

NEWSLETTER NO.16

JUNE 1, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

3 rd	Fete meeting in the Hall, 9:30am
7 th	Breakfast Club before school at the Hall
8 th	Northside Band Blitz, Aspley State School
14 th	Breakfast Club at the Hall
14 th	ICAS Writing Test
14 th	2017 Prep Information Sessions in Hall 9:30am – 10:30am and 6:30pm – 7:30pm
14 th	Senior 400m and 800m athletic events
15 th	ICAS Spelling Test
17 th	Senior Athletics Carnival
20 th	P&C meeting 7pm in Library
21 st	Breakfast Club at the Hall
23 rd	Year 3's Celebration of Learning 8:45 – 10am in the classroom
24 th	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.



I would like to use this edition of our newsletter to outline and discuss some of the domains that make a high performing school, as per the *National School Improvement Tool*. This tool brings together findings from international research into the practices of highly effective schools and school leaders. Our region uses this tool to assist schools to review and reflect on their efforts to improve the quality of classroom teaching and learning. The tool consists of nine inter-related 'domains' that schools should consider as they move their school forward:

- An explicit improvement agenda
- Analysis and discussion of data
- A culture that promotes learning
- Targeted use of school resources
- An expert teaching team
- Systematic curriculum delivery
- Differentiated teaching and learning
- Effective pedagogical practices
- School and Community partnerships

Everton Park State School is progressing well with all of these domains. However, there are some that I believe we are excelling in. The school certainly has a narrow and **Explicit Improvement Agenda** (Writing, Reading and Positive Behaviour for Learning). We have programs in place that form the basis of the school improvement agenda to ensure consistency across the school, from class to class. Teachers are released on a regular basis to work with alongside our Master Teacher, Mrs Jo Campbell, to **Analyse and Discuss Data**. Each child's results are scrutinised to ensure all children are progressing at their level. We want to ensure no child miss learning opportunities in their education. The last domain I would like to mention is **School and Community Partnerships**. Our school has an active school community that work alongside the school to assist us in making our school a great school. Parents and families are recognised as integral members of the school community and partners in their children's education. Currently we have the following partnerships guiding our school – School P&C, Parent Representative Forum, FETE committee and Indigenous Parent Forum. I have sought feedback from some of these groups and I do know the Parent Representatives have forwarded a feedback survey to all parents. Please use this survey as an opportunity to provide us with your feedback. Thank you to those who have already completed this. You have until Friday 3rd June, 2016 to return these. Our school will look at the emerging trends from this feedback to assist us when mapping our way forward.

Year 6 Camp

On Monday our Year 6 students commenced their journey to attend the senior camp at Tallebudgera. I could see that some students were very anxious because, for most, this was their first time away from their parents for a period of time. I could also see some anxious parents. I know the students will have an amazing time and they will create some

memories that will remain with them forever. Some of the camp activities include: surf awareness, body boarding, rainforest walk, beach challenges, tobogganing and raft building, just to name a few. I'm sure they will arrive back on Friday exhausted and will be in need of a restful weekend. I have been in touch with the supervising teachers and they have reported that all is going well and that students are having fun, as can be seen in the photos above.

Music Concert

Last week we held a Music Concert in the hall to showcase our amazing music programs and talented students. Thank you to Mrs Crook, Ms Kendes, Mrs Hall and Ms Keenan for their efforts in coordinating this evening. A big thank you to the parents who attended. Unfortunately, I had an evening professional development session to attend but Mr O'Connor reported that the evening was a huge success. Congratulations to all involved.

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.

Thanking you for your support,



Ange Padgett
Principal

P&C NEWS

Thank you to those of you who have returned your School Community Feedback surveys. These were sent out to all classes via your Parent Rep. If you haven't received a copy, please contact us via 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. It is helpful to get feedback particularly around how you like to communicate with various parts of the school and vice versa. Some of us prefer email, whilst others rely on social media or notes squashed in the bottom of a school bag with yesterday's banana. Perhaps it's a combination? Make sure to let us know so that we can help everyone to be informed.

Have a great week – only 3 and a bit more weeks to go till holidays!

Tanya Milgate
P & C President
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ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Our nation goes to the polls on Saturday July 2 and our school hall will once again be a polling place, hosting a stream of voters keen to have their say and, of course, buy a sausage in bread, a can of

drink and tasty treats from our bake sale!

We are looking for volunteers to help out on the day serving and turning snags. If you can help please text Sam Nicholson on 0406743339 and register your interest. The stall will run from about 8.00am until 2.00pm so we will need a good flow of helpers to share the burden.

Unfortunately, the election falls in the middle of school holidays so we are still working on a plan for the collection of baked goods, so stay tuned.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents who came to our mini seminar on anxiety.

