

NEWSLETTER NO.27

AUGUST 26, 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

AUGUST

27th Footsteps Dance in the Hall
28th Book Week Parade

SEPTEMBER

1st Breakfast Club
2nd 2016 Band and Strings information afternoon in the hall from 2:15 – 3:15pm.
2nd Brisbane Writers Festival
3rd Footsteps Dance in the Hall
4th Father's Day BBQ before school in front of Tuckshop
8th Breakfast Club
10th Footsteps Dance in the Hall
11th Ride Safely to School day. Meet at Teralba Park 8am, depart for school 8:15am
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



Year 5 Camp

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the Year 5 camp. It was a fantastic opportunity for me to observe leadership potential in our Year 5 students. During activities such as the low ropes activity and the giant swing students were required to work as a team and encourage and support each other during the task. I was extremely proud of the behaviours on display and know that our school will be in good hands next year as these students become Year 6 leaders. Thank you also to the staff who attended and supported our students during the camp.



Mr Nunn on the flying fox

Prep 2016 Enrolments

If you are intending to enrol your child in Prep next year please see Louise or Sam in the office to secure your placement for 2016. We are in the process of planning our staffing and resourcing for next year and it is crucial that we have our correct enrolment numbers processed as soon as possible. Parents are also required to book themselves and their child in for an interview starting Tuesday, 6 October. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Staffing changes

Commencing week 8 we will say farewell to Mrs Jones for a while as she ventures into the world of motherhood. We will welcome Mrs Leonie Russell to our Everton Park State School teaching team. Mrs Russell comes to us from Albany Creek State School and will join Mrs Jones in 2J during Week 7 to transition into her role as class teacher.

Anita Bond
Principal

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL



Congratulations to **1S** and **3M** 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!

Although the rainy weather prevented us from celebrating/promoting 'Road Safety Week' last Friday, our Adopt-a-Cop, Senior Constable Meriel, is committed to once again 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 now be having a school bike ride from Teralba Park on **Friday 11th September**. **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).

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.

PREP 2016

If you have a child who is eligible to enrol in Prep next year, please could you contact the office to pick up an enrolment package. We are starting to finalize our numbers and also organizing interviews for future Prep students and their parents in October this year.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Book Week Parade This Friday!
Dress up as a favourite or any book character.
Book Week runs from Monday, 24 to Friday, 28 August. The theme is *Books Light Up our World*.

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

Thank-you to all those students who have participated in the Treehouse/Book Review Competition. Twelve students have been chosen for the Brisbane Writer's Festival and other prizes included the 65 Storey-Treehouse books, book lights and posters. The Lampshade competition will be announced on Friday at the book parade.

'My Two Blanket's by Irena Kobald and Freya Blackwood won Picture Book of the Year. The Early Childhood winning book was 'Go to Sleep Jessie' by Libby Gleeson and Freya Blackwood and the Younger Readers went to 'The Cleo Stories' by Libby Gleeson and once again Freya Blackwood. All the Award winners can be viewed at <http://cbca.org.au/>

A special thank-you goes out to QT Mutual Bank for their donation of a book pack and book marks for the whole school for our book week celebrations. Also the staff appreciated the free cuppa!

Ms Lukey
Teacher Librarian

GARDEN CLUB

We have some excellent shallots in the garden and what may be some tasty tomatoes. We may be able to have a little tasting this Wednesday at First Break!

Bernadette Crook

MUSIC NEWS

ELEMENTS CHOIR

'Elements' will sing a couple of songs on Parade in Week 8, on Friday 4 September. We hope everyone will enjoy hearing us!

JUNIOR CHOIR

Don't forget to be here bright and early for rehearsal on Friday. Some people are missing out on our new songs!

Bernadette Crook
Classroom Music Teacher

INFORMATION AFTERNOON

Parents of Years 2 and 3 students are invited to our Band and Strings information afternoon for 2016 at our school hall on Wednesday, 2nd

September from 2:15 – 3:15pm. Letters were sent home 2 weeks ago. Children in our Beginner Band and our Junior Strings groups will be performing.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC STRINGS 2016 RECRUITMENT

Year 2 students have recently undergone music aptitude testing to determine which children will be invited to participate in the school Instrumental Music Strings program next year. The instruments being taught next year in the Strings program will include violin, viola, cello and bass.

Background Information

Initial testing takes place during music lessons, followed by gathering of information from the class teacher regarding suitability of students to be part of the program. Issues to be considered will include overall music results, academic results and how students work independently. Please note that borrowing, purchasing or hiring an instrument for your child will not guarantee their involvement in the Instrumental Music program. Places are determined through the selection process and are only available through consultation with the Instrumental Music teacher. Remember, that even if you have access to a specific instrument or want your child to learn a particular instrument, they need to be selected to become a part of the Instrumental Music program to receive tuition and the specific instrument they study needs to be considered carefully. Due to Everton Park State School having Strings lessons only one day per week the recruitment of new students is limited to twelve each year. The recruiting process also takes considerable time and will not be finalised till the middle of Term 4. Anne Keenan-Strings Teacher akeen9@eq.edu.au

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



Remember!

The opening day for the Uniform Shop is Monday's for Terms 3 & 4. The

opening time is 8:15 – 9:30am 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 jibounceback@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 28

Karla Chaffey

Friday 29

Ann Jabas, Penny Turner, Jo Baird

SEPTEMBER ROSTER

Thursday 3

Jenny Sewell, Megan Limpus

Friday 4

Jo Hennessey, Vicky Wilson, Karla Chaffey

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

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.

Taekwon-Do Classes

Do you want to learn the Art of Taekwon-Do in a fun, family friendly atmosphere. New students are always welcomed and encouraged to try, the first two classes are free. Crazy introductory prices for those that join in September include lifetime enrolment, uniform, first testing fee and first month's training free which is up to 8 x 1 ½ hour lessons. At class, students will improve fitness and balance, increase their focus and attention PLUS develop the discipline and respect to become their best. It is an activity the whole family can be part of and an organisation that is ethical and values based. Did I mention it is also a lot of fun! For more information contact the instructors, Rob or Jan Taylor on 0434 359 313 or just pop in to class. Remember to bring a water bottle and wear clothes that you can train in. Classes are held in the school hall on Wednesday and Friday nights from 6.30 – 8.00pm.

hello
spring! LAST

WEEKS FOR WINTER
MENU ITEMS

Garlic bread \$1.10, warm Milo \$1.50,
Ham & Pineapple or BBQ Chicken
pizza \$3.00.