

# NEWSLETTER NO.07

MARCH 17, 2016

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH

- 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
- 18<sup>th</sup> Uniform and Tuckshop Subcommittee meeting, 2pm, Library
- 21<sup>st</sup> Parent Rep meeting at 6pm in the Library
- 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> Gold Card Movie Day in the Hall 9:30 – 11am Prep – 2;  
11:40 – 1:10 Yr 3 – 6
- 24<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 1 – Wear Orange Day

### APRIL

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

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### Chappy Night

Last Saturday night Everton Park State School hosted a pool movie night to raise money for Chaplaincy. It was a great success and I would like to thank the following people for making it the success it was: Naomi and Mike, Chappy Nikki, Dana, Nicole, Jen, Dianne, Mich and Wendy, Bo, Brendan, Shane and Sue, Alina, Jordan, Janett, Rachael, Justin and all the Mums, Dads and grandparents who came along to support the night.

### Chaplaincy Program

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, our Chaplaincy Program operates solely on donations. Unless we are successful in gaining funding, the current 2 day per week Chaplaincy service will be reduced to 1 day (from Term 2) until more funding can be secured to increase the service.

You can help! Do you enjoy a good coffee, or another tasty treat of some kind? For the cost of a coffee a week, you could support chaplaincy and help keep our service running at 2 days.



We are inviting our parent and wider community to contribute to the integral work of chaplaincy at EPSS. Please see the volunteer contribution form attached to this newsletter for details, or visit the office for a form today. Completed forms can be placed in the black Chaplaincy box in the office. Prefer to donate online? Visit [donate.to.suqld.org.au](http://donate.to.suqld.org.au). Remember to specify your gift is for Everton Park State School – and please send us an email at [chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au) so we can include it in our target!

The committee is also attempting to secure corporate sponsorship for our Chaplaincy Program. Do you have a business, or know someone who does that would like to support our Chaplaincy program? Please ask them to contact us at [chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au)

### School Crossings/Drop Off and Pick Up Zones

Safety is our number one priority - safety for our children our teachers and our community. Unfortunately, we are having some drivers using the pickup and drop off areas incorrectly. Please refer to the section below with instructions on how to use these areas.

#### How to use two minute zones:

- ✓ **Do:**
- ✓ **Use the zone like a quick moving taxi rank**
- ✓ **Move forward as space becomes available**
- ✓ **Ensure children watch for their ride and move promptly to the vehicle**
- ✓ **Load and unload passengers only at the head of the line**
- ✓ **Stay in the car unless loading/unloading baggage or passengers**

#### Don't:

- ✗ **Park for more than two minutes - you may be fined!**
- ✗ **Leave the vehicle, except to help load or unload. This is an offence during the hours of operation**
- ✗ **Reverse into the zone - you will put other children in danger. Join the queue**
- ✗ **Call children to the bottom of the queue or across the road**

#### The facts:

- In Deakin Street it is an offence to cross the School Crossing solid white line.  
**132(2) Fail to keep left of centre dividing line- \$212, 3 points.**  
**This means if you perform a three point turn on Deakin Street and encroach on the school crossing then it is not only very dangerous but you are committing an offence.**
- Deakin Street and Lyne Street - 2 minute parking zone.

### 205(1) Disobey permissive parking sign (time) - \$47.

- Barton Street - no parking from 7am to 9am and from 2pm to 4pm.

### 168(1) Stop contrary to 'NO PARKING' sign - \$47.

*Anita Bond*

Anita Bond  
Principal

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Before School Procedures for Students

I thought now would be a good time to remind all parents and carers of the before school procedures that we all need to follow here at Everton Park State School. We have had a couple of incidents of late which could have been avoided if school procedures and rules had been followed.

- Students arriving before 8:20am must go to the verandah along B Block (near the Music room) until staff instruct students to head down to the shed area.
- Students arriving after 8:20 am can head straight to the shed area.
- Students who have parents waiting with them may wait with their parents in seated areas of the school. Please note it is a school expectation that all children waiting with parents actually belong to those parents regardless of whether they received a lift with them or not and that all students are following all school rules.
- Only students who are registered with and checked into PCYC are permitted to use the PCYC areas and equipment.

