



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.

Junior Athletics Carnival

Our Junior Athletics Carnival was held on Friday. Congratulations to the Gold team (Hinton) for winning the overall competition. I was very proud of the sportsmanship shown by all students. Students willingly entered events and tried their very best. Thank you to all parents and members of our school community for coming along to support us.

Science Week

This week students have been involved in activities to celebrate Science Week. They have had the opportunity to do some 'hands on' Science. Thank you to Moser for organising Science Week.

Book Week

Next week the school will be celebrating Book Week. The theme for this year's Book Week is Australia: Story Country. Students are encouraged to dress up on Friday, 26 August as a favourite book character. We ask for parents to have a look around the house and recycle any items that may assist in dressing up. We don't want this to be an event where parents spend money. The celebration is about promoting a love of books and reading. There are many benefits of reading:

- *Children who read often and widely get better at it
- *Reading improves concentration
- *Reading exercises our brain
- *Reading teaches children about the world around them and assists them to develop comprehension of texts
- *Reading improves a child's vocabulary and leads to more highly-developed language skills
- *Reading develops a child's imagination
- *Reading helps children develop empathy
- *Children who read usually do better at school
- *Reading is a great form of entertainment
- *Reading can help relax the body and calm the mind.

Ultimately our goal is to have children developing a love and passion for reading. Reading empowers us and opens up doors to endless possibilities.

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CALENDAR

AUGUST

- 18th Footsteps Dance program in the Hall
- 15-19th Science Week
- 16th Prep K to Sensitivity Unit
- 16th ICAS Maths test
- 17th Prep R to Sensitivity Unit
- 18th Prep P to Sensitivity Unit
- 22-26th Book Week
- 26th Book Week Dress-up Day
- 29th 2017 Prep Enrolments commence

SEPTEMBER

- 1st Footsteps Dance program in the Hall
- 2nd Father's Day BBQ
- 6th Breakfast Club at the Hall
- 8th Footsteps Dance program in the Hall
- 9th Brisbane Writer's Festival at State Library
- 10th EPSS Fete Carnivale
- 16th Gold Card Day
- 16th Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

- 3rd Labour Day public holiday
- 4th First day of Term 4



Staff Updates

It is with sadness that at the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Dani Klar. Mrs Klar is relocating to the Torres Strait Islands as her husband has been relocated for work. I know she will be missed. We welcome Mrs Sara Reynolds to the Year Six class. Mrs Reynolds comes with outstanding references. She is an experienced teacher who is really excited to be at Everton Park State School.

Mrs Jo Campbell and Mrs Joy Lenzinger will be taking leave from next week for the remainder of the term. Both ladies are taking a holiday to Europe. I must admit, I am a little envious to say the least. I wish them safe travels and am counting down until their return. Mrs Lenzinger will be replaced by Mrs Barb Morris and Mrs Campbell will be replaced by Ms Meg Parkinson. Mrs Geetha Somasundaram (Mrs Soma) will be replacing Ms Parkinson during this time.

Here's to a fantastic week.

Ange Padgett

Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



How Are We Travelling Half Way Through The Term?

We are at the hump in the term and need to stay strong to keep the good work going on. The students are embracing eating and playground changes and a real team spirit is evident. Let's all work together to keep the momentum going as there is plenty happening in the second half of term. I'm visiting classrooms and checking in with students around our school rules and values and what they mean to them. This could make a great conversation starter at home. To assist the stamina of our children, the article I've included about sport is a sure winner.

