

# NEWSLETTER NO.19

## JUNE 22, 2016

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **JUNE**

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  
11 -31<sup>st</sup> Blak History Month  
12<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club at the Hall  
14<sup>th</sup> Footsteps Dance Program in the Hall  
15<sup>th</sup> Prep 100<sup>th</sup> Day of school celebrations  
18<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm Parent Rep Meeting in the Library  
18<sup>th</sup> P&C meeting in the Library  
19<sup>th</sup> School photos  
20<sup>th</sup> School photos – groups/sporting  
21<sup>st</sup> Footsteps Dance Program in the Hall  
25-26<sup>th</sup> North District Track & Field

#### **AUGUST**

2<sup>nd</sup> ICAS English test  
2<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast club at the Hall  
4<sup>th</sup> Footsteps dance program in the Hall  
10<sup>th</sup> EKKA holiday  
11<sup>th</sup> Footsteps Dance Program in the Hall  
12<sup>th</sup> Junior Athletics Carnival (Prep – Year 3)

### **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.

#### **Writing Program Results**

I find it hard to believe that we are already in the last week of term two. We have had a productive term with lots of great things happening. Our school prides itself on how well we teach literacy. I am extremely proud of the way we have embedded our writing program across all year levels. When I walk into classrooms and observe this program in action, I see the explicit teaching of writing strategies, teachers giving explicit and targeted feedback to students and students producing some amazing samples of work. I would like to thank our parents and the school community for assisting us with improving students' writing by assisting children with completing their homework and by listening to children read on a daily basis. Please listen to your child read every day during the school holidays. If your child is learning sight words please practise these with them daily.

#### **Senior Athletics Carnival**

On Friday, 17 June we held our Senior Athletics Carnival. I would like to thank Mr Bird for his organisation of this event. The day went really smoothly. A big thank you to the parents who assisted on the day and to those who came along to support us. I was most impressed with the students and their participation. Students certainly came to school with the right attitude. Every participant tried their hardest. Congratulations to Houston (Red House) for taking the overall leaders' position. Mr Bird has provided a more detailed report in this edition of the newsletter.

#### **Gold Card Day**

On Thursday, 23 June we will be holding our Gold Card Rewards Activities. Congratulations to all participating students. Everton Park State School prides itself on how well our school community enacts our school rules; Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be an Active Learner.

### School Uniforms

Please support our school with our uniform policy. Of late, as the weather is getting colder, we are having a lot of other colours appear. Please ensure your child is dressed according to the school's dress code and uniform policy. This does include the wearing of **black shoes**.

### NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia during the Queensland school holiday period in July. This week celebrates the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Our school will be celebrating Blak History Month. The movement aims to celebrate diversity and recognise that there are many forms of achievement and success. Fundamentally, **BLAK HISTORY MONTH** is about empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The Indigenous Parent Forum is busily planning a day where the entire school will be able to participate in an activity to promote Blak History Month.

### Term 3 Calendar

Attached with this newsletter is the Term Three Calendar. Please diarise any dates that pertain to you and your family. I am really pleased to inform our parents and students that from term three the school will be offering a range of lunch time activities in which the students can participate in. A timetable will be available early next term. There will be a huge range of activities on offer. I would like to acknowledge the dedication and support of participating staff who have made this possible for our students.

### Staff in Term Three

In term three we welcome back Mrs Skye Bibby. Mrs Bibby is returning to Everton Park State School on a year one class. She will team teach with Mrs Sophie Cameron.

### Staff Member Retirement

Lastly, I would like to congratulate Mrs Bernadette Crook on her retirement. Bernadette has worked at Everton Park State School for 12 years as our Music Teacher. During this time she developed the various Choirs (Junior, Senior, Elements and a Boys Choir for 2 years) and they performed annually at the Whellar Gardens Retirement Home. The Choirs were also involved in the Singfest at the Old Museum Building. Bernadette also helped to organise the annual Christmas Carols at Everton Park State School and the end of year music concerts. She ran the school Garden Club for a number of years which produced a multitude of flowers, herbs and some vegies. On behalf of our school community, I thank Mrs Crook for her tireless work. We wish you all the best and hope you enjoy your retirement. Our new Music teacher for the remainder of the year is Mrs Claire Van Vuuren. She will commence this position in term three, week three.