### Cyber Safety and Cyberbullying

Regardless of what we all might say or do, with the world we live in, our children need our guidance to navigate through this aspect of life. The facts are our children are more likely than not going to be exposed to undesirable content on line and/or be exposed to cyberbullying. What to do? There is a lot of advice out there but the key is strong communication with your children and developing their resilience. I've included some links to information which I believe is quite useful.

- Cyber Safety - <https://www.education.gov.au/cybersafet-y-schools>
- Cyberbullying - <https://esafety.gov.au/esafety-information/esafety-issues/cyberbullying?from=cybersmart>
- Resiliency - [http://www.embracethefuture.org.au/resiliency/index.htm?http://www.embracethefuture.org.au/resiliency/what\\_is\\_resiliency.htm](http://www.embracethefuture.org.au/resiliency/index.htm?http://www.embracethefuture.org.au/resiliency/what_is_resiliency.htm)

## National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

The sixth National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is being held on Friday, **18 March 2016**. This annual day is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools and encourages all students to 'take a stand together' against bullying and violence in schools, the classroom and beyond. As our Cross Country Carnival is scheduled on this day, we will be encouraging students to wear orange on the last day of term so that we can recognise this important day. Teachers have also been provided with online resources to share with the students.

### Prep 2017 Information Session Dates

There is one change to the Prep Information Session date. Please see the revised attached flyer.

*David O'Connor*

David O'Connor  
Deputy Principal

## P&C NEWS

We're almost finished Term 1 – hasn't that gone quickly! However, there is still a lot happening before we all head off on holidays:

- Fete – I'm overwhelmed by the amount of support we've had for this year's Fete. At this stage, possible dates being considered are Oct 8 or 22. So, not only does that give us some time to get organized, but if you don't have plans around that time (NRL & AFL grand finals will be a distant memory!), let us know if you can give us a hand on the day. As well as co-ordinator positions, we also need families from each grade to help on the individual stalls. A big shout out to all of those people who have already put their hands up! The next meeting will be in Term 2, but in the meantime, simply email us at [pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au)
- There will be a heap of Easter raffle prizes this year, thanks to all of your kind donations. Particular thanks go to **Dashel from Prep K** and his family for donating a 1KG chocolate egg for the bumper first prize! Due to logistical matters, the raffle will now be drawn on Monday night at the P&C meeting, which should give the winners plenty of time to collect their prizes next week. Make sure you get your tickets and money back!
- **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 food, you will receive notification of your timeslot and any other notes soon, if you have not been informed already. Get your friends and neighbours to come along to the school to vote if they're in the

electorate. We're also listed on [www.electionsausagesizzle.com.au](http://www.electionsausagesizzle.com.au) to show everyone that we've got the best sausage sizzle in the electorate!

Have a great week and see you on Saturday if not before!  
Tanya Milgate  
P & C President

## CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Thank you so much to all the families who attended our first 'Splash-In Movie Night on Saturday. Everyone had a lot of fun. I would like to sincerely thank all the volunteers who assisted with setting up, cooking, serving food and cleaning up after the event. I would also like to thank the families for their donations which were greatly appreciated.

### Lost property

There a few items left behind including a brown pillow, tent, togs and goggles. Please email [chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au) to arrange collection.

There are many community events taking place as we get closer to Easter. There is the election on Saturday, 19 March, the Blues Music Festival, North Brisbane Easter Festival in Mitchelton, sporting and church activities and family gatherings, including Easter egg hunts. I would like to take this opportunity to refer to advice which can be taken from our Fathering Project – Helping your child learn how to win and lose well.

- Encourage your child to congratulate their opponent when they lose, not to boast when they win and to see where they succeeded or how they could improve.
- Recognize good sportsmanship in your child and others.
- Encourage/cheer good play by both sides at sporting events and do not abuse players or referees.

Chappy Nikki

## ECOMARINE NEWS

Wrapper Free Wednesday is a reality and we are looking at supporting it at Everton Park State School. We have been surveying grades to see how many students have wrapper free lunch boxes. The survey results so far are: Year 1 – 6/44, Year 2 – 11/60, Year 5 - 11/35, year 6 – 6/30. We all need to do everything we can to reduce the amount of litter we are creating and protect our local environment. Remember, "Together We Can Save The Bay!"

