

NEWSLETTER NO.05

MARCH 3, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 8th Breakfast Club
- 12th Family Movie Night
- 17th Beginner Blitz Music Concert in the Hall 4:00 – 5:00pm
- 18th School Cross Country 9:00 – 11:00am
- 21st Parent Rep meeting at 6pm in the Library
- 21st P&C meeting at 7:00pm in Library
- 24th Prep – Year 2 Easter Hat Parade 9 – 9:30am in the Hall
- 24th Gold Card Movie Day 9:30 – 11am Prep – 2;
11:40 – 1:10 Yr 3 – 6 in the Hall
- 24th Last day of Term 1

APRIL

- 11th First day of Term 2
- 18th P&C meeting at 7:00pm in Library
- 20th ANZAC ceremony 9:00pm at the pool
- 22nd Tuckshop/Uniform Shop Subcommittee meeting in Library
2:00pm
- 25th ANZAC Day public holiday

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Triathlon training and Leap Day activities



Parent Representatives

Thank you to all of those parents who have volunteered to be the parent representatives for their child's class. Our parent reps group will act as a conduit between class parents and school. They will assist with communicating to the class parents any items of interest or changes of protocols/procedures. This group will meet with the principal approximately once a term and will provide feedback around school based decisions and issues. Agendas for these meetings will be set by the Principal. 3H, 6K and 6P do not have parent representatives at this stage. If you are interested in being a class rep for these classes please contact your class teacher or the office staff.

Our first meeting will be prior to the next P&C meeting at 6pm in the Library on Monday, 21 March. During this meeting we will examine the results from our recent school based-survey and discuss future actions in response to the information gained.

The 2015 EPSS parent group provided our school with very positive feedback around our school however, only 45 parents responded to the survey. Therefore, we have decided to re-survey our parent community on a sample number of questions from the original survey that focus on the main priorities within the school. This will provide us with a wider perspective of parent opinion in the areas of school culture, reputation, students learning and teaching. As mentioned previously, this survey data will be the focus of our first Parent Rep Meeting.

Please follow the link below to complete this survey by **Monday 14 March**.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TFRL9ZV>



Anita Bond
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Being Kind

Are you what people would call "KIND?" If so good for you! You've got a head start on what it takes to succeed – on all levels!

Kind people make more money! How? According to research from Rutgers University, each 2% increase in the cheerfulness of an organization's employees leads to a 1% increase in profit.

- **Kind people live longer.** People who volunteer their time typically outlive non-volunteers.
- **Kind people have happier love lives.** Low key, easy going people are 50% less likely to have life problems than rest of the population.

- **Nice people stay out of court!** Studies show that people who spend more time chatting and being pleasant to each other are less likely to end up in court.

So – how can you nurture the kind person inside you so you can be more successful at work, love and life in general?

- **Make small gestures of kindness** - especially to those who aren't always treated well. The worse the treatment someone receives, the more they'll appreciate your efforts. For example, while doing research for the book *The Power of Nice*, Kaplan-Thaler talked to an airline passenger who once offered a cookie to a stressed out flight attendant – and got moved to the first class section.
- **Be free with compliments.** People worry that giving frequent compliments makes them seem phony or smarmy – but if compliments are given sincerely, they rarely do.
- **Give people a little more than they expect.** Making a small gesture that someone doesn't anticipate sends the message that you really care. For example, a Lexus dealer puts chocolates in vehicle cup holders when customers arrive to pick up their cars. Business has climbed a whopping 20% since they started doing this.
- **Show vulnerability.** Go ahead and admit that you're new at something, and even a little scared. Admitting your weakness makes people around you feel better about their own insecurities. And people usually barrack for beginners and underdogs.

"Be kind. It's worthwhile to make an effort to learn about other people and figure out what you might have in common with them. If you allow yourself to be somewhat curious - and if you get into the habit of doing that - it's the first step to being open minded and realizing that your points of view aren't always totally opposite." *Viggo Mortensen*.
"Be kind whenever possible. It is always possible." *Dalai Lama*.
"Be honest, be kind and share the love." *Suzi Quatro*.



David O'Connor
Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS

Thanks so much to all of the people who attended Friday's Fete meeting. There was a great turnout and some wonderful ideas were raised as to how this year's fete can be bigger and better than ever. There are still a few positions open though, so if you're interested in helping, please either come along to the next meeting on Friday 11th after parade or

email pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au and we can take your details.

With this term being a short one, there is a lot happening in a short space of time. The Easter raffle is going strong and we're gratefully receiving Easter donations in the Library. Sold tickets and money can be brought in to the office.

A special thank you goes to Mr Bird and the Student Council for helping us LEAP into 2016 with a great day on Monday. It was wonderful to see so much green at the school!

Have a great week.
Tanya Milgate
P & C President

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND BAKE SALE

Can you BBQ a snag with the best of them? Can you bake delicious cakes, slices and biscuits? Can you spare an hour or two on or before Election Day Saturday March 19?

We need volunteers to help with our EPSS P&C Election Day sausage sizzle and cake stall. Last election we made almost \$1500 for our kids so we're hoping to match that again this year. If you are a dab hand in the kitchen and can bake us up a batch of your favourite treat please deliver it to the school office on Friday, March 17. (Please label any containers you want returned) If you can help on the day, either serving or cooking, please message us via our Facebook page, text Sam Nicholson on 0406 743 339 or email us at pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Chappy Nikki is raising awareness of the organisation 'House with No Steps' with a personal challenge to walk 100 kilometres in 10 days.

