

PRINCIPAL - Kylie Vaughan

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Quality Learning for All

This year our focus is on:

Creating quality learning and engagement for all.



At Everton Park State School, we are committed to supporting every student to be a successful reader. A key part of this work is supporting students to engage confidently with the texts they encounter in their world, develop their vocabulary and build strong comprehension skills.

This term, we are continuing to strengthen our use of shared and dialogic reading practices across classrooms. Shared and dialogic reading lessons create opportunities for students to actively engage with texts, share their thinking, ask questions, make connections and explore meaning through rich, purposeful discussions. Through these experiences, we aim to deepen students' understanding of what they read while building the language, knowledge and critical thinking skills needed to become confident and capable readers.

This term, we are extending this work through the involvement of our Inclusion Teachers, who will be co-teaching alongside classroom teachers.

Co-teaching involves two teachers working collaboratively to plan and deliver learning experiences that respond to the needs of targeted groups of students. This may include modelling reading strategies, facilitating rich discussions and adapting instruction to support students' access to and engagement with learning.

Through this approach, our Inclusion Teachers and classroom teachers will strengthen the implementation of shared and dialogic reading practices, helping students develop their comprehension, deepen their understanding of texts and engage more confidently in reading.

By working together and maintaining a shared focus on high-quality teaching and learning, we aim to create engaging, inclusive classrooms where every student can participate, make progress and experience success.

Quality learning for all means creating the conditions for every student to belong, engage and achieve.

Lyne Street Access – OPEN!

We are excited to let you know that the Lyne Street access to the school will be open again for school drop off and pick up from tomorrow, Wednesday 14th October. The contractors have kindly shuffled work and been able to open a section of the new path to allow us to use that school access point early.

If you are volunteering for swimming lessons, the access to the pool will also be via Lyne Street again as per previous.

Reminder - Before-school supervision will return to its normal start time of 8:30 am. Any students arriving before this time will need to be booked into OSHC, in line with our usual procedures. Thank you for your understanding.

Year 6 2027 Student Leadership

Last term, all Year 5 students received information about our Year 6 student leadership process, including the steps involved in completing their Leadership Accreditation Card. This voluntary process provides every student with the opportunity to develop and demonstrate their leadership qualities and work towards becoming a Year 6 Leader in 2027.

Through the Leadership Accreditation Card, students reflected on the leadership qualities that align with our school values and sought staff sign-off to recognise their efforts and achievements. Students wishing to apply for a formal leadership position submitted their completed cards at the end of last term.

Over the past week, students have also completed their Expressions of Interest for formal leadership roles, which have now been submitted to the Student Leadership Team for consideration.

The process will continue with further opportunities for students to demonstrate their leadership capabilities, including interviews, a Leadership Expo and speeches.

We look forward to announcing our Year 6 2027 Student Leaders in the final week of this term and celebrating the students who are ready to lead and make a positive contribution to our school community.

Thank You P&C

A huge shout-out to our amazing P&C and Councillor Tracy Davis for their support of today’s Colour Run!

Our oval was awash with colour this afternoon, filled with excited students, plenty of laughter and a sea of smiling faces. It was wonderful to see our school community come together to enjoy such a fun and memorable event!

Events like these take a tremendous amount of time, effort and organisation, and they simply wouldn’t be possible without the generosity and ongoing support of our incredible P&C. We are so grateful for everything they do to create special experiences for our students and strengthen our school community.

Thank you to everyone who helped make today such a colourful success!

Grandparents Day – Save the Date

We are delighted to invite all grandparents to join us for a special morning of fun and learning on Friday, 23 October, starting at 9am.

Grandparents are welcome to visit their grandchildren’s classrooms from 9 to 9:30am, followed by a morning tea in the Hall.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion and warmly welcoming our grandparents to the school.



World Teachers' Day – Save the Date

Everton Park State School hands down has the best teachers in the state!

On Friday, 30 October, let's take a moment to celebrate our everyday heroes and recognise the incredible difference they make in the lives of our students. World Teachers' Day is an opportunity to thank and celebrate Queensland teachers for their dedication, passion and commitment to creating quality learning opportunities for every student.

