

# NEWSLETTER NO.30

## SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### SEPTEMBER

- 18<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 3  
18<sup>th</sup> Gold Card Family Picnic Day from 10am – 11am

#### OCTOBER

- 5<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Public Holiday  
6<sup>th</sup> First day of Term 4  
6<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club  
12<sup>th</sup> Footsteps dance program in the Hall  
13<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club  
19<sup>th</sup> Indigenous Parent meeting in the Library at 6pm  
19<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting 7pm in Library  
19<sup>th</sup> Student Free Day – Teacher Professional Development Day  
20<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club  
26<sup>th</sup> Footsteps dance program in the Hall  
27<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### Preparing for Puberty Sessions

TRUE (previously known as Family Planning Queensland) will be offering a choice of two evening education sessions at our school next term for interested Year 6 students and their parents. The session "Preparing for Puberty" is a family education session which is aimed at encouraging parent/child communication about changes that occur at puberty. There is a limit of 30 families per session. Should we have any vacancies, we will extend the invitation to our Year 5 students and their families. Please do not bring younger siblings to these sessions. Details of the sessions are as follows:

Date: Thursday, 8 October 2015  
Time: 5:30 – 7:00pm  
Cost: \$16.50 per student (with accompanying parent/s)  
Venue: Library EPSS

#### OR

Date: Tuesday, 13 October 2015  
Time: 5:30 – 7:00pm  
Cost: \$16.50 per student (with accompanying parent/s)  
Venue: Library EPSS

Please RSVP to Louise in the Office on 3550 2222 or email on [lrose7@eq.edu.au](mailto:lrose7@eq.edu.au) by Tuesday, 6 October.

#### Domestic and Family Violence

Domestic and family violence is an issue that touches the lives of so many people and has become a topic of focus in our wider community. There is no excuse for it and no place for it in a just and civilised society. The DETE supports this focus and would like to encourage you to call the statewide helpline — DVConnect Womensline 1800 811 811 (24 hours) or Mensline 1800 600 636 (9am to midnight, 7 days) if you are concerned someone you know may be experiencing abuse.

#### Staffing Changes

At the end of this term we say farewell and best wishes to Mrs Bibby who will be taking maternity leave. We welcome Mrs Sophie Cameron who will be in Prep B next term.

Mrs Crook will also be on leave in Term 4 and we welcome Mrs Jewel Lucas as our class Music teacher for the remainder of the year.

## Happy Holidays

I wish all of our students and their families a restful break and look forward to seeing you all again next term.



Anita Bond  
Principal

## P&C NEWS

We've made it through another term! Thanks to everyone for all of your support, especially with so many events on at the moment. To close off the term, we are asking all of you to please return any Spell-a-thon cards, Earn & Learn stickers and also any raffle ticket books if they are hanging around.

The next P&C event to look forward to is a movie night that we are running in conjunction with our local member, Norm Wyndham and Brisbane City Council. There will be further details to come straight after the holidays, but be sure to keep Saturday, 24 October free so you can come along and have some spooky fun!

We have also decided not to have a P&C meeting this month due to the school holidays, so will look forward to seeing you all bright and bouncing into Term 4!

Thanks  
Tanya Milgate  
P & C President

## DISABILITY ACTION WEEK

This week we celebrate Disability Action Week with the aim of empowering people with disability, raising awareness of disability issues, and improving access and inclusion throughout the wider community.

We have come a long way in the last 15-20 years in the way we view disability. As education providers, we have moved away from the medical model of the 60's and 70's where disability was understood to be a characteristic of the person, and as a result, the person seen as 'atypical', to a view where human functioning is best understood in the context of a person-environment fit or interaction model. This shift has seen us focus on the strengths of the individual, on the environment, rather than the person and on what is taught rather than where it is taught.

This is a significant shift, and one that has seen us begin to provide an education for people with a disability on the same basis as everyone.

We still have a long way to go though, as currently 45% of people with a disability in Australia live in or near poverty. I'm sure you would agree, this is a concerning fact.

I welcome you all to visit the Disability Action Week website for further information:

<http://www.qld.gov.au/disability/community/celebrate-disability-action-week/>

Graham Nunn  
Special Education Teacher

## STUDENT ABSENCE

Last week saw the introduction of our new roll marking system. There should be minimal change to students and their families, but please remember :

### 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.

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 student's absence as soon as possible. The information will be passed on to the class teacher.

If your student is, or was, absent from school please call our direct absentee line on 3550 2277 stating your child's name, class, reason and length of absence.

Alternately, you can forward an email to [absences@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:absences@everparkss.eq.edu.au) or you can also report in person to the administration office.

Unexplained absences will be followed up daily.

If your child will be absent for 10 consecutive days you will need to complete a "Exemption from Compulsory School" form, which is available from the office.

## ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL



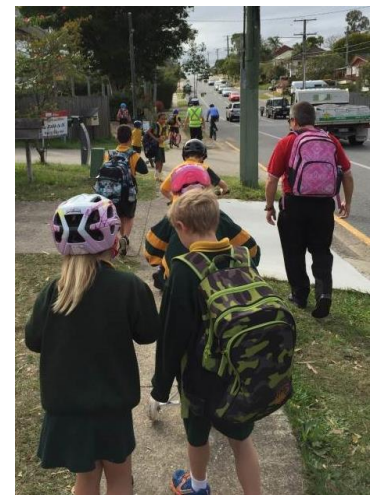
Congratulations to 1S (IT'S A HAT TRICK!) and 3M on winning the Gold Star awards for the previous week's 'Fun Fit Friday'. Brilliant effort by both classes.

