



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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

Today we have sent letters home containing class placements for 2017 and a map of 2017 classrooms. The current model for 2017 is as below. However, as you are aware, this is very much 'subject to change' up until and including Day 8 next year.

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

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, Ms Green
Year 5	Ms Irwin, Ms Parkinson, Mrs Lawes
Year 5/6	Mrs Sawyer
Year 6	Mrs Jackson, Ms Pritchard
PE	Mr Bird
Music	To be confirmed
LOTE	Ms Tsang
Library	Ms Lukey (4 days per week)
Instrumental Music	Ms Keenan and Mrs Hall
Learning Support	Mrs O'Reilly
Guidance Officer	Ms Bagley
Speech Language	Mrs Collecutt
SEP Teacher	Mr Nunn

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CALENDAR

DECEMBER

7th Rewards Day
9th Last day of term

JANUARY 2017

23rd First day of Term 1
26th Australia Day public holiday

FEBRUARY 2017

1st Bginner day for Strings at Oakley State School
1st Beginner day for Band at EPSHS
22nd Prep Vision Screening
23rd Prep Vision Screening



As you are aware, Literacy is a major focus for the School Improvement Agenda at Everton Park State School. With holidays fast approaching, now is a great time to start gathering books and reading materials to ensure children continue to read on a daily basis.

On Monday we had a very enjoyable and successful Christmas Concert. A very big thank you to Mrs Van Vuuren for her efforts in coordinating the evening and the students and staff who performed on the night. Thank you to our school community for supporting this event. We believe we had record numbers – thank you!

Last Wednesday we held our graduation evening for our current Year Six students. A big thank you to Ms Pritchard and Mrs Reynolds for coordinating the night. Thank you to all parents who assisted in some way. Our school really appreciates the ongoing support of our parent community. To our Year Six students, I wish you the very best of luck for the future. As I said at graduation, 'Don't just survive high school, thrive at it.'

Yesterday we held our Prep swimming morning. The caliber of swimming displayed by the students was extremely pleasing and they all had a lot of fun. Thank you to our parents for supporting this event.

On Friday last week we held our final Assembly. Congratulations to all students who received either an Academic Award or a Strive to Succeed Award. You should be very proud of your efforts.

I would like to take this opportunity to farewell leaving staff. At this stage, we will be saying good bye to Mrs Claire Van Vurren. She will be returning to her Instrumental Music circuit. Claire has only been with us for a short time, however she has had such a positive impact on our Music program. Thank you Claire, you will be missed. The influence of a good teacher stays with us forever. Teachers can help us shape our lives. I would like to acknowledge the work and dedication from all our staff this year. I have enjoyed working with each and every one of you. Thank you also to parents, carers and grandparents. Congratulations for your role in supporting your child and our school in assisting us by being partners in education.

For 2017 I will be taking on the role of Principal at Boondall State School. I have mixed emotions about leaving. Although I have only been at the school for three terms, I have felt very much part of the school community. I would like to thank you, our community for your support.

2017 will see the continued strengthening of teaching and learning programs at Everton Park State School, where each and every student is given the best opportunities to reach their full potential.

I wish everyone a restful and safe holiday. Spend time with loved ones and take some time out. Have an enjoyable break. Stay safe. Merry Christmas.

Ange Padgett
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

It has been a very busy year and I would like to thank you all students and their families for a restful and safe Christmas break.

Keep reading over the holidays and visit your local libraries!

Miss Lukey
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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

Congratulations to all the students at EPSS for their fundraising efforts in assisting the Eco Marines with their Seabin project. The winning class was 4K and they received the prize which involved selecting 2 students to 'restyle' my haircut appropriately! The total raised by the whole school was approximately \$955.00!

The Eco Marines will keep everyone posted as to their progress in getting a Seabin installed at the Holt Street Wharf.

Finally, it's been an awesome year. Thank you to everyone for their support. Enjoy the Christmas break and I look forward to seeing everyone in term 1 2017.

David O'Connor
Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS

I have been absolutely blown away by the amount of community spirit that has been flowing through our school these past two weeks. From the Year 6 graduation, where our future community leaders took the stage, to all of the award recipients at our final assembly and the hall that was packed with parents and carers, despite the oppressive heat. It was truly a joy to see the pride on teacher and parent/carer faces alike. It goes to show how much effort goes into the success of our students from so many people.

It was also wonderful to see a busy (yet dry!) oval for our annual Carols night. There were some marvelous performances and not just from the students. Thanks to our Cheerleading group for feeding us, the Chaplaincy team for providing a sweet touch, the PCYC crew for lighting up the night, Justin Hicks and his team for getting our green on and all of the EPSS staff for donating their time and services for a successful night.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Ange Padgett for her incredible contribution this year. She has been a valuable member of the school community since day one and her commitment has been a delight to see. I especially remember Ange's efforts at cleaning up after our record breaking wettest Fete. It has been a pleasure to work with you, Ange and, on behalf of the parents of EPSS, I wish you only success on your future.

Have a wonderful and safe festive season and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Thank you
Tanya Milgate

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

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

There will be school banking tomorrow, the last Thursday of term.

We wish all students and their families a safe and happy holiday season.

If you have any questions about school banking, please get in contact at epssschoobanking@gmail.com

School Banking Mums

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

5 Way Swimming Meet

The 5 way swimming meet will be held on Tuesday, 6 December at Grovely State School starting 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 Carnivals

Year 1 - 3 Swimming carnival was held on Thursday, 1 December. It was a very successful day with most students participating in the races. Congratulations to Green House who won on the day. Thank you to all the parents for supporting the students.



The Prep Swimming carnival was held on Tuesday, 6 December. It was a great morning with all students participating in five races. Red House were the overall winners. Thanks for all the parental support on the day. 2016 has been a wonderful year with our school performing very well across a broad range of sports. I have really enjoyed this year teaching PE and am looking forward to many wonderful years at Everton Park State School.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Ian Bird
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TUCKERBOX NEWS

Thank you to everyone for a busy but rewarding year and hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and all the best for the New Year.



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 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

ATTACHMENTS

- 2017 Term 1 Calendar