

# NEWSLETTER NO.04

## FEBRUARY 24, 2016

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **MARCH**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Breakfast Club
- 8<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club
- 17<sup>th</sup> Beginner Blitz Music Concert in the Hall 4:00 – 5:00pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> School Cross Country 9:00 – 11:00am
- 21<sup>st</sup> P&C meeting at 7:00pm in Library
- 24<sup>th</sup> Prep – Year 2 Easter Hat Parade 9 – 9:30am in the Hall
- 24<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 1

#### **APRIL**

- 11<sup>th</sup> First day of Term 2
- 18<sup>th</sup> P&C meeting at 7:00pm in Library
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Tuckshop/Uniform Shop Subcommittee meeting in Library  
2:00pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day public holiday

### **FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**

#### **How We as Adults Behave Sets the Example for the Children Around Us**

I'll set the scene. It's late afternoon, and you've just told your 9-year-old to take out the rubbish. As he heads out the door, you hear him mumbling under his breath like Yosemite Sam in "Loony Tunes." As you start to admonish him for his attitude, you realize that he's simply doing the same thing as you when you are feeling overwhelmed with the world.

The example you set for your child is critical, because each day you're modeling behavioural expectations for your child. "Do what I say, not as I do," simply doesn't work when it comes to effective parenting, no matter how often parents might wish it were true.

Generally, the reality that the example you set plays such a strong role in determining your child's behaviour is a good thing. For example, your child notices when you accidentally bump into another shopper's cart at the grocery store and apologize or generously allow another person with fewer items to get in front of you in line. They see you thank someone for their time and are happy to give yours to help another. The list goes on.

Children are always watching us. They always want to know how we are going to handle a situation. Whenever you model self-control with your voice or react to a stressful situation with grace, you're teaching your child how to navigate through life's more difficult pathways.

In a perfect world, parents would always set a good example. Learning that the toys are still on the floor after you've told your child repeatedly to pick them up might find you muttering, "I feel like throwing these in the rubbish" - a comment that would understandably alarm your child.

Don't berate yourself when you slip up but seek to build your own awareness and keep an open line of communication with your child. The perfect parent does not exist. We are all human; we are all going to mess up. We all have bad days.

When at school, the way your child sees you behave will have a massive influence on how their day goes and how they react to situations. Even on the bad days, keep your composure and you will be thrilled at the positive influence this has on your child.

This leads me to the point that most parents understand the need to behave appropriately when they're in the school or dropping their children off in the playground. However, our world is a changing place and rights sometimes seem to be more important than responsibilities. Furthermore, some adults have a very different idea of dealing with teachers and schools than the supportive majority. So, it's unfortunate that the occasional adult oversteps the mark and behaves in a way that's unacceptable. I say "occasional" because most teachers and schools probably never have to deal with this situation.

But what do we do if a parent doesn't behave responsibly? Not behaving responsibly includes being aggressive to school staff or other parents, using bad language in the school or in the playground and taking the law into their own hands. This is often excused as "caring about my child" but that doesn't make it any more acceptable.

Of course, like similar issues, it is best if a parent that doesn't behave acceptably is dealt with informally. This might mean a discussion with the principal. This usually ends with an apology and a promise to not do it again.

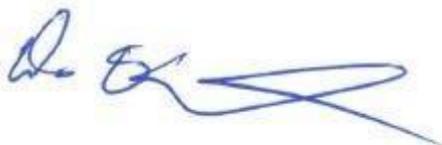
However, if an informal approach doesn't work, the ultimate deterrent - to be used with care in my experience - is to withdraw the entitlement of the parent to be on school premises for a period of time. This includes the buildings and the playgrounds. This is supported by the General Provisions of the Education Act. In this instance, the parent would be seen as committing trespass if they enter the school's premises.

It rarely comes to this point, but when it does, the Department of Education and Training acts swiftly to ensure the safety of all students and staff on any particular school site.

The bottom line is to follow "The Golden Rule". Do unto others as you would have them do to you.

#### Damage to Staff Vehicle

One of our staff member's car was parked in Barton Street on Monday this week and it sustained damage to the driver's door. It is a red Holden Cruze, registration 477 MDK. If you happened to witness this incident or have any information on the damage caused could you please contact the office.



David O'Connor  
Deputy Principal

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#### P&C NEWS

Welcome to Week 5! Hard to believe we're already past the half way point of Term 1 and on the downhill slope to Easter.

Speaking of which, keep an eye out for Raffle tickets coming home in your child's bag. The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Friday, 18 March at the Cross

Country and the box is in the Library, ready to take lots of Easter goodies. If each family donates just one item, that is almost 350 items that can make up an Easter extravaganza! It can be as simple as an Aldi \$1 egg or, for those who aren't so 'chocolatey' inclined, it could be something like a toy bunny or even some carrots to leave out for the Easter Bunny. So – what will YOUR one thing be?

Leap Day is coming up next week! Mr Bird, our awesome new PE teacher, has joined forces with the Student Council and will be running some games on the day. They will also be taking a gold coin donation for anyone who wears green for the day, so come on – LEAP INTO IT!