## 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

Do you know about the **Learning Place**. The Learning Place is the Department of Education's secure eLearning environment providing access to an innovative range of digital resources and eSpaces for teaching and learning, collaborating and networking. Our students can access this site from home by using their user names and passwords. Students can go to the student space and search for resources and they may also be able to connect to a Virtual Classroom via elearn (this is set up by teachers).

[education.qld.gov.au/learningplace](http://education.qld.gov.au/learningplace)

Do you know that all state school students from Prep to Year 12 can now download multiple free copies of the Microsoft Office 2013 Suite to their personal home and mobile computer equipment. Information about this can be found on the Learning Place site. Any queries please email or drop in.



Ms Lukey  
Teacher Librarian  
[bluke1@eg.edu.au](mailto:bluke1@eg.edu.au)

## CHEERLEADING

Term 2 is approaching! This means that the Pups and Reserves teams will start Cheerleading practises.

Pups - Prep - Year 2 - practise will be on a Monday morning from 7.45-8.30am

Reserves - Year 3-6 - practise will be on a Tuesday morning from 7.45-8.30am.

The first session will be held in WEEK 2, Term 2 (Pups - 18 April, Reserves - 19 April).

Cheerleading is open to everyone, so if you are interested in joining us, come along next term. Practises are held in the school hall. Simply bring a water bottle with you. All permission notes will be handed out at the first session. If you have any questions, please contact me on [kroge8@eg.edu.au](mailto:kroge8@eg.edu.au).

Cheer squad - a reminder that we only have one practise left for this term which is Monday 21 March.

Miss Rogers  
Cheerleading Coach

## PE NEWS

### School Cross Country

**Our School Cross Carnival is this Friday, 18 March from 9:00 – 11:00am.**

A program was emailed home to all parents last week. Our first race will start at approximately 9:05am, races will be approximately 5 minutes apart. 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ribbons, as well as a certificate. Students finishing in the top 10 for all races will receive extra points for their house. All students who participate in the race will receive a point for their house. A permission form for the day has been sent home. Please return it to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. This permission form is mainly for the students running outside the school grounds. However, if your child has any medical conditions please let your child's teacher know. Parents are more than welcome to come and watch for the morning. Seating for parents is the top 2 rows of the terraces. Students will need to sit with the other students in their house. Parents please keep well back from the finish line. Fencing will be up to show out of bounds areas for spectators. Cross Country training will be on next week for our school cross country team, (students finishing in the top 6 for 10 - 12 years)

### 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 Swimming and Cycling training. Bikes need to be taken down to the cricket nets before school. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle for training sessions. This is our

## 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).

last session for the term. Thanks so much to all the parents that have helped out for training sessions. Parents can you please make sure that your child is filling out their training booklet. Triathletes should be training at least 3-4 sessions per week over the holidays. All 3 disciplines need to be covered, especially the area of most improvement needed. 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> and register your child. It would be fantastic if we could have the whole squad compete at the event. I am very proud and happy with how hard the students have trained this term. Well done to all students.

Thank you  
Ian Bird  
HBPE Teacher  
[ibird1@eq.edu.au](mailto: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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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.

## MUSIC NEWS

Our two music groups Junior Choir and Elements have been working really well and both

groups are starting to have their own distinctive sound. We will commence performances in

Term 2, as we will not have Friday parades until then. This Friday 18 March will be Junior Choir's last rehearsal, and Elements will have their last rehearsal next Tuesday 22 March. Well done to everyone so far!

Bernadette Crook  
Classroom Music Teacher

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

For all band queries (woodwind, brass and percussion) contact Penny Hall at [phall35@eq.edu.au](mailto:phall35@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 AND TUCKSHOP SUBCOMMITTEE

There is a meeting THIS FRIDAY in the library at 2pm. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.

We are currently looking for a new Secretary who would be available every second Friday of the month for our usual meeting time. If you can take notes and type them up in a pre-set template, then you can absolutely do the job! We are a friendly group who make the meetings most enjoyable.

If you would like more information come to Fridays meeting and see what we do.

See you Friday.  
Karla Chaffey

## 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.

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

## MARCH ROSTER

Thursday 17 – Sherryn Overlack

Friday 18 – Carol McLean, Janene Ashton, Penny Valentine

Thursday 24 – Melissa Lynch, two others please



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

- Craigslea State High School Open Day flyer
- Mitchelton State High School Open Day flyer
- Chaplaincy Donation form
- 2017 Prep Enrolment Process