

# NEWSLETTER NO.08

MARCH 23, 2016

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **MARCH**

- 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> Indigenous Parents Forum at 6pm in the Library  
18<sup>th</sup> P&C meeting at 7:00pm in Library  
20<sup>th</sup> ANZAC ceremony 9:00am at the pool  
25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day public holiday

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### **Cross Country**

I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in organising the Cross Country on Friday. It was really terrific seeing our kids giving their all and trying their best. It was a warm day and the spirit with which these events were held made me so proud.

Congratulations to all those who participated.

I'd also like to thank all the parents, grandparents, and family member who came along to support the kids. It's events like this that make me realise what a terrific school community we have.



#### Easter Hat Parade

It was a terrific turnout for the Easter Hat Parade today. We had some amazing creations and some excellent chicken dancing happening.

A warning for next year, we are going to have everyone participating in the chicken dance so brush up your steps for 2016!

#### Year 3 Celebration of Learning

Congratulations to the Year 3 teachers and students on a successful celebration of learning this morning. It was wonderful to see so many parents actively engaged in learning experiences with their children. Thank you to the parents for their participation and to our Year 3 teachers for organizing this event.



#### Welcome to our new Acting Principal

During the last 24 hours I have been provided with an opportunity to act as Principal at Ashgrove State School for a period of 6 months. Angelic Padgett, the Principal of Mt Gravatt East State School, will be taking up the position as Principal of Everton Park State School in my absence. Angelic will be continuing to implement our Improvement Agenda and will follow on with the plans that we have made for 2016. I know that our school community will make her feel welcome and I look forward to seeing you all upon my return.

Thanks to everyone for a great term and I wish everyone a safe and restful Easter break.

*Anita Bond*

Anita Bond  
Principal

#### FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

##### Surviving the school holidays

The school holidays are upon us. Blessing or blemish, it's all up to you... Holidays will mean more trips to the movies (all of which will be in 3D and cost more than a 2 hour massage), at least 100 more utterances of *I'm bored* and 50% greater chance of premature hair loss for us fathers.

With all that in mind, there are some fun tips and tricks to save you money, while making the 2016 Easter school holidays memorable (in the best kind of way!).

##### 1. Organise play dates

Organise alternating play dates with other parents from your son or daughter's class. Your children will maintain friendships and you'll get to know other mums and dads. And if you play your cards right, you'll score yourself some spare time to indulge in trashy DVD marathon.

##### 2. Plan a quick family holiday

A longer time frame for your kids Easter school holidays, may give you the chance for a quick holiday interstate or overseas (ahh, cocktails by the pool).

##### 3. Holiday Coaching Clinics

Start your offspring on the road to sports stardom with a stint at the many sports

clinics on offer over holiday periods. Sure there is a cost involved, but who knows, maybe you might uncover some hidden talents....

##### 4. Organise indoor activities

The weather of late has been unpredictable to say the least. In the case of heavy rain, organise indoor activities to keep your kids entertained. Fun events like pyjama parties with egg painting or basket making will make the Easter school holidays a blast. And when it all gets a bit tiring, sign up at your local library and you'll be able to borrow books and DVDs for free.

##### 5. Take advantage of cheap outdoor activities

Sick of being cooped up in the house? Instead of heading to the movies, check out some of the cheap holiday activities on offer in your local area. Check out sites like [BrisbaneKids](http://BrisbaneKids.com) for some great ideas to fill in the time at a cheap price. For heaps of other options, check out the state government website: [QLD](http://QLD.com)

##### 6. Fun Websites That Promote Learning

I know having children in front of a screen is not always the best answer, however there are some options which are OK. Check out the couple of options I have included as an example of a positive web experience.



**Web sites for learning and fun -- for kids and parents together..**

This week's Site to See:

**Word Builder**  
<http://www.harcourtschool.com/menus/auto/18/49.html>

Unscramble the letters to spell grade-level words. (All grades)

©Copyright EducationWorld.com



**Web sites for learning and fun -- for kids and parents together..**

This week's Site to See:

**Addition MATHO**  
<http://www.aplusmath.com/games/matho/AddMatho.html>

It's BINGO with numbers. Solve problems as the clock ticks. (Grades 2-up)

©Copyright EducationWorld.com

## 7. Enjoy

Enjoy the Easter break and share some special time with your kids. See you next Term!



David O'Connor  
Deputy Principal

## P&C NEWS

What a huge first term this has been! Thanks to all of you who took the time to attend the first Parent Rep meeting of the year, as well as those who came for the P & C meeting. With so much happening at the moment, there was a lot to discuss and plan for. We also drew the Easter Raffle and the 6 winners will be notified - congratulations! Thanks to everyone who donated prizes.

**Mothers Day:** With this special day only a few weeks away, we need to start organising the Mother's Day stall. For those of you who are unaware, each year we run a stall for the children to purchase a gift for the lovely lady in their lives (which makes Dad's life MUCH easier!) In order to make this happen, we need volunteers to help run the stall, as well as a co-ordinator. The stall will be on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, so if you're available, please let us know. It would be great if we could have some Dads selling the gifts, so the Mum's don't have to act surprised. J

**Election Day:** What a great result the P & C had for Election Day. We had some fantastic volunteers on the day, as well as some yummy treats to sell. It was almost enough to forget why we were there! We made around \$1,000 for the school so it was a fabulous effort.

