

NEWSLETTER NO.39

DECEMBER 2, 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 2nd Year 6 Graduation starting 5:30pm EPSS Hall
3rd Senior School Swimming Carnival
4th Senior Graduation Assembly
7th Volunteers Morning Tea starting at 10:30am
7th Christmas Carols starting 6:30pm on the Oval (weather permitting)
7th Volunteers morning tea in the Hall, 10:30am
8th Prep Swimming Day – 9am to 11am – **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**
10th Gold Card Day
10th Free Dress Day – gold coin donation
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**
27th First day of Term 1

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Finishing the School Year

The way you start the school year sets the tone for how you finish the school year. Make it positive, meaningful and inspiring. To quote Bob Dylan, "Don't underestimate me and I won't underestimate you."

From the smallest personal beginnings to the largest human triumphs, why are we here if not to dream? Dreams and goals shape children's lives and motivate them to learn. Teachers, principals and parents have played a critical role in helping young people discover who they are and encouraging their dreams and goals. The beginning and end of the school year are ideal times to focus on them. Dreams are important for all ages. Dreams encompass goals and more. They give your life purpose, direction and meaning. They shape your life choices, help you build toward the future and give you a sense of control and hope. They are an expression of your potential and give voice to your talents. They are a source of pleasure and help develop the self. They can also change the world – just think of those famous words from Martin Luther-King Jr, "I have a dream!" Dreamers are the ones who have the courage and creativity to see beyond 'what is' to 'what can be' to make a difference in their own life and the lives of others.

The end of the school year is a milestone that deserves to be recognized, whether a student is graduating from Prep, Year 6 or high school. Milestones are those moments in our life when our personal star shines a little more brightly. They mark the passage of time and our progress in the journey of life. It's important to help children develop a sense of time and where they are in their life, as well as celebrate their accomplishments. It all starts with a dream.

As we reflect on the 2015 school year, we must also remember the moments that made us laugh. Have a good one to share? Tell your child's teacher. It might make their day. We love a good story!

Teacher at the beginning
of the school year



Teacher at the end
of the school year



David O'Connor
Acting Principal

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

The last year has seen great friendships and sharing, patience and understanding developing throughout our school.

We have all grown a little in height and a lot in knowledge.

There's a reason they call it the silly season. It's great to get excited but please be careful and make wise choices. We are looking forward to the Drumbeat boys who will be performing at the Christmas Carols night. The Chaplaincy committee will also have an "all things Christmas" stall selling treats, coffee and cake, light-up water bottles plus more.

One final word from the Fathering project
Discussing beliefs with children:

- Discuss your beliefs with your children, whatever they are.
- Give children the opportunity to learn and think about belief issues by themselves.
- We can cause children to react against our own or any other belief by the way we talk about it and how we behave.

Apart from being spiritual, your beliefs can vary from the law, dietary choices, clothing choices to television suitability.

ART CLUB

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

ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL



This will be our final AST newsletter snippet. Our school has worked hard to become a school of excellence when it comes to actively travelling to school. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, staff, parents/carers and AST committee for all their hard work in supporting the program over the past 3 years.

Be sure to actively travel to school this Friday (4th December), as this will be the final chance for you to get your well-earned Active School Travel stamps in your passports! Whether you actively travel to school by walking, riding your bike, scootering or skateboarding, hitching a bus or carpooling with school friends, you'll receive two stamps on Friday.

Don't forget to 'check in' with the House Captains at the big shed from 8:30 – 8:45am one final time this Friday, for 'AST Points for House Colours'.

Our FINAL AST prize draw time/date has changed. It will now be drawn at the Christmas Carols Night. We have three HUGE prizes! To be in the draw, you MUST complete and hand in your AST card (to Miss K at the AST shop) this Friday!!! Good luck to all the students who have already handed in their AST card! You have a great chance of winning one of the big prizes.

This Friday will also be your last chance to collect AST prizes from the AST shop. The shop will be open one final time this Friday from 11:20am (after first break eating time).



LIBRARY NEWS

Please don't let the reading bug drop off in the holidays. Visit your local libraries or connect online with ebooks. Students should still be able to connect to the Queensland State School eBooks digital library with their usernames over the holidays. The council libraries not only have ebooks but over the holidays offer many free activities. I visited the Chermide library on the weekend. Wow! It was so nice to browse all those titles, and I was very envious of the children's section which had such a huge range of books. Chermide Library Please return your library books this week. If you have lost a book or it has been damaged we ask that you replace it with a new book or reimburse the school with the purchase price. This year several books have been returned with water damage. Waterproof library bags are essential for all our students. Make a digital ebook over the holidays. The Book Creator App is brilliant!
Ms Lukey
Teacher Librarian

**GOLD CARD AND
FREE DRESS DAY
(Gold coin donation)
Thursday, 10 December**

CHEERLEADING CHRISTMAS CAROLS BBQ

Don't feel like cooking dinner before coming to the school Christmas Carols? Then DON'T! Once again, the Cheerleading teams will be hosting the

Christmas Carols BBQ. We will be serving kebabs, sausage sizzle and drinks. Serving will begin at 5.30pm and the carols start at 6.30pm. Please come along and join in the fun!

For any cheerleading parents who are helping with the BBQ, we will start preparations from 4.30pm, so come along and lend a hand.

Thanks.

Miss Rogers and the Cheerleading teams

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

BEACH VOLLEYBALL

Seniors

EPSS 4 v Northside Christian College – won 36 – 27.

EPSS 5 v EPSS 3 – won 31 – 26.

EPSS 5 v Northside Christian College – lost 40 – 21.

EPSS 6 v Aspley – won 33 – 26.

Juniors

EPSS 1 v EPSS 4 – lost 21 – 23.

EPSS 1 v Eatons Hill – lost 21 – 27.

EPSS 2 v Aspley – lost 21 – 23.

CRICKET

EPSS Crows v Prince of Peace Hawks – won 107 – 87.

EPSS Magpies v McDowall Gulls – won 59 – 16.

YEAR 4 BOYS/GIRLS TOUCH

EPSS defeated McDowall.

EPSS defeated Eatons Hill.

EPSS lost to Eatons Hill.

GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL

Year 6

EPSS v Aspley – won 5 – 2.

EPSS v Stafford Heights – won 8 – 0.

Year 5

EPSS v McDowall F – won 2 – 0.

EPSS v Albany Hills A - drew 1 – 1.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Junior Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. Students will receive a participation certificate for the events they participated in. A big thank you to the Year 6 helpers who put in a great effort throughout the carnival.

Good luck to all our students participating in this week's Senior Swimming Carnival on Thursday. Students who are competing in the medley are asked to meet at the pool at 8:00am for an 8:15 start.

Uniform Shop



EXTRA OPENING HOURS FOR 2016

21 and 22 January from 8:15 –
9:30am

27 – 29 January from 8:15 –
9:30am

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 ijbounceback@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 is open Monday, Thursday and Friday.

DECEMBER ROSTER

Thursday 3 – Jenny Sewell

Friday 4 – Ann Jabas, Misato Betts, CAN SOMEONE HELP PLEASE?



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



I strongly recommend using **Flexischools** to order on the last day of Tuckshop as the online menu will be the most up-to-date regarding food availability.



Vaalva Vanilla Yoghurt and Banana Bread



Butter Chicken Curry and Rice

Katrina
Tuckshop Convenor

TUCKSHOP NEWS