

# NEWSLETTER NO.24

AUGUST 5, 2015

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### AUGUST

10 <sup>th</sup>	Australian Girls' Choir Auditions Years 1 – 6, 11am in Community Room
11 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast Club
12 <sup>th</sup>	EKKA Holiday
14 <sup>th</sup>	Prep – Year 3 Sports Carnival 9am – 11am
17 <sup>th</sup>	P&C Meeting 7pm in Library
18 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast Club
18 <sup>th</sup>	Prep B visit to Sensitivity Unit
19 <sup>th</sup>	Prep R visit to Sensitivity Unit
20 <sup>th</sup>	Prep K visit to Sensitivity Unit
19–21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 5 Camp North Pine
21 <sup>st</sup>	'Ride Safely to School'. Meet at Teralba Park at 8am and depart at 8:15am for school
24 <sup>th</sup>	Spell-a-thon
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25 <sup>th</sup>	Breakfast Club
28 <sup>th</sup>	Book Week Parade

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Area of School Grounds Closed

The area around the Tuckshop will be closed off on Saturday, 22 August due to the planned removal of assumed asbestos containing material. The schools Built Environment Materials Information Register (BEMIR) indicates that the flooring material in the Canteen is assumed as containing asbestos. Replacement and a professional clean are to be undertaken and the area will remain restricted until a clearance is provided for its reuse

### National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

This week all schools across Australia will be submitting data on students with disabilities. Collecting data on school students with a disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data this year. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the Department's website:

<http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>

- Australian Government Department of Education website:  
<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.



Anita Bond  
Principal

## P&C NEWS

What a big month we have coming up! Each child should have received a Spell-a-thon card this week. The words will be tested at the end of August, so you have until then to raise some much needed funds for the school. Speaking of which, if you are a fan of great burgers, head down to Grill'd Everton Park and add your token to our barrel. We have a chance to get \$300 if we have the highest amount of tokens for the month of August and at this stage the other organisations have more than us!

Also coming up is the Father's Day BBQ. Stay tuned for further information. Have a great week!

Tanya Milgate  
P & C President

## ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL



Congratulations to 1P and 3H on winning the Gold Star awards for the previous week's 'Fun Fit Friday'.

The focus for every 'Fun Fit Friday' in the month of August is 'carpooling'. Every 'Fun Fit Friday' in August students who actively travel to school by carpooling will be awarded DOUBLE STAMPS in/on their AST passport/card! Organise to 'hitch a ride' to school with friends for DOUBLE STAMPS!

Don't forget to actively travel EVERY Tuesday (Terrific Traveller Tuesday) for one BONUS stamp in/on your AST passport/card.

Week 6 of this term (17 – 21 August) is 'Road Safety Week'. Our Adopt-a-Cop, Senior Constable Meriel, is organising a team to help promote the importance of 'safety on the road' for our students. To promote riding your bike safely to school,

we will be having a school bike ride from Teralba Park on Friday, 21 August. We will meet at Teralba Park at 8:00am and depart at 8:15am. Students in Years Prep – 3 will need to be accompanied by an adult (family member) in order to 'ride safely' from Teralba Park to the school grounds. We happily welcome all parents, carers, uncles, aunties and grandparents to assist us with the bike ride. Don't forget to wear a safe and secure bike helmet!

This term, we will continue 'AST Points for House Colours'. Actively travel to school and check in EVERY FRIDAY (at the school hall by 8:45am) with the school House Captains to earn a point towards your school house.

Have you finished claiming stamps on your AST card? At this end of this term, one lucky winner will receive one final BIG prize for their efforts in actively travelling to school! Get those AST cards stamped for your chance to win the BIG prize.

Don't forget to claim your AST prizes at the AST shop. The shop is open every Friday from 11:20am (after first break eating time).

## CHEERLEADING

WOOHOO!!! Congratulations to the Cheer Squad, for competing at the Queensland Showdown competition at Logan. The girls premiered their new Cheer routine and were very successful. We came home with 2 trophies - 2nd in Cheer and 2nd in Pom. Well done girls! Thanks to all of the parents that helped with hair, makeup and travel arrangements.

