

NEWSLETTER NO.37

NOVEMBER 18, 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 19-20th Year 4 Camp to Underwater World
20th Footsteps Disco: Prep to Year 3 from 6pm – 7pm and Years
4 – 6 from 7 – 8:30pm – **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**
24th Breakfast Club
25th Junior School Swimming Carnival
30th 2016 Prep Information Evening 6:30 – 7:30pm in the Hall

DECEMBER

- 2nd Year 6 Graduation starting 5:30pm EPSS Hall
3rd Senior School Swimming Carnival
7th Volunteers Morning Tea starting at 10:30am
7th Christmas Carols starting 6:30pm on the Oval (weather
permitting)
8th Prep Swimming Day – 9am to 11am – **NOTE CHANGE OF
DATE**
11th Term 4 Ends

JANUARY 2016

- 21-22nd Uniform Shop Open – 8:15 am to 9:30am – **volunteers
needed**
27-29th Uniform Shop Open – 8:15am to 9:30am – **volunteers
needed**

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Keeping on Top of What our Kids can Digitally Access

It's getting closer to the end of the year. Our children will have a lot of time to be filled over the Christmas break. A lot of that time is now used to access the digital world. We can say what we like, however, our children are going to access it! We as parents need to ensure we have the proper safeguards and home practices to ensure our children are protected. What does or can this look like? Apart from installing filtering software and firewalls on all home devices, I suggest the following strategies.


1. Don't let potential problems stop you from letting your child use technology for their education and personal interests. What we can do is implement boundaries to ensure a child's time online is safe and productive.
2. Put computers in a communal area of the house and don't allow portable internet devices (laptops, phones, tablets etc.) in the bedroom.
3. Find out what your child is doing online. Talk to them regularly about what websites they visit and take the time sit with them as they use the internet. Make sure you're familiar with how the sites that they visit work. Share some of the sites you visit with your child. Explore online together!
4. Encourage your child to tell you if they ever have a problem on the internet or if they're ever unsure about anything. Reassure them that you won't take away their connection to the internet if issues occur.
5. Remind your child to keep personal information private. YAPPY is a useful acronym to remind children of the personal information they should not share on public online spaces (blogs, forums etc.) – **Y**our full name, **a**ddress, **p**hone number, **p**asswords, **y**our plans.
6. Remind your child that not everything on the internet is true and not all internet users tell the truth – (unless it's my column in the school newsletter!)
7. Don't support your child to sign up for sites that are 13+ if they are under age (Facebook etc). Make sure your child sets their online accounts to private to limit access to people they know well (when they are old enough to sign up). This is a massive one to deal with as our almost teens will always think they are old enough to do anything.

8. Encourage your child to balance their leisure time so they're not spending all of their time online. Summer break is a great time for outdoor fun!
9. Create your own internet rules for your household and have your child agree to adhere to them. Make them part of the rule construction process. Publish the house rules where your child does most of their online exploring.
10. Explore government resources (e.g. [Cybersmart website](#)) for parents so you can educate yourself and protect your children. There are many other websites full of advice and links to support software. Choose and use what you are most comfortable with.

Finally, all of the above ideas are great and can work but they can never substitute keeping the lines of communication open with our children.

Instrumental and Music Showcase

Last night was the showcase night for the EPSS Music Department to perform and dazzle the community with their talent. It was a wonderful night with all of our music students putting on a great show for the audience. Congratulations to Mrs. Hall, Ms. Keenan, Mrs. Lucas and Mrs. Crook for their efforts which are very much appreciated by everyone here in the EPSS community.



David O'Connor
Acting Principal

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone involved in making our Spring Music Concert a fantastic event.

Special thanks to Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Keenan for all their hard work in preparing the Band and Orchestra. The Choir sang beautifully and made us all feel very happy.

It was lovely to see our school hall overflowing with parents, grandparents and guardians. It meant a lot to the students and staff at EPSS.

Mrs Jewel Lucas
Music Teacher

P&C NEWS

Thanks to all of you who attended the final P & C meeting for 2015. It was great to see some enthusiasm for all of the activities we've got lined up next year. It was also a valuable opportunity to thank all of the people involved who make our P & C and school so special.

Our final fundraising activity for 2015 is the Christmas Raffle. We're asking for donations from families to add to the raffle. It can be anything from Christmas decorations to food donations to adorn the festive table. Gift vouchers will also come in very handy. The collection box

will be inside the Library from Monday 23 November. Tickets will also be on sale soon. Keep an eye out for further details.

Have a great week!
Tanya Milgate
P & C President

FOOTSTEPS DANCE DISCO



Footsteps Disco this Friday night (20 November)

ENTRY IS FREE!