If you'd like to show your class teacher some extra appreciation, visit the Department's World Teachers' Day website to download and personalise a range of resources to help you say thank you!



https://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/information/events/world-teachers-day/resources

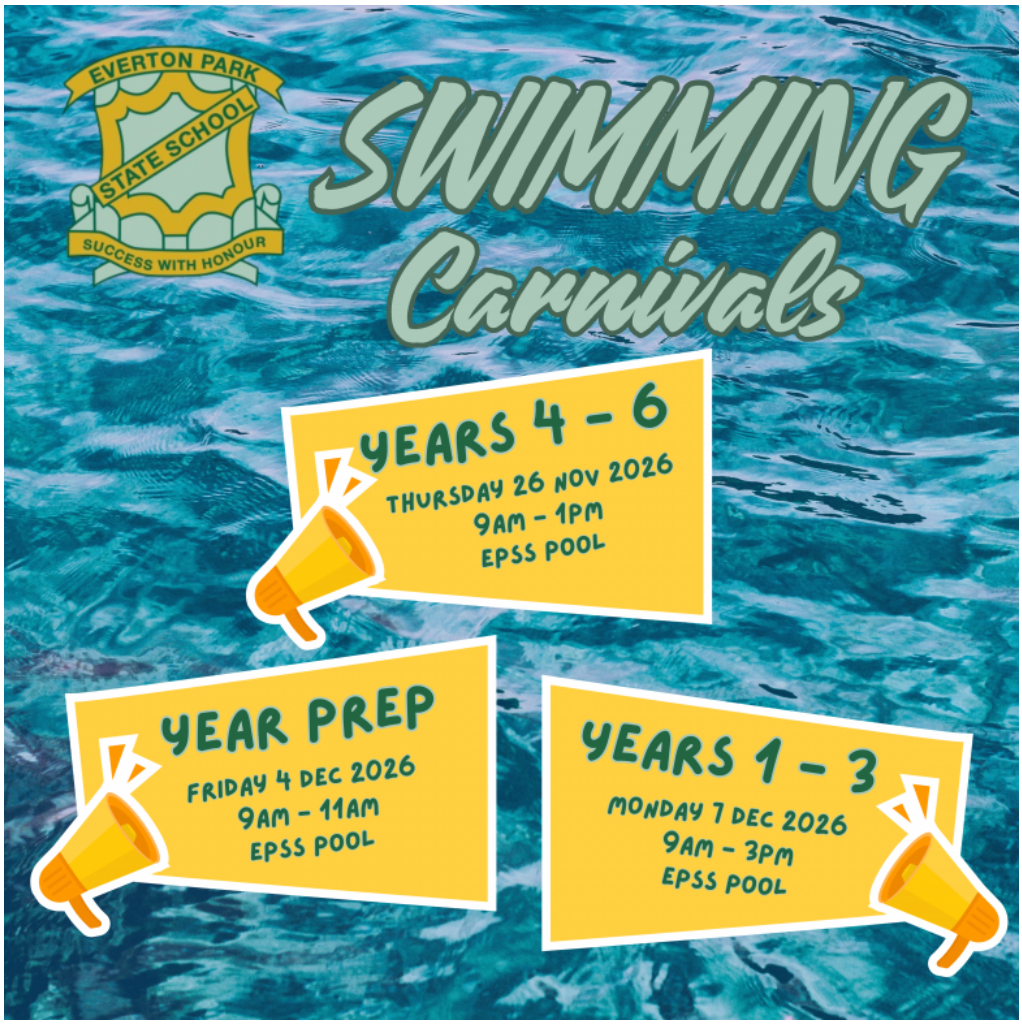
Swimming Carnivals – Save the Dates

We're looking forward to getting our swim on later this term at our three swimming carnivals!

Please note that the dates have changed slightly from those published in the Term 4 Calendar in our last newsletter. We've made these adjustments to avoid clashing with high school transition days, which many of our Year 6 students will be attending.

