



## 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.**

Each year the Children's Book Council of Australia brings children and books together to celebrate Book Week. Our school is excited to be holding our very own dress up day with the theme being 'Australian Story Country'. Students are encouraged to dress up on Friday, 26 August. 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.

For the next two weeks we are holding our Parent Teacher Interviews. These interviews provide us with opportunity to discuss with you your child's progress, both academically and socially. They send a strong message to the children that both home and school are working together to ensure success in all areas. If you haven't already done so, please arrange a time to meet with your child's class teacher.

I'm extremely proud to announce further improvements to our school. Our school is working closely with our Regional Facilities Manager to improve the school's entrances. We are currently working with landscape architects to provide us with some ideas that won't bust the school's budget. Thanks to the generous P&C donation, we have also purchased 20 new laptops to assist students' access information technologies. Thank you to our amazing and hardworking P&C as well as our wider school community for assisting us with raising funds.

This Wednesday we ask for all students to wear green in support of our Eco Marine Ambassadors who are raising money to assist with keeping the Moreton Bay water way clean. We ask for a donation of loose change in exchange for wearing green.

On Friday, 2 September we are holding a Fight Cancer Day, where students are encouraged to wear their favourite footy colours or sporting team colours in exchange for a gold coin donation. I'm sure we have all been touched or know someone who has had their world changed by cancer. Please support this day to see if we can raise much needed funds to help eradicate cancer once and for all.

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## CALENDAR

### AUGUST

- 22-26<sup>th</sup> Book Week
- 25<sup>th</sup> Footsteps dance program in the Hall
- 26<sup>th</sup> Book Week Dress-up Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 Prep Enrolments commence
- 30<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club at the Hall

### SEPTEMBER

- 1<sup>st</sup> Footsteps Dance program in the Hall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Father's Day BBQ
- 6<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club at the Hall
- 8<sup>th</sup> Footsteps Dance program in the Hall
- 9<sup>th</sup> Brisbane Writer's Festival at State Library
- 10<sup>th</sup> EPSS Fete Carnivale
- 13<sup>th</sup> Prep R Dad's night 5 – 6pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Gold Card Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 3

### OCTOBER

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Labour Day public holiday
- 4<sup>th</sup> First day of Term 4



I am also delighted to announce that my time at Everton Park State School has been extended for the remainder of this year. I am looking forward to continuing to work with you by making our school the best it can be by supporting children to academic and social success.

Here's to a fantastic week.

Ange Padgett  
Principal

## FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



### **We need to foster Creativity!**

Recent academic studies have shown that Australian children are no longer as creative as they once were. This should not come as a shock to anyone, as we live in an era obsessed with numbers, data and test scores, especially as they apply to our children and their education. Seeing the decline in creativity should make us concerned about our children's capacities to innovate, problem-solve and navigate new and unfamiliar situations. What should parents, educators, and professionals do to help bring back our children's natural creativity?

### **Getting it Back**

In order to move from passive consumption to active innovation, we need to expand our definition of creativity beyond the arts and expose children to imaginative processes and the joy of invention. As parents, educators and leaders of the next generation, it is important to emphasize the joy of creativity and instill in our children the sense that there is something important they can personally share with the world. Getting children (and adults) to share their individual messages allows them to feel more connected with themselves and those around them. This promotes feelings of self-confidence and self-worth that are the key to emotional well-being and healthy social development. Moreover, creativity is where ingenuity and innovation lead to greater things in the world of art, science and technology. Getting children to focus on the products of their imagination is vital to their individual mental health and to the world at large.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### **FRIDAY- BOOK WEEK ASSEMBLY**

Please join us this Friday in the hall at 9am for our annual book week 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. Masks are easy to make. Book week celebrates all the amazing Australian authors of children's books. The winners have been announced! All these books are on display in the library and will be available to borrow from next week. <https://cbca.org.au/>

Colouring competitions are on all week in the library with the BIG Story Country Colouring Sheet due in at the end of Term. Check with teachers or Ms Lukey.

The Premiers Reading Challenge finishes this week so get those forms in to your teachers.

Ms Lukey  
Teacher/Librarian  
[bluke1@eg.edu.au](mailto:bluke1@eg.edu.au)



## Promote Curiosity and Imagination

Inspire your children to think in new and unconventional ways by bringing them into different environments and interesting situations. Introduce new foods at the dinner table; explore new cultures through reading or family outings to a cultural museum. Have your children spend time with their grandparents and ask them to reflect on the differences between their lives and the experiences of older generations. Encourage a dialogue between your children and older family members about discoveries or innovations that changed their lives or ways of thinking.

## Don't Just Problem Solve, Process Solve!

Another way to bring creativity into your children's lives is to get them to enjoy the process of problem solving. Prompting children to generate ideas in order to solve a puzzle gets them to engage with their thought processes and broadens their ways of thinking. Demonstrate how you might go about problem solving and you will instill in them the joy that comes from imagining solutions to a problem. Remember, it is the *process*, not the product of problem solving that is important. If your child has difficulty coming up with the solution, that is part of the point of the exercise. Praise them for their effort rather than only for arriving at a correct answer.

