

# NEWSLETTER NO.35

## NOVEMBER 5, 2015

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER

- 2-5<sup>th</sup> Book Week
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prep 2016 Orientation Day from 9:00 – 11:00am
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prep 2016 Orientation Day – 9:00 – 11:00am
- 9<sup>th</sup> Footsteps dance program in the Hall
- 10<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club
- 11<sup>th</sup> Prep Reef Puppet show 11:45 – 1:15pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> Parent Music Information Evening, 6pm in the Library
- 16<sup>th</sup> P&C meeting in Library 7pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club
- 17<sup>th</sup> Music Soiree in Hall at 6:00pm
- 19-20<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Camp to Underwater world
- 20<sup>th</sup> Footsteps Disco: Prep to Year 3 from 6pm – 7pm and Years 4 – 6 from 7 – 8:30pm – NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
- 24<sup>th</sup> Breakfast Club
- 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 Prep Information Evening 6:30 – 7:30pm in the Hall

#### DECEMBER

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 Graduation starting 5:30pm EPSS Hall
- 7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Carols starting 6:30pm on the Oval (weather permitting)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Term 4 Ends

### FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

#### Teflon Kids: Why Children Avoid Responsibility—and How to Hold Them Accountable

Think of kids as being coated with Teflon, nothing sticks—that's how they can often relate to responsibility. This is by no means me having a dig at anyone, but, in my walks around the playground, listening to students' reactions to issues, listening to the way some students have been speaking to staff, I have become concerned. In some ways, it's no mystery: kids are born with no responsibilities, and everything they do is by instinct. They cry when they're hungry or in pain, they go to the bathroom when they have to relieve themselves. There's really no responsibility there, it's all instinct and cause and effect. The idea that you are responsible for things is not inborn. Make no bones about it: that realization comes with coaching and training as children develop—it doesn't just happen by itself.

Another factor that has to be acknowledged is that kids love stimulation. And the fact is that **most responsibilities are not stimulating**—they're boring and time consuming. Let's face it: if work was fun, you'd have to pay your employer. So, kids seek excitement and gravitate away from boring things like, "Clean your room. Make your bed. Put your books away. Do your homework. Help with the Dishes. Help clean the car. Help tidy the yard." These are not things that stimulate people. These are things that stifle them, and as we all know, kids do not like that feeling. It takes a lot of discipline and maturity to learn how to manage those mood states and stay on task.

How do we get children to take responsibility? We can't just tell, we have to act. You have to hold kids accountable for not meeting their responsibilities. Being held accountable requires that the parent make the consequence for *not* meeting the responsibility less pleasant than if the child had completed the task in the first place. The act of being held accountable promotes a willingness to meet the responsibilities next time.

If we don't follow through on the consequences, our child learns that their excuses, lies and justifications work for them in their effort not to take responsibility for themselves and their behaviour.

So it's vital to teach kids how to be responsible. But how can you do this effectively? Next week I will share some ideas on this topic!

On a slightly different note, I'd like to announce our Prep teaching team for 2016 – Kerry Roger, Anita Kendes and Nicole Pocock.



David O'Connor  
Acting Principal

## NEW START DATE FOR 2016

A new start date for Term 1 of the 2016 school year will see Queensland students return to the classroom on **Wednesday 27 January 2016** - the day after the Australia Day public holiday. The previous start date of Monday 25 January 2016 will become a flexible professional development day for school staff.

## P&C NEWS

Well the slippery slope to Christmas has well and truly started - only 5 & a bit weeks left of school! Whilst there is plenty to keep us occupied over the next few weeks, including the disco and Carols night, our immediate attention turns to the last P & C meeting for the year. It will be on Monday 17th November at 7pm in the Library. There will be coffee and cake (and air con!) as well as the opportunity to hear about some exciting plans for next year, both from the school and the P & C! Please come along – we'd love to see you all there.

Have a great week.

**Tanya Milgate**  
P & C President

## QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE



As your Adopt-a-Cop, I would like to provide you with the specific offences relating to traffic matters around our school. Some of you may not be aware of the offences that you are committing that jeopardise the safety of our children.