The updated dates for our three swimming carnivals are as follows:

Thursday, 26 November 9 – 3pm- Years 4 – 6
Friday, 4 December 9 – 11am - Prep
Monday, 7 December 9 – 1pm - Years 1 - 3



2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

TERM 4		
WEEK	**DATE**	**EVENT**
3	Monday 19 October	P&C Meeting @ 6:30pm
	Tuesday 20 October	Year 6 2027 leadership interviews for Year 5 students
	Thursday 22 October	Music Fest – Strings @9:30 – 11:30am
	Friday 23 October	**EPSS Grandparents' Day @ 9 - 9:30am in classrooms, then in Hall**
	Friday 23 October	Playgroup @ 9am in the Shed
	Sunday 25 October	**Grandparents' Day**
4	Monday 26 October	Assembly – Choir Performance @ 2pm
	Monday 26 October	Year 6 and Year Prep Tree Planting
	Monday 26 October	Instrumental music open rehearsal
	Monday 26 October	2027 instrumental music Year 3 intake
	Wednesday 28 October	Music Fest - Junior and Senior Band
	Friday 30 October	Playgroup @ 9am in the Shed
	Friday 30 October	**World Teachers' Day**
	Friday 30 October	**Day for Daniel (wear red and a gold coin is requested for the Daniel Morcombe Foundation)**
5	Monday 3 November	**Mindfulness Monday**
	Wednesday 4 November	**2027 BYOiPad Information Evening @ 6pm in the Library**
	Wednesday 4 November	Year 6 2027 leadership expo
	Friday 6 November	**Tuckshop Day**
	Friday 6 November	Playgroup @ 9am in the Shed
	Friday 6 November	Year 3 Excursion to Camp Warawee
	Friday 6 November	Years 4-6: Gala Day 1
6	Monday 9 November	Collaborative learning: New Kagan groups formed in classrooms. 
	Monday 9 November	Assembly – Senior Band Performance @ 2pm
	Tuesday 10 November	Year 6 2027 leadership speeches
	Wednesday 11 November	**Remembrance Day @ 10:45-11am**
	Wednesday 11 November	Year 6 2027 leadership speeches
	Thursday 12 November	**2027 Prep Transition Day 1 @ 9 – 10:30am**
	Thursday 12 November	Book Fair Begins
	Friday 13 November	**World Kindness Day**
	Friday 13 November	Playgroup @ 9am in the Shed
	Friday 13 November	Years 4-6: Gala Day 2

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Jacki Schott

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Music Extravaganza! - SAVE THE DATE

Our annual showcase of our amazing Instrumental Music students is fast approaching. Please join us on Monday the 23rd of November at 6pm at Everton Park state high school.

Everton Park State School's

Music Extravaganza

Monday 23rd November 2026

Everton Park State High School, 6pm



FEATURING
Senior Concert Band
Junior Concert Band
Senior String Ensemble
Junior String Ensemble

HEAD OF SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES - Alison Gillies

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DAY FOR DANIEL

Our school is participating in Day for Daniel on Friday 30 October. Mrs Gillies will meet you all on the terraces to begin our walk around the oval.

Students are encouraged to wear red and bring a gold coin donation to help raise awareness of child safety.

It's important to educate children about personal safety, help them recognise unsafe situations, teach them to react and empower them to report abuse and seek help.

As part of Day for Daniel, our school will also participate in Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson. This year, the lesson helps children navigate online and offline spaces safely.



Find more information on Day for Daniel and Australian's Biggest Child Safety Lesson here: https://danielmorcombe.com.au/day-for-daniel/

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT - CURRICULUM - Kira Balaam

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iPads at EP

This term, we have been reviewing our school's policies and procedures regarding the use of digital devices.

As part of this process, all families of students in Years 3–5 will receive a copy of our **iPad Responsible Use Policy and Agreement**. This document must be signed and returned to school before students are permitted to access digital devices and the internet at school in 2027. This includes students who access school owned devices.

Moving forward, families will be required to review and sign this agreement annually. We will email families when this document is distributed.

