

NEWSLETTER NO.25

AUGUST 13, 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

14 th	Prep – Year 3 Sports Carnival 9am – 11am
17 th	P&C Meeting 7pm in Library
18 th	Breakfast Club
18 th	Prep B visit to Sensitivity Unit
19 th	Prep R visit to Sensitivity Unit
20 th	Prep K visit to Sensitivity Unit
19–21 st	Year 5 Camp North Pine
21 st	'Ride Safely to School'. Meet at Teralba Park at 8am and depart at 8:15am for school
24 th	Spell-a-thon
24-28 th	Book Week
25 th	Spell-a-thon
25 th	Breakfast Club
28 th	Book Week Parade

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Everton Park in the Media

It's been a big two weeks for Everton Park State School students and staff. Our newsletter this week is full of many moments captured by the media. It is my pleasure to share them with you.

Cheerleaders on Channel 10 Eyewitness News

Last Monday night Channel 10 Eyewitness News had our EPSS Cheerleading Squad as guests on the program. Two live crosses to EPSS were conducted during the night with one section showcasing the wonderful talents of our cheerleaders. It was a very proud moment for our parents and staff. Thank you to Miss Rogers for her continued work with the students, for the parents who stayed back late to support the students and, of course, to our amazingly talented students. You are all super stars!



NAPLAN Results are in!

Last week families would have received their child's individual Year 3 or Year 5 NAPLAN report. These provide parents with a snapshot in time on how their children have performed in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Numeracy, Grammar and Punctuation tasks compared to other students across the nation. EPSS has also recently received our whole school NAPLAN data. The achievement of our students as a whole has been outstanding and certainly worth celebrating.

Over the last 12 months the EPSS team has focused their energies on providing targeted intervention to our students particularly in the area of Reading. We can see the benefit of this work and the commitment of our teachers and support staff reflected within the results achieved for 2015. Particular areas of celebration include:

- 95% of our Year 3 students achieved at or above the National Minimum Standards (NMS) in Reading (an increase from 91% in 2014).
- 100% of our Year 5 students achieved at or above the NMS in Reading (an increase from 96% in 2014)
- The 2015 Year 3 results have improved in every strand compared to the 2014 Year 3 results
- 99% of our Year 3 students achieved at or above the NMS in Writing
- 98% of our Year 3 students achieved at or above the NMS in Grammar and Punctuation
- 97% of our Year 3 student achieved at or above the NMS in Numeracy
- 100% of our students made positive gains in Numeracy and Spelling from Year 3 to Year 5

We will continue to plan for the specific needs of our students using the information gained from these data sets and other school based student performance data. Should you have any questions with regards to the NAPLAN tests, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or one of the members of our leadership team.

Queensland Association of State School Principals Conference

Last week the leadership team attended a conference organised by the Queensland Association of State School Principals. The team had the pleasure of learning from a number of international and interstate professionals who are leaders in the field of education. They challenged our thinking and provided us with innovative ideas that will assist us in; embedding high impact strategies to close achievement gaps with our students, better understanding Indigenous perspectives in education and successfully working with our community.

We also had an opportunity to listen to our Minister, Kate Jones, who informed us of several strategic strategies about to be rolled out in education and additional funding changes. Mr O'Connor and I had the opportunity to tell Ms Jones

about our fabulous school and our wonderful achievements.



Breakfast with Quentin Bryce

Mrs Campbell and I had the pleasure of joining a leadership breakfast with Quentin Bryce last week. She was a truly inspirational speaker and had many lessons for us on leadership and life. Mrs Campbell and I were fortunate enough to be able to talk to her for a few minutes about our amazing school and discuss the daily challenges and successes that occur for those of us who work in education.



Anita Bond

Anita Bond
Principal

P&C NEWS

We've been selected to participate in Local Matters at Grill'd Everton Park this August!



Local Matters is the Grill'd community donation program that sees each Grill'd restaurant donate \$500 back into the community every month. The donation is split between 3 local community groups \$300 / \$100 / \$100.

How you can help?

We'd love your support in receiving the highest \$300 donation! Simply head to Grill'd Everton Park during August for a burger and pop your Local Matters token in our jar. The group with the most tokens at the end of the month receives the largest donation. The more burgers you buy through the month, the more votes we get.

You'll find us on a jar at Grill'd Everton Park, Shop 2, 752 Stafford Road, Everton Park.

P.S. Don't forget, if you bought an Entertainment Book, there is a Grill'd voucher you can use!

Sam Nicholson
P&C Communications Co-ordinator

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL



Congratulations to 2/3B 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!

Next week (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, aunts 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'. Instead of checking in with the House Captains at the hall, we will be **now checking in at the big shed from 8:30 – 8:45am every Friday morning.** Actively travel to school and check in 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). Thank you to the Student Councillors, Isabelle and Jai, for helping out at the shop last Friday.

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 kroge8@eq.edu.au.

Thanks in advance Miss Rogers :)

PE NEWS

Just a reminder that the Junior Sports Carnival will be held this Friday, 14 August, commencing at 9am. The carnival will start at 9:00am and run until 11:00am. Students will participate in athletic related activities as well as fun activities. 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 the 19th 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 Prizes to be announced at a future date.

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.

FOUND

A young child's soft (and looks like favourite) 'moo cow' toy was found last week. Please enquire at the office.

LIBRARY NEWS

COUNTDOWN to book week 14 days!

BOOK WEEK PARADE is on Friday, 28 August. Dress up as a favourite book character.

Book Week is from Monday 24 to Friday, 28 August. The Theme is '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 19th August. <http://www.andygriffiths.com.au/books/13storeytreetreehouse.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 August.

Don't forget to keep reading for the Premiers Reading Challenge! Forms must be in by Friday, 28 Aug.

Ms Lukey
Teacher Librarian

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

MUSIC NEWS



Information will be sent home during this coming week about our Instrumental Music Program for 2016. Students in Year 3 are able to learn the violin, viola, cello and double bass (strings program).

Students who are in Year 4 are able to learn flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, bass guitar and trombone (band program).

Please make sure that your children are bringing all of their equipment including the signed practice sheets to lessons.

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.

Practice = Progress



For all string queries please contact Ms Anne Keenan at 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 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 Mrs Crook works at our school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Uniform Shop



Due to maintenance work being performed on the Tuckshop we will be **closed Monday, 24 August**. It will **open on Thursday, 27 August** as a one-off opening day due to these circumstances.

Remember!

The **opening** day for the **Uniform Shop** is **Monday's for Terms 3 & 4**. The opening times remain the same and Flexischools will operate as normal.

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!**

2nd HAND UNIFORMS NEEDED

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

Volunteers Needed

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, 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.

Jeanette Jenkinson

Uniform Shop Convenor

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday.

AUGUST ROSTER

Thursday 13

Jennifer Congram

Friday 14

Genevieve Moller, Dana Haack, Vicki Wilson



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