

NEWSLETTER NO.06

MARCH 10, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 12th Family Movie Night
17th Beginner Blitz Music Concert in the Hall 4:00 – 5:00pm
18th School Cross Country 9:00 – 11:00am
18th Uniform and Tuckshop Subcommittee meeting, 2pm, Library
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 9:00am at the pool
22nd Tuckshop/Uniform Shop Subcommittee meeting in Library
2:00pm
25th ANZAC Day public holiday

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent survey

As I mentioned last week, we received positive parent feedback from the Parent Opinion Survey that was done last year. As we only heard from approximately 45 parents we are providing parents with another opportunity to respond to a sampling of questions from this survey. Please access the link below and answer the 6 questions contained therein. The process is electronic, quick and anonymous.

Please follow the link below to complete this survey by Monday 14 March.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TFRL9ZV>

Parent Representatives

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to be the class representatives for their child's class. However, we still require a parent representative for each of the Year 6 classes (6P and 6K). If you have a child in one of these classes and are able to help, please contact the office.

Voluntary Contribution towards Chaplaincy Program

Our Chaplaincy Program has become an integral part of our Student Support Services Program. This program operates solely on donations and, unfortunately, due to lack of donations, the school will be forced to drop back to one day a week from 2 days a week starting next term unless we are successful in gaining funding. The committee is currently attempting to secure corporate sponsorship for our Chaplaincy Program. However, we are also inviting our parent community to contribute. Please see the volunteer contribution form attached to this newsletter for details.



Anita Bond
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Being Actively Involved In Your Child's Education – What Does That Look Like?

Different parents will be able to be involved in their child's education and the school community in a range of ways based on their:

- available time
- personal skills and resources
- other commitments (e.g. children and work)

Sometimes, grandparents or other family members are able to help. Even a small amount of time can have benefits for your own child as well as for the school community more generally.

Benefits include:

- becoming more familiar with the routines, experiences, and curriculum which can help you to support your child's adjustment and adaptation to their new school
- providing opportunities to meet your child's peers and their parents
- helping the school

Even parents with little spare time can be involved in the following ways:

Participate in meetings with your child's teacher and any support professionals to discuss goals and strategies for their successful progress. This is a valuable opportunity to share your priorities and your knowledge of your child. These meetings may only be held a couple of times a year.

Communicate regularly with your child's teacher. Share what you are working on with your child at home including any changes to routines, new goals, progress, or concerns. Regular contact will also help you learn about what the school is focusing is on, so you can reinforce your child's learning at home

Arrange play dates outside of school time which can help to strengthen your child's friendships.

Practise particular skills that the teacher may suggest at home.

Talk about current classroom topics or current areas of focus with your child at home.

For those with a little more time:

Ask your child's teacher how you can be involved. This can help you to match your own skills, interests and availability to the needs of the school. If you aren't able to help, maybe grandparents or other family members can. Children love knowing that their family is involved in their school.



Volunteering to:

- listen to children read in the classroom
- cover school library books
- help in the classroom during Literacy or Numeracy lessons
- assist with art or craft activities
- assist with swimming or PMP lessons
- be involved in the school's Parents and Citizens (P & C) Association
- assist with fund-raising events
- help at sporting events and carnivals
- attend school excursions
- join the roster for the school canteen or uniform shop

"Getting involved in the school was really important, for example P & C activities, reading, fund-raising. This gives you a nice presence in the school and allows you to give back."
Current EPSS Parent

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David O'Connor'.

David O'Connor
Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS

Hi Everyone – Welcome to another week at EPSS. We're on the downhill slope to Easter, but there are a few events to get through first:

- Fete – Keep those fantastic ideas coming for this year's Fete! We've received some wonderful pledges of support, but there are still a few positions to be filled, especially Fete co-ordinator. The more volunteers we have, the smaller everyone's jobs will be! There is another meeting this Friday after parade for those who can make it. For those who can't, simply email us at pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au
- This year's Easter raffle looks like it could be a bumper one! Remember to take your contribution down to the box in the Library & return any raffle tickets and money to the P & C box in the office. If you haven't received any tickets, please let us know.
- Election Day – For anyone who is helping us by donating some baked goods, please have them to the office on Friday 17 March so they can be plated up for selling if required. For those of you who have agreed to help us turn a snag or sell some food, you will receive notification of your timeslot and any other notes soon if not already. Get your friends & neighbours to come along to the school to vote if they're in the electorate!
- Voluntary Contributions – A big thanks to everyone who has so kindly made their voluntary contribution this year. Remember, these contributions directly impact your children by the quality and quantity of the school IT equipment.

