

NEWSLETTER NO.12

MAY 4, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 3-10th Yellow Ribbon Days
- 5th Mother's Day Stall in the Hall 9:00am – 1:00pm
- 6th Interschool Gala Day
- 10th Breakfast Club before school, the Hall
- 10-12th NAPLAN testing
- 13th Uniform/Tuckshop Sub Committee meeting, 2pm in Library
- 16th Prep – 2 Chess Incursion
- 16th P&C Meeting 7pm in Library
- 19th Year 4 – 6 Chess Incursion
- 20th Walk to School Day
- 20th Year 3 Chess Incursion
- 25TH Winter Band Concert, 6pm in the Hall

JUNE

- 8th Northside Band Blitz, Aspley State School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Members of our School Community

What a fantastic place Everton Park State School is in which to work, learn, play and celebrate.

I have had the pleasure of visiting many classrooms, viewing the school's writing program in action. I have been most impressed with the students' ability to articulate their individual writing goals, as well as informing me about the next step that is required for them to improve their writing. Please ask your child about their current writing goal as well as the processes they are using to achieve this goal.

NAPLAN

Next week we commence the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for students in Years 3 and 5. The tests provide parents and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. They also provide schools with information about how education programs are working and what areas need to be prioritised for improvement. ***The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to reassure your child that NAPLAN tests are just one part of their school program, and to urge them to simply do the best they can on the day. Please assist your child by ensuring they have had a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and come to school with a positive attitude.*** If your child is absent at the time of testing they will be given some time on the Friday to complete some of the missed tests. A NAPLAN report will be issued by the school later in the year. The same report format is used for every student in Australia. I would like to thank Tony Lynam from Woolworths Everton Park for donating fruit to our Years 3 and 5 students during NAPLAN to assist with sustaining the students' energy levels.

NO ASSEMBLY

There will not be an Assembly this Friday due to the second interschool Gala Day. I wish students the best of luck and know that every student representing our school will do us proud and show great sportsmanship regardless of the outcome.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Lastly, please support the Mothers' Day stall to be held this Thursday. The P&C support our school immensely and it would be greatly appreciated if we could reciprocate.

Thanking you for your support,

Ange Padgett
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

What benefits can come from sport?

Most parents wish to encourage their children to play sport to help them feel valued and to ensure they are active. Every child can be successful in some shape or form of sport at their own level. Not many things in life afford children such an opportunity to develop positive character traits and to soak up so many quality values as sports does. Here are some benefits that may come from playing sports:

- Children's character and moral principles are formed through fair play. Moreover, children who are actively engaged in sports can be good role models for their peers from school and their neighbourhood and inspire them to start playing some sports as well.
- Playing sports enables them to create friendships they otherwise might not have formed. For example, the friendships athletes create on the field remain intact even when they are not playing sports and often last a lifetime.
- Sport brings people together from all walks of life, regardless of their nationality, religion, culture or race.
- Teamwork and benefits of social interaction among children are best seen in sports. Children learn they are part of a team that requires the same effort and input from all members to succeed, as well as how to win with class, and lose with dignity.
- They view competitions on and off the field as opportunities to learn from their success and mistakes. In addition, if losing is framed correctly, it often motivates children to work even harder for the next time.
- They learn to respect authority, rules, team colleagues and opponents.
- Sport is an important learning environment for children. Numerous studies have shown that children who play sports perform better at school. It is also within sport that peer acceptance is established and developed.
- Sports experiences help building positive self-esteem in children.
- In addition, participating in sport can be a helpful way of reducing stress and increased feelings of physical and mental well-being. The point is to keep the body in good health in order to be able to keep your mind strong and clear.

When children learn positive life lessons through sport, there is no doubt they will develop into positive and caring young adults who are contributors to society.

