



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a fantastic place Everton Park State School is in which to work, learn, play and celebrate.

This Friday we are holding a Foot Steps Disco for all children. The Prep - Year 2 disco will be held from 6pm – 7pm, Years 3 – Years 6 will be held from 7.15pm – 8.15pm. Food will be for sale on the night with all proceeds going directly to fund our School Chappy. Students must have an accompanying adult to supervise them the entire time while they are in attendance. We will have a lot of our teachers attending the disco and I want to thank them for giving up their time at such a busy time of the year.

On Monday we held our last P&C meeting for 2016. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the P&C for their commitment, dedication and investment in our school community. A lot can be achieved when the school and its community work together. A big thank you to Tanya, our amazing president, for leading the way!

On Monday we held our Senior Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to Green House for winning the overall event. Students, staff and families had a fun day. I was most impressed by the comradery and team spirit displayed by the students. An example of this was when one of our Year 5 students, Blair M, won his race yet appeared to get just as excited when a fellow swimmer made an effort to complete the race. Success with Honour, that's a fine example of what our school motto is all about!

Parents will receive, via email, their child's end of year report card on Wednesday, 7 December, 2016. If you don't receive the report on this date please let administration know on the Thursday. Parents will also be notified about their child's class placement on this day. Each child will receive a letter to take home with them.

Next week will also be a busy one. Our Prep Information Night will be held in our school hall for all 2017 Prep families. We will also be holding our Year 6 Graduation on Wednesday night. On Thursday we will be holding our Junior Swimming Carnival. We would love to see as many supporters as possible. On Friday the school will be holding the final assembly where book awards will be presented to selected students. Please come along and help us celebrate.

Thanking you for your support,

Ange Padgett

Principal

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

24 th	Year 2 excursion to Twelfth Night Theatre
25 th	Footsteps Disco
28 th	2017 Prep Information night 6:30 – 7:30pm
30 th	Year 6 Graduation

DECEMBER

1 st	Year 1 – 3 Swimming Carnival 9 – 12:30pm
2 nd	Final Assembly
5 th	Christmas Carols night
6 th	Prep Swimming Carnival 9 – 11am
7 th	Volunteer's Morning Tea 10:30am
7 th	Rewards Day
9 th	Last day of term



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

School Leaders for 2017

The announcement for 2017 School Leaders will take place during the final 2016 assembly which is scheduled for Friday, 2 December at 9:00am

Christmas Carols

Christmas Carols will be held on the oval on Monday, 5 December. The food stalls open at 5:30pm and Carols begin at 6:30pm. The evening will commence with the Prep students and end with our Year 6 performance. All seating is on the oval. Please make sure you bring a camp chair or a picnic blanket.

Rewards Day

Rewards Day (Gold Card Day) is scheduled for Wednesday, 7 December. Events for Prep to Year 2 classes will take place from 9:30 - 11:00am and Year 3 - 6 classes from 11:40 - 1:10pm. The theme is 'water play' so all students will need their swimming gear. Class teachers will pass on any specific requests for parental assistance.

Class Party Day

Class Party Day is scheduled for Thursday, 8 December. Class teachers will pass on specific information.

David O'Connor
Deputy Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

All books and resources need to be returned by Friday, 2 December. Could parents please assist their children in looking for overdue books and returning them to the Library. Thank you.

Miss Lukey
Teacher/Librarian
bluke1@eq.edu.au

ALL ABOUT AQUATICS

All About Aquatics is now taking enrolments for Christmas school holiday programs. Please see attached details to enrol.

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

End of year financial statements will be coming home at the end of this week. Please finalise any outstanding amount before Friday, 2 December 2016.

REMEMBER! IF THERE IS A – (MINUS) NEXT TO THE AMOUNT IT MEANS YOU ARE IN CREDIT.

This amount can be applied to future invoices and can be used by siblings too!

I am happy to answer any questions you may have regarding any outstanding invoices and happy to also discuss payment options if necessary.

Joy



P&C NEWS

Thanks so much to all of you who came to our final P&C meeting for 2016. The table was laden with food and drink and we even managed to get some school matters discussed amongst the frivolity. A special mention to all of the volunteers who have been working so hard this year to make 2016 one of our biggest years yet! With some of the projects already in the pipeline for 2017, such as our new music room and proposed redevelopment of the terraces, along with the smell of steaming hot coffee, we're heading for some exciting times.

There are still some fantastic events to come this year, starting with the Footsteps Disco on Friday night. Make sure you come along and support our wonderful Chappy Nikki by having something to eat or getting your glow on! In light of all of the activity that is happening around the school at the moment and the huge amount of contributions our families have already made throughout the year, we have decided NOT to run the Christmas Raffle this year. Thanks for your support and understanding.

Have a great week and see you on Friday, all shining on, you crazy diamonds!

Have a great week
Tanya Milgate
P & C President

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

5 Way swimming meet

The 5 way swimming meet will be held on Tuesday, 6

December at Grovely State School commencing at 5:15pm. Schools competing are Grovely, Samford, Ferny Hills and Mitchelton. We had 15 students nominated for this event. They are Ethan D, Sid H, Dylan D, Xavier T, Nathan M, Beliz R, Zani F, Jessica M, Sophie L, Georgia G, Claire L, Ellen L, Tiffany S and Mia W. Good Luck to these students.