That's not just the computers in the lab, but also all of the interactive whiteboards, Ipads and digital devices available in classrooms. In this digital age, a lack of appropriate technology can affect the quality of learning.

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

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. Please see the **attached flyer**. Any queries please drop in before school or send me an email.

Have you got an hour or two to spare? We need help covering 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.

Book Club closes **Wednesday, 16 March**. No late orders can be accepted.

Ms Lukey
Teacher Librarian
bluke1@eq.edu.au

CHEERLEADING

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

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).

PE NEWS

****Students of the Week****

Ellie S – 4P, Ethan D – 6P

School Cross Country

Our School Cross Carnival is next Friday, 18 March which is Week 8. A program as well as maps have been uploaded to the sports webpage on our school website. Please make sure your child wear their house colours on the day. Students will need hats, water bottles and sunscreen. Age Champion medals will be given to 9 – 12 years. Students in other events will be given 1st, 2nd & 3rd ribbons. Students finishing in the top 10 for all races will receive extra points for their house. A permission form for the day has been sent home, please return to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. This permission form is mainly for the students leaving the school grounds, however if your child has any medical conditions please let your child's teacher know. Cross Country training is available for all students from Prep to Year 6. It occurs every day from 8:15am.

North District Sport

Please check the calendar for any changes. Any students (10- 12 years) are eligible to trial for North District sports. 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. **Trials this week are Hockey – Thursday 10/3, Girls Soccer – Thursday 10/3 & Friday 11/3. Next week is Boys Soccer Thursday 17/3.**

Swimming Lost Property

Parents can 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

QLD running will be holding cross country events every Saturday. Cost is \$3. Please go to Website for more information.

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

Program is as follows.

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

Triathlon Squad

This week we have a Brick Session (Cycling and Running. Bikes need to be taken down to the cricket nets before school. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle for training sessions. Just a reminder that Early Bird entries for the Weetbix Triathlon on Sunday May 22 will close on March 27th. I have registered a school team "Everton Park State School" under the group section. Please go to <http://try.weetbix.com.au/events/brisbane> and register your child. It would be fantastic if we could have the whole squad compete at the event.

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

BOOK CLUB ISSUE #2 2016

The 2016 Issue #2 catalogues for Book Club are now out and orders close on **Wednesday 16, March 2016**. This will ensure that your orders will be received prior to school holidays. Please note that orders after this date cannot be accepted.

Scholastic has changed their catalogues, with now only one catalogue which includes selections for all ages! The previous student clubs (Wombat, Lucky, Arrow and Star) are still listed along the edge of the pages as a guide to age appropriate selections. Now families can see and order books from across all of the various book clubs.

Now that EPSS is fully registered with LOOP (Linked Ordering and Online Payment), ordering your books has never been easier. Just go online to <http://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/> and follow the steps to order and pay for your child's books. Alternatively, you can still complete the paper order form found in the middle of the catalogue and return it with your cash, cheque or voucher payment to the "Book Club" box located in the library. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to leave a message for me at the office and I will contact you as soon as possible.

Carol Morrison
(Book Club Coordinator)

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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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 bcroo4@eq.edu.au

Uniform Shop



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



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

Please use 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 is still a vacancy on the first Thursday, fifth Friday and for emergency volunteers, so if you would love to help please contact me at tuckshop@everparkss.eq.edu.au

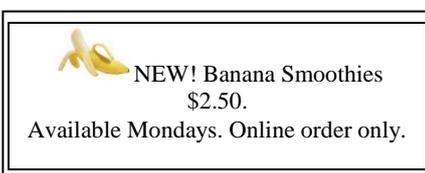
MARCH ROSTER

Thursday 10 – Jennifer Congram

Friday 11 – Ann Jabas, Rebecca Gardiner, Kirstin Banvill

Thursday 17 – Sherryn Overlack

Friday 18 – Carol McLean, Janene Ashton, Penny Valentine



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

- Flippa Ball Program
- Get Reading. Get eBooks
- Chaplaincy Donation Form