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.

A BIG thank you to our Adopt-a-Cop, Senior Constable Meriel, for organising a team to help promote the importance of 'safety on the road' for our students. A special thank you to Mr O'Connor, Miss Pocock, Simon and all the other adults for helping us to ride safely to school from Teralba Park last Friday. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated!



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).

## SPELL-A-THON

All Spell-a-Thon money is due back this **Friday, 18 September.**



## LIBRARY NEWS

All library books need to be returned this week. If a book is damaged or lost we ask that you replace it with a new book, either by purchasing it yourself or making a payment to the school. If you have any concerns please email me.

Our annual **Book Fair** will be held on 2 – 5 November. If you can help we would love to hear from you.

Brisbane schools will celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> **Arbor Day** this year on Tuesday, 13 October. To celebrate this, the Brisbane City Council has provided us with 50 native plants. If you can help with planting these natives please let me know. I am assisting Mrs Crook with this event and the gardening club while she is on leave next term.

The government cybersmart site has now become **The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner**. This website protects Australian children when they experience cyberbullying by administering a complaints scheme and deals with complaints about prohibited online content. Lots of information for parents and children.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Miss Lukey

[bluke1@eq.edu.au](mailto:bluke1@eq.edu.au)

Teacher/Librarian

## GOLD CARD FAMILY PICNIC DAY

Friday, 18 September  
10:00 – 11:00am



Parents, carers and grandparents are invited to join their children at the class Family Picnic morning tea from 10:00 – 11:00am on the last day of school, Friday, 18 September. Class teachers will be emailing all parents with the details.

## FREE DRESS DAY

Friday 18 September

The last day of school, Friday 18 September, will be free dress with a gold coin donation which will go towards the Student Council.

Swimming is back next term starting Week 2 (week starting 12<sup>th</sup> October). For swimming we require parent helpers to maintain our ratios of students to helpers. We require:

- 4 helpers in the pool for Prep
- 3 helpers in the pool for Year 1
- 2 helpers in the pool for Year 2 and 3
- 1 helper to observe for Year 4 to 6

Next term Prep to Year 3 will be working on their stroke technique. Year 4 to 6 will be working on a swimming survival program. The swimming survival program looks at lifesaving skills such as treading water, sculling and rescues. Permission slips for swimming will be sent home this week.

Permission slips will be sent home this week for Friday afternoon sports. Friday afternoon sports will be starting Week 1 of Term 4 (9<sup>th</sup> October). When the cost has been calculated an invoice will be sent home. Buses for Friday afternoon sports usually leaves school at 12:15 and returns before 3. Friday afternoon sports will run for 8 weeks ending on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## LAST CHANCE FOR LOST PROPERTY

On Friday, the last day of school, all lost property will be **cleared**. All current school uniform stock, regardless of being named, will be given to the Uniform Shop to be sold as second hand items.

All lunch boxes, drink bottles and containers will be disposed of.

All other school uniform items will be collected and made available to families who require assistance with purchasing uniforms.

Thank you for your understanding. We hope to have very few items to collect on Friday.

## SWIMMING LESSONS

Term 4, 2015

Swimming lessons begin Tuesday, 6 October 2015. It will be a 10 week program.

### Bookings

All bookings for the season are to be made via [evertonpark@allaboutaquatics.com.au](mailto:evertonpark@allaboutaquatics.com.au) or call 3863 3772.

We prefer your bookings via email so that we can keep your request in writing. When emailing us please list the following:

- Child's name
- Level
- Day/s
- Preferred time
- Other. This can include weeks that you know you may be away, any further questions, request for a call to discuss lessons.

If you have any further questions please contact us.

Looking forward to a fantastic 2015/2016 season with you.

## FOUND

A most unusual bike helmet has been found in the bike rack area beside the Year 1 and 2 classrooms. If your child is missing theirs please enquire at the office.

## MUSIC NEWS

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

For all string queries please contact Ms Anne Keenan at [akeen9@eq.edu.au](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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!**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> HAND UNIFORMS NEEDED

Do you have uniforms lying around the kids have grown out of? Bring them into us!! We need your 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

## SEPTEMBER ROSTER

### Thursday 17

Sherryn Overlack

### Friday 18

Joy Wood, Justin Coomber, Janene Ashton

## OCTOBER ROSTER

### Thursday 8

Jennifer Congram

### Friday 9

Genevieve Moller, Dana Haack, Jo Baird



hello  
spring! LAST  
WEEKS FOR WINTER  
MENU ITEMS

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



**LOOK**



**YIPPEE! HOLIDAYS ARE ALMOST HERE! Therefore, Flexischools and the online menu is the place to go to check availability of items. The menu is updated daily. Over the counter orders, particularly Friday, need to be checked before leaving the Tuckshop.**

**SOLD OUT - cob of corn and ham & pineapple pizza**

Katrina  
Tuckshop Convenor

## ATTACHMENTS

- Class Considerations for 2016