LIBRARY NEWS

Australia: Story Country

On our book week parade assembly students have the chance to dress up as a favourite book character, object or something from a book. The theme this year is *Australia: Story country* so you may also want to dress up purely Australian! Some suggestions have been aussie animals, native trees, aussie icons, convicts, farmers from the outback, multicultural dress, sporting gear, and the list goes on. Prizes per class go to the most creative costumes. We encourage homemade, recycled simple ideas. Book week celebrates all the amazing Australian authors of Children's' books. All the categories are shortlisted down to six final books. <https://cbca.org.au/>

Morning Reading Club is up and running again. Welcome back to all our volunteers and our eager students. Premiers Reading Challenge finishes at the end of August. Ms Lukey Teacher/Librarian bluke1@eq.edu.au

One Step at a Time by Jane Jolly and Sally Heinrich is shortlisted for Picture book of the year, and tells the touching story about the relationship between a young boy, Luk, and his elephant, Mali. On the border of Thailand and Burma, Mali steps on a landmine. Luk supports her during her recovery. Mali is eventually fitted with a prosthesis and gets a second chance at life. *One Step at a Time* is about love and friendship and highlights the devastation still being caused by landmines. Research the true story of [Mosha](#) the elephant who lost her leg as a young calf and was fitted with a prosthesis.

Ms Lukey
Teacher/Librarian
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How Does Sport Help Children in School?

Sports and physical activity generally play a significant part in the school experience for many kids. While there are benefits to involving a child in organised sports programs, there could also be negative drawbacks. Supervise and monitor your child's sporting experience to ensure that the positives outweigh the negatives.

Psychological Well-Being

A child participating in school sports stands to gain important psychological benefits. Kids playing sports may have reduced anxiety and depression. Children can also receive self-esteem boosts, which may improve confidence and school performance.

Social Interaction

Children who play sports in school often enjoy enhanced social interaction. The socialisation that occurs with organized sports can help a child learn effective skills for interacting with both peers and adults. The peer culture that surrounds organised sports often plays an important role in the school environment. When a child feels integrated into this environment, his/her school performance may become stronger.

Character Building

Sports can provide your child with a variety of character-building experiences. Kids can learn valuable lessons about how to cooperate with others and play fairly. A child can also develop strong self-discipline as he/she strives to learn and excel at a sport. If children use this self-discipline academically, he/she may improve school performance. Sports participation may enhance critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, too.

Physical Health and Strength

Children need daily physical activity to stay healthy and strong. With participation in sports, your child could become stronger, increase endurance, build healthy muscles and bones, control weight and develop healthy habits. Kids who feel overwhelmed or tense with academic issues might benefit from the physical activity involved with sports activities. After running off negative anxiety and tension, your child might feel more able to concentrate on school. These physical benefits often have a direct impact on emotional well-being, which can improve a child's school performance.

Watch for the Downside

Although there are many benefits of sports participation, stay vigilant for possible negatives that could occur. The focus of sports participation should centre on learning skills, developing teamwork and having fun. If a focus turns toward unhealthy competition (i.e. win at all costs), the experience could become negative. Your ongoing involvement can ensure that your child keeps sports participation in perspective to keep it positive.



GO GREEN!
KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL WEEK
22 – 28 AUGUST 2016
Wear green and make a donation to:
Wednesday 24 August
The Loose Change Challenge!
Whose Class Will Win?
Tangalooma EcoMarines
https://everparkss.eq.edu.au/Extracurricular/Clubsandsocieties/Pages/EPSS_ECOMARINES.aspx


David O'Connor
Deputy Principal



P&C NEWS

We all dream at some point of a career that is both fulfilling, yet family friendly. Well, for those of you who are ready to leap in and make your dreams come true, read on!

An exciting opportunity exists for a Tuckshop Convenor to join the EPSS P&C team on a part-time basis. This is your chance to showcase your organisational, customer service and people management skills in a unique environment. Share with us your passion for promoting positive eating habits and the growth of our Tuckshop as an integral part of the school community.

For further information, refer to the attached Position Description or contact us at pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au. Applications close August 31, 2016.

Have a great week
Tanya Milgate
pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au

MUSIC NEWS

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

There is a planned tour day for our senior strings and senior band students now on Thursday 15 September, not on 1 September as previously advised. Information about this will be sent home in coming weeks. Children in years 2 and 3 will be seeing a short demonstration at 2pm on Wednesday, 31 September to introduce the different types of instruments available to our students.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2017

Stay tuned for information about Instrumental Music Program for 2017. Expression of Interest forms about our strings and band program will be sent home in coming weeks.

