshop or the office.

NEW!
Gluten Free Bread, Butter Chicken Curry and Custard Tubs.

A friendly reminder that children in Prep to Grade 2 are not able to spend money buying treats over the counter at first break. All their orders, including treats, need to be online or written on a paper bag.

Volunteers don’t just do the work – they make it work.
Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to help in Tuckshop one morning a month. There are still a few vacancies for Friday, our busiest day. If you can help, please email your contact details to tuckshop@everparkss.eq.edu.au before the end of this week. The 2014 roster will be emailed to everyone on the weekend and starts on Monday 10th February.

FOUND
A calculator ruler was found on the terraces on Monday morning. Please enquire at the office.
COMMUNITY NEWS
Come and play Australian Rules Football with the EVERTON WOLVES J A FC

SIGN-ON
FEB 8th AND 9th 2014
10am – 2pm

AUSKICK
Feb 15th to Apr 12th
8am – 9am

Enoggera Memorial Park
93 Mott St, Gaythorne
Email: evertonjuniors@aflbj.com
http://evertonjuniors.aflq.com.au