

# NEWSLETTER NO.36

## NOVEMBER 11, 2015

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER

- 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> Indigenous Parent Forum 6pm  
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  
25<sup>th</sup> Junior School Swimming Carnival  
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  
3<sup>rd</sup> Senior School Swimming Carnival  
7<sup>th</sup> Prep School Swimming  
7<sup>th</sup> Christmas Carols starting 6:30pm on the Oval (weather permitting)  
11<sup>th</sup> Term 4 Ends

#### JANUARY 2016

- 19<sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open – 8:15am to 9:30am – **volunteers needed**  
20<sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open – 8:15 am to 9:30am – **volunteers needed**  
27<sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open – 8:15am to 9:30am – **volunteers needed**  
29<sup>th</sup> Uniform Shop Open – 8:15am to 9:30am – **volunteers needed**

### FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

#### Teflon Kids: Why Children Avoid Responsibility—and How to Hold Them Accountable Part 2

So as a follow up from last week's article, I promised some ideas around what you can do as parents. So here we go!

- **Start as early as possible:** As early as you can in your child's life, start having them take responsibility for the things with which they're involved. For instance, have your child pick up their toys before they go to bed. Now, if they have a hard time concentrating on that because they're young, get down on the floor and pick them up with them. *But don't do it for him/her.* Even if you do "I'll do one then you do one," they learn to take care of their responsibilities. What you're doing is teaching them from a young age that they're an individual and that they have their own *individual* responsibilities.
- **Identify responsibilities and use responsible language:** When your child completes a task, tell them, "Nice way to follow through on your responsibility." "I like the way you took care of that job." "You know, it's your responsibility to do that and I really like that you did it." Use language like that. Say, "You know, I'm rewarding you because you met your responsibility." In other words, the more you identify it, the more conscious your child becomes of it. I think it's important for them to understand they're getting rewarded for completing their tasks, not for being cute, loveable or adorable. The earlier you connect the reward to the responsibility, the more clearly that becomes associated in your child's mind.

- **Teach and Coach Responsibility:** It's important to sit down and explain to children what responsibility means. Responsibilities are like commitments or promises—they're the things you have to do, the things that are your job, and the things you're involved in, where other people are depending on you. So if you play with your toys, it's your responsibility to put them away. Or with an older child, you can say "If you make a sandwich for yourself, it's your responsibility to put the dishes in the dishwasher."
- **Accountability:** Responsibility should be associated with both rewards and consequences. "This is your reward for doing your schoolwork and homework." "This is your reward for keeping your room neat all day." "You're getting this reward because you cleaned the car." And by the same token, "This is the consequence for not finishing your homework." "This is the consequence for not doing your jobs this morning." "You're getting this consequence because you didn't clean your room."

When kids develop personal responsibility, it gives them their best chance of avoiding many of the pitfalls of life. If they're not aware of what's going on and are not ready to take responsible action to deal with it, it makes them less able to deal with problems that surface as they get older. It seems that when you're a kid, around every corner there's someone saying, "You didn't make your bed. You didn't finish your homework" Or "Why didn't you walk the dog? How come the dishes are in the sink?" But believe me, around every corner as an adult there's someone saying, "Why were you driving so fast? Why are you late for work? Why didn't you pick up the kids at school? I thought you were going stop for milk on the way home."

There are those who say you should expect your child to act responsibly. But I say you should require it, even demand it. It's a part of maturing, and it is a very necessary component to learning how to function in an increasingly complex and demanding world. The game breaker though is that you have to teach it!

#### **ICAS Distinctions for EPSS**

Students receiving a distinction have placed in the top 10% of all students competing in each relevant category worldwide.

Mathematics : Ellie Ehmen, Milly Morgan, Amali Jose, Alex Kovesy  
 English : Joanna Clur, Ella Fitzpatrick, Marley Newman, Matilda Bell  
 Writing : Matilda Bell, Oliver Betts  
 Spelling : Matilda Bell, Alex Kovesy  
 Science : Amali Jose

#### **ICAS Credits for EPSS**

Students receiving a distinction have placed in the top 30% of all students competing in each relevant category worldwide.

