

# NEWSLETTER NO.13

MAY 11, 2016

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **MAY**

- 10-12<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN testing
- 13<sup>th</sup> Uniform/Tuckshop Sub Committee meeting, 2pm in Library
- 16<sup>th</sup> Prep – 2 Chess Incursion
- 16<sup>th</sup> Parent Rep meeting and P&C Meeting 7pm in Library
- 17<sup>th</sup> ICAS Digital Technologies
- 19<sup>th</sup> Year 4 – 6 Chess Incursion
- 20<sup>th</sup> Walk to School Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Chess Incursion
- 25<sup>th</sup> Winter Band Concert, 6pm in the Hall
- 26<sup>th</sup> National Sorry Day Ceremony, Teralba Park 6:50am
- 27<sup>th</sup> Interschool Sport Gala Day
- 30 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 6 Camp at Tallebudgera Camp School
- 31<sup>st</sup> ICAS Science

### **JUNE**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Northside Band Blitz, Aspley State School
- 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 Prep Information Sessions in Hall  
9:30am – 10:30am ; 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Senior 400m and 800m athletic events
- 17<sup>th</sup> Senior Athletics Carnival
- 20<sup>th</sup> P&C meeting 7pm in Library

## **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.

### **Naplan**

This week Year 3 and Year 5 students are involved in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The NAPLAN assessments are just one piece of evidence that provides the school with information about students, but, more importantly gives us information at a school level about the success of our programs and possible areas we need to focus on.

### **Data Meetings**

During this term all teachers are involved in data meetings with Mrs Campbell and myself. At these meetings we delve into individual student progress as well as unpack the curriculum demands of the upcoming English unit to allow us to better cater for all individual needs. This is a big investment for our school but necessary as all teachers are able to map out a plan to allow all students to progress. This is differentiation in action.

### **Feedback Survey**

During Term 1 parents were surveyed to ascertain feedback about Everton Park State School. The feedback was very pleasing. One area that did provide us with some future direction was the way the school manages behaviour as well as the need to tighten up on communication. We have listened to your feedback. I am pleased to inform parents that the school has re-formed a Positive Behaviour for Learning Team. This team consists of teachers, David and myself, a teacher aide, a parent representative and a representative from the PCYC. The aim of this team is to formulate and implement a prioritised action plan that guides our work in this area to ensure consistency. I will communicate what these actions are as soon as they have been finalised.

### **Staff Events**

Next Tuesday our staff will be involved in a twilight professional development session. The focus for the twilight will be 'Essential Skills in Classroom Management'. This workshop explores ten strategies that staff can use to manage

both positive and negative student behaviour. The strategies gained from this workshop will allow us to tighten our approach to enable a more consistent approach throughout the school.

On Wednesday our staff will be involved in a moderation session with a number of schools from our cluster. It is important our teachers collaborate with teachers from other schools to ensure consistency and comparability in relation to the Australian Curriculum.

Lastly thank you all for supporting the P&C Mothers' Day stall. I trust all our mums had an awesome and restful day. Next P&C meeting is on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm. A Parent Representative meeting will take place prior to this at 6pm. I hope to see you there. Thanking you for your support,



Ange Padgett  
Principal

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Managing Our Children's Behaviours at Home

One of the biggest challenges parents face is managing difficult or defiant behaviour on the part of children. Whether they're refusing to put on their shoes, or throwing full-blown tantrums, you can find yourself at a loss for an effective way to respond.

For parents at their wits end, behavioural management techniques can provide a roadmap to calmer, more consistent ways to manage problem behaviours and offers a chance to help children develop the skills they need to regulate their own behaviours.

### ABC's of behaviour management

To understand and respond effectively to problematic behaviour, you have to think about what came before it, as well as what comes after it. There are three important aspects to any given behaviour:

- **Antecedents:** preceding factors that make a behaviour more or less likely to occur. Another, more familiar term for this is **triggers**. Learning and anticipating antecedents is an extremely helpful tool in preventing misbehaviour.
- **Behaviours:** the specific actions you are trying to encourage or discourage.
- **Consequences:** the results that naturally or logically follow a behaviour. Consequences, positive or negative, affect the likelihood of a behaviour recurring. And the more immediate the consequence, the more powerful it is.