### Happy Holidays

Lastly have a safe and relaxing break. Enjoy your family time. Remember to read, read, read!

Thanking you for your support.



Ange Padgett  
Principal

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Report Cards are being sent out today via the OneSchool electronic mailing system.

So, what to do when you read the report with your child?

The most basic advice for parents is to ask open-ended questions instead of yes or no. Think of the report card as a conversation-starter. A way for your child to talk about how they're doing in each area, what is easy or hard for them, and how you can help them to do better.

Here are more tips for talking about report cards with your child:

- \* Ask your child how she thinks she did. This opens up the dialogue for any problems she's having in the class or reasons for a less than stellar performance. And it sets the tone for parents to listen.
- \* Offer specific praise and encouragement instead of broad statements. Try: "You worked very hard to bring up your maths result this semester," instead of "Great job in Maths."
- \* Focus on a way to do better. Instead of telling your child to pull up their English marks, talk together to find a way they can improve their understanding and achievement in that class. Come up with a plan. Write it down. Finally, communicate with the teacher, so that you're all on the same page.
- \* Handle praise with care. If your child consistently brings home amazing report cards, it may be difficult to know what to say. "Good job" loses its meaning and has almost no affect. Consider reminding your child how they got those grades, and prompting them to find some self-satisfaction. "I am not surprised you have all these great grades on your report card. I saw you working very hard this term and it looks like it's paid off. I bet you feel very proud!"

How big of a deal should you make about report cards? Well, that usually depends upon your child. If they are visibly stressed out because their report isn't perfect, your reaction should be very low-key. If they seem ambivalent about the negative comments and poor grades, you'll probably want to emphasise it more.

Remember that report cards are simply a way for us to formally record your child's progress. Progress is the key. It's a way for you to see what your child is learning and how they are performing in school. But it's not the final say on how smart they are. If we approach report cards

with that attitude, we'll be able to offer the encouragement our children need for success in school.



David O'Connor  
Deputy Principal

## P&C NEWS

What a fantastic term we've had! Looking back, there were some real highlights, such as the Mother's Day Stall, our Fete planning kicking off and a successful Parent Rep meeting.

### Entertainment Books

We have a supply of Entertainment Books in the office if anyone would like to purchase a copy to use over the school holidays. You only need to use a few vouchers before the book has paid for itself and there are some great options to keep the children entertained these holidays. To purchase a book or digital membership, simply click [here](#) and you will be taken to the school purchasing page.

### Election Day

As you may be aware, there is an election coming up on July 2. This is right in the middle of the school holidays across Australia and there are expected to be unprecedented numbers of voters taking advantage of pre-polling. With this in mind, as well as a lack of volunteers, we have made the decision to cancel the EPSS Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall and focus our attention on the Fete and Father's Day Breakfast coming up in Term 3. There will still be a huge need for bakers and other helpers for these events so stay tuned for further info!

### Thank you

A big thank you to all of those special people who helped make a successful Term 2 and we'll see you back here in July!

Tanya Milgate  
P & C President  
[pancpcpresident@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pancpcpresident@everparkss.eq.edu.au)

## CLASS AND GROUP PHOTOS 19 and 20 July



Class, sibling and group (sport, student leaders and music) photos will take place on Tuesday, 19 July and Wednesday, 20 July respectively (Week 2 of Term 3). Please make sure your child/children come to school in full school uniform. Payment envelopes have been handed to **each** student today (one envelope per child). Please contact the office if your child did not receive one. Parents are encouraged to order the photos online. If you do, there is no need to return the envelope.

If you require sibling photos, the envelope can be collected from the office.

## FETE NEWS

### Plant Stall

Years 4K and 4L will be running a plant stall for the Fete. We are happy to accept succulents, agapanthus, clivias, some herbs and flowers (anything that can be separated whilst keeping the roots.) So please start propagating now. Donations of plants, potting mix, white gravel or pots will be accepted at school in a fortnight prior to the Fete - drop off location to be advised.

If you have any queries please let me know.

Nicole Atkinson  
nicolewalz@yahoo.com.au  
Mobile: 0404 765 645

### 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

## CHEERLEADING

First Week of Term 3 - NO Pups or Reserves training.

