



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

I can't believe we have only one week of the 2016 school year to go. There's a lot packed into the last week. Tomorrow, Thursday, 1 December we will be holding our Junior Swimming Carnival from 9am – 12.30pm. Families are encouraged to attend. On Friday we will be holding our final assembly. This assembly will commence at approximately 9am. I welcome all families to join with us in celebrating the 2016 school year. On Monday, 5 December we will be holding our carols night. Please join with us to have a fun night welcoming the festive season. Food will be served from 5pm with all proceeds going towards our Cheerleading program. We ask students to arrive at 5.45pm for a 6pm start. Parents are asked to bring in picnic rugs or camp chairs to sit on. On Tuesday, 6 December our prep students will be involved in a swimming morning. We require parent helpers on this morning. Please see the prep teachers if you are available. On Wednesday, 7 December students will be involved in the term four Rewards Activity. This will involve water play. See your child's class teacher for further details. On Thursday, 8 December each class will be holding a small class party. Class teachers will be coordinating this so please see your child's class teacher if you require further information.

We will be holding our volunteers' morning tea on Wednesday, 7 December at 10.30am in the school hall. Our school relies on community volunteers to assist us with offering our students a diverse range of opportunities. I would like to sincerely thank the volunteers who have assisted us throughout this year. Please join us for morning tea.

Tonight we formally farewell our year six students at our graduation ceremony. It is a celebration of a major milestone – the completion of primary school and the transition to the next stage of education. I know all our year six students will adapt well. The transition will be exciting and I am very much looking forward to hearing about the successes in secondary school and beyond.

Last Friday we held the Foot Steps Disco. It was a huge success. I'm not sure of the exact figure, however I know the chaplaincy program raised some much needed funds. Thank you so much for all families who supported this event.

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 Thursday, 8 December. 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.

Teachers have been assigned to the following year levels. However, this is still subject to change.

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## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

30<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Graduation

### DECEMBER

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

### JANUARY 2017

23<sup>rd</sup> First day of Term 1  
26<sup>th</sup> Australia Day public holiday

Prep	Ms Pocock, Ms Rogers, Ms Kendes
Year 1	Ms Ernst, Mrs Sperling/Mrs Jones, Mrs Cameron/Mrs Bibby
Year 2	Ms Buchanan, Mr Mannetje, Mrs Cole
Year 3	Ms Mahan, Ms Moser, Mrs Heather
Year 4	Mr Linnett, Ms Spencer/Ms Tiernan, TBA
Year 5	Ms Irwin, Ms Parkinson, TBA
Year 5/6	Mrs Sawyer
Year 6	Mrs Jackson, Ms Pritchard

Thanking you for your support,



Ange Padgett  
Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

### Events Season

Keep an eye on your calendars folks. It's all happening

Thursday, 1 December – Years 1 - 3 swimming carnival at 9am

Friday, 2 December – final assembly at 9am

Monday, 5 December – carols on the oval. Food from 5:30pm and carols from 6:30pm

Tuesday, 6 December – Prep swimming morning

Wednesday, 7 December – Rewards Day Water Fun

Thursday, 8 December – class party day



David O'Connor  
Deputy Principal

## LIBRARY NEWS

### BOOK FAIR

A huge thank you to the school community for supporting our annual book fair. Sales were nearly \$7000 gross and we have made \$1900 to spend on books for our fabulous library. A special thanks to the volunteer helpers, especially the lovely Ann and May. Thank you to all the amazing teacher aides, Deb, Marg, Andrea, Nikki, Larisa and Mel who gave so willingly of their time and wiped the sweat off my brow a few times! Thanks also to Ms K, Ms T, Mrs Van Vuuren and Ms Pocock (what a teacher to have in a crisis!). I was extremely impressed with the students who were raiding piggy banks to buy their favourite book. We counted a lot of coinage! Apologies to students waiting on book fair orders. They should be in by Friday.

All library books must be returned by this Friday, 2 December. If you have lost or damaged a book we ask that you replace it with another or pay the monetary equivalent.

Miss Lukey  
Teacher/Librarian  
[bluke1@eq.edu.au](mailto:bluke1@eq.edu.au)



## 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

Prep Tuesday, 6 December from 9 - 11am.

Year 1 - 3 Swimming carnival is on , 1 December from 9 - 12:30pm. All students are encouraged to participate on the day. There will be suitable races for all students.

A program has been emailed to parents. Students are not to sit with their parents at the carnival. Students need to wear their togs to school underneath their uniform. Please ensure your child applies sunscreen before they come to school and that they bring a hat and a water bottle.

Ian Bird  
ibird1@eq.edu.au

## CHAPLAINCY NEWS

What a fantastic time the all that glitters and glows disco was! Thank you very much to Carol Gavegan for co-ordinating such a great evening, the staff for dedicating their time and talents and for each and every volunteer who gave their time.