In Deakin Street it is an offence to cross the School Crossing solid white line.  
**132(2) Fail to keep left of centre dividing line- \$212, 3 points.**

Deakin Street and Lyne Street - 2 minute parking zone.

**205(1) Disobey permissive parking sign (time) - \$47.**

Barton Street - no parking from 7am – 9am and from 2pm to 4pm.

**168(1) Stop contrary to 'NO PARKING' sign - \$47.**

As the Adopt-a-Cop and as a parent of children at the school, I am very disappointed that we, as a whole, cannot adhere to some basic road rules to keep our children safe. I have experienced the devastating effects of what can happen when road rules are broken and I do not want this for our children.

Now that you are aware of the rules I trust that you will abide by them. Failing to do so will result in you being served with an infringement notice either by myself or other police.

Thank you in advance.

**Meriel Ianna**  
Senior Constable

## FOOTSTEPS DANCE DISCO – CHANGE OF DATE



There will be a **disco** held by Footsteps on **Friday, 20 November** in the Hall. Prep – Year 3 will be from 6:00 – 7:00pm and Years 4 – 6 will be from 7:00 – 8:30pm. There is no charge for this activity.

## ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL



Congratulations to Prep K (with 77% of students) and 2/3B (with 86% of students) for actively travelling to school, the previous 'Fun Fit Friday'! You have won the Gold Star awards!!!

The focus for every 'Fun Fit Friday' in the month of November is also '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 November, 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!

AST Points for House Colours' is still running for this term!!! Don't forget to

'check in' with the House Captains every Fun, Fit, Friday, at the big shed from 8:30 – 8:45am! If there are any students who are willing/available to help for the 'check in' session at the shed every Friday morning, please see Miss. K.

The countdown is on! There's only 5 weeks to claim your AST prizes! As this is the final year with the AST program in our school, the next 5 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). If there are any students who are willing/available to help in the AST shop, please see Miss. K.

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 **FINAL** draw will be done at the Week 9 assembly (4th December). Get your cards in **BEFORE** that assembly!!!



## BOOK CLUB

As noted in last week's newsletter, the school's annual Book Fair is taking place between 2 - 5 November. There will be some new and wonderful books on offer! To avoid any overlap, we won't be participating in Issue 7 of the Scholastic Book Club. Issue 8 will be distributed later in the term with plenty of time to get your orders in before Christmas break. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me via the office.

Thank you,  
**Carol Morrison**  
Book Club Coordinator

## CHILD AND ADOLESCENT ORAL HEALTH NEWS

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Program will be offering treatment to the students of this from **Wednesday, 28 October**. Years 4, 5 and 6 have been 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

We meet at second break each Wednesday and we welcome all budding artists to join us for lots of creative adventures.

## DAY FOR DANIEL

It was so lovely to see so many people dress in red or black on Friday to participate in the Day for Daniel at Everton Park State School. A big thanks to those people who took part in the Walk for Daniel from Teralba Park. It was great to have so many people participating in this way. Through the generous gold coin donations from many people, we were able to raise \$320.40 for the Daniel Morecombe Foundation. Thanks to everyone who participated to make the world a safer place by helping to educate children about their personal safety.

Tracey Irwin  
4/5/1 Teacher

## GARDEN CLUB



The gardening club meets on **Wednesday morning before school** from 8.10am to 8.40am. Meet at the garden beside the cricket pitch.

## YEAR 6 CAMP 2016

A message to year 5 parents – thank you to those who have already paid their deposit for year 6 Camp. We are sorry to bother you with another expense at this time of year but the deposits must be paid this year to ensure your child can attend camp.

Please ensure all notes are returned and payments made by November 16th. Thanks everyone!

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION 2015

Please remember Graduation is approaching fast! All payments must be made by November 16th to ensure the caterers can be adequately prepared. Thanks everyone!