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

Penny Hall will be performing with Queensland Wind and Brass in their concert 'Witchcraft and Wizardry' featuring music from Harry Potter, Lord of The Rings, Wicked and The Wizard of Oz on Saturday 10th September at 7.30 pm at the Old Museum, Gregory Terrace. For further information go to www.qwab.com.au for more details. Children's tickets are free and they are more than welcome to get dressed up!!!

NORTHSIDE HONOURS CAMP 7 – 9 SEPTEMBER

Well done to all of our students in the senior band and senior string ensemble who have been accepted into the Northside Honours Camp to be held at Craigslea State High School. All medical consent forms and the \$100 payment is to be sent to our school office by **FRIDAY, 19 AUGUST**.

ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 26 AUGUST

The senior band will be performing at the Book Parade assembly on Friday, 26 August.

Band queries - contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au
String queries contact Anne Keenan at akeen9@eq.edu.au
Class music queries – contact Claire Van Vuuren at cvanv6@eq.edu.au at EPSS Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

TUCKERBOX NEWS

Please use our online ordering system, flexischools.com.au, to order your child's lunch.

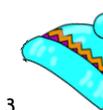
AUGUST ROSTER

Thursday 18 – Jennifer Congram

Friday 19 – Janene Ashton, Penny Valentine, Bea Bridgland

Thursday 25 – Melissa Lynch

Friday 26 – 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.



The Tuckerbox is still selling the delicious Twisted Frozen Yoghurt for \$2.50. First break only. Until stocks last
Katrina Coomber
Tuckshop Convenor



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 no longer able to do that.

We are also increasing the price we are selling second hand clothes from \$10 to \$15 and \$20 to \$25 for jackets.

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. 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.

Hats - \$15

Second hand clothes - \$15

Second hand jackets - \$25

Jeanette Jenkinson

Uniform Shop Convenor

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

P – 3 Athletics Carnival

The P – 3 Athletics Carnival was held last Friday 12th August. It was a new format this year which turned out to be very successful. Thank you to all the spectators for coming and supporting our students on the day. Congratulations to all the students who participated in the different activities. Congratulations to Gold house for winning the House trophy 644 points. 2nd – Green 608 and 3rd 606.

Met North Athletics

Good luck to Anika, Alan, Brandon, Spencer and Grace who are competing at the Met North Athletics trials next week. We wish you all the best, I'm sure you'll do North District and our school proud.

Term 4 Gala Day Sport

Expression of Interest letter have been sent home to parents. These forms were due to be returned to school last Monday, 8th August. Sports lists will be finalised this week and then letters will be sent home next. A golf letter has also been sent home from Mr O'Connor. Students can choose Touch Football, Beach Volleyball, Kanga Cricket or Golf. Gala Day sport excludes Golf, students cannot play Golf and a Gala day sport. Gala Day will be held in Weeks 1 (7/10), 2 (14/10), 4 (28/10) & 5 (4/11). If you have any questions about this please email me directly.



Jump rope for Heart

All donations for jump rope for heart are due this Friday, 19 August. Please follow the link if you wish to make a donation.

<http://jumprope.everydayhero.do/jumprope2016/?group=Everton-Park-State-School-EVERTON-PARK-QLD-117961>.

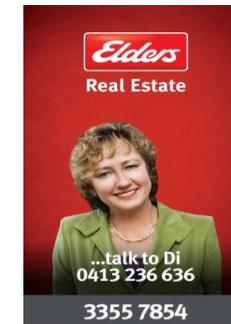
So far 23 students have raised \$2436, which is an amazing effort. Thank you

Ian Bird (ibird1@eq.edu.au)

PE Teacher

ATTACHMENTS

- Term 3 Calendar
- Tuckshop Position Description



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