

NEWSLETTER NO.14

MAY 18, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 19th Year 4 – 6 Chess Incursion
- 20th Walk to School Day
- 20th Year 3 Chess Incursion
- 20th Indigenous Parent Forum 3:15pm, Conference Room
- 23rd Parent Information session in Library 3:15pm
- 24th Breakfast Club at the Hall
- 25th Winter Band Concert, 6pm in the Hall
- 26th National Sorry Day Ceremony, Teralba Park 6:50am
- 27th Interschool Sport Gala Day
- 30 – 3rd Year 6 Camp at Tallebudgera Camp School
- 31st ICAS Science
- 31st Breakfast Club at the Hall

JUNE

- 7th Breakfast Club at the Hall
- 8th Northside Band Blitz, Aspley State School
- 14th Breakfast Club at the Hall
- 14th 2017 Prep Information Sessions in Hall
9:30am – 10:30am and 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- 14th Senior 400m and 800m athletic events
- 17th Senior Athletics Carnival
- 20th P&C meeting 7pm in Library
- 21st Breakfast Club at the Hall
- 24th Last Day of Term 2

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

We have certainly had a busy week with NAPLAN and teacher data meetings. I want to congratulate our Year 3 and Year 5 students for trying their best with the NAPLAN testing. There is often a large amount of anxiety that can present from assessments such as these, often created by the media. My belief is that these assessments reflect a point in time. Teachers use a number of assessment tools to track all students and to inform the teaching program. NAPLAN is just one piece of information that may be used to help us validate our judgement. The beauty of NAPLAN is that it helps inform us about our current or future school programs. We implement and refine approaches based on the overall trend in the data. This allows us to ensure students are receiving assistance in the areas they require.

School Shoes

I would like to remind families about the school dress code. Please ensure your child is wearing the full school uniform, this includes **black shoes**. I do not want to put any families under financial hardship but I do ask that when you next purchase new school shoes please ensure they are black. The weather has changed so it may also be an appropriate time to purchase a school track suit top and bottoms if required. I ask for parents who may be experiencing economic hardship to contact the office to make an appointment with me to allow us to make special arrangements for you to purchase the school uniform.

If any parents have any black school shoes that their child has grown out of and would like to donate them to the school, that would be greatly appreciated as we will be able to donate them to families in need. Please contact Louise or bring them in to the office.

Jewellery

Jewellery can be a safety hazard. The only jewellery that may be worn at school is a watch, medical bands and stud earrings. Where religious beliefs dictate variance from those listed, please discuss your options with me.

Chappy Week

This week is Chappy Week. I would like to thank our school Chaplain, Mrs Nikki Pulfer, for all that she does for our school. As this is a special week, Chappy Nikki was at our school on Tuesday, facilitating special lunch time events with the assistance of Mr Bird. We do not receive government funding for our Chaplaincy program, therefore, we are holding a few fundraising events to help us fund the school Chaplaincy program. **This Friday we are holding a Crazy Sock Day.** For a coin donation you get to wear the craziest pair of socks you own. We also have a major raffle with all proceeds going towards our Chaplaincy program. The prizes are amazing. Thank you to Ray White Everton Park, the Meat-ting Place, Tim Mander MP, Woolworths Everton Park, Terry White Chemist Brookside and Love Triangle Beauty for their kind donations.

Walk to School Day

This Friday is also Walk to School Day. Please read Mr David O'Connor's newsletter article for details.

Indigenous Parent Forum

Lastly the Indigenous Parent Forum is due to meet this Friday, 20 May from 3.15 – 3.45pm. I am looking forward to meeting our parents and advancing Indigenous education and wellbeing at our school.

Thanking you for your support.



Ange Padgett
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Walk to School Day

This Friday, 20 May, we will be celebrating "WALK TO SCHOOL DAY" with a walk from Teralba Park to Everton Park State School. We will meet at Teralba Park at 8:00am and leave for school at 8:15am. Hope to see you there.

School Oval

A lot of top dressing is being used on the oval at the moment. Please ensure all children before and after school allow these areas to recover appropriately.



David O'Connor
Deputy Principal

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Thank you so much Everton Park State School for a wonderful day yesterday. I had breakfast with Tim Mander and also received flowers and chocolates from the staff at EPSS. There were games on the oval with Mr Bird and McChappy Meal at Stafford McDonald's. Don't forget Crazy Sock Day this Friday. On Monday, 23 May at 3pm we have an Educational and Developmental Psychologist **Claire Ting** coming to speak to all parents about parent and childhood anxiety.

The main areas of focus are anxiety (including school refusal, OCD, social anxiety, specific fears and general worries); learning difficulties such as dyslexia, concentration or organisation; autism; self-confidence; stress management; social skills; study skills; coping with changes and life transitions; and friendship issues or victims of bullying.

Afternoon tea will be provided and blue-carded volunteers will be there to look after your children if they accompany you.

