

NEWSLETTER NO.20

JULY 13, 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

11 -31 st	Blak History Month
12 th	Breakfast Club at the Hall
14 th	Footsteps Dance Program in the Hall
15 th	Fete meeting at 9:30am in the Hall
15 th	Prep 100 th Day of school celebrations
15 th	Indigenous Parent Meeting at 3:15pm in Library
18 th	6:30pm Parent Rep Meeting in the Library
18 th	P&C meeting in the staffroom
19 th	School photos
20 th	School photos – groups/sporting
21 st	Footsteps Dance Program in the Hall
25-26 th	North District Track & Field
28 th	Footsteps Dance Program in the Hall

AUGUST

2 nd	ICAS English test
2 nd	Breakfast club at the Hall
4 th	Footsteps dance program in the Hall
9 th	Breakfast club at the Hall
10 th	EKKA holiday
11 th	Footsteps Dance Program in the Hall
12 th	Junior Athletics Carnival (Prep – Year 3)
18 th	Footsteps Dance Program in the Hall
15-19 th	Science Week
16 th	Prep K to Sensitivity Unit
16 th	ICAS Maths test
17 th	Prep R to Sensitivity Unit
18 th	Prep P to Sensitivity Unit
22–26 th	Book Week
26 th	Book Week Dress-up Day

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.

Welcome back to school. Many students have communicated to me that they had an enjoyable and restful holiday. This term is also going to be busy and productive.

The major events for this term include:

- Footsteps Dance
- School Photos
- Blak History Month
- Prep – Year 3 Athletics Sports Day
- Premier's Reading Challenge concludes
- Science Week
- Book Week
- Parent teacher interviews

All families should have received student report cards. Parent/teacher interviews will be held weeks 8 and/or 9 this term. If you have any questions about your child's report card please discuss this with your child's class teacher.

Parents/Caregivers, school staff and senior students are encouraged to have their say in this year's *School Opinion Survey* by providing their opinions about what this school does well and how this school can improve. Each of the online surveys are currently open and will remain so until 29 July. Access details for the *Parent/Caregiver Survey*

has been sent home with students today. To access the survey log onto the education website (address on the green slip) and enter Code 1 and Code 2 details. Parents/caregivers are welcome to complete their survey online at the school. School computers will be available if needed.

If you haven't received any survey details by the end of this week, please contact the school office.

As we commence Term Three could I please ask all parents to check in with your child to ensure he/she has all the necessary stationery and equipment needed for this term?

Please ensure your child is in full school uniform, including black shoes.

Lately we have commenced work on upgrading some of the school's physical environment. Prior to term two holidays we commenced the partial replacement of some of our fences around the school. We initially replaced the top car park mesh fence with a sturdy metal fence. I hope to continue to phase in this fencing throughout the school over time. During the holidays contractors commenced major work to the court yard between A Block and the Library. Timelines have blown out a little due to the inclement weather, but the wait will be worth it because this area is going to be stunning when completed. This area will be used as an extension to the classrooms as well as provide an area for students to eat.

Lastly we have started replacing some of the old interactive whiteboards with interactive LCD screens. We have installed these into three classrooms. I would like to thank the P&C for their kind donation of \$15,000 to make this possible. We intend on extending this technology across the entire school over time.

Our next P&C meeting will take place on Monday, 18 July at 7pm. A Parent Representative Meeting will take place prior to the P&C meeting at 6pm.

Here's to a fantastic term three.



Ange Padgett
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL KEEPING YOUR CHILD KEEN ON SCHOOL

"This is the longest two weeks of my entire life!" my daughter groaned last

holidays while flopping onto the lounge. At age 5, she was experiencing her first mid-year holiday from school -- and she wasn't always happy about it. She missed her teacher, her friends, her school routine, even her principal. But the more she sighed, the more I cheered. What could be better evidence that her first year of school was going well?

And now it's Semester 2 and we're back into it. How can I ensure that her love of school stays with her? The key, say educators and parents who've been there, will be for me to stay involved in her school life, but not to focus on academics, well not yet anyway.

For some children, a positive attitude about school may require coaxing, since school presents a lot of new challenges -- being away from parents and carers, making new friends, taking turns, etc. Here's how to help your child meet those challenges.

Be Punctual

It's not always easy to get anywhere on time with little kids, but it's worth making an extra effort to be prompt on school days.

Team up with the Teacher

If school doesn't go smoothly for a child, it's human nature to blame the school and the teacher. But accusations are sure to backfire, particularly if unfounded, which becomes counterproductive for everyone, particularly the child. Instead, say in a nonthreatening way that you're concerned for your child, and ask how you can work together to solve the problem. Working together will show your child that you and the teacher are a united team which will decrease anxiety levels which may be part of the problem.

Get on board with the Team

To the degree that your life permits, help out in the classroom, participate in fund-raising, join the P&C, read the school newsletter. Your involvement lets your child know that their school is a part of your world, too. More than that, volunteering helps you watch out for your child's interests and understand what really goes on.

Clear the Calendar

Children don't really need a slew of extracurricular activities; sometimes even a half day of school can be stimulation enough. Exhausted, stressed-out kids have a harder time adjusting to school. So don't sign up your child for anything unless they're wildly enthusiastic and begging to go. And if they change their mind, let them take a break.

