

NEWSLETTER NO.17

JUNE 8, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

7-9 th	Junior Strings Music Camp
10 th	Uniform/Tuckshop Subcommittee meeting in Library at 2pm
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	Prep Parent Information Session, 6 – 7pm in Library
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

JULY

11 th	First day of Term 3
12 th	Breakfast Club at the Hall
14 th	Footsteps Dance Program in the Hall
15 th	Prep 100 th Day of school celebrations
18 th	P&C meeting in the Library
19 th	School photos
20 th	School photos – groups/sporting

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.

Good News Story

I would like to share another good news story this week. This week a teacher lost their laptop. The teacher was distraught as the laptop contained years of planning, assessment and resources. The teacher had assumed someone had found it and had kept it. I'm pleased to inform our school community that a Year 3 student, Jessica M, found the laptop and handed it to a staff member. I am so thankful and incredibly proud of Jessica for doing the right thing even when an adult wasn't present. Well done Jessica!

Incursions

This week our students will have an opportunity to attend an incursion. The Prep to Year 2 students will attend Solid State Circus while our Year 3 to Year 6 students will view the Surfing Scientist in action. I know the students are looking forward to these show and I'm sure they will learn a great deal in a fun setting.

Northside Junior Strings Camp

Some of our students attended the Northside Junior String Camp this week. I trust all attending students developed their skills as musicians and had an opportunity to make many friendships. I look forward to hearing all about this.

Senior Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 17 June we will be holding our Senior Athletics Carnival. This day is fundamentally about student participation. I ask parents to take some time to talk to your child about participating with the right attitude. Some students put far too much pressure on themselves to come first, second or third. Other students refuse to participate and, at times, refuse to come to school. Please encourage your child to have a go and give it their best. If your child is not able to attend due to sickness or injury, please ensure you communicate this with Mr Bird. Sports days are an opportunity to develop team spirit and sportsmanship in a supportive environment.

2017 Prep Information Sessions

Everton Park State School will be holding Prep Information Sessions on Tuesday, 14 June. One will be held 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 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 and are interested in attending our school, please join us for one of these sessions.

Thanking you for your support.



Ange Padgett
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Ensuring Your Children Participate

It's that time of year when the annual athletics carnivals take place and sometimes we will get the, "Do I have to go?" question from our kids. I get it from mine (to be fair, mainly the teenagers). I have to stress that these days can be more important to your child's school experiences than the vast majority of others. "But it's only sport", I hear. Yes, it is sport, but there is a lot more that underpins it all.

One of our key jobs as parents and educators is developing a healthy outlook on life, having a go and encouraging exercise. We want our kids not to consider opting out as their first choice. The values we instil now are going to have a lasting and potentially lifelong effect on how our children turn out.

So what is a good approach to this?

Be a good role model and have a positive attitude to being active and having a go. If your children see you enjoying physical activity and trying things that you may not be so good at and having fun, it can motivate them to participate. Better yet, join in with them!

With sport, encourage kids and teens to try different sports or activities so they can find one or more that they really enjoy and want to continue with. Start slowly and build up the amount of physical activity that your children do, particularly if they haven't previously been very active. Reinforce the value of teamwork with team sports. Our Athletics Carnival is structured so that every student can make every single one of their performances count to support their team.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of our 9 year old through to 12 year old students participate and achieve their own potential and successes next Friday, 14 June on the Oval for the EPSS Senior Athletics Carnival.



David O'Connor
Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS

Thanks to those of you who provided your thoughts via the School Community Feedback surveys. This information has been collated and the data will be reviewed thoroughly. Keep an eye out for updates as we create initiatives based on the responses.

Thanks also to everyone who attended the Fete meeting on Friday. We're a little like a duck on the water at the moment. You may not be able to see much action, but there is a lot of activity going on behind the scenes. Our Fete co-ordinator, Renee (reneefete@gmail.com) will be able to answer any queries you may have. Look out for updates via Facebook, Newsletter and your Parent Reps.

Just a reminder as well that the next P&C meeting is on Monday, 20 June. This is the final meeting of Term 2, so we look forward to seeing you there!

Tanya Milgate
P & C President
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BUILDING LITERACY IN THE PREP YEAR

Prep Parent Information Session

Prep parents are invited to come along to learn more about supporting their child's early literacy development.

Where: Everton Park State School Library.

When: Monday 6 - 7pm, 20 June 2016.

What is Literacy?

Literacy in the early years is about reading, writing and speaking and listening. Reading in the early years can occur through a variety of sources such as books, magazines, logos, signs and grocery packaging. Children can write and talk about the ideas and information they read. They can also discuss, question and reflect on things happening around them. Young children need to have opportunities to learn to listen and make meaning from the talk of others. Making sure your child understands what they see, hear and read is crucial for literacy learning.

