

NEWSLETTER NO.31

OCTOBER 7, 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

12 th	Footsteps dance program in the Hall
13 th	Breakfast Club
15 th	Shine & Strength Program, Year 6 Boys and Girls 2 – 3pm
19 th	Indigenous Parent meeting in the Library at 6pm
19 th	P&C Meeting 7pm in Library
19 th	Student Free Day – Teacher Professional Development Day
20 th	Breakfast Club
26 th	Footsteps dance program in the Hall
27 th	Breakfast Club

NOVEMBER

2 nd	Footsteps dance program in the Hall
2-6 th	Book Week
3 rd	Breakfast Club
4 th	Prep 2016 Orientation Day
5 th	2016 Prep Orientation Day
9 th	Footsteps dance program in the Hall
11 th	Prep Reef Puppet show 11:45 – 1:15pm
19-20 th	Year 4 Camp to Underwater world
30 th	2016 Prep Information Evening 6:30 – 7:30pm in the Hall

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Hello and welcome to term 4 for all of our families and community members. As always there is plenty on and we will do our best to keep everyone up to date with the plethora of events scheduled for this term!!

One question I am often asked is how can we help get our children through till the end of the year without them falling over or falling apart or just disliking learning in general? Tough question! On top of a good diet, ample sleep, exercise and downtime, here are some ideas.

1. **Find out how your child is doing.** Ask the teacher how well your child is doing in class compared to curriculum expectations. If your child is not keeping up, especially when it comes to reading, ask what you or the school can do to help. It's important to act early before your child gets too far behind so to speak.
2. **Ask questions.** If something concerns you about your child's learning or behaviour, ask the teacher about it and seek their advice. Your questions may be like these — What specific problem is my child having with reading? What can I do to help my child with this problem? How can I help my child interact better in the playground? How can I get my child to do homework? Which reading group is my child in? One important piece of advice is to make sure the questions are about your child. Teachers cannot speak to you about the progress or behaviour of other children.
3. **Demonstrate a positive attitude about learning to your children.** What we say and do in our daily lives can help them to develop positive attitudes toward school and learning and to build confidence in themselves

as learners. Showing our children that we both value education and use it in our daily lives provides them with powerful models and contributes greatly to their success in school. In addition, by showing interest in their children's education, parents and families can spark enthusiasm in them and lead them to a very important understanding-that learning can be enjoyable as well as rewarding and is well worth the effort required.

4. **Talk with your child.** Talking and listening play major roles in children's school success. It's through hearing parents and family members talk and through responding to that talk that young children begin to pick up the language skills they will need if they are to do well. For example, children who don't hear a lot of talk and who aren't encouraged to talk themselves often have problems learning to read, which can lead to other school problems. In addition, children who haven't learned to listen carefully often have trouble following directions and paying attention in class. It's also important for you to show your child that you're interested in what he or she has to say.

There are many different ways you as a parent can have a positive influence on how your child finishes the school year. As long as they see that what they are doing is valued by you, what you do will go a long way to making 2015 a successful school year.



David O'Connor
Acting Principal

P&C NEWS

Welcome back to everyone for Term 4. Isn't this weather just beautiful? We're lucky enough to have All About Aquatics running swimming lessons before and after school for us to make the most of these warm days. Give them a call if you would like to get some more information about the classes on offer.

Brisbane City Council Movie Night - help required!

Calling all expert sausage sizzlers and drink sellers! The EPSS P&C has been lucky enough to be given the opportunity to run a fundraising sausage sizzle at Brisbane City Council's free screening of 'Hotel Transylvania' in Streisand Drive Park on Saturday, October 24. This is a fantastic opportunity and we stand to make a substantial amount of money to help improve our school's facilities but

we are going to need some bodies to do it!

Volunteers will be needed between about 4.30pm and 8.30pm to help set up our BBQ area, serve and sizzle and pack up once the fun is over. If you are going to be at the movie with your family or friends it would be great if you could lend a hand to help make this night a great success.