We're getting to that part of the semester where our children are starting to turn it on and push some buttons.

Here is some advice that has been proven to help. The first list contains some things which are guaranteed to make your life harder!

- Assuming expectations are understood: Don't assume kids know what is expected of them. - spell it out! Demands change from situation to situation and when children are unsure of what they are supposed to be doing, they're more likely to misbehave.
- Calling things out from a distance: Be sure to tell children important instructions face-to-face. Things yelled from a distance are less likely to be remembered, cared about and understood.
- Transitioning without warning: Transitions can be hard for kids, especially in the middle of something they are enjoying. Being given warning gives children the chance to find a good stopping place for an activity and makes the transition less fraught with the chance of disaster.
- Asking rapid-fire questions, or giving a series of instructions: Firing a series of questions or instructions at children limits the likelihood that a child will hear, answer or understand questions, remember the tasks and do what he/she's been instructed to do.

Now I know it's easier said than done but these do help!

- Be aware of the situation: Consider and manage environmental and emotional factors-hunger, fatigue, anxiety, or distractions can all make it much more difficult for children to rein in their behaviour.
- Adjust the environment: When it's homework time (groan!), for instance, remove distractions like video screens and toys, provide a snacks, establish an organized place for kids to work and make sure to give them some breaks-attention isn't infinite.
- Make expectations clear: You'll get better cooperation if both you and your child are clear on what's expected. Sit down with him/her and present the information verbally. Even if he/she "should" know what is expected, clarifying expectations at the outset of a task helps head off misunderstandings down the line. This one actually is one of the keys to having a win with almost any situation.
- Provide countdowns for transitions: Whenever possible, prepare children for an upcoming transition. Let them know when there are, say, 10 minutes remaining before they must come to dinner or start their homework. Then, remind them, when there are say, 2 minutes, left. Just as important as issuing the countdown is actually making the transition at the stated time. Follow through!
- Let kids have a choice: As kids grow up, it's important they have a say in their own daily time-tabling.

Giving a structured choice—"Do you want to take a shower after dinner or before?"—can help them feel empowered and encourage them to become more self-regulating. After all, isn't that our overall goal?

- Be consistent: Randomly administering consequences when you're feeling frustrated undermines the system and makes it harder for your child to connect behaviours with consequences.
- Set rules and follow them, again – follow through! A consequence, e.g. Time-out, should end only once your child has been calm and quiet briefly so they learn to associate the end of the consequence with the desired behaviour.

Peace in the family home is golden. Be proactive and Peace Out!!



David O'Connor  
Deputy Principal

## CHAPLAINCY NEWS

It is great to see so many students in the Chappy room at lunch time on Mondays. I also want to commend the students on their attendance and behaviour at the Anzac service at Gaythorne RSL. It was such an early start but so worthwhile.

Next week is Chappy Week. What does that mean to you?

It means activities at lunch times next Tuesday, 17 May and it also means its McChappy Meal Night at McDonalds Stafford.

Please come along and enjoy some fun between 6:00pm and 7:00pm. There will be raffles with awesome prizes and don't forget the playground.

Remember, the best relationships are the ones where your love for each other exceeds your need for each other.

## P&C NEWS

I hope all of our special ladies enjoyed Mother's Day on Sunday? The gifts from my children were absolutely gorgeous, both from the Mother's Day stall as well as the class-made ones. Thank you to our EPSS Teachers who spend so much time and energy creating opportunities for our children like this. As for Thursday's stall – what a success! **Jules Aldridge** and **Cherie Dux** came in with a new idea for running the stall and it paid off. There was a fantastic variety of quality gifts and the children still got to enjoy the experience whilst the day ran so efficiently. A big thank you to everyone who helped us have such a great day!

Have you been lamenting the lack of suitable car parks around the school lately, particularly with all of the building works happening? You may then be interested in coming along to this year's Fete where we will be auctioning off the

Principal and Deputy Principal carparks for a week! This is just one of the many activities that will be happening on the day. Keep an eye out for further information from our Fete Co-ordinator, **Renee Kempin** and if you have any ideas you would like to share, leave a message on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/EPSSPandC](http://www.facebook.com/EPSSPandC) or email us via [pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au) and let us know.