There will be a Fete meeting on Friday, 26 February just after Parade in the Hall for anyone who would like to be involved. It is important to note that if we do not get enough volunteers confirmed before the next meeting in March, there will be no EPSS Fete in 2016.

Remember, if you have anything that you would like to discuss with the P&C outside of meetings, feel free to email [pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au) or like our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/EPSSPandC](http://www.facebook.com/EPSSPandC)

Have a great week!  
Tanya Milgate  
P&C President

#### ART CLUB

Art Club meets every Wednesday at second break. Meet Mrs Johnston in The Shed after eating and she will take you to the Art Room. All students are welcome to join in the creative activities on offer.

#### EASTER HAT PARADE

Thursday 24 March  
Prep – Year 2

The 2016 Prep – Year 2 Easter Hat Parade will be on Thursday, 24 March from 9:00 – 9:30am in the school hall.

All Prep – Year 2 students, their parents/carers, grandparents, uncles and aunts are invited to attend!



#### LIBRARY NEWS

Have you got an hour or two to spare? We need help covering our new books. We can offer an air-conditioned office, beverages and lots of smiles! This is our busiest time of the year with purchasing of new resources and our students are always asking for new titles or advising me on what to buy. It's hard to keep up with the readers at this school, they just love to read! Our library is open every morning before school and it has been fantastic to see so many parents and students dropping in to browse and read. We are always looking for parents to help with morning reading club. So if you can spare any time to read with some of our students we would be extremely appreciative. Once again I can't stress the importance of waterproof library bags

to protect our precious books. A special thank you this week to Margie McCabe. You are a legend!

Ms Lukey  
Teacher Librarian

#### CHEERLEADING

I am on leave for the next three weeks, so there will be no cheer practise. Squad practises will resume in Week 8 on Monday, 14 March in the afternoon. Pups and Reserves will start in Term 2.

Miss Rogers  
Cheerleading Coach

#### PE NEWS

##### Leap Day

When: Monday, February 29  
Where: School Oval (both breaks) 1<sup>st</sup> Break Years 4 – 6 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Break P – 3.  
Who: P – 6 students  
What: Fun games including leap frog and 3 legged races.

**\*\*\*Wear green on the day and bring a gold coin donation if you would like participate\*\*\***

##### Gala Day Sports

Term 2 Gala days will be held in Weeks 2 (22/4), Week 4 (6/5) and Week 7 (27/5). The Gala days are full days from 9 – 3pm. Sports offered are Soccer Boys and Girls, Netball (Girls). Teachers have been given sign-on sheets for their students. When teams are finalised a detailed letter with costs and other information will be sent home.

##### Cross Country Carnival

Our school Cross Country Carnival will be held on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> March. Maps for the courses are on the sport webpage. A program of events will also be put up on the website. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours.

##### Triathlon Squad

The Triathlon squad is for all students in Years 3 – 6. Students can still join the squad if they wish. If your child would like to join please email me their name, class and age they are turning this year. We train every Friday from 1:50 – 3:00pm.

Thank you  
Ian Bird  
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#### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

For all band queries (woodwind, brass and percussion) contact Penny Hall at [pball35@eq.edu.au](mailto:pball35@eq.edu.au) For all string queries (violin, viola, cello and double bass) contact Anne Keenan at [akeen9@eq.edu.au](mailto:akeen9@eq.edu.au) For all classroom music queries contact Bernadette Crook on [bcroo4@eq.edu.au](mailto:bcroo4@eq.edu.au)

## Uniform Shop





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

### **Volunteers NEEDED urgently!!**

The Uniform Shop urgently needs volunteers to help out on Friday mornings. You'll be required from 8.15am – 9.30am. If you can help please email me on [jjbounceback@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jjbounceback@optusnet.com.au) or phone me on 0402880216, or pop in and see me on a Friday morning. It's a great way to meet all the wonderful families in our school and I would REALLY appreciate your help.

### **FLEXISCHOOLS**

Do you need some uniforms? Why not order them on Flexishools. 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 Flexishools

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

Do you have uniforms that the children 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*



## **TUCKERBOX**

**The Tuckerbox is open Monday,  
Thursday and Friday.**

The Tuckerbox is open Monday, Thursday and Friday. I strongly recommend using our online ordering system, [flexishools.com.au](http://flexishools.com.au), to order your child's lunch. If you do wish to have a printed copy of the 2016 Menu, it is now available on the school website to download.

Price increase - boiled eggs and all egg items have been increased by 10c.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE**

There are still vacancies on the first Thursday, fifth Friday and as emergency volunteers, so if you would love to help please complete a Volunteer Form, attached to this newsletter.

### **FEBRUARY ROSTER**

**Thursday 25** – Melissa Lynch

**Friday 26** – Vicky Wilson, Jo Baird, Sam Nicholson

### **MARCH ROSTER**

**Thursday 3** – Can you help please?

**Friday 4** – Ann Jabas, Joy Wood, Julie Beardmore



**NEW! Banana Smoothies  
\$2.50.**

Available Mondays. Online order only.

Please remember, children in Prep to Grade 2 are not allowed to bring money to school to spend at the Tuckshop. Their lunch items need to be ordered online or over the counter by parents/guardians.

Katrina Coomber  
Tuckshop Convenor

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- AFL Flyer
- Flippa Ball Flyer