BYOiPad Year 3 into Year 4 2027 Information Evening – Save the Date

Do you have a child currently in Year 3 who will be moving into Year 4 in 2027? Join us for our BYO iPad Information Evening to learn more about the program and how it supports student learning.

Our Head of Department – Curriculum, Kira Balaam, will explain how the BYO iPad program works, explore the benefits of technology in the classroom and outline how iPads support learning, engagement and the development of important digital skills as students transition into Year 4.



Belonging & Engagement Coach - Beth Price

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The Nest

At Everton Park State School, we know that students need different types of support throughout the school day. The Nest is a space students can access when they need a break to help regulate their emotions or energy levels, or when they would benefit from a quieter, lower-sensory environment to complete their learning.

A big part of the work happening in The Nest is helping students understand their own regulation needs and develop strategies they can use both in and out of the classroom.

Regulation is about recognising and managing our emotions, energy levels and responses to what's happening around us. It's important to remember that being regulated doesn't necessarily mean being calm. Sometimes we need to increase our energy to be alert and ready to learn, while at other times we need to slow things down.

Working alongside our Education Queensland Occupational Therapist, we've introduced a range of tools and strategies to help students with this. We're using the language of 'Power Up, Power Down' to help students identify how they're feeling, where they need their energy levels to be and what might help them get there.

For some students, this might mean movement or sensory activities to power up and become more alert. For others, it might be using calming tools or spending some time in a quieter environment to power down.

When students access The Nest for a regulation break, they choose an 8, 10 or 12-minute timer. During this time, staff support them to identify and practise strategies that work for them. There's also a strong focus on explicitly teaching personal and social skills, including recognising emotions, communicating needs and managing responses to challenging situations.

The Nest is also available as an alternative learning space for students who find the sensory demands of a busy classroom challenging. This allows students to continue with their classroom learning in a quieter environment when needed.

'I Need a Break' cards are now in place across classrooms. Students can request a card from their teacher when they feel they need a regulation break. As well as providing a clear process for accessing The Nest, this helps students practise recognising their needs, communicating with their teacher and asking for support.

Our aim is to help students build a range of strategies they understand and can use more independently over time. The more we can help students recognise what they need and how to respond, the better equipped they'll be to manage the different demands of the school day and engage in learning.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about how we use The Nest to support students, please email me on bpric111@eq.edu.au.

The Arts - Anita Kendes

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2026 Programs

Program	When	Where
Ukulele Jammers – Years 3 – 6 (Group A)	Mondays 1:10 - 1:30pm (second break play time)	Hall

EPSS Choir – Years P – 6	Tuesdays 1:10 - 1:30pm (second break play time)	Hall
Ukulele Jammers – Years 3 – 6 (Group B)	Fridays 1:10 - 1:30pm (second break play time)	Hall








Year 5 and 6 students, using the elements of dance and choreographic devices to choreograph and rehearse their own ‘Symmetry’ dance.

Miss K
The Arts Teacher

Prep Packs - 2027

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Prep Packs

Beat the Queues and Get Ready for Prep! Getting ready for Prep in 2027? Make life easier for yourself and your new Prep child by ordering your Prep pack through Flexischools! By ordering ahead, your pack will be ready for collection on 12 November or 26 November, helping you avoid long queues and hours of waiting with the kids on the day. Instead enjoy a quicker, smoother and much less stressful experience!

We know starting Prep is an exciting milestone, with lots to organise. Ordering through Flexischools is an easy way to tick one more thing off your to do list and make the transition a little easier for the whole family. Need a different size? No worries! You'll still be able to change sizes on the day or purchase any additional items you need.

- Order your Prep pack through Flexischools
- Collect your pack on 12 or 26 November
- Avoid the queues and enjoy a less stressful collection day

If you have any questions about Prep packs or uniform items, please email our Uniform Shop at uniformshop@evertonparksspandc.com We're happy to help!