Reinforce Lessons

Whether your child's class studies butterflies, your local area, baby animals, or holiday traditions, the topic is a way to train kids to think, remember, make connections, and stimulate higher level thinking, all of which are foundations for future learning. You can help by stoking your child's curiosity and enthusiasm about whatever subject is being covered at school. It also helps to reinforce the rules and values under which the school operates. Children love consistency.

Now I'm not saying everything above is the be all and end all of having a successful time at school, but they all help, even in the smallest doses.



David O'Connor
Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS

Hi Everyone – welcome back to EPSS for an action packed term 3!

The first P&C meeting of the term will be held on Monday night at 7pm in the staffroom. Be sure to come along to hear about the exciting initiatives planned over the next few months as well as all things FETE! We will even have some coffee and treats in a nice warm staffroom to tempt you!

For everyone who has purchased an Entertainment Book (not the Digital version), you will need to pick it up from the office and provide your email confirmation. We still have a few copies left if anyone would like one. Otherwise the Digital versions are available to download to your device at any time. Our app was VERY helpful when trying to keep some little people occupied over the school holidays! To purchase a book or digital membership, simply click [here](#) and you will be taken to the school purchasing page.

Remember, if you want to discuss anything, please get in touch with us. If you don't spot us out and about the school, the best ways are via your class Parent Rep, our Facebook page or you can always [email](#) us. We'd love to hear from you!

Tanya Milgate
P & C President
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CLASS AND GROUP PHOTOS 19 and 20 July



Class, sibling and group (sport, cheerleading, student leaders and music) photos will take place on Tuesday, 19 July and Wednesday, 20 July respectively. Please make sure your child/children come to school in full school uniform. Please contact the office if your child did not receive a payment envelope.

Students who are in group (cheerleading, sport) photos are to please bring in the uniform for their particular group. **All choir, band and strings students are to wear normal school uniform.**

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.

MUSIC NEWS

There will be no Elements music sessions until our new music teacher has been appointed. Keep informed about the Elements music group by reading the weekly school newsletters.

ART CLUB

Thank you for all the wonderful support for Art Club last term. We had so many younger students coming along that we had to split up the grades so we were able to cater for you all! We know it was a little confusing so thanks for sticking with it. Term 3 is a bit different. We're taking a break from running regular weekly art club. Soon we'll be looking at specific art projects within the school and this could be an interesting direction. So we won't be running weekly art club but keep creating yourselves and if you see us around, let us know what arty things you're busy doing.

FETE NEWS

Fete Meeting

A reminder there will be a meeting this Friday, 15 July after assembly at 9:30am.

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.) 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
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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.

Year 3 Stall

I am organising the Year 3 stall for the school fete which is old DVD's (all ages), CD's and vinyl records, so if you have any old ones that you could donate to help raise proceeds for the school, I would appreciate it very much. You can contact me on caz.murphy@gmail.com or 0439 300 055
Caroline Murphy
3H Parent Rep

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

The North District Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday, 25 and Tuesday, 26 July. Everton Park SS will be represented by 36 students which is excellent. Students will receive paperwork this week. Permission forms and money are due next Tuesday, 19 July. Please return forms to Mr Bird. Good Luck to all competitors. We have athletics training for the school team before school this week and next. Training is every day from 8:15am. Relay training is compulsory. Monday - Long Jump, Tuesday - Relay, Wednesday - Discus, Thursday - Relay and Friday - Shot Put.

The Jump Rope for Heart program will be given to students this term. Students will learn a broad range of skipping skills over the next 3 weeks. Students will have the opportunity to fundraise for this organisation. A letter and a brochure will be sent home this week with more information.

Triathlon Squad will have training every Friday this term. This week is a brick session. A schedule will be emailed home shortly. New students can join anytime, please email with name, class and age.

Thank you
Ian Bird
(ibird1@eq.eq.edu.au)

LIBRARY NEWS

Morning Reading Club

The area outside the library is being revamped and as a result there is no access to the library. Reading club will recommence once that area is complete which we hope will be in Week 2.

Book Week

This year Book Week will be held from **Monday, August 22 to Friday, August 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. This year the theme of Book Week is **Australia! Story Country**.

So this year we are asking students and families to write a short recount, diary entry or a short story about either a favourite place they have been to in Australia, or an interesting, humorous, or exciting event that has happened to them somewhere in this great country of ours. If you could add a photo or picture as well it would be fantastic. Please hand these into the library and watch the stories grow! Any queries please email me.

Ms Lukey
Teacher/Librarian
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Uniform Shop



The Uniform Shop is open each Friday from 8:15 - 9:30am

Price Rises

Please note that the price of hats is now \$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 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.

JULY ROSTER

Thursday 14 – Sherryn Overlack

Friday 15 – Penny Valentine, Janene
Ashton, can you help please?

Thursday 21 – Jennifer Congram

Friday 22 – Vicky Wilson, Jo Baird, Sam
Nicholson



Winter Menu Term 3

Hawaiian or BBQ Chicken Pizza

\$3.50

Warm Milo \$1.50

Garlic Bread \$1.10

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

Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor

ATTACHMENTS

- EPSS Calendar
- Aspley Special School Open Day