Swimming Carnival dates

Year 1 - 3 Thursday 1/12 (9 - 12:30pm)
Prep - Tuesday 6/12 (9 - 11am)

The Senior 4 – 6 swimming carnival was held on Monday, 21 November. It was a successful day with many great results. The overall winners were Green house. Congratulations to all students who swam on the day. A big thank-you to Kathy Goding for being the referee on the day. Also, thank you to all the parents who were time keepers on the day. More results will follow in next week's newsletter

Ian Bird
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ALL THAT GLITTERS AND GLOWS DISCO



Sparkle, shine or light up on the dance floor on Friday, 25 November at the "All that Glitters & Glows" disco
Prep - Grade 2 from 6-7pm
and Grades 3-6 from 7:15 - 8:15pm.

There will be food and soft drinks available on the night. Glow products and other yummy treats will also be for sale.

There will be prizes for best costume and dance floor moves!

If you are able to help on this night please contact Naomi Seaton on 0433445311 or contact the school office on 3550 2222.

SCHOOL BANKING

Just a friendly reminder about our school banking competition. The opportunity to win an iPad Mini 2 donated by the Commonwealth Bank will be extended to 24 November. It will then be drawn and announced at our final assembly on Friday, 2 December. The competition is open to all students who have opened accounts and consistently banked (three or more times) over the 6 weeks we have been banking this term. So you still have a little more time to join and be in the running for a fantastic prize!

If you have any questions about the School Banking Program, please do not hesitate to contact us at epssschoolbanking@gmail.com.





TUCKERBOX NEWS

Please use our online ordering system, flexischools.com.au, to order your child's lunch. I will be co-convening this term with Bee Bridgland while she undertakes training for her new job as EPSS Tuckshop Convenor extraordinaire. Please pop in and say hello.

NOVEMBER ROSTER

Thursday 24 – Karla Chaffey

Friday 25 – Vicky Wilson, Jo Baird, Sam Nicholson

DECEMBER ROSTER

Thursday 1 – Misato Betts

Friday 2 **(LAST DAY OF TUCKSHOP)** – Ann Jabas, Joy Wood, Julie Beardmore

***As it will be the last week of Tuckshop this year, some items and/or flavours will be sold out. Please use our online ordering system, flexischools.com.au to order your child's lunch as the menu will be updated daily.

Menu Update

Hawaiian Pizza \$3.50 **SOLD OUT**
Thai Pumpkin Soup \$3.50 **sold out**
Finding Dory Ice Creams \$2.00
Lemonade Icy Twists \$1.00
Garlic Bread **SOLD OUT**

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open each Friday from 8:15 to 9:30am



END OF 2016 BEGINNING OF 2017 OPENING HOURS

The Uniform Shop will be open Monday 5/12/16 and Wednesday 7/12/16 and then reopen in 2017 on Friday 20/1/17, Monday 23/1/17 to Wednesday 25/1/17 Normal opening hours of 8:30 – 9:30am apply. This will be a VERY busy time so volunteer help would be greatly appreciated. Please call me on 0402880216 or email me on jjbounceback@optusnet.com.au if you can help out.

FLEXISCHOOLS

Do you need some uniforms? Why not order them on Flexischools. No need to come into the school at all. Send in your order and I will fill it and hand deliver it to your child in class. Save time and order on Flexischools.

2nd HAND UNIFORMS NEEDED

Do you have uniforms lying around the kids have grown out of? Bring them into us!! We need your 2nd hand uniforms.

Bring them to the Uniform Shop on Friday during normal opening hours and we'll have a look at them. They need to be in good condition and if they are we'll PAY you \$10 per item for them, \$20 for Sports Jackets. Just remember to also bring along your account details so we can transfer the money into your account.

Jeanette Jenkinson
Uniform Shop Convenor

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Instrumental Music Forms - 2017

If your child will be learning an instrument in 2017 please make sure that all paperwork and monies are received to our school office by Thursday 24th November.

String queries contact Anne Keenan at akeen9@eq.edu.au
Band queries contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au
Classroom Music queries/Choir/The Elements contact Claire Van Vurren at cvanv6@eq.edu.au

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Christmas is coming! We'll be celebrating on Monday, 5th December with our very own Christmas Carols. Join us at 5:00pm for our Cheerleading Fundraiser BBQ dinner at the tuckshop. We'll meet on the oval at 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start. Come dressed in your best Christmas outfit. Just a reminder that the playgrounds are out of bounds. See you then for a great night!

Katrina Coomber and Bea Bridgland
Tuckshop Convenors



ROBOTIC REWARD



Saturday, 19 November saw four intrepid students: Ben A, Yana G, Chris T and Eden V, pit their creative and critical problem skills against 48 teams in a robotic-based challenge. The students have been working on their project for weeks, committing to lunchtime and after school sessions. All their hard work and skill was recognised when they took out the Presentations Awards Cup. This trophy was conferred by the judging panel in recognition of their proposed solution to improve EPSS's interaction with ibises in the lunch areas.

This was Everton Park State School's first foray into the FIRST® LEGO® League, at QUT. FIRST stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology". This international robotics competition, designed for teams of upper-primary and lower-secondary students (9 – 16 year olds), challenges learners to think like scientists and engineers and respond to real-world issues. This year, the focus



The day's schedule was gruelling: 8am start. Core Values Challenge - team work skills challenge. 3 rounds of programmed robotic missions.



Robot design interview – discussion with judges to explain robot design and programming. Project presentation.

The day was a fantastic opportunity to engage with great problem solving minds from close to 50 primary and secondary schools. The competition took place at The Cube, one of the world's largest digital interactive learning and display spaces. Our students embodied the spirit of friendly competition, where value is placed on discovery and growth over winning. A huge thank you goes out to our parents who supported, transported and supervised over the weeks. What a team!

Elizabeth Tiernan

ATTACHMENTS

- Term 4 Calendar
- All About Aquatics December lessons