This session aims to answer the questions of:

How do I best help support my child to learn to read?
What should I do when it's time to read the home-reader?
What do I do if my child can't read the book?
What if the book is too easy?
What if my child doesn't want to read to me?
What if my child doesn't want to read with me?

For more information please contact me through the school office on 3550 2222 or email icamp205@eq.edu.au

Jo Campbell
Master Teacher EPSS

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.

FETE NEWS

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.

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

I hope you are all well and keeping warm now that winter has arrived.

We have started our social skills program with Year 1 and 2 this week so you may notice some new or different questions. Our subject for the next 4 weeks is feelings - happy, sad, scared and angry – and how these feelings affect us and others.

Our Fathering Project ideas for this week are playing board and card games and turning off the television and other distractions, finding games that are suitable to your children's ages and having fun! There are so many card and board games to choose from. Here are a few suggestions:

- Card games for two people: Snap, Memory, Go Fish, Cribbage.
- Board games for two people: Chess, Battleship, Scrabble, Mancala, Backgammon, Othello.
- Card games for families: Rummy, Bridge, Five Hundred, Hearts.
- Board games for families: Monopoly, Trivial Pursuit, Game of Life, Scrabble, Pictionary, Cluedo.

I do not encourage gambling. Perhaps you could play for chores (the winner does dishes, runner-up dries them, winner hangs out washing, runner-up brings the washing in and folds it, one washes the car while the other washes the dog. The thing is to have fun together.

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 15 June - Years 1 and 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 (9 years) and 800m (10, 11 and 12 years) finals will be held on Wednesday 15 June from 2:00 – 3:00pm. All students will have the opportunity to participate in either the 400m or 800m, depending on their age. Parents are welcome to come and watch. A program will be uploaded to the school website this week.

Discus finals are being conducted this week. Monday 6 June - 9 years, Tuesday 7 June - 10 years, Wednesday 8 June - 11 years and Thursday 9 June - 12 years. The top 3 students from each age from each house will compete in the finals. A list of names will be emailed to teachers. A list will also be placed in the shed. Finals will be from 8:00 – 8:45am.

Triathlon Training

Friday, 10 June - Swim and Ride and Friday, 24 June - 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 (ibird1@eq.eq.edu.au)

ICAS TESTING DATES

Testing dates are as follows:

Writing – Tuesday, June 14 in the Library.

Spelling – Wednesday, June 15 in the Library.

UNIFORM AND TUCKSHOP SUB COMMITTEE

There is a meeting this Friday, 10 June at 2:00pm in the Library.

We are looking for someone with kitchen design experience to donate their time to assess the Tuckshop and offer advice on potential layout for next year.

We are also looking for a Chairperson and Secretary. They are very straightforward roles that are not too difficult. There is a lot of support available to assist in these roles.

If you have any questions I would be more than happy to answer them, just email me at karlachaffey@aapt.net.au

LIBRARY NEWS

Have you tried the [Queensland State Schools eBooks digital library](#)? All students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are now registered for the [Queensland State Schools eBooks digital library](#). Students will just need to use their MIS ID (computer log in) to sign in to the site. Would love any feedback.

Book Week this year will be August 20–26. Each year across Australia, the CBCA (The Children's Book Council of Australia) brings children and books together, celebrating Children's Book Week. During this time Schools, Libraries, Booksellers, Authors, Illustrators and children celebrate Australian Children's Literature. At our school during Term 3 we will have the shortlisted books on display and encourage students to read them. This year the theme of Book Week is **Australia! Story Country**. We would love to hear any ideas or suggestions you have for this year's theme. Last year we had lampshades and treehouse dioramas. To see the shortlisted books please visit The CBCA website <https://cbca.org.au/shortlist-2016>

Any queries please call or email me.

Ms Lukey
Teacher Librarian
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INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

To all brass, woodwind and percussion students, please note that there will be **no lessons or band rehearsals on WEDNESDAY 15TH JUNE** due to the upcoming **ADVANCED MUSIC CAMP**.

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 clothes from \$10 to \$15 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

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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 9 – Sherryn Overlack

Friday 10 – Karla Chaffey, Rebecca Gardiner, Kirstin Banvill

Thursday 16 – Jennifer Congram

Friday 17 – Carol McLean, Janene Ashton, Penny Valentine



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

Tuckshop will be open for second break treats for the Senior Athletics Carnival on Friday, 17 June.

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
- Host a Japanese student
- School Holiday workshops
- Kids Matter – Knowing when to get help