Venue: Hall

Hawaiian Theme

Times:

Prep to Year 3: 6pm – 7pm

Year 4 to 6: 7:30pm – 8:30pm

- The Chaplaincy will be putting on a fundraising sausage sizzle for all parents and disco dancers outside the hall.
- Upon arrival at the disco all students are required to be signed in by a staff member at the main entrance with their parent or carer.
- All students are to **remain** in the hall or on the enclosed grass area just outside the hall during the disco. **All other areas are out of bounds.**
- Staff will be supervising throughout the disco.
- Children will need to be collected and signed out by their parent or carer.

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL



Congratulations to **Prep R (with 75% of students)** and **2/3B (with 79% 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 **3 weeks** to claim your AST prizes! As this is the final year with the AST program in our school, the **next 3 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!!!**



LIBRARY NEWS

Only one more week of borrowing, then all books must be returned before the end of term. This is an important time for the library staff to stocktake, repair and cull. So start making friends with your local council libraries and of course the [Queensland State Schools eBooks digital library](#) is still available online with your child's username. If you do damage or lose a book we ask that you replace it with a new book, or reimburse the cost to the school.

Congratulations to the Year 4/5 **Readers Cup Team** – Nathan, Matthew, Mia and Lilly – who came fourth in the recent competition at McDowall State School.

There will be no **morning reading club** this Thursday (19 November). **Morning reading club** will also finish for the year next Thursday the 26 November.

Looking for a great site to give you loads of information about being safe online? Go to <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Thanks again for your fabulous support with the book fair. Sales of \$5145 and we will have \$1543 to spend at the Dymocks city store. What a fantastic school community we have here at EPSS! And they love their books!

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.

FRIDAY INTERSCHOOL SPORT RESULTS

Touch Football

Yr. 5 GIRLS

Win against McDowall – 2-0
Draw against McDowall A – 0-0

Yr. 6 GIRLS

Draw against McDowall B – 0-0
Win against Albany Creek – 2-1

Yr. 5 BOYS

Loss to Northside Christian College – 0-3
Draw against Craigslea – 1-1

Yr. 6 BOYS

Loss to Albany Hills – 1-3
Win against Aspley – 4-3

Cricket

Win EPSS Magpies 51 v Eatons Hill
Falcons 23
EPSS Crows 16 v Albany Creek Vultures
16 - draw

Volleyball

Game 1
Loss to Aspley – 28-31

Game 2
Loss to Aspley – 23-34

Senior Volleyball

Win (EPSS 3) against Eatons Hill – 41-25
Loss (EPSS 5) against Aspley – 36-37
Win (EPSS 3) against Prince of Peace – 41-27
Win (EPSS 4) against Prince of Peace – 42-19
Loss to Eatons Hill (EPSS 5) – 26-39

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Next Wednesday is our Junior Swimming Carnival starting at 9:15. Students will be competing in both freestyle and backstroke. They can choose to swim either half a length (12.5m) or a full length (25m) of the pool. After the races students will participate in a fun relay. The carnival should be completed by 12:30

Thursday 3rd December is the Senior Swimming Carnival. The medley will be held before school. Students competing in the medley are asked to meet at the pool at 8:00 am and the first heat will start at 8:15 am. The rest of the carnival will begin shortly after 9:00 am and will be concluded by relays and the golf ball challenge. The carnival generally runs for the whole day.

Badges for district and regional representations have arrived and will be presented to students at this week's assembly.

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 and Bravo to all of our band, strings and choir students for their wonderful concert on Tuesday night!!!!

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM 2016

If your child is participating and continuing in our Instrumental Music Program for 2016, please make sure you return your forms and payment to our school office by TUESDAY 1st DECEMBER.

BREAK-UP BREAKFAST - THURSDAY 26th NOVEMBER

There will be an annual end of year break-up breakfast party for all of our current strings and band students on Thursday 26th November at 8.00 am at the hall. All students please bring a small plate of breakfast food to share. Drinks will be provided.

There will be no more string lessons or string rehearsals with Ms Keenan for the remainder of the year.

Final lessons with Mrs Hall for the year will be on Wednesday 25th November. Please note there will be NO more band rehearsals before school for the remainder of the year.

For all classroom music queries or junior choir queries please contact Ms Jewel Lucas at jluca85@eq.edu.au

For all string queries please contact Anne Keenan at akeen9@eq.edu.au

For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at phal35@eq.edu.au

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 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!**

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.

Jeanette Jenkinson

Uniform Shop Convenor

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday.

November Roster

Thursday 19th – Sherryn Overlack
Friday 20th – Penny Valentine, Karla Chaffey, DESPERATELY NEED HELP PLEASE – CAN YOU?

Thursday 26th – Karla Chaffey
Friday 27th – Penny Turner, Jo Baird, Vicky Wilson



Senior Swimming Carnival

Thursday 3rd December – The Tuckshop will be open for over-the-counter snacks, treats, drinks and ice blocks at second break.

LAST DAY FOR TUCKSHOP IS FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER. I strongly recommend using Flexischools to order that day as the online menu will be the most up to date.

BBQ Chicken Pizza SOLD OUT

Katrina

Tuckshop Convenor