**Fete:** Whilst we have had a huge number of people put their hands up to take on various roles for this year's Fete, there are two very important roles that still remain vacant – Entertainment co-ordinator and Fete co-ordinator. There will be further information coming through via your Parent Reps, but if you know anyone at the school who would be ideal for either of these roles, please have a chat to them or let us know at [pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au). The Fete is our main fundraiser for this year and goes a long way to funding many of the projects that our Families want to see happen. Plus it's a wonderful opportunity to showcase all that is great about our school and we know the students always look forward to it!

Have a wonderful Easter and stay safe over the holidays.

Tanya Milgate  
P & C President

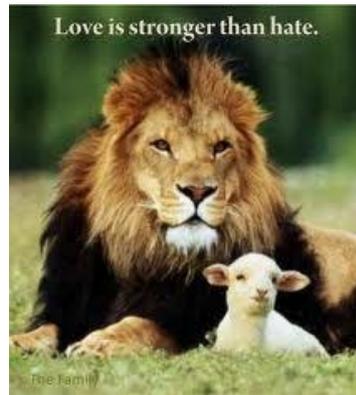
## STUDENT PAYMENTS

Please note that we will be issuing an End of Term Statement to show any outstanding items.

If you have any enquiries please don't hesitate to contact me by email [jlenz3@eq.edu.au](mailto:jlenz3@eq.edu.au)

## CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Our last week is going to be so Egggggggsciting  
Have a safe and happy Easter to all our EPSS Families.



Spend time laughing, loving and listening this Easter.

For all our amazing children please see the attached Easter Lamb Chatterbox.



Chappy Nikki

## 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.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Our library will be closed during the holidays but the wonderful **City Council libraries** are open and many of them will offer **Maker Spaces** every day. Drop into the library these school holidays for free children's craft activities. New projects will be available each week. Ideal for children aged 4-11 years. The [Queensland State Schools ebooks digital library](#) is open 24/7 also.

Looking for some fun and creative learning? Get into **coding** with [Scratch](#) and/or [Tynker](#) online or download the apps, Scratch Junior and Tynker from iTunes.

Want to keep up to date with being **safe online** for your family. Visit [esafety.gov.au](http://esafety.gov.au), explore safely together and sign up for their newsletter. Another site I find useful is [Common sense media](#). **Common Sense Media** helps families make smart media choices. They offer a large library of independent age-based and educational ratings and review for movies, games, apps, TV shows, websites, books, and music. They have a blog to help families understand and

navigate the problems and possibilities of raising children in the digital age. What has been the most popular series for Term 1? **Goosebumps!** The American author R.L. Stine was born in 1943 and Goosebumps is now one of the best-selling children's series of all time - 350 million English language books in print, plus an additional 50+ million international copies in print in 32 languages. Wishing our fantastic school community, a safe and happy Easter break.

Ms Lukey  
Teacher Librarian  
[bluke1@eq.edu.au](mailto:bluke1@eq.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@eq.edu.au](mailto:kroge8@eq.edu.au).

Miss Rogers  
Cheerleading Coach

## PE NEWS

### Cross Country House Results

1 <sup>st</sup>	Gold	734 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Green	611 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Red	600 points

Congratulations to the following Cross Country champions and place getters. Well done.

### Prep Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Lily W
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Megan R
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Cemre R

### Prep Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Aiden S
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jack P
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alex K

### Year 1 Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Savungi B
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lulu T
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ruby B

### Year 1 Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Parham M
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Archie M
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sam R

### Year 2 Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Charlotte C
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jayden V
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Hannah S

### Year 2 Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Flynn M
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sam W
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jack W

### Year 3 Girls

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wilhelmina S
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Heaven H
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Elizabeth E

### Year 3 Boys

1 <sup>st</sup>	Michael G
-----------------	-----------

2<sup>nd</sup> Seth L  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thomas A

#### 9 Year Old Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Alyssa K  
2<sup>nd</sup> Matilda B  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bailey S

#### 9 Year Old Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Xavier T  
2<sup>nd</sup> Eden V  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kaylan J

#### 10 Year Old Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Amelia R  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kaylee R  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tiffany S

#### 10 Year Old Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Tomas K  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alan K  
3<sup>rd</sup> Elijah J

#### 11 Year Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Charlee E  
2<sup>nd</sup> Leila M  
3<sup>rd</sup> Paige W

#### 11 Year Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Spencer A  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ethan D  
3<sup>rd</sup> Jack J

#### 12 Year Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Maddison K  
2<sup>nd</sup> Maridon D  
3<sup>rd</sup> Isabella H

#### 12 Year Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Brandon F  
2<sup>nd</sup> Harley O  
3<sup>rd</sup> Matthew I

Well done to all participants.

Thank you

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

## 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 Shop



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

### Price Rises

Please note that as of Term 2 the price of hats will be going from \$10 to \$15. The Uniform Shop has been absorbing the difference in cost price for many years and unfortunately we are unable to do that anymore.

We are also increasing the price we are selling second hand from \$10 to \$15 (normal second hand) and \$20 to \$25 for jackets.

Hats – \$15  
Second Hand clothes - \$15 (normal)  
Second Hand Jackets - \$25

### 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)

### APRIL ROSTER

Thursday 14 – Sherryn Overlack  
Friday 15 – Janene Ashton, Carol McLean, Penny Valentine

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Katrina Coomber  
Tuckshop Convenor



NEW! Banana Smoothies  
\$2.50.

Available Mondays. Online order only.

## 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).

## ATTACHMENTS

- Easter Lambs Chatterbox
- Ferny Grove State High School