### Everything Christmas stall at Carols

Don't forget the "everything Christmas" stall on the oval at the Carol's night on Monday night where you will find many Christmassy treats and refreshments. Any baking or craft donations can be left in the 1CS classroom kitchen area prior to Monday, or to the stall tables on the night.

### Back to School Made Easy

Chaplaincy and Tupperware are teaming up to get you organised early for coming back to school! Tupperware's Back to School range has a new range of lunchboxes and neon water bottles which will be available between 5 December 2016 and 22 January 2017 while stocks last, so get your order in quick. Some products will be on display at the swimming carnival this Thursday, as well as at carols night. Catalogues area also available at [www.tupperware.com.au](http://www.tupperware.com.au). Orders can be placed throughout the holiday period. Email order details to [chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au) . 10% of sales will go towards the Everton Park State School Chaplaincy Program.

### Back to School Pool Party

Date saver: 11 February for the back to school pool party! More details when school starts but for now – make sure you lock it in your diary

## SCHOOL BANKING

We would like to thank all our students, their families and the extended school community for a fantastic first term of School Banking. We will still be banking right up to the last week of Term (8 December 2016).

If you would like to join up in the New Year, we will be holding a Bank Account Open Day to allow our new Prep students and anyone else to join. Week 2 of Term 1 will be our first day of Banking for the year and we will be setting up outside the library from 8:15am on 2 February 2017 with representatives from the Commonwealth Bank.

Finally, we would like to wish you a safe and fun filled summer holiday with your family and friends. All the very best for an exciting New Year in 2017. Keep saving your pocket money, ready to deposit into your school banking account when we start back up in Week 2.

If you have any questions, please get in contact at [epssschoolbanking@gmail.com](mailto:epssschoolbanking@gmail.com)

School Banking Mums

## LOST ITEMS

The students at Everton Park State School often find items on the grounds and bring them to the office. If you or your child has lost a personal item, like a toy, book, watch or piece of jewellery, please check with the ladies in the office as it may have been handed in.



## 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.

### 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

Finding Dory Ice Creams \$2.00  
Vaalia Yoghurt \$1.50  
Banana bread \$1.50  
Hummus & carrot sticks **SOLD OUT**  
Garlic Bread **SOLD OUT**  
Crazy Lemon Lemonade **SOLD OUT**  
Tzatziki & carrot sticks **SOLD OUT**  
Lemonade Icy Twists **SOLD OUT**  
Hawaiian Pizza \$3.50 **SOLD OUT**  
Thai Pumpkin soup \$3.50 **2 left only**

## 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.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> HAND UNIFORMS NEEDED

Do you have uniforms lying around the kids have grown out of? Bring them into us!! We need your 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Christmas Carols will take place on Monday, 5 December. 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!

Order of performances commencing at 6:30pm:

- Elements/choir
- Prep
- Year 1
- Year 2
- Year 3
- Year 4
- Year 5
- Year 6

Katrina Coomber and Bea Bridgland  
Tuckshop Convenors



## CHRISTMAS CAROLS BBQ

Once again, the Cheerleading teams will be hosting the Christmas Carols BBQ. We will be serving kebabs, sausages and drinks. Serving will begin at 5pm and the carols start at 6.30pm. (Cheer parents - preparation will begin at 4pm). Please come along and join in the fun!

All teams were given a note for parent helpers. Please return these as soon as possible. If your note didn't make it home, please let me know and I will send you another.

Cheer squad - please remember that your uniform needs to be returned. Please make sure you show it to me before you place it in the hall.

Finally, thanks to everyone who has been involved in the Cheer program this year. It has been a great year, with all teams achieving learning routines, giving fantastic performances and wonderful results at our competitions. Your support is greatly appreciated and I look forward to 2017.

Kerry Rogers  
Cheerleading Coach and Coordinator

## GOODBYE AND THANK YOU

After 13 years here at EPSS as a parent and/or Tuckshop Convenor it is time for me to say good-bye and thank you.

Good-bye and thank you to all of the wonderful teachers, teacher aides, support and administration staff who have educated, guided and encouraged my children and then, after they moved on to high school, continued to embrace me in the school community.

Good-bye and thank you to all of the wonderful mums, dads, grandparents and aunties who have slid back the pesky flyscreen door to come and volunteer in the Tuckshop once a month. The place would not have functioned so well and with such a great vibe without you.

There have been many, many laughs, lots of singing, a few tears and moments of hard work throughout the last 6 years in the Tuckerbox.

There have also been many friendships formed and new skills learned.

And finally, to the children of EPSS, I say good-bye and thank you for your manners, apologies, organisation, forgetfulness, patience, flexibility (silly Slush Puppie machine) and youthful exuberance. That is, thank you for just being kids! Hold on to that as you get older. You will need it from time to time.

Katrina

## ALL ABOUT AQUATICS

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

## ATTACHMENTS

- All About Aquatics December lessons
- Blue for the Bay