Claire Ting gave a great presentation on understanding the reality and coping with anxiety. She also had some very informative handouts with tips and ideas you can implement at home. If you would like a copy please come and see me on a Monday, before or after school and I would be happy to give you a copy and go over some of her ideas.

I'd also like to thank Naomi Seaton for organising child activities and minders and baking our delicious afternoon tea.

Please refer to the back of the newsletter for some understanding on social anxiety disorder.

News from the Fathering Project

Being a good father starts with a good mother.

"My father was a bit of a role model but he was more distant than my mother was. She was very insightful and had a much greater effect on me than my father." - John Inverarity

- Take time to connect with your children. Stop what you are doing, look them in the eye and actively listen to them.
- Reflect on the parenting style of your mother and father. Incorporate the good qualities from either into your own parenting.
- Watch your wife as she parents. Acknowledge what she does well and find ways to make those techniques your own.

Have fun everyone. Share your smiles.

FETE NEWS

The next Fete meeting will be held on Friday, 3 June after Assembly in the Hall. Come and join us with your ideas for the Fete to be held on Saturday, 10 September.

Book Stall Update:

Please keep bringing your pre-loved books into the Library for our Fete Bookstall. The books should be in good condition and suitable for sale.

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
Wed 15 June - Years 1 + 2
Wed 22 June – TBA

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

Our Athletics Carnival for students 9 – 12 years will be held on Friday, 17 June (Week 10). 400m and 800m finals will be held on Wednesday, 15 June 2 – 3pm. Parents are welcome to come and watch. Discus finals will be held next week. Monday 6/6 - 9 years, Tuesday 7/6 - 10 years, Wednesday 8/6 - 11 years and Thursday 9/6 - 12 years. The top 3 students from each age from each house will compete in the final. A list of names will be emailed to teachers on Friday. A list will also be placed in the shed on Friday. Finals will be from 8 – 8:45am. Triathlon Training will recommence this Friday 3/6 Brick Session (Bike & Run), Friday 10/6 Swim and Ride and Friday 24/6 Swim and Run. Term 3 training will be every Friday. Our next race will be Sunday, 25 September in Raby Bay for the Gatorade Tri Series.
Thank you
Ian Bird

GALA DAY SPORT RESULTS

SOCCER

Year 4 Boys

Everton Park 2 v Aspley – lost 1-4
Everton Park 1 v Aspley – won 2-0
Everton Park 2 v Everton Park 3 – won 5-2
Everton Park 1 v Albany Hills – won 4-2
Everton Park 2 v Eaton's Hill – lost 0-6
Everton Park 1 v Eaton's Hill 1 – won 2-0

Everton Park 3 v Aspley – lost 1-3
Everton Park 3 v Albany Creek – lost 0-5

Year 5 Boys

Everton Park 1 v Eaton's Hill 1 – drew 1-1
Everton Park 1 v Aspley 1 – lost 0-6
Everton Park 1 v Stafford 1 – won 2-3
Everton Park 2 v Northside Christian College 2 – lost 0-3

Everton Park 1 v McDowall 1 – lost 8-1
Everton Park 2 v Albany Hills 1 – lost 4-0

Year 6 Boys

Everton Park 1 v Eaton's Hill 1 – lost 1-0

Everton Park 1 v Stafford 1 – won 0-5
Everton Park 1 v McDowall 1 – lost 6-1

NETBALL

Blue Team

Everton Park v McDowall – won 8-7
Everton Park v Aspley – lost 1-0
Everton Park v Albany Hills – lost 3-2

Yellow Team

Everton Park v Prince of Peace – lost 1-0
Everton Park v McDowall – lost 7-0
Everton Park v Aspley – drew 0-0
Everton Park v Albany Hills – won 4-0

UNIFORM AND TUCKSHOP SUB COMMITTEE

The U&T subcommittee are a part of the P&C. We oversee the ins and outs 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

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 I can offer you more information.

LIBRARY NEWS

Reminder – Thursday, 9 June in 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.

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>

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

Penny Hall will be away for weeks 8 – 11 and will be replaced by Matthew Cook. Music on Wednesdays will still be held in the Hall.

There will be no Band rehearsals or lessons for the next two weeks (Wednesday 8 and 15 June) due to Beginner and Advanced Band Camps. If you have any questions you can email him on matthewjcook@gmail.com.

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 jibounceback@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.

JUNE ROSTER

Thursday 2 – Misato Betts

Friday 3 – Ann Jabas, Joy Wood, Julie Beardmore

Thursday 9 – Sherryn Overlack

Friday 10 – 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



NEW! Thai Pumpkin
Soup \$3.50 - Homemade and
delicious with garlic bread

Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor

ATTACHMENTS

- EPSS Calendar
- Kedron State High School Information
- Tips for dealing with anxiety
- Chess Mates Chess Competition