More detailed info will be coming via class Parent Reps but until then if you would like to volunteer and have a preferred time please get in touch with Sam Nicholson on 0406743339 to put your name on the list or email us at atpandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au

Tanya Milgate
P&C President

CHAPPY NEWS

It's great to see everyone back. We all look rested and most of us have been either to the beach or the bush and have many stories to tell.

We have commenced the Drumbeat Program on a Tuesday with some of the Year 5 boys and we are about to embark on the Strength and Shine programs for the entire Year 6 cohort on Thursdays.

I will also be raising awareness of the Fathering Project which is a University of Western Australia-based non-profit team of professionals whose aim is to help fathers realise how important they are in a child's life and to give them advice on how to encourage their children. Their work is also aimed at father figures such as grandfathers, stepfathers, uncles, mentors, youth leaders, teachers, pastors and coaches, knowing that many children do not have much father contact at all. This work was triggered by statistics that show that:

- whilst mothers are usually involved in children's lives, education and health matters, many fathers are not as involved as they could be.
- this father-absence has a major impact on education (eg. on attitude to school, truancy and bullying), health (more drug addiction, depression, cigarette smoking) and crime.

We encourage fathers to get involved early with their children and become pro-active for the following reasons:

- Fathers are strong potential influencers.
- Fathers often struggle to know how to be good dads.
- Being a good father does make a difference.
- A good relationship with your child is the best insurance against peer pressure.
- Children need time with fathers and father figures.
- Help Fathers and father figures get connected in positive ways.
- Provide handy hints and tips for busy fathers or partners.

- Utilizing research based evidence to encourage positive change in fathers.

In week 1, the students will learn:

- A father signals to a girl how she can expect to be treated by men, ie. how high she 'sets the bar'. Language, physical contact, gestures and self-worth.
- To only accept respect from men
- Fathers are important in giving girls confidence.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL



Congratulations to Prep R and 5T on winning the Gold Star awards for the previous 'Fun Fit Friday'!

The focus for every 'Fun Fit Friday' in the month of October is 'most improved from baseline'. That means that we need ALL students to ACTIVELY TRAVEL TO SCHOOL. Whether it's by walking, riding your bike, scootering or skateboarding, hitching a bus or carpooling with school friends. Every 'Fun Fit Friday' in October, students who actively travel to school (by ANY mode) will be awarded DOUBLE STAMPS in/on their AST passport/card! Don't miss this chance to get DOUBLE STAMPS.

Don't forget to actively travel EVERY Tuesday (Terrific Traveller Tuesday) for one BONUS stamp in/on your AST passport/card!

The results have been collated! The school House with the most amount of students actively travelling for Term 3 is...GREEN - WALKER HOUSE! Congratulations to all the Walker House students for their efforts with active travel this term!

In term 4 we will continue 'AST Points for House Colours'. Don't forget to 'check in' with the House Captains every Fun, Fit, Friday, at the big shed from 8:30 - 8:45am!

Are you one of the students who has finished collecting stamps on your AST card this term? Good news! You're in the draw to win one final BIG prize for your efforts in actively travelling to school. The winner will be drawn at this week's assembly.

The countdown is on! There's only 9 weeks to claim your AST prizes. As this is the final year with the AST program in our school, the next 9 weeks will be your last chance to collect AST prizes. Don't forget to claim your AST prizes at the AST shop. The shop is open on Fridays from 11:20am (after first break eating time). There will be one final BIG prize draw at our last assembly for the year.

STRENGTH AND SHINE PROGRAM

This program is being offered to our Year 6 boys and girls and will be facilitated by presenters from the Nexus Church Strength and Shine Team. The program does not discuss religion or spirituality. It is based around the values of worth, strength and purpose. It is aimed at equipping students with the knowledge and skills to discover who they are and to encourage them to learn about resilience, relationships and courage. The program will be held each Thursday, commencing 15 October from 2:00 – 3:00pm for 9 weeks and is free of charge. Letters were sent home the last week of last term. If you did not receive one and would like your child to participate, forms can be collected from the office.

CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ORAL HEALTH NEWS

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Program will be offering treatment to the students of this school soon. Years 4, 5 and 6 will be issued with a consent/medical history form. If you wish your child to be treated please return the fully completed consent form (4 pages) to your class teacher as soon as possible. Due to the demands on our service parents who return consent forms late will not necessarily have their children treated on site and may be offered treatment at another site. Once dental staff receive a completed form your child will be examined. If your child requires further dental treatment, a 'Consent to Treatment' form will be issued for your signed consent. Students from the other year levels will be offered treatment after the Year 4, 5 and 6 students are treated. You will be notified via the school newsletter of the date the school dental program commences treatment at this school. For any enquires please contact staff on 0412 706 508.

ART CLUB RETURNS

Art Club will commence in Week 2 of this term on Wednesdays at second break. Calling on all budding artists to join us again for lots of creative adventures in the Art Club.

PARKING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

A reminder to all parents that they are not to drive into the school grounds at any time to either drop their child off or to park in the staff car parks. These areas are for staff only.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair will be held on **Monday, 2 November to Thursday, 5 November**. The Book Fair this year is being supplied by Dymocks Books. If you can help out would love to hear from you. This event helps us raise money

through commission on the sales, and we are then able to use this commission to buy more books for our amazing library. A great way to put away books for Christmas presents.

Brisbane schools will celebrate the 125th **Arbor Day** this year on **Tuesday, 13 October**. To celebrate this, the Brisbane City Council has provided us with 50 native plants arriving Monday the 12th October. 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 Gardening Club is still on every Wednesday at first break. Looking forward to planting a few more herbs and flowers over the springtime.

Miss Lukey
bluke1@eq.edu.au
Teacher/Librarian

DAY FOR DANIEL 30 October 2015

This year we will be participating in the Day for Daniel on 30 October. All children, parents and staff are encouraged to wear a red shirt on the day (or black if you can't wear red) and donate a gold coin to go to the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. We will be incorporating safety initiatives and will also be participating with a Walk from Teralba Park on the day. I will keep you posted as more information comes to hand but please plan to participate in some way on this very important day. Tracey Irwin (4/5l Teacher)

MUSIC NEWS

CHOIR

Choir rehearsal will be held on Fridays this term at first break (after eating at 11:20am).

ELEMENTS

Come and join Elements Choir every Tuesday at 8am in the Music Room with Miss K and Ms Lovelock

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Our final music soiree for this year will be held at our school hall on Tuesday, 17 November at 6.30pm. This will involve our Choirs, Bands and String ensembles.

BAND PROGRAM 2016

Information regarding new students who will be part of the woodwind, brass and percussion program for 2016 will receive which instrument they have been selected for in the next coming weeks. There will be a parent information evening about our program on Thursday, 12 November at 6.30pm.

We welcome Mrs Jewel Lucas who will be replacing Mrs Bernadette Crook who is on leave this term.

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.

FOUND

A lunchbox was found on the terraces. It has the name Caleb Wakefield on it. If your child owns this lunchbox could they please enquire at the office. Thank you.

Uniform Shop



Remember!

The **opening** day for the **Uniform Shop** is **Monday's for Term 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 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

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone had a terrific holiday.

Tuckshop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday.

OCTOBER ROSTER

Thursday 8

Jennifer Congram

Friday 9

Genevieve Moller, Dana Haack, Jo Baird

Thursday 15

Sherryn Overlack

Friday 16

Janene Ashton, Penny Valentine, Carol McLean



Hotter

days are here.

Lemonade Icy Twists \$1.00

BBQ Chicken Pizza still available

until sold out \$3.00

The Slush Puppie machine has been naughty over the holidays. It will be repaired and serviced Thursday so no Slush Puppies until Friday this week.

Katrina

Tuckshop Convenor