Maria
Uniform Shop Convenor
Open Fridays | 8:15am – 9:30am✉ uniformshop@evertonparksspandc.com

Book Club

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Book Club
ISSUE 7

CLOSING DATE: MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER @4PM



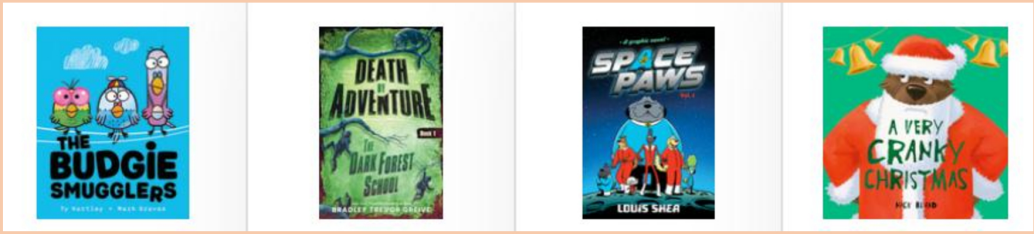
Books are the kind of gifts that keep giving long after they're unwrapped. Whether it's reading in the sunshine, taking a story along on a holiday road trip or curling up with a book once the celebrations quieten down — **there's always a perfect moment for reading.**

And to make Book Club even more exciting this term, we're running a special festive promotion. Families can earn up to three free books simply by building their Wishlist and placing an order. It's a wonderful way to help children discover new stories while giving them a little holiday surprise. Plus, every family receives a $5 discount code to use on Issue 8, making it easier to add those extra titles they've been eyeing.

It's a great opportunity to encourage reading over the holidays and help students head into the new year with fresh books they're excited to explore.

We've also included a fun Christmas "search and find" activity on the back page, so students can explore the brochure, hunt for hidden festive treasures, and tick them off as they go

Look out for these great new releases!





Cheerleading news

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Cheerleading Auditions for 2027 teams

Term 4 –
Week 10 of Term 3 – will be the final rehearsal for Cheer Pups (Reserves), as 2027 auditions begin in Term 4.

Auditions – Term Four is a VERY busy time for Cheerleading. The Squad are heading into competition season and it is time to start preparing for the 2027 cheer season. This means that during Term Four, I will be holding Cheerleading tryouts for both the 2027 Cheer Squad teams.



Does your child want to be in the Cheer Squad/Reserves next year? We will be auditioning on a Monday morning. **This year ONLY those wishing to audition for the competing Cheer Squad need to attend the morning auditions.** If your child wants to do the Monday morning Pup Reserves next year, then they DO NOT need to audition – everyone will have a spot in the Pups team. Once auditions are completed, there will be NO more Monday morning Cheer sessions for the year.

Students from Prep to Year 5 are invited to try out. Auditions will be held on a Monday morning at 7.45am – in Term 4 – Weeks 2,3,4,5 (12, 19, 26 October and 2 November). Each week, there will be different skills assessed, so you need to attend all four audition sessions.

Cheer Auditions are open to everyone in the school – you DO NOT HAVE to be part of our current Cheer program to audition. The teams will be announced in Week 10 of Term 4. Email Miss Rogers at kroge8@eq.edu.au to let her know that your child would like to audition.

As there are limited spots available in the Cheerleading Squad, anyone who auditions and does not make this team will have a spot on the Cheer Reserves (Pups) team.

Here's some information to help you decide which team your child would like to try out for.

Squad – anyone selected for this team MUST attend cheer practises on Monday and Thursday afternoons 3-5pm. They learn two competing routines - cheer and pom. Routines include tumbling, stunts, lifts, balances and dancing. This team performs at competitions on weekends in Terms 3 and 4. Parents must pay the competition entry fees, costing approximately $300-350.

Pups (Reserves) – this team practises on a Monday morning 7.45-8.30am. The focus is on learning a variety of cheer and dance skills. They will learn a dance routine created just for the Cheer Reserves. Students must attend every week.

If the opportunity arises, this team may do free public performances.

If you have any questions about cheerleading or the auditions, please contact me on kroge8@eq.edu.au.

Miss Rogers

P&C Events

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Halloween Cupcakes!