Order packs will be on their way home soon for Entertainment Books! We managed to sell a whopping 70 books last year – let's see if we can beat that number. Personally I prefer the digital version. It doesn't matter where we are, I can check out what offers are available nearby and it is always up to date with new offers. Plus you don't have to remember to lug the heavy book with you or grab the right tickets! Information about the digital versions will be coming soon via Parent Reps and our Facebook page.

Another important date is Monday, 16 May. On that night, we have not only our regular P&C meeting, but also our Parent Rep meeting beforehand. This is the ideal forum to look at the challenges and opportunities that face us as a school community and how we can get the best result for the most important people, our students.

Have a great week – and best wishes to our Year 3 & 5 students who are completing NAPLAN testing this week. Just remember, it's only a few days out of your whole school journey.

Have a great week  
Tanya Milgate  
P & C President  
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## 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

## 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!

## VACANCY SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS

A Casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at Everton Park State School.

The School Crossing Supervisor may be required to work five days per week in *all weather conditions*. The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor are 1 hour and 15 minutes a day and comprises 45 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon.

The current rate of pay is \$28.18 per hour.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment.
- A Positive Notice Blue Card (This means you do **not** need to have a blue card to apply for the position)

Closing date for applications:  
**WEDNESDAY, 18 MAY 2016**

Completed applications should be returned to:

The Business Service Manager  
Everton Park State School  
Deakin Street  
Everton Park Qld 4053

## 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 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.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Triathlon training will take place on Friday, May 20. Students need gear for all three sports.

On Wednesday, 14 June the 400m and 800m events for 9 – 12 year olds will be held.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final Gala Day will be held on Friday, 27 May.

The Athletics Carnival for 9 – 12 year olds is on Friday 17 June.

## INTERSCHOOL GALA DAY RESULTS

### BOYS SOCCER

#### Year 4

Everton Park 1 v Albany Hills – won 8-0  
Everton Park 1 v Albany Creek – won 4-2

Everton Park 1 v McDowall – won 8-1  
Everton Park 2 v Albany Hills – lost 0-4  
Everton Park 2 v Albany Creek – lost 2-3  
Everton Park 2 v McDowall – lost 0-13  
Everton Park 3 – bye  
Everton Park v McDowall – lost 1-3  
Everton Park 3 v Albany Hills – lost 1-5

#### Year 5

Everton Park 2 v Albany Creek – lost 0-8  
Everton Park 1 v Aspley – lost 9-0  
Everton Park 2 v Craigslea 1 – drew 1-1  
Everton Park 1 v Northside Christian College 2 – won 6-0  
Everton Park 1 v Albany Hills 1 – won 5-0  
Everton Park 2 v Prince of Peace 1 – won 0-6

### GIRLS SOCCER

#### Seniors

Everton Park A v Albany Hills B – won 6-0  
Everton Park A v Albany Hills A – lost 1-0  
Everton Park A v Albany Creek – won 5-0  
Everton Park A v Northside Christian College – won 3-1  
Everton Park B v Aspley – lost 5-0  
Everton Park v Albany Creek – drew 0-0

### NETBALL

#### Year 4 Girls

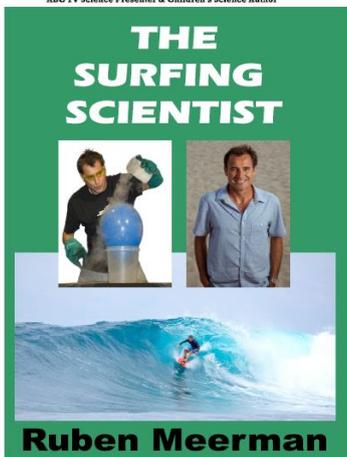
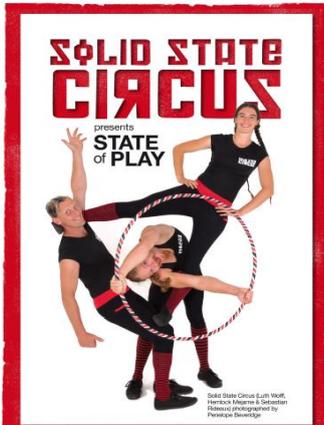
Everton Park Blue v Albany Hills – lost 0-3  
Everton Park Blue v Northside Christian College – lost 2-1  
Everton Park Blue v Albany Creek – lost 2-0  
Everton Park Blue v Eaton's Hill – won 3-1  
Everton Park Green v Albany Hills – drew 1-1  
Everton Park Green v Eaton's Hill – lost 3-0  
Everton Park Green v Albany Creek – lost 3-0