## Channel 10 News

We are very lucky as we will be filmed for the Channel 10 News next Monday (10 August). The Cheer Squad will be featured on the weather segment, to highlight Everton Park State School. Make sure you tune in for this special event.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Prep R is studying maps as part of our Geography unit this term. If anyone has a car/map playmat which they would be willing to lend us (for this term only) please contact me on [kroqe8@eg.edu.au](mailto:kroqe8@eg.edu.au). Thanks in advance Miss Rogers :o)

## PE NEWS

The Junior Sports Carnival will be held on Friday, 14 August. The carnival will start at 9:00am and run until 11:00am. Students will participate in athletic related activities on a rotational basis. Parents are encouraged to attend to cheer on their child/children.

Trials for the Boys 12&U North District Cricket Team will be held on Wednesday, 19 August at the South Pine Sports Complex, Brendale. This trial will be a half day trial and is open to students born in 2003 and 2004. If you are interested in trialling for the team please see Mr Crawford. Girls who are interested in

playing cricket also please see Mr Crawford.

## NEW LOCATION OF LOST PROPERTY

Lost property at EPSS has become slightly overwhelming over the last few months, so some generous volunteers have worked hard to find a new location where it's easy for your child to find their 'misplaced' school (and even casual) items.

The new lost property box is UNDER B BLOCK, NEXT TO THE LONG RAMP.

All the items have been sorted and neatly arranged into their categories on the bench seats and are awaiting your visit to be welcomed back home.

Altogether there are over 90 items, mostly consisting of lunchboxes (30) and jumpers (41) including some unexpected items like library bags, singular shoes, and raincoats.

You can visit the lost property any time to claim your hard earned money disguised as a school item.

Thank you for your help.

## SPELL-A-THON 2015

The P&C are again running a Spell-a-thon this year. Sponsorship cards and spelling words went home with your child this week. The children will have 3 weeks to learn the words.

The Spell-a-thon will be held in class on either **Monday 24 or Tuesday 25 August**.

All money raised needs to be returned to the school by **Friday, 18 September**.

A marking bee will be held on **Wednesday, 26 August**. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Suzie Chandler via email, [suzie@suziechandler.com](mailto:suzie@suziechandler.com). Prizes to be announced at a future date.

## YEAR 5 CAMP

All money and forms must be in this week.

Further notices pertaining to the camp itself will be sent out next week. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself. Tracey Irwin

## LIBRARY NEWS

We've had a few lampshades trickling in for the Book Week competition. Thanks to Callum in Year 1 for his *Where the Wild Things Are* entry. It's Fabulous! Also a huge thank you to two wonderful parents, Nadya and Susan, for their light bulb artwork.

**BOOK WEEK PARADE** is on Friday, 28 August. Start thinking now about dressing up as a book character or something to do with the Book Week theme. We like to encourage students to make up a costume rather than buy something and of course the focus is on the books!

**Book Week 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August Theme - Books Light Up our World**

1. Make a **light/lampshade** (no real bulbs please) from recycled materials or paper-mâché, showcasing books,

reading, or highlighting your favourite book, books or author.



2. Design a **treehouse**; draw, colour, make it 2D or 3D, label, and enter this not only for the book week competition but you could also end up being chosen to go to the **Brisbane Writers Festival** (Yrs 3,4,5,6 only) and see Andy Griffiths. Closing date 19<sup>th</sup> August. <http://www.andygriffiths.com.au/books/13storeytreehouse.htm>
3. Write a **book review** of one of your favourite books from our school library. This is another way to be chosen for the Brisbane Writers Festival. Closing date is Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Don't forget to keep reading for the Premiers Reading Challenge!  
Ms Lukey Teacher Librarian

## STUDENT ABSENCES

Your child's attendance at school is extremely important and it is for this reason we ask that if your child is going to be absent due to illness, injury, holiday, family matters or for any other reason that you call the school office on 3550 2222 or the 24/7 Student Absentee line on 3550 2277 before 9:00am on the day to inform us of their absence.