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Next week I hope to have the list of what event each student has been entered into posted on the wall outside my office. Students who have nominated for a 50m event and have qualified will have a tick in the 50m event. If they didn't qualify they will be entered into the 25m event so they will have a tick in the 25m event. If I have missed placing a student in an event could they please come see me. Students will have a week to come see

me as after that I need to start the swimming carnival program.

In previous years students have been able to wear football boots for touch football during Friday afternoon sports. However, this year due to safety concerns students are asked not to wear football boots and instead wear sneakers. Thank you for your understanding.

Ben Crawford  
PE 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 LEVIES 2016

After consultation with our Administration team there will be an increase in our Instrumental Music Fees for 2016. These fees have not been increased at our school for at least 10 years. These fees will continue to help with maintaining our instruments properly and helping running our program. For any queries please contact our Administration team

If your child is hiring a school instrument cost is \$125.00 for the year

If your child is using their own instrument in 2016 the cost will be \$75.00 for the year

### TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER - 6.00 pm

Don't forget our band, strings and junior choir will be performing at their final concert for 2015 at our school on hall on Tuesday 17th November at 6.00 pm. Letters have sent home

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT MRS HALL AND MS KEENAN WILL BE TEACHING AT OUR SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK DUE TO THE CONCERT\*\*\*

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEW STUDENTS 2016

Letters have been sent home to families whose children have been accepted into our Instrumental Music Program for 2015. Please let us know as soon as possible.

Our Parent Information Evening about our program for 2016 will be held on Thursday 12th November at our school library at 6.00 pm it is really important that parents attend this evening.

For all classroom music queries or junior choir queries please contact Ms Jewel Lucas at [jluca85@eq.edu.au](mailto:jluca85@eq.edu.au)

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

For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at [phall35@eq.edu.au](mailto:phall35@eq.edu.au)

## Uniform Shop



**The Uniform Shop will be open on both the Prep Orientation days, Wednesday 4 November and Thursday 5 November from 9:00 – 11:00am.**

**Volunteers Needed – Urgent request**



The Uniform Shop urgently **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](mailto: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.

### 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!**

### 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.

### Opening Days for 2016

19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January – normal opening hours  
27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> January – normal opening hours

Jeanette Jenkinson  
Uniform Shop Convenor

# TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday.

## **November Roster**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> – Jenny Sewell  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> – Peggy Morgan, Jo Hennessey, Karla Chaffey  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Jennifer Congram  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Genevieve Moller, Dana Haack, Ann Jabas



There are a few IOU's that need to be paid by parents/carers. If the Tuckshop has provided emergency food to your child recently or last term could you please send the money to the Tuckshop asap. A note is always sent home with your child, letting you know what was provided and how much is owed. Many thanks.

Katrina

Tuckshop Convenor



**Hotter  
days are here.**

Lemonade Icy Twists

\$1.00

BBQ Chicken Pizza still  
available until sold out

\$3.00

Butter Chicken Curry is  
now \$4.30.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Ferry Grove State High School Uniform Information

Please see the front verandah noticeboard for opening hours for the Uniform Shop at Ferry Grove State High.

## **Mitchelton State High School Enrolment Information**

We are currently finalising enrolments and timetabling arrangements for our new Year 7 classes for 2016. Our Orientation Days, Monday, 30 November and Tuesday 1 December are fast approaching and we pride ourselves on being organised and well planned for those days. Therefore, if you have a child yet to enrol or know of a family looking for a great secondary education, please ensure their enrolment process and interview is completed by the end of November. At Mitchelton State High School we accept **ALL** out-of-catchment enrolments across Years 7 to 12. Enrolling early ensures student subject choices are met and ensures children are well catered for in their start to high school. Please phone our school enrolment officers, on 3330 1111 for an enrolment pack, interview or to organise a school tour.

## BOOK FAIR In the LIBRARY



**TUESDAY, 2 NOVEMBER TO  
THURSDAY, 5 NOVEMBER**  
(Opens Monday afternoon from  
3:00pm )

**SALES BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL**  
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9:00am**  
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4.30pm**

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