We're getting into the spooky spirit with some delicious Halloween cupcakes, freshly made in our tuckshop! Available Thursday 29 October for just $2.50 each.

Order through Flexischools by Monday 26 October so your little monsters don't miss out!



What's Cooking at the Tuckshop?

We've been busy adding lots of yummy new things to our tuckshop menu lately, so we thought it was the perfect time to put together a menu to share with our school families!

From hot meals and tasty snacks to weekly specials, there's plenty of delicious options for the kids to enjoy.

Our menu is always evolving, with new items and specials popping up throughout the year, so keep an eye on the school newsletter and our facebook page for updated menus and exciting new additions!



P&C News

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Our next P&C Meeting is happening on **Monday, 19 October** at **6.30pm** in the **School Library.**

This is our second last meeting of the year and we will be covering a range of items including an update on the Tuckshop renovation and other current projects, as well as discussing upcoming opportunities to support our school.

Date: Monday, 19 October 2026
Time: 6.30pm
Location: School Library or online via Teams (link available on request)

Whether you're a regular attendee or new to the P&C, everyone is welcome. Come along, listen in, share your thoughts or simply find out more about what's happening at our school.

You can become a P&C member at any time. Follow the link below to complete an application for membership – https://www.evertonparksspandc.com/join-the-p-c

We hope you can join us on the 19th!

Ellie, Grant, Paul, Danielle & Larissa
P&C Executive 2026

Could you be our next P&C Executive?

Ever wondered what the P&C Executive actually does? You don't need to be an expert or have previous P&C experience – just a willingness to get involved and work as part of a team.

President – Provides leadership, chairs meetings, represents the P&C and helps guide fundraising, employment and business matters.
Vice President – Supports the President, chairs meetings when required and assists with P&C operations and fundraising.
Treasurer – Oversees the P&C's finances, presents financial reports, helps prepare the budget and works with our bookkeeper. *You don't need to be an accountant!*
Secretary – Keeps the P&C organised by managing agendas, minutes, emails and registers.

The Executive doesn't do everything themselves – there are sub-committees, volunteers and established processes to support you, plus a handover from the current Executive.

With all Executive positions needing to be filled at the AGM in February 2027 for the P&C to continue operating, we'd love to see some **new faces put their hands up!** If you've ever thought *'I could probably do that'* – **2027 might be your year to give it a go!**

Interested, or simply curious about what's involved? Email admin@evertonparksspandc.com and one of our current Executive Committee members will be happy to chat with you, explain what's involved and answer any questions you might have.

Containers for Change at EPSS

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Swim Club - Everton Park Sharks