## Make Creativity a part of every day

Although we all have hectic lives, there are a myriad of ways to bring the creative process into everyday activities in order to get your children to think outside the box. Being silly and playful with them is a great start, but actually producing something is even better. This is because the process of actually bringing the idea from inspiration to production is where they can really begin to see how creative process works. The effort that we supply when we actually make things helps us to learn new and innovative techniques for thinking. When you create with your children and model creative thinking just for the sake of inventiveness, you inspire them to do the same. Maybe it's developing a new recipe for scrambled eggs in the morning, or a sandwich for lunch. Perhaps it's writing a short story about the day. Anything that gets the imagination going can inspire your children to think about the world in a different way.

David O'Connor  
Deputy Principal

## SWIMMING CLUB NEWS



### Home of the Park Sharks!

The 2016 – 2017 Swimming Club Season commences on Friday, 7 October 2016 and runs each Friday night during school Terms 4 and 1. If you don't know much about the Everton Park Swimming Club why not come along to one of our FREE come and try nights on 7 and 14 October. Everyone is welcome and all swimming abilities are catered for. Swimming distances for all strokes are 12.5 metres, 25 metres and 50 metres. Beginner swimmers are supported in the water by our older club swimmers. The canteen will be holding a sausage sizzle, plus burgers, snacks and refreshments. Gates open at 6pm for a 6.30pm start. Swimmers must nominate for their swimming events at the pool prior to 6.30pm. We help you with this just ask at the Pool. Come along and find out what club nights are like - we'd love to see you. The evening finishes at about 8.30pm. If you have any queries please call Trisha Macdonald on 0409 565470 parent volunteer or our website [www.evertonpark.swimming.org.au](http://www.evertonpark.swimming.org.au)

### ALL ABOUT AQUATICS SWIMMING CLUB

Unfortunately, due to issues with the pool, we are unable to start swimming lessons until September holidays or possibly Term 4. We will be sending out information soon to start bookings. To register your interest in lessons please email us [evertonpark@allaboutaquatics.com.au](mailto:evertonpark@allaboutaquatics.com.au)

## CHAPLAINCY NEWS

The Chappy room is still buzzing at both breaks on Mondays and we are half way through our Social Skills Program with Grades 1 and 2. We have addressed feelings and friendships and are still to examine uniqueness, resilience, communication and problem solving. I would like to thank the P&C for inviting me to their meeting last Monday Night.

### News from the Fathering Project

BUST is an acronym that describes the four key ways to actively engage with your child: being there, unconditional love, spending time together and teamwork.

Be present when it matters

"Dads need to be around at times that matter - crisis times such as exams, relationship breakdowns and important transition times." - Jim McCluskey

- Learn to recognize what constitutes a crisis time for your child. What stresses them out? Find a way to be there and support your child during those times.
- Make it clear that you are available anytime your child needs to talk. Let them know that they can call you in times of need.



## P&C NEWS

Well, last week it was the School Tuckshop needing a new convenor and this week is it the Swim Club! Before we release the role to those from outside the school wishing to apply, we are giving our EPSS families an opportunity to express their interest.

This role would suit someone who has an interest in being part of the Swim Club and earning some money while your child/ren swim. Swim Club runs on a Friday night and you would only be required for a few hours per week. Applications close on Wednesday, 31 August. Please send your resume to [pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au)

Have a great week  
Tanya Milgate  
[pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au)

## FOUND

Two items have been found on the school grounds:

- A gift voucher
- A pen commemorating the Battle of Long Tan
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Please enquire at the office.

## MUSIC NEWS

### THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

There is a planned tour day for our senior strings and senior band students now on Thursday 15 September. This is INSTEAD OF Thursday, 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

Our beginner and senior band will be performing at our school Fete on Saturday, 10 September. All children will need to meet Mrs Hall at our school music room at 1:15pm. We will be performing at 2pm. Letters will be sent home this week. Children can wear whatever they are wearing to the Fete for the performance.

Penny Hall will be performing with Queensland Wind and Brass in their concert 'Witchcraft and Wizardy' 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 Tce. For further information go to [www.qwab.com.au](http://www.qwab.com.au) for more details. Children's tickets are free and they are more than welcome to get dressed up!

### ASSEMBLY FRIDAY 26 AUGUST

The senior concert band will be performing at the Book Parade assembly this Friday, 26 August. All children need to meet Mrs Hall, wearing their Australian Book Week character costume, at 8:15am in our school hall.

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

## TUCKERBOX NEWS

Please use our online ordering system, [flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au), to order your child's lunch.

### AUGUST ROSTER

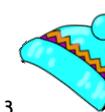
**Thursday 25** – Melissa Lynch

**Friday 26** – Vicky Wilson, Jo Baird, Sam Nicholson

### SEPTEMBER ROSTER

**Thursday 1** – can you please help?

**Friday 2** – Ann Jabas, Joy Wood, Julie Beardmore



### 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](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. 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

### Term 4 Gala Day Sport

Gala day letters have been sent home – they are due back Monday 5 September. The permission notes are to be returned to the class teacher.

Gala Day will be held in Weeks 1 (7/100, 2 (14/10), 4 (28/10) and 5 (4/11) of Term 4.

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

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PE Teacher

## ATTACHMENTS

- Term 3 Calendar
- Swimming Club Canteen Convenor Position



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