I cannot stress enough how important it is to not impose unrealistic expectations and overly hard to achieve goals on children. Celebrate the successes regardless of how small they may be and then build on them. Children should participate in sport not just for instant results, but rather to develop their physical, fair play and intellectual skills. Otherwise, forcing a child to play sport may create a negative outlook and as a result make them develop an aversion to sport in general. Remember, you are the role model here and you can have a massive effect on the long term attitude your child has to physical activity.

David O'Connor
Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS

We've got a big week coming up with the Mother's Day stall on Thursday. I know my children are looking forward to purchasing their own gifts. It gives them such a sense of pride and Jules Aldridge has gone to a huge effort to make sure that we can look forward to receiving something special on Sunday. A flyer has been attached to this week's newsletter and Prep/Grade 1 parents have received a special note already with instructions to help the day run smoothly. If you have any queries about the stall, please contact us via pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au. A big thank you to those people who have volunteered already.

I have been hearing some fantastic plans for this year's Fete. It's wonderful to know that we have access to such a varied pool of talent in the EPSS community and, thanks to all of those talented people, this could be our biggest Fete yet! Whilst rides & BBQ's are a cornerstone of school Fete's around the nation, we are seeking ideas that will make us stand out from all of the rest. Do you have something in mind that would have people racing through the gates to see? Perhaps thinking back to your school Fetes will give you some ideas (for some of us that trip back in time could take a little longer!). What is your favourite memory from that time? Leave a message on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/EPSSPandC or email us via pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au and let us know.

Have a great week
Tanya Milgate
P & C President
pandcpresident@everparkss.eq.edu.au

FETE 2016

Donations required for the Book Stall
Please bring your donations of pre-loved books into the library where they will be stored for our upcoming Fete on September 10.

Many Thanks
Fete Committee

LIBRARY NEWS

May is Scholastic National Family Reading Month. Read more in May and you could be one of 20 students per State and Territory to win \$100 worth of book vouchers! Fill in a log, read at least 10 minutes per day during May and enter. How easy is that! Details at <http://scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/competitions/nfrm.asp>

Parents did you know that one of the top 3 predictors of reading frequency among kids aged 6-11 years is parental encouragement of reading for fun?

Just a reminder that **Morning Reading Club** starts at 8.20am every Monday to Thursday. Students should be on the veranda and walk down with the Teacher Aides as they take everyone down to the Shed.

Any queries please email or drop in.

Ms Lukey
Teacher Librarian
bluke1@eq.edu.au

ART CLUB



Term 2

Art Club is held on a Wednesday during second break. However, this term we will be alternating the age groups of the children as follows:

May 11	Years 3 - 6
May 18	Prep - 2
May 25	Years 3 - 6
June 1	Prep - 2
June 8	Years 3 - 6
June 15	Prep - 2

All students attending Art Club still need to meet Mrs Johnson in the Shed and she will accompany you to the Art Space.

Parent helpers welcome.

YELLOW RIBBON ROAD SAFETY WEEK 3 – 10 May 2016

Every day thousands of emergency first responders risk their lives protecting motorists.

Whether it's the police, ambulance, fire and rescue personnel or RACQ's patrol and tow truck operators, they all depend upon the awareness of passing motorists to keep them safe.

Yellow Ribbon Day was launched nationally by Safer Australian Roads and Highways (SARAH) Inc in May 2012 to promote road safety, especially for those who work on the roads, and support those affected by road tragedy.

The campaign is an initiative of Peter Frazer, whose daughter, Sarah, was

killed in a tragic accident that occurred on the Hume Highway earlier that year. On May 3 – 10 slow down and give others space. Drive so others survive.

Message from Stuart Gardner Manager Road Safety SEQN

School crossing supervisors contribute to Transport and Main Roads' positive profile in the community. They have an extremely important role - to promote road safety among young children and educate them on how to use a supervised crossing. This Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week we say thank you to our School Crossing Supervisors!

School Crossing Supervisors play a vital role in keeping our children safe. They improve the safety of travel to and from school for students in the city as well as regional and remote areas, whether they walk, cycle or travel by bus or car. In hot, cold or wet weather, the supervisors are there, ensuring children are kept out of harm's way.