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Everton Park Sharks

Dive into Swim Club

26/27 Season Registration now open

New members - join us at our free come and try nights

Friday 9th & 16th, October 2026

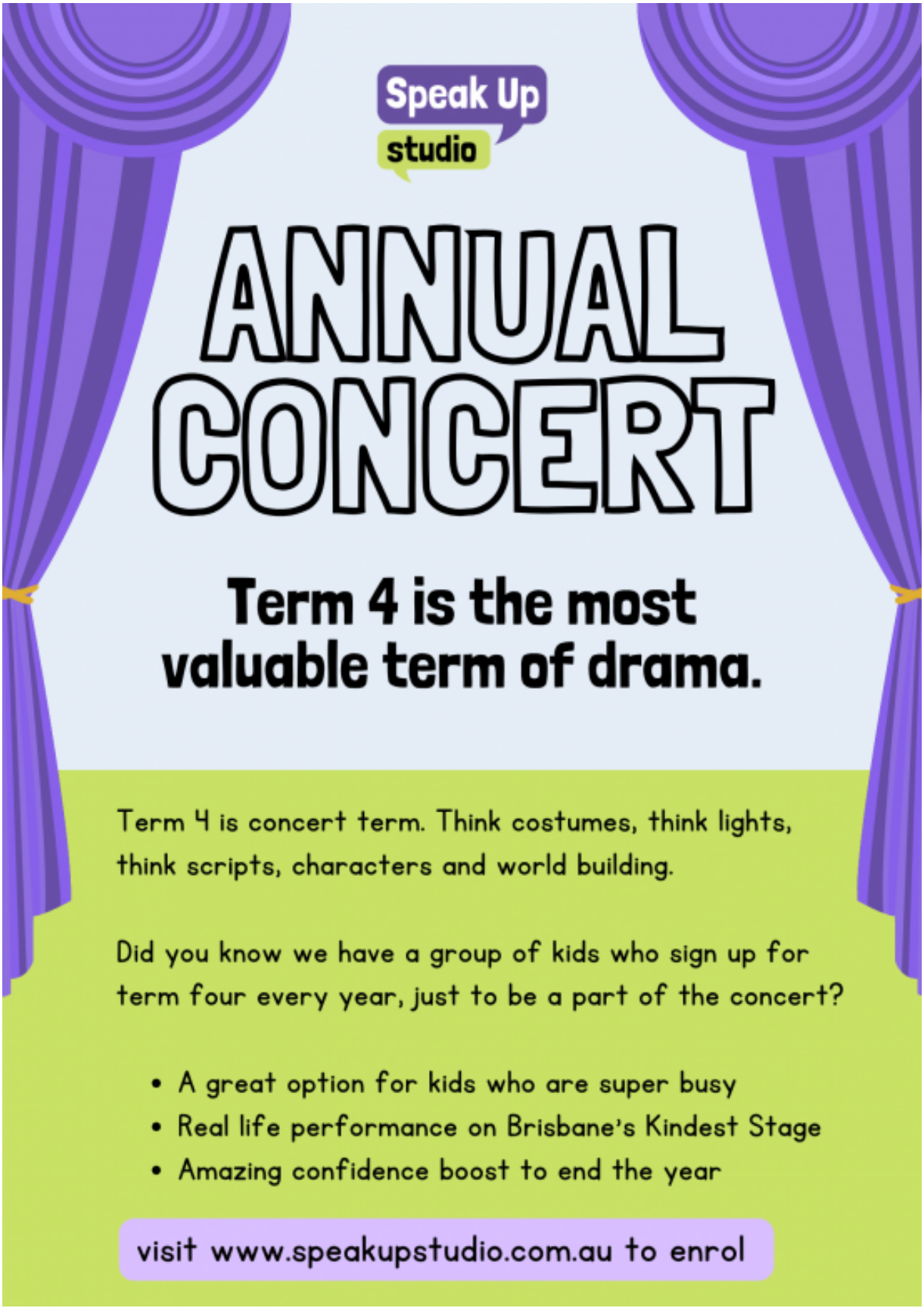
6-8pm (free swim from 5.30pm)

Everton Park Sharks - Amateur Swimming Club

Follow our Facebook page for regular updates and more information on how to register for our free come and try nights.

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GKR Karate at EP

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GKR Karate – Classes at Everton Park State School

Did you know local GKR Karate classes are held right here each week?

Our classes are perfect for beginners and focus on confidence, discipline, fitness, self-defence and having fun in a supportive family-friendly environment. Suitable for kids, teens and adults of all fitness levels.

Special Offer for School Families:

• Free trial class

• Reduced joining fees

• Family discounts available

Come along and give it a try!

For more information, contact Demi at GKR Karate on 0403 309 965 or dbrown@gkrkarate.com



Redfin Aquatics at EPSS

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Redfin Aquatics has a new home at the Everton Park State School Pool.

*Call or Text Codie this week to book your **free** swimming assessment to see what swimming level your children will be in: 0448 726 343*

Codie Grimsey, Former Australian Swimming Champion, Australian Dolphin Swim Team member and Founder of Redfin Aquatics will be teaching all the LTS classes and coaching all Swim Squads.

We look forward to seeing you on the pool deck soon.

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Chess Mates at EPSS

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WEDNESDAY

11:00–11:40 AM

The Admin Courtyard

Weekly classes will help improve:

- Creativity
- Independent Decision Making



Brisbane School Handball Competition

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