Mathematics : Joanna Clur, Ethan D'Souza, Ella Fitzpatrick, Jasmine Holland, Matilda Bell, Oliver Betts, Archie Craven, Carmen Weston, Keegan Wood  
 English : Jasmine Holland, Milly Morgan, Sophie Morey, Mariska Sinha, Jack Webster  
 Science : Ella Fitzpatrick, Jasmine Holland, Milly Morgan, Marley Newman, Beliz Reilly, Oliver Betts, Jack Jabs

#### **Congratulations Eco Marine Ambassadors!**

Last week Penny Limbach (Eco Marines Co-ordinator) attended our assembly and presented our Eco Marine ambassadors with their T-Shirts. The EPSS Eco Marine Ambassadors are part of our 2016 Student Leadership program.

**David O'Connor**  
 Acting Principal



## 2016 STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROCESS

**Phase One:** of the 2016 Leadership Process is about to be finalised with the deadline for submission of the yellow School Leader Accreditation card scheduled for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November. The cards need to be placed in the box at the office by 3pm on this day.

**Phase Two:** the Leadership Speeches will begin in Week 8. On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, year 5 candidates for School Captains and Vice Captains will present their speeches in the hall from 2pm. The order of speeches will be randomly chosen. The students will know their place in the order prior to the day.

This process will be repeated for House and Sports Captains on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November. The Arts, Indigenous Captains and Student Councillors will speak on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Phase Three:** the announcement of the 2016 Student Leadership Team, will take place at the last full school assembly on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Badges will be presented at a ceremony in 2016.

## 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

The Prep Orientation days last week were a great success. It was wonderful to be able to meet so many new Prep families and delight in seeing them start their school journey at EPSS. It was often remarked that we have an enviable culture and community and that is all because of our people; staff and families alike. It is up to all of us to make this school as good as it can be. I know I'm proud to tell others that my children go to EPSS!

With this in mind, the final P & C meeting of the year is being held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Come along, enjoy some coffee and cake (and air con!). We will be discussing the 2016 Calendar, as well as school improvements over the holidays and other topics. We're always keen to hear new ideas and with next year being Fete year welcome as many ideas as possible!

Have a great week  
**Tanya Milgate**  
P & C President

## ART CLUB

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

## FOOTSTEPS DANCE DISCO



Come to the Hawaiian Summer Surf Disco held by Footsteps on Friday, 20 November in the Hall.

There will be a prize for best dressed and best dancer!

Don't worry about dinner, the summer BBQ will be sizzling with sausages for sale, as well as drinks, ice-blocks, coffee & cake.

If you can help out on the night, even if its for an hour while your kids are working the dance floor - contact Carol Gavegan or Naomi Seaton.

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 the disco.

## ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL



Congratulations to **1P (with 78% of students)** and **3M (with 96% 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 **4 weeks** to claim your AST prizes! As this is the final year with the AST program in our school, the **next 4 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 (4<sup>th</sup> December).** Get your cards in **BEFORE** that assembly!!!



## LIBRARY NEWS

Thank-you once again to our awesome school community for supporting the recent book fair provided by Dymocks. Thanks for your patience and understanding with the long ques. It's been awhile since my retail days! So many students came with piggy-banks raided just to buy that favourite book. We had sales well over \$4000, so with 30% commission I'm very excited to purchase a wonderful selection of books that were previewed at the fair. Also a special thanks to Mel from Dymocks for all her assistance. If you did miss out, not to worry because the last scholastic book club will be out soon. Just a reminder about library bags. These are so important for keeping our library books safe and dry, especially with all this wet weather. Happy reading!

Ms Lukey  
Teacher Librarian

## 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 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks everyone!

## YEAR 6 GRADUATION 2015

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

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

The list of events students have nominated for is on the wall outside the PE office. It will be there until Friday. After then Mr Crawford will be writing the program for the senior swimming carnival and no changes will be able to be made. Students will need to check to see if any mistakes has been made. If a mistake has been made please see Mr Crawford. Please note a students has nominated for a 50 metres event and has instead been nominated for 25 metre event this means that unfortunately they have not qualified for the 50 metre event. Please note students are no longer allowed to wear football boots for touch football during Friday afternoon sports.

