

# NEWSLETTER NO.15

MAY 25, 2016

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

- 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
- 31<sup>st</sup> Breakfast Club before school at the Hall

### JUNE

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Fete meeting in the Hall, 9:30am
- 7<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club before school at the Hall
- 8<sup>th</sup> Northside Band Blitz, Aspley State School
- 14<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club at the Hall
- 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 Prep Information Sessions in Hall  
9:30am – 10:30am and 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
- 21<sup>st</sup> Breakfast Club at the Hall
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Year 3's Celebration of Learning 8:45 – 10am in the classroom
- 24<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term 2

### JULY

- 11<sup>th</sup> First day of Term 3
- 12<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club before school at the Hall
- 14<sup>th</sup> Footsteps Dance program in the Hall 9:30 – 2:30pm
- 15<sup>th</sup> 9:30 – 11am Prep celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> day at school
- 18<sup>th</sup> P&C meeting in Library 7pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> School Photos
- 19<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club before school at the hall
- 20<sup>th</sup> School Group/Sporting Photos
- 21<sup>st</sup> Footsteps Dance program in the Hall 9:30 – 2:30pm

## 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.

### National Sorry Day

This Thursday there will be a National Sorry Day ceremony commencing at 7am at Teralba Park. National Sorry Day is held on 26 May each year — the date that the *Bringing Them Home* report into the Stolen Generations was tabled in Parliament in 1997. National Sorry Day commemorates the Stolen Generations and their families and gives us reason to reflect on the history of forcible removals of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families, and the long-term impacts of these policies. It's important that our students know about this time in our history as they are our future voice. We must avoid future catastrophic mistakes like these. It would be wonderful to see as many students, parents and staff attend to pay our respects. You may like to bring flowers to place at the plaque site.

At Everton Park we have a regular focus on the three school rules: Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be an Active Learner. The majority of our students put these into practice. However, the true test comes when students choose to enact these when a teacher or staff member isn't present. Last week, it was reported to me by a teacher that

Sterling A from Year 5I, was doing just this. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sterling for showing true leadership and assisting make our school become a great school.

### Premier's Reading Challenge

I am delighted to invite all of our students to join in the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge.

The reading period for the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge commenced on Monday 16 May and closes Friday 26 August. This year the Premier has challenged all state and non-state school students from Prep to Year 2 to read or experience 20 books, Years 3 and 4 to read 20 books and Years 5 to 9 to read 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading, listening to stories, or reading picture books. The aim for the 2016 challenge is to reach a total of two million books read. Every student who completes the challenge will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier and all students receive a Certificate of Participation. For more information about the Premier's Reading Challenge, please visit: <http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readinogchallenge/> You can play a big part in your children's future by encouraging them to be part of this positive initiative. I look forward to seeing as many of our students as possible embrace the 2016 Premier's Reading Challenge.

### Supervision of Children

It is wonderful to see so many parents take the time to connect after school. However, it is important you maintain the supervision of children after school when on school grounds.

### 2017 Prep Information Sessions

Everton Park State School will be holding Prep Information Sessions on Tuesday, 14 June, one at 9.30am – 10.30am and the other at 6.30pm - 7.30pm. If you, or someone you know, has a child born between 1/7/11 and 30/6/12 and are interested in attending our school please join us for one of these sessions.

### Staff Farewell

Lastly is with sadness that we farewell Mrs Bernadette Crook. Bernadette will be retiring at the end of term 2. Bernadette has been with us for 11 years. At this stage we are still unsure of the incoming replacement. As soon as I have this information I will forward it on.



Ange Padgett  
Principal

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### Setting Expectations for Children

As parents, we are born encouragers. We want our children to succeed. When children succeed, they

feel good about themselves which feeds into self-esteem and more. So what steps do we take to get them on track to being their best? Children will do what is expected of them. If you set high expectations for your children, they will generally live up to those expectations. Expect very little of them and they will give you very little. As a parent, it is important to find the right balance of setting expectations that are high without setting your child up for failure or causing undue stress on them when they are unable to reach those expectations. It is a balancing act and you know your child best and can make the appropriate guidelines for them.

### Your child is an individual

Look at your own child's strengths and weakness, interests and talents. Set your expectations based on the individual. There are many charts, averages, statistics and data that are out there to tell you what the average child of a given age should be able to do, but no child is simply average.

### Each child is unique

Most children do not fit neatly into any given mold and their unique abilities should be considered when you are setting high standards for them. I've had to learn this the hard way with having lots of children in my home. I used to be under the thought process that every child was pretty much the same if you parented them the same. Well, I can now say that is completely untrue! Parenting, personality, nurture, nature – it all plays a role in how your child functions and what strengths and weaknesses they will have. Being aware and open to this is important.

### Don't set your expectations based on yourself

You may have been bad at Maths as a child, so you subconsciously expect your child to be bad at it too. Your child will undoubtedly live up to that expectation. This really relates to looking at your child as an individual. It is important to avoid setting expectations that are too low simply because something was difficult for you as a child.

### Be clear and consistent

Give clear expectations for the long term and set milestones along the way. Show your child what is expected for the future. Celebrate the short-term achievements and allow your child to enjoy the success. They will learn that they are able to reach the expectations that have been set for them.

If cleaning a room up before moving on to playing with things in another room is your "norm" – then make sure that is something that is clearly related. Be sure to be as consistent as possible with expectations too. So many misunderstandings occur every day simply because we do not communicate well. I not only find this in my relationship with my children, but it certainly comes into play with my wife.

### Get Rid of the all-or-nothing attitude

While it is important to set high expectations for your child, be sure to let

them know that falling a little short of them doesn't mean they're a failure. When you reach for high standards, you still make great progress, even if you don't exactly hit the mark. We can easily fall into a pattern of perfection if we do not learn to appreciate and applaud the journey to make progress.