Supervised crossings are an important part of Transport and Main Roads' road safety program. I cannot stress enough the importance of a school crossing supervisor's role.

School crossing supervisors are the unsung heroes of school road safety. They play a vital role in helping thousands of students get to and from school safely each day.

This week is Yellow Ribbon Road Safety Week when we say thank you to those who assist us on the roads and help us stay safe.

'Please stay safe on the roads'

Debbie Turner
Road Safety Officer | Seq North

YEAR 6 YEARBOOK 2016 COVER DESIGN COMPETITION

All Year 6 students are invited to enter the cover design competition for their yearbook. Students may submit individual or group entries and enter more than once.

All entries should be on A4-sized paper with the words "Year 6 Yearbook 2016" and "Everton Park State School" appearing somewhere in the design.

Designers should put their names and class/es on the back of their designs.

Entries are to be placed in the Yearbook Cover Design Entry Box in 6P's classroom by 18 May.

Best of luck to all entrants from the Yearbook Committee!

MUSIC NEWS

Junior Choir and Elements members will perform at the Winter Concert on Wednesday, 25 May commencing at 6.00pm.

You will be required to dress in your school uniform, black shoes and white socks. Hair accessories should be in school colours.

Don't forget that every rehearsal is very important, as we learn new things every time we perform our songs. Please be here at 8.00am Tuesday for Elements, and 8.00am Friday for Junior Choir.

Bernadette Crook
Classroom Music Teacher

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to all of the Year 4, 5 and 6 String and Senior Band students who performed very well at Wavell State High School last Thursday!! It was an awesome day and our students did a great job at the concert and their behaviour was excellent. For any further information about music scholarships that are offered to Year 6 students at Wavell State High School please contact Mrs Alisa Jones at ajone55@eq.edu.au

Our Winter Concert for all Choirs, String groups and Band groups will be held on WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY at 6.00pm at Everton Park State School Hall. There will be more information in coming weeks. Children will be required to be dressed in their music uniforms.

INVOICES WILL BE SENT HOME FOR OUR SCHOOL MUSIC SHIRTS - PLEASE MAKE SURE MONEY IS PAID BY FRIDAY, 13 MAY

NORTHSIDE BAND BLITZ –
WEDNESDAY, 8 JUNE AT ASPLEY STATE SCHOOL HALL

Information was emailed to all of Penny's Beginner Band students last week about the Northside Band Blitz for Band students in their first year of learning a band instrument which will be held at Aspley State School on Wednesday, 8 JUNE. Please make sure that the \$40 payment and permission forms are at our school office by FRIDAY, 20 MAY - NO LATE FORMS AND PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.

For all band information please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au (Penn works at our school on Wednesdays)

For all string information please contact Anne Keenan at akeen9@eq.edu.au - Anne works at our school on Thursdays

For all classroom music queries or choir or elements queries contact Bernadette Crook at bcrook4@eq.edu.au - Bernadette works at our school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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 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 Flexischools. 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 Flexischools.

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.

Please use our online ordering system, flexischools.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.

EMERGENCY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE –

If you would love to help in Tuckshop but can't commit to a regular gig, consider putting your name down as an emergency volunteer. Please contact me at tuckshop@everparkss.eq.edu.au

MAY ROSTER

Thursday 5 – Misato Betts

Friday 6 – Joy Wood, Ann Jabas, Julie Beardmore

Thursday 12 – Melissa Lynch

Friday 13 – Karla Chaffey, Rebecca Gardiner, Kirstin Banvill



Banana Smoothies \$2.50.
Available Mondays. Online order only.



***Winter Menu Term 2 and
3***

Hawaiian or BBQ Chicken

Pizza \$3.50

Warm Milo \$1.50

Garlic Bread \$1.10

Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor

ATTACHMENTS

- EPSS Calendar
- Mother's Day flyer