

NEWSLETTER NO.26

AUGUST 19, 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- 19–21st Year 5 Camp North Pine
- 20th Prep K visit to Sensitivity Unit
- 20th Footsteps Dance in the Hall
- 21st 'Ride Safely to School'. Meet at Teralba Park at 8am and depart at 8:15am for school
- 24th Spell-a-thon
- 24-28th Book Week
- 25th Spell-a-thon
- 25th Breakfast Club
- 27th Footsteps Dance in the Hall
- 28th Book Week Parade

SEPTEMBER

- 1st Breakfast Club
- 2nd Brisbane Writers Festival
- 3rd Footsteps Dance in the Hall
- 8th Breakfast Club
- 10th Footsteps Dance in the Hall
- 11th Footsteps Dance in the Hall (makeup class)
- 15th Breakfast Club
- 18th Last day of Term 3
- 21st P&C meeting 7pm in Library

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Electronic Roll Marking

EPSS will commence Electronic Roll marking commencing Week 9 of this term. This process will give the school a more accurate and efficient system of monitoring student attendance. The main difference with the new system will be that the teachers will be mainly concerned about the **Attendance** of the students (**who is here – who is not on the day**) and the administration office will be monitoring the Absences (**reasons for absence**).

There should be minimal change to students and their families but this is an opportunity for a timely reminder of procedures for reporting your child's absence from school.

ATTENDANCE

- The school day at Everton Park State School commences at **8.50am**. If a student arrives after this time they **MUST** report to the office and be recorded as a late arrival as the teacher will no longer be able to record the student as present after the roll has been electronically marked.
- The school day ends at **3.00pm**. If a student needs to leave before this time, the parent or carer **MUST** report to the office to record the student's early departure.

ABSENCES

It is very important that the administration office is aware of your child's absence as soon as possible. The information will be passed on to the class teacher.

- If your child is, or was absent from school, please call our direct absentee line **3550 2277** stating your child's name, class, reason and length of absence.
- You can also report in person to the administration office.
- Alternately, you can forward an email to absences@everparkss.eq.edu.au
- Class teachers do not receive information regarding student absences. All information goes through the office.

- Unexplained absences will be followed up by a member of the leadership team.
- If your child will be absent for 10 consecutive days you will need to complete an "Exemption from Compulsory School" form, which is available from the office.

Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Electronic Newsletter

As of Week 8 this term, parents will receive the school newsletter via email. If parents would prefer to receive a paper copy of their newsletter, this option will still be available. Our class parent representatives will be sending out an email to their class groups this week, asking parents to inform them via return email if they would like to receive a paper copy of the newsletter. If a paper copy is not specifically requested, parents will be sent the newsletter via email. This is a good opportunity to ensure that all contact details for your family are correct on our school records. Feedback regarding this change was gained through our parent representative group and will hopefully provide our parent



community with another convenient method for receiving the school letter. Parents are reminded that the school newsletter can also be viewed on our school website and via the Queensland Schools App.

Year 5's off to Camp

The Year 5's left this morning to attend the YMCA camp at North Pine amid great excitement. We know they will have a fantastic time and we look forward to their safe return at school at 2:30pm on Friday.

Anita Bond

Anita Bond
Principal

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL



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!

This 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 THIS 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.

CHEERLEADING

There will be no Cheer Pups practice on Monday morning, 24 August. However, there will be Cheer Squad practice on Monday afternoon. Reserves resume practice on Tuesday morning.

NEW LOCATION OF LOST PROPERTY

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. 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, 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, 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.

PE NEWS

I would like to commend the Year 6's on their effort, organisation and leadership during the Junior Athletics Carnival. A number of teachers commented on how well the Year 6's ran the activities. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support their child/children. A big congratulations to all the students in Prep – Year 3 for all the effort they put in each rotation.

LIBRARY NEWS

Countdown to the Book Week Parade on Friday, 28 August.

Dress up as a favourite or any book character.

Book Week will run from Monday, 24 to Friday, 28 August Theme - *Books Light Up our World*.

The Premiers Reading Challenge forms must be in by Friday, 28 August.

Thank you to all the students who have entered the competitions. There are some amazing tree house designs!

One of my favourite books up for the Early Childhood CBCA award is 'Pig the Pug' by Aaron Blabey. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YVOZXaTqBic>

Ms Lukey
Teacher Librarian

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 20

Sherryn Overlack

Friday 21

Janene Ashton, Penny Valentine, Carol McLean

Thursday 28

Karla Chaffey

Friday 29

Ann Jabas, Penny Turner, Jo Baird



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.

A reminder - children in Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 are not to bring money to school to spend at the Tuckshop. All items for these year levels need to be pre-ordered via Flexischools or over the counter by parents/guardians.

Katrina
Tuckshop Convenor

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Hills District PCYC is holding a Hip Hop Dance class every Thursday afternoon. No need to book, simply show up. Classes are held between 4:00 – 5:00pm. Cost is \$10 for members and \$13 for non-members.