## FRIDAY SPORT

Unfortunately, due to weather, we have missed out on sport three weeks now. Depending on the timing of the cancelation, the bus company can sometimes still charge a fee. Fortunately, they have been very understanding up to this point and have not charged us. We are currently assessing the costing for the buses and we will let you know about a credit.

Barb and Joy

## MUSIC NEWS



Congratulations to Sheridan Abrey 6W who has been accepted into Kelvin Grove State College's Excellence in Music Program!!! We wish Sheridan every future success with her continuing music journey in secondary school and beyond.

### 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

All music levies for new and continuing students needs to be paid by Thursday 3 December. For any financial issues regarding these fees please contact Mrs Barbara Morris or Mrs Joy Lenzinger.

As mentioned in our school newsletters this term there will be an increase with our music fees from 2016.

If your child is hiring a school instrument cost in 2016 the fee will be \$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. Please make sure that all band and string members are at the hall by 5.15 pm. All junior choir members need to meet Mrs Lucas at 5.45 pm. The P and C will be providing light refreshments from 5.15 pm. There will also be a FREE lucky door raffle.

Letters have been sent home. We look forward to a fabulous concert!!!

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT MRS HALL AND MS KEENAN WILL BE TEACHING AT OUR SCHOOL ON TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY NEXT 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 2016. Please let us know as soon as possible if your child will be part of the program.

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/guardians attend this evening.

For all classroom music queries or junior choir queries please contact Ms Jewel Lucas at [jlucas85@eq.edu.au](mailto:jlucas85@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)

### FOR SALE: TREVOR JAMES ALTO

**SAXOPHONE:** Older model in Good Condition. Beautiful sound. Suit Beginner to Semi Professional. Packed in original sturdy padded case. Includes all accessories, junior neck strap and music stand. Has just had basic service and pads replaced. Priced to sell at \$750. Please ring Terry – 0417 003627  
QWAB - Children's Concert - Queensland Wind and Brass

Mrs Penny Hall will be playing in a special children's concert featuring works from Frozen, The Incredibles, Superman and Looney Tunes. This is a FREE concert for children. Date Sat 12th December at 7.00 pm

For further information contact [www.qwab.com.au](http://www.qwab.com.au)

## CHAPPY NEWS

The reports coming back from the Grade 6 Shine girls are really positive. We can only hope it becomes part of EPSS and Chaplaincy's gift to Grade 6 girls and Strength for the boys, graduating every year.

The Drumbeat boys are starting rehearsals for a demo on carols night and boy are they on it. The principals of teamwork, respect, relationships and harmony are clearly developing – in a way other than just being told. These boys sound great.

Our Fathering Tips for this week:

- Instead of starting the workday by making a long list of things to do and then realising that you will be staying late to get everything accomplished, start at the end. Block out in your diary the time you will be leaving the office (say, 5:30pm), and then work backwards to plan your day to accomplish the necessary tasks.
- Knowing you only have a fixed number of hours available helps you focus on the critical tasks for the day and avoid wasting time. Treat the finishing time as immovable – if something urgent comes up, rearrange, delegate or defer other tasks to make time.
- Your children will appreciate having dad home earlier each day.

We all do our best for our children. It's great to hear of other ways we could consider approaching life, parenting can be overwhelming.

**Chappy Nikki**  
*School Chaplain*

# Uniform Shop



## 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 [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.

### 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.

**Jeanette Jenkinson**

*Uniform Shop Convenor*

# TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday.

### November Roster

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> – Jennifer Congram

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Genevieve Moller, Dana Haack, Ann Jabas

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Sherryn Overlack

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Penny Valentine, Janene

Ashton, Carol McLean, Karla Chaffey



### PLEASE NOTE:

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 almost sold out \$3.00

Butter Chicken Curry is now \$4.00.