

NEWSLETTER NO.28

SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd Brisbane Writers Festival
- 4th Father's Day BBQ before school in front of Tuckshop
- 8th Breakfast Club
- 11th Ride Safely to School day. Meet at Teralba Park 8am, depart for school 8:15am
- 15th Breakfast Club
- 18th Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER

- 5th Labour Day Public Holiday
- 6th First day of Term 4
- 19th P&C Meeting 7pm in Library

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Book Week Parade

Book Week activities and celebrations concluded on Friday with our Book Week Parade. It was wonderful to see our students and staff celebrating reading in such an enthusiastic way. The students were quite a sight all dressed up as their favourite book characters as were our teaching staff who put on a great show with their song and dance routine about reading! Thanks to Mrs Lukey for producing such a great assembly for all to enjoy.





New Learning App for Parents

A new app for parents has been released of the Department of Education and Training called "Learning Potential." It includes tips and inspiring ways for parents to be more involved in their child's learning. It's for all ages from the high chair to high school and it provides parents with:

- Tips and hints
- Relevant information tailored to your child's age
- Fun and easy ways to stimulate learning

"Learning Potential" can be downloaded free from learningpotential.gov.au

Anita Bond

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Principal

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.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL



Congratulations to Prep B and 1S (it was a tie) and 45I 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 September is 'scootering'. Every 'Fun Fit Friday' in September, students who actively travel to school by scootering, will be awarded **DOUBLE STAMPS** in/on their AST passport/card! Organise to scooter 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', 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, aunties 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).

USE OF AEROSOL SPRAYS ON BUSES

It has been brought to our attention that some of the driver team of Brisbane Bus Lines have sensitivities to aerosols, including respiratory problems (asthma) and these sensitivities can be triggered by the chemicals and strong smells in aerosols (deodorants) which some students are using on the buses particularly after sport. Whilst it is understandable that students like to maintain a level of comfort we have been asked that students use their deodorants prior to boarding the bus. Thank you for your understanding.

LOST

A Harry Potter magic wand was taken in error last Friday from the terraces. If you have it could you please return it to the office. Thank you.

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.

BOOK CLUB 2015 ISSUE #6

The Issue #6 catalogues for Book Club are now out and orders close on **Monday 7, September 2015**. This is a shorter timeframe to submit orders than usual to ensure that orders can be processed and delivered prior to school holidays. Please note that orders after this date cannot be accepted.

Now that EPSS is fully registered with LOOP (Linked Ordering and Online Payment), ordering your books has never been easier. Just go online to <http://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/> and follow the steps to order and pay for your child's books.

Alternatively, you can still complete the paper order form found in the middle of the catalogue and return it with your cash, cheque or voucher payment to the "Book Club" box located in the library. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a mountain of jumpers and sports jackets in the Lost Property area under B Block. Please come and see if you have an item waiting for collection. Perhaps while you are at the Father's Day BBQ you could take the time to come and see if your child's missing item is there. Any unclaimed items will be removed before the school holidays and sold at the second hand store in the Uniform Shop.

LIBRARY NEWS

A huge thank you to the school community for supporting our Book Week parade. Fabulous creative costumes and how about some of the moves of our teachers! It's all about the books of course!

Our next big book event will be in November 2nd to the 6th for our Book Fair. I am looking for any parent volunteers who would like to help me make this an awesome event. Book Fairs are great for topping up our collection with the commission we make. So please give me a call if you are interested.

Ms Lukey
Teacher Librarian

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Met North Track and Field Trials last week. We had a number of students in the top 10 and top 15 placings which is something to be proud of. Congratulations also goes to Duncan M who was selected in the North District Cricket team. This week students in Years 4 to 6 have been asked to select 2 preferences for Term 4 sports. Only a certain number of teams can be entered for each sport. Trials for each sport will be held next week. Those students who miss out on being selected will participate in a sports program here at school. Permission notes will be sent

home the last week of this term to those students who have been selected for a team. These Permission notes will need to be returned before Friday, October 16.



FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Friday, 4 September



Bring Dad and the whole family to the Breakfast this Friday, 4 September from 7am – 9am in front of the Tuckshop. Bacon and egg rolls will be available for \$5.00, fresh fruit salad for \$4.00 and coffee from the Wandering Man Espresso for \$3.00.

MUSIC NEWS

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Information Afternoon – Wednesday, 2 September from 2:15pm – 3:15pm.

Parents of Years

2 and 3 are

invited to our

Band and Strings

Information

afternoon for

2016 on

Wednesday, 2

September. Letters about this event were sent home 2 weeks ago. Students in our Beginner Band and Junior Strings groups will be performing.



Testing for woodwind, brass and percussion instruments with Mrs Hall will take place on Wed 16th September.

Please note there will be no Band lessons on Wednesday, 9 September with Mrs Penny Hall as she will be in attendance at the Honours Camp at Craigslea State High School

Please note there will be no Strings lessons on Thursday, 10 September with Miss Anne Keenan as she will be in attendance at the Honours Camp at Craigslea State High School.

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.

The Uniform Shop opening hours will be extended this Friday, 4 September from 7:30am – 9:00am while the Father's Day BBQs on. Please drop in if your child is in need of any items.

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 jbounceback@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.

SEPTEMBER ROSTER

Thursday 3

Jenny Sewell, Megan Limpus

Friday 4

Jo Hennessey, Vicky Wilson, Karla Chaffey

Thursday 10

Jennifer Congram

Friday 11

Genevieve Moller, Dana Haack, Nikki Clur

Olaf the Snowman ice creams are no longer available.

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

hello spring! LAST

WEEKS FOR WINTER

MENU ITEMS

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

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.