## LIBRARY NEWS

In the lead up to **Book Week in Term 3**, I usually book live performances for our students. We have had some fabulous authors, poets, musicians, actors and comedians over the past couple of years. Who could forget the craziness of author/comedian, Oliver Phommavanh (*Thai-riffic, Con-nerd*), the madcap poetry of Steven Herrick (*Untangling Spaghetti*), the funny, toe-tapping lyrics by singer/songwriter, Craig Smith (*Wonky Donkey*), and one of my favourites, The Bamboo Theatre performing *Ugly Snow-rella*.

On **Thursday, June 9** this year in our hall here at Everton Park State School, our students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have the chance to be mesmerised by bubbling beakers, fizzing fluids and spooky fog as they learn real science

from **The Surfing Scientist** – Ruben Meerman. Our Preps, years 1 and 2 will be transfixed by the high energy, exuberant acrobatic performance by the **Solid State Circus troupe**. Costs per student are \$5.00 and \$5.50 respectively. This is a low-cost fantastic way for your children to see live, entertaining, educational and exciting performances all without leaving the school.



Any queries please call or email me.  
Ms Lukey  
Teacher Librarian  
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## MUSIC NEWS

### Classroom Music

Thank you to the students in Years 4 – 6 who regularly bring all their equipment to their music lesson - recorders, music books and pencils. Thank you also to our Year 3 students who have their music books and pencils at their music lesson. Regular practice is the only way to improve!

### Junior Choir

The Junior Choir will perform two songs on Assembly this Friday, 13 May. Please make sure you attend our rehearsal this Friday at 8.00am.

### Elements

Elements will perform on Assembly in Week 6. Please attend rehearsals so you know exactly how the group will be performing our songs!  
Bernadette Crook  
Classroom Music Teacher

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

### WINTER CONCERT

Our Winter Concert for all Choirs, Strings and Band groups will be held on **WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY** at 6.00pm at Everton Park State School Hall. Letters will be sent home and emailed this week. Strings and Band students will be required to be dressed in their music uniforms.

### REMINDER

7.30am Senior Band **WEDNESDAYS** for all (2nd and 3rd year students of Penny Hall)  
8.00am Junior Band **WEDNESDAYS** for all beginner students of Penny Hall

**\*\*\*PLEASE MAKE SURE MONEY IS PAID BY FRIDAY, 13 MAY FOR MUSIC SHIRTS FOR ALL CONCERTS\*\*\***

### 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.**

### QUEENSLAND WIND AND BRASS BAND

Penny Hall performs with Queensland Wind and Brass Community Band and they are having their first formal concert "All Creatures Great and Small" on Saturday, 14 May at The Old Museum, Gregory Tce, Bowen Hills. Children and School Age entry is free. For more information contact Penny or go to [www.qwab.com.au](http://www.qwab.com.au)

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

For all string information please contact Anne Keenan at [akeen9@eq.edu.au](mailto: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 [bcroo4@eq.edu.au](mailto:bcroo4@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.

<p><b>Hats – \$15</b> <b>Second Hand clothes - \$15 (normal)</b> <b>Second Hand Jackets - \$25</b></p>
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## 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 [jbounceback@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jbounceback@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.

## 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, [flexischools.com.au](http://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.

## MAY ROSTER

**Thursday 12** – Misato Betts  
**Friday 13** – Karla Chaffey, Rebecca Gardiner, Kirstin Banvill  
**Thursday 19** – Jennifer Congram  
**Friday 20** – Carol McLean, Penny Valentine, Janene Ashton



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*

**Icy Twists not available until Term 4.**

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**

- EPSS Calendar
- Guidance Officer Reflections