## MUSIC NEWS

Recruitment for 2016 Instrumental Music Program will commence in the coming weeks. A focused listening task will be given to Year 2 and Year 3 students. Students will differentiate between pitches, melodies and rhythms. There is no special preparation for this test, and I will administer it during a classroom music lesson. This test is only one criteria for selection in the Instrumental Music program.

Parents should discuss with their child whether she/he has a special interest in playing an instrument. String tuition starts in Year 3, and Brass, Woodwind

and Percussion tuition starts in Year 4. We hope that once children begin to learn an instrument, they will continue to learn it right through Primary school. This is quite a big decision for the whole family to consider, and a big commitment for the student.

Bernadette Crook  
Classroom Music Teacher

### Honours Music Camp

Craigslea State High School - 8 - 11 September.

Well done to all of our Strings and Band students who did their very best last week for the Honours Music Camp. Results of children who have been accepted into the camp will be sent home during the coming weeks.

### 2016 Instrumental Music Program

Information will be sent home soon to our current Year 3 and Year 2 students about our Instrumental Music Program. Our Strings Program is offered to children who will be in Year 3 in 2016 and the instruments offered are violin, viola, cello and double bass.

Our Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Program is offered to children who will be in Year 4 in 2016 and the instruments offered will be flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, bass guitar and percussion.

Stay tuned for information about a Band and Strings tour day on Thursday, 17 September to a number of childcare centres and nursing homes!

For all string queries please contact Ms Anne Keenan at [akeen9@eq.edu.au](mailto:akeen9@eq.edu.au) Ms Keenan teaches at our school on Thursdays.

For all band queries please contact Mrs Penny Hall at [phall35@eq.edu.au](mailto:phall35@eq.edu.au) Mrs Hall teaches at our school on Wednesdays.

For all classroom music/choral or The Elements queries please contact Mrs Crook at [bcrook4@eq.edu.au](mailto:bcrook4@eq.edu.au) Mrs Crook works at our school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

## Uniform Shop

### CHANGE OF OPENING DAY!

The Uniform Shop is now open on Monday mornings from 8:30 – 9:30am.

#### Flexischools

Do you need to get uniforms from the Uniform Shop? Why not order it on **Flexischools**. No need to come into the school at all. I will fill your order and hand-deliver it to your child in class. So save time and order on **Flexischools**!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> HAND UNIFORMS NEEDED

Do you have uniforms lying around the kids have grown out of? Bring them into us! We need your 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniforms.



Bring them to the Uniform Shop on Monday between 8.15-9.30am 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.

The Uniform Shop **needs** volunteers to help out on Monday mornings. You'll be required from 8.15am - 9.30am and if you can only do one Monday a month that's fine. If you can help out **please** contact me on [jjbounceback@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jjbounceback@optusnet.com.au), or phone me on **0402880216** or pop in and see me one Monday morning. It's a great way of meeting all the wonderful families in our school and I would really appreciate your help.

### Stock update!!

We have cotton tights.

### Jeanette Jenkinson

Uniform Convenor  
Everton Park State School

## TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday.

### AUGUST ROSTER

#### Thursday 6

Megan Limpus

#### Friday 7

Jo Hennessey, Ann Jabas, ?

#### Thursday 13

Jennifer Congram

#### Friday 14

Genevieve Moller, Dana Haack, ?

My apologies for the shabby roster this week ladies, I am having computer issues and my memory has failed me. Please contact me to clarify your day for these two weeks.



STAY WARM WITH  
THE WINTER MENU ITEMS  
Garlic bread \$1.10  
Warm Milo \$1.50  
Ham & Pineapple or BBQ Chicken  
pizza \$3.00

Home baked just for us! Banana Bread \$2.00 & Choc Chip Bikkies \$1.50

**TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, 24 AUGUST** due to repairs being carried out over the weekend. It will be business as usual Thursday and Friday that week.

Katrina  
Tuckshop Convenor