If any students would like to support and encourage her on the oval in the mornings this Friday and next Monday, she would be very grateful.

The Chappy room is up and running.

There are new games and a few extra tables. Many thanks to Col, one of our talented Groundsmen, for setting up a stage for the students to perform on. There is even have a light-up star and music. All are welcome to come and enjoy the activities at lunchtime.

Remember to wait for Chappy Nikki at the end of The Shed and she will walk with you to her room.

Drive-In Movie Night – Saturday, 12 March

Pre-purchase tickets at the school swimming pool between 3:00 – 5:00pm. CASH ONLY.

Children will have the opportunity next week to vote for the movie to be shown and this will be announced on Parade on Friday, 11 March.

Free entry to the movie will be given to volunteers who assist with the BBQ and food stall on the night.

Contact the Chaplaincy team at chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au

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

Queensland State Schools eBooks digital library

All students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are now registered for the **Queensland State Schools eBooks digital library**. Students will just need to use their MIS ID (computer log in) to sign in to the site. Last year this library was free but a small cost has been added this year and so we will be trialling it with just year 3's to the year 6's. I would love any feedback about what you think of it and if your children use it.

My experience with the eBook library has been fantastic. Using the free **overdrive app** on my phone and/or iPad I have downloaded, read or listened to hundreds of books over the past year. Please see the **attached flyer**. Any queries please drop in before school or send me an email. I still love the feel of the hardcover or paperback while reading, but with this service I am never without something to read!

Have you got an hour or two to spare? We need help covering our new books, and 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.

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

School Cross Country

Our School Cross Carnival is less than 3 weeks away. It's been held on Friday, 18 March which is Week 8. A program, as well as maps, has been uploaded to the sports webpage on our school website.

Please make sure your child wears their house colours on the day. A permission form for the day has been sent home. Please return this to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. Cross Country training is available for all students from Prep to Year 6. It takes place every day from 8:15am.

North District Sport

Any students (10 - 12 years) wishing to trial for North District Soccer (Boys), Hockey and Tennis need to come to my office to collect forms. All forms are also on the website. Parents need to register their child online for all North District sports this year. Most District sports are free of charge. Students need to take signed permission forms to the trial.

Swimming Lost Property

Parents could you please ensure that all of your child's swimming items are clearly labelled. All lost property items from the pool will be sent up to the lost property area near the Tuckshop.

QLD Running

On Saturday, 5 March QLD running will be holding cross country events at Teralba Park, Mitchelton. Cost is \$3. Please go to Website for more information.

<http://www.queenslandrunning.com.au/>

Program is as follows.

2:00pm 500m, 2:15pm 1500m, 2:35pm 3000m, 5000m, 2:55pm 4000m, 6000m & 8000m, 3.00 pm Fitness Fun Walk - 500m, 3:25 pm 2000m, 3:40pm 1000m.

Triathlon Squad

This week we have swimming and cycling. Bikes need to be taken down to the cricket nets before school. Just a reminder that Early Bird entries for the Weetbix Triathlon on Sunday, May 22 will close on March 27. I have registered a school team "Everton Park State School" under the group section. Please go to <http://try.weetbix.com.au/events/brisbane>

STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE

If your child will not be attending school could you please notify the office by calling our student absentee line on 3550 2277. This number can be called at any time (24/7).

and register your child. It would be fantastic if we could have the whole squad compete at the event.

Students of the Week: Jazmyn A in 4P, Ariella M in 4K and Mia W in 5J.

Thank you.
Ian Bird
ibird1@eq.edu.au

STUDENT PAYMENTS

You may have noticed at the bottom of our invoices there is now another option for payments.

BPoint is an Online System provided to schools by Commonwealth Bank as a safe and secure payment method. It can be accessed via ANY Computer or Smart Phone.

Log on to

<http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>

Quote your Customer Reference number (CRN).

Quote the invoice number that the payment is relating (5 digit number).

		
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	This invoice can be paid by card via BPoint http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete	

The school is automatically notified of the payment and are usually matched in an overnight process.

We will still be accepting direct bank deposits, envelopes with credit card details completed, and of course, cheques and cash.

As we do not operate an 'open' receipting area, we cannot process EFTPOS payments at this stage, even though the 'generic information' on the invoice states otherwise.

Any further questions please contact Joy in the office.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

For all band queries (woodwind, brass and percussion) contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au For all string queries (violin, viola, cello and double bass) contact Anne Keenan at akeen9@eq.edu.au For all classroom music queries contact Bernadette Crook on bcrook4@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 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

2nd HAND UNIFORMS NEEDED

Do you have uniforms that the children 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



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, 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 contact me at tuckshop@everparkss.eq.edu.au

MARCH ROSTER

Thursday 3 – Sharyn Munck

Friday 4 – Karla Chaffey, Joy Wood, Julie Beardmore

Thursday 10 – Sherryn Overlack

Friday 11 – Ann Jabas, Rebecca Gardiner, Kirstin Banvill

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

- Get Reading ...Get eBooks
- Family Movie Night



NEW! Banana Smoothies
\$2.50.

Available Mondays. Online order only.