The work that took place while reaching for those standards is valuable in itself. Praise your child for the effort and the accomplishments reached along the way, being specific with characteristics that you see along the way rather than general praise, like a "good job". Instead recognize when they've taken extra time to complete a task with skill or used problem solving skills to fix their own mistake.

Parents who set high expectations, communicate those expectations clearly, and encourage their children to reach for them along the way do a great job for their children in terms of setting them up for success. Their children learn that they can do more than they may think, hard work pays off, and they are loved no matter what they do.



David O'Connor  
Deputy Principal

## P&C NEWS

### School Community Feedback

You would have all received notification last week from your Parent Reps about the School Community Feedback survey that EPSS are asking families to complete. If you haven't received a copy, please contact us via [pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au). I encourage you all to respond so that we can get a clear picture of the priorities for each and every family. For some of you, it might be sports programs, for others it could be our environment or technology. Whilst we are envied for our community and culture, like any high performing school, we need to keep striving for continuous improvement. Are you proud to say your children go to EPSS? If not, what do **you** think needs to happen to shift that mindset?

### Entertainment Books

We've seen some Entertainment Book orders start to trickle in. The order packs have been given to the youngest child in your family. If you did not receive one please pick one up from the office. For those of you who would like to order straight away, simply click [here](#) and you will be taken to the school purchasing page.

Have a great week  
Tanya Milgate  
P & C President  
[pandcpresident@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandcpresident@everparkss.eq.edu.au)

## UNIFORM AND TUCKSHOP SUB COMMITTEE

The U&T subcommittee are a part of the P&C. We oversee the in's and out's of

the Uniform and Tuckshop, discuss changes, celebrate successes, and try to add value to the school by providing good service and great products.

There are changes coming to the subcommittee and we are looking for new members to join the team and contribute to discussions about this part of the P&C. We meet once a month, the second Friday at 2pm in the library, the next meeting being on Friday, 10 June. At this meeting they will be looking for a new chairperson and secretary. You are welcome to come without obligation to fill these rolls. It would be greatly appreciated though if you do want to help us fill these positions.

If you have been considering being a part of the P&C this is a great opportunity to be involved or find out more. If you have any questions I would be more than happy to answer them, just email me at [karlachaffey@aapt.net.au](mailto:karlachaffey@aapt.net.au)

The Tuckerbox is investigating its options for next year with the new QAST regulations. We are committed to providing quality fresh food to the students for many years to come. To do this we are likely to require some changes in our facilities and are **putting a call out for a parent who has experience in kitchen design** to offer some of their time to come and assess the Tuckerbox and offer helpful suggestions on how we can improve our capability to produce delicious food. If you could please contact me at [karlachaffey@aapt.net.au](mailto:karlachaffey@aapt.net.au) I can offer you more information.

## FETE NEWS

We have a date! The EPSS Rio Carnavale Fete will be held on Saturday, 10 September from 2pm and will end with a spectacular fireworks display! Work has already started behind the scenes with sponsorship and stall information being worked out.

The Fete meeting that was held on Sunday was a great opportunity to hear about some of the exciting initiatives planned. In saying that, if you have a bright idea, we'd love to hear it!

We are still looking for an Entertainment co-ordinator and Stall co-ordinator.

If you have any suggestions or information that you think may be of interest, please email it directly to Renee, our Fete Co-ordinator, on [reneefete@gmail.com](mailto:reneefete@gmail.com)

The next Fete meeting will be held on Friday, 3 June after Assembly in the Hall. Hope to see you there!

## 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:

**Wednesday, 1 June - Prep**

**Wednesday, 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

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Weetbix Triathlon which was held last Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. 40 students represented Everton Park SS at the Triathlon. A total of 1600 children participated in the event. Our team performed very well, everyone had fun and did their best. All students did our school proud, well done. Thanks you to all parents for coming and supporting our team on the day. Our next race will be the first Bribie Triathlon in October. Training resumes Term 3, every Friday.



**Athletics Carnival 9 – 12 years will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 9 – 3pm.**

**Gala Day 4 – 6 years this Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 9 – 3pm.**

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Premiers Reading Challenge

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 6 students is **Monday, 16 May 2016 to 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 - 6	15 books

<http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/index.html>

**Reminder - Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>** the hall Our students in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have the chance to learn real science from **The Surfing Scientist – Ruben Meerman**. Our Preps, years 1 and 2 will be enthralled by the acrobatic performance by the **Solid State Circus troupe**. Costs per student are \$5.00 and \$5.50 respectively. Don't miss out on these low cost educational experiences for your children.

Can you spare anytime to cover books in the library? Help wanted!

Any queries please call or email me.  
Ms Lukey  
Teacher Librarian  
[bluke1@eq.edu.au](mailto:bluke1@eq.edu.au)

## MUSIC NEWS

Elements and Junior Choir will meet at 5.30pm today, Wednesday 25 May, for our Winter Concert warm-up. See you all there in your formal school uniforms.  
Bernadette Crook  
Classroom Music Teacher

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Penny Hall will be away for weeks 8 – 11 and will be replaced by Matthew Cook. Junior and Senior Band will still have rehearsals in the hall on Wednesdays before school. If you have any questions you can email him on [matthewjcook@gmail.com](mailto:matthewjcook@gmail.com).

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.

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 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 26 – Sherryn Overlack

Friday 27 – Vicky Wilson, Jo Baird, Sam Nicholson

### JUNE ROSTER

Thursday 2 – Misato Betts

Friday 3 – Ann Jabas, Joy Wood, Julie Beardmore



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

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