P&C NEWS

Thanks to everyone who attended both the Parent Rep meeting and the P&C meeting on Monday night. It's wonderful to see that we have so many advocates of our school. It was reassuring to hear Ange speak about the initiatives that are currently being implemented, particularly around communication and behaviour management. Peter Anthony, from ACU, recently said:

"Show me a collaborative parent and I'll show you a collaborative family. Show me a collaborative Principal and I'll show you a collaborative school"

This is important for all of us as it highlights that we all need to take responsibility for the success of our school. If something isn't going right, then we **all** need to make sure we are having the right conversations with the right people. Alternatively, we also need to ensure we are celebrating our wins and highlighting those who give one hundred percent. That is one of the hallmarks of a High Performing School.

As per my note last week, **Entertainment Book** order packs will be on their way soon. For those of you who would like to order straight away, simply click [here](#) and you will be taken to the school purchasing page.

Keep in mind as well that the Federal Election is coming up on July 2. This is right in the middle of school holidays, however, we will still be holding a sausage sizzle and bake sale and will be looking for volunteer bakers, sellers and sausage turners! Keep an eye out for further information.

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

THANK YOU P&C

The P&C are a wonderful group of parents who do so much to support the

school and the students and assist in making Everton Park State School the fabulous school that it is. On behalf of the staff and school community we thank you for all that you do.

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!

CHECK YOUR CHILD FOR TICKS

The outdoors come with a lot of perks – and pests. Last week a parent found a tick on her child's shoulder. Please check your child's body, hair and clothing thoroughly as ticks can be difficult to detect. If found, remove the tick with tweezers grasping firmly at its head or mouth (near your child's skin) and pull firmly and steadily until it lets go. Do not jerk or twist as you may remove the body and leave the head embedded in the skin. Wipe down the bite site with antiseptic. If unsure contact your doctor.

ART CLUB



Term 2

Things have been very busy with lots of students at Art Club over the last few weeks. We're running three different age groups now. Check the newsletter each week for details and come along Wednesday at second break. Parent helpers welcome. Here are the groups for the coming weeks:

Wed 18 May - No Art Club
Wed 25 May - Years 1 and 2
Wed 1 June - Prep
Wed 9 June - Years 3 to 6

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

Parent helpers welcome.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Athletics Trials – High Jump and Discus

Week 7 – High Jump

Wednesday 25 May 9:00 – 9:30am – Year 9 boys

Wednesday 25 May 11:40 – 1:10pm – Year 9 girls

Wednesday 29 May 2:00 – 3:00pm – Year 10 girls

Thursday 26 May 11:40 – 1:10pm – Year 10 boys

Week 9 – High Jump

Thursday 9 June 11:40 – 1:10 – Year 11 girls

Friday 10 June 9:30 – 11:00am – Year 11 boys

Friday 10 June 11:40 – 1:10 – Year 12 boys and girls

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 3rd and final Gala Day will be held on Friday, 27 May.

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

EXTENDING FOR EXCELLENCE



Congratulations to a number of students who have challenged themselves to get involved in competitions that extend their creativity and skill with digital technology. These competitions include:

The 2016 Lord Mayor's Young Environmental Photographer of the Year Awards

Bianca E

Samford Short Film Festival

Cooper J

Sid H

Brodie J

Piper G

Archie H

Matthew I

Australian STEM Video Game Challenge

Parsa M

Christopher T

Elizabeth Tiernan

Differentiation Support Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

On **Thursday, 9 June** this year in our hall 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.

The **Premiers Reading Challenge** started Monday, 16 May. This is an annual state-wide initiative for state and non-state schools and home-educated students up to Year 9, as well as children (aged up to five years) enrolled in an early childhood centre and individual home readers. The Premier's Reading Challenge is not a competition but aims to improve literacy and encourage children to engage in reading for pleasure and learning. Our school is registered for this event and we encourage the whole community to support and encourage our students. The reading period for Prep to Year 9 students will commence on **Monday, 16 May 2016 and finish on Friday, 26 August 2016**. For a student to successfully complete the Premier's Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below. Experiencing a book can include classroom or at home activities such as shared reading, listening and reading along with a book, or being read to.

Year level	Number of books
Prep - Year 2	Read or experience 20 books
Years 3 - 4	20 books
Years 5 - 9	15 books

The requirement for Year 5 through to Year 9 students to read 15 books rather than 20 books acknowledges that older students are likely to select longer, more complex books that may take them longer to read.
<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readinqchallenge/index.html>

If you can spare anytime we have lots of books that need covering.

Any queries please call or email me.

Ms Lukey

Teacher Librarian

bluke1@eq.edu.au

MUSIC NEWS

ELEMENTS

Elements will sing on Assembly this Friday. Parents are welcome to come along and listen, and there is also our Winter Concert next Wednesday night where our music performance groups will be entertaining!

JUNIOR CHOIR

Thank you to our students who attend regularly and know their music very well. There is a small group of students who do not attend rehearsal regularly, but who want to participate in performances. Remember you need to attend regularly to really know the music and know your position in the choir. See you Friday at 8.00 am.

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

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

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 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.

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 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.

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.

MAY ROSTER

Thursday 19 – Jennifer Congram

Friday 20 – Carol McLean, Penny Valentine, Janene Ashton

Thursday 26 – Sherryn Overlack

Friday 27 – Vicky Wilson, Jo Baird, Sam Nicholson



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
- Chappy Week Celebrations flyer
- EPSS Fete Flyer
- Stafford Heights Kindy Open Day
- Albany Creek State High School Open Day