Squad - training as normal (Monday and Thursday).

Pups and Reserves will begin in Week 2. Have a great break and I'll see you in Term 3

Miss R 😊

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Last Friday, 17 June the 9 – 12 years Athletics Carnival was held. It was a successful day with many students participating across a broad range of events. Congratulations to all the Age Champion winners for 2016. They are

### 9 Years Girls

1<sup>st</sup> – Bailey S, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Isabelle B, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Alyssa K

### 9 years boys

1<sup>st</sup> – Harvey S, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kaylan J, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Xavier T

### 10 years Girls

1<sup>st</sup> – Ariella M, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tivinia L, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amelia R

### 10 years boys

1<sup>st</sup> – Allan K, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tomas K, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Daniel S

### 11 years Girls

1<sup>st</sup> – Anika S, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Leila M, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Grace B

### 11 years boys

1<sup>st</sup> – Spencer A, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ramalah S, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Daniel S,

### 12 years Girls

1<sup>st</sup> – Maddy K, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ella T, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maridon D,

### 12 years boys

1<sup>st</sup> – Brandon F, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Harley O, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Parsa M.

Congratulations to Houston (Red House) who are the House Champions for 2016, with a new record points total of 7083. The previous record has been held since

2009. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gold – 6860 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place is Green on 6541 points. Thank you to all the parents who helped out on the day.

District Athletics is in term 3 week 3. The top 2 place getters for event finals will represent the school at the North District Trials being held on Monday 25 July and Tuesday 26 July. These trials are for students aged 10 - 12 years. Students on the team will receive their paperwork in the first week back after the holidays.



Thank you  
Ian Bird  
([ibird1@eq.edu.au](mailto:ibird1@eq.edu.au))

## END OF TERM FINANCIAL STATEMENT

You will be receiving a statement either by email or via your child at the end of this week. B Point payments can be processed over the school holidays. If you have any questions regarding outstanding payments please contact Joy Lenzinger in the office on 3550 2222 or via email [jlENZ3@eq.edu.au](mailto:jlENZ3@eq.edu.au)

## LIBRARY NEWS

All library books must be returned by Thursday, 23 June. Please assist your children to locate missing library books and/or call or email me if you have any queries. We ask that lost or damaged library books be replaced with a new book. Over the break please visit your local libraries. There are not only books, CD's, and DVD's to borrow but many of the libraries have free activities on during the holidays. Also don't forget if you are in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 the Queensland State Schools eBooks digital library is open 24/7. Read online or download the Overdrive app to your devices. On my iPad I use Overdrive for both the Brisbane City Council libraries and the State Schools eBooks, so I am never without a book to read! <https://eduqueenslandau.libraryreserve.com> Wishing all our community a relaxing break, and keep on READING! Any queries please call or email me. Ms Lukey  
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[bluke1@eq.edu.au](mailto:bluke1@eq.edu.au)

## MUSIC NEWS

Thank you so much to everyone in our Everton Park School community who has passed on congratulations and good wishes on my retirement.

Although I am really looking forward to retirement and the freedom to travel and explore our wonderful state and country, I am also very sad to leave this school and the students that I teach every week, and seeing how their musical skills develop steadily. I have especially enjoyed working with vocal groups over

the years and recently I have worked with the Junior Choir and Elements. I have loved working with Ms Kendes and the Elements group and I know I am going to miss those great interactions.

I hope all our students will continue to engage in music lessons and vocal and instrumental groups, as it will really help to foster a love of music that will stay with you all your life.

I extend my good wishes to all our families and staff for the future here at Everton Park State School.

Bernadette Crook  
Classroom Music Teacher

## 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 [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

### UNIFORM/TUCKSHOP

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.



## 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.

### JUNE ROSTER

Thursday 23 – Melissa Lynch  
Friday 24 – Vicky Wilson, Jo Baird, Sam Nicholson



Banana Smoothies \$2.50.  
Available Mondays. Online order only.

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.



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

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Katrina Coomber  
Tuckshop Convenor

### ATTACHMENTS

- EPSS Calendar
- Fete Plant Stall Flyer
- Fete Update – countdown