



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back!

Welcome back to school - we hope that everyone had a safe and happy break. So far it has been a very smooth start to the year for everyone.

Thank-you to everyone for making me and our other new staff feel so welcome in these first few days. I have enjoyed getting to know our students and families. A special highlight for me so far this week - a rainbow drawing from a student in Year 3!

Staff Professional Learning Days:

Last week our staff engaged in three days of professional learning. Our focus was reading, in particular, guided reading and literacy blocks. Amongst other topics, we also spent time familiarising ourselves with the Australian Curriculum - Digital Technologies, Personal and Social Capabilities through Positive Behaviour for Learning, Spelling and Home Reading.

Assistant Regional Director Visit:

On Tuesday our Assistant Regional Director, Ms Kerri Jones, visited our school to support our leadership team with our Annual Improvement Plan - our focus of Reading is also a regional priority.

Parent/Carer Information Evening

At Everton Park State School we pride ourselves on strong partnerships with our parent/carers community. We consider communication and parental involvement essential when working together. With this in mind we invite you to attend a parent/carers information evening for your child/ren.

In order to cater for families with children in a number of year levels we have spread the meetings over two sessions. This will be an opportunity to meet your classroom teacher and discuss the year ahead.

Please note the program below:

SESSION	TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2017	WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2017
6:00-7:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year Prep • Year 3 • Year 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 • Year 2 • Year 5 • Year 6

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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

20th P&C Meeting 7pm in Library
 22nd Prep Vision Testing
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MARCH

20th Prep R Bilby Excursion
 21st Prep P & Prep K Bilby Excursion
 24th P-6 Cross Country
 30th Year 3 Celebrations of Learning

Venue: Your child's classroom. We look forward to meeting with you.



Aminta Miller
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS - DAVID

Hello and Happy New Year to Everyone in the Everton Park State School community.

My hair is growing back and thank you for all of the lovely "hair" comments I've received. I will come up with another plan to help with fundraising this year which will most likely result in me taking it for the team again.

Schoolwide Positive Behaviour for Learning

Once again we are pushing on with our work to develop the most positive school-wide behaviour culture we can. Our focus at the start of each school year is around our three core school rules and our five values. Make sure you are checking with your children as to what they are. They might be of use in the home as well e.g. a tidy bedroom is demonstrating respect!

School Events

Plenty is happening with school events. Make sure you keep an eye on the school calendar and news column on our website.



David O'Connor
Deputy Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS - JO

A warm welcome to our new families and welcome back to our continuing families.

Whole School Home Reading New in 2017

This year we have introduced our new whole school home reading program. Every student will take home a reading folder that contains reading material that supports year level curriculum and independent reading goals. With your help, each class teacher will monitor and reward students' independent reading through our home reading program which will comprise approximately 15-30 minutes of homework each school night.

When the reading folders come home, please take the time to read the information sheet and discuss the recording sheet and teacher tracking tool with your child. Your child's teacher will be able to answer any questions you have about this program. To promote home reading there is an incentive system of classroom and assembly awards built into the program, culminating in a book award when 200 'reading sessions' have been completed.

Home reading is an important component of our literacy program and allows students to practise the reading strategies being developed in class while fostering good reading habits for life.

Sound Waves Spelling Resources

In 2017 we will continue the whole school approach to the teaching of spelling using the Sound Waves teaching and learning materials. This practical and multimodal resource is aligned to the Australian Curriculum and is based on a phonemic approach to spelling from prep to year 6. It has been selected to consolidate new learning and review prior learning in spelling and is accompanied by online resources to enhance spelling instruction.

Students will receive their Sound Waves materials and online access upon payment of \$16.50. Invoices, containing payment instructions, will be sent out this week.

Mathletics

We will continue to use *Mathletics* online as a resource in 2017 as an engaging and fun way to support the development of mathematical thinking and number sense in addition to our Mathematics curriculum. An invoice of \$12 will be sent home to cover the cost for each child this year.

Any questions or concerns related to this news item can be directed to your child's class teacher, or directly to me at jcamp205@eq.edu.au.



Joanne Campbell
Deputy Principal

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Pool Party Date Claimer

Start the school year off with a splash at the school family and community pool party! It will be held on Saturday, 11 February commencing at 3pm at the Everton Park State School swimming pool on the corner of Barton and Lyne Streets, Everton Park.

Come and meet Chappy Nikki and have a great afternoon of fun!

Special thanks to All About Aquatics for providing lifeguarding services and also support from the Lord Mayor's Suburban Initiative Fund.



LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to all the school community.

The Library is open for borrowing Monday to Thursday before school from 8:30am for all students and at first break for Preps, Year 1, 2 and Year 3 and second break for Years 4, 5 and 6.

Please check with your teachers about weekly class library time. All borrowing will begin next week.

We are still missing some books from last year and would appreciate their return.

Waterproof library bags are essential for library borrowing for ALL students. It not only protects our library books from leaky lunch boxes and water bottles in your child's school bag, but becomes part of the weekly procedure to borrow and encourages students to be responsible and care for an item that belongs to the whole school

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

P&C NEWS

What a sight to behold! Walking into EPSS on day 1, 2017, I was greeted by a sea of smiles from Leaders, Educators, Parents and Children alike. You could feel the enthusiasm and excitement in the air. For some children, it was seeking new challenges and others, to catch up with friends not seen for weeks. For my 2 year old, it was how quickly could she disappear while Mum was talking!
With the start of the 2017 school year, we welcome Mrs Aminta Miller into the fold. She brings a wealth of experience

to the role of Principal at EPSS and we look forward to the contribution her unique perspective can provide. Please make sure you take the time to introduce yourself when you see her out and about.

The upcoming Parent Information nights are a fantastic opportunity to meet with other parents from your class/year, perhaps for the first time. They're also a great chance to ask any questions and find out just what makes your class tick. I'll be coming along to as many as possible to have a chat and get to know some more of you.

Our first meeting of the year is Monday, 20 February at 7pm. This is also our AGM, so if you have a burning desire to put your hand up to join the P & C team in some capacity, we would love to see you. The night will kick off from 6:30, with snacks, chocolate, tea and coffee, and perhaps even some wine. Remember, if you would like to hear about what happens at our meetings, but for whatever reason, can't attend, simply complete a membership form prior to the night to be included on our mailing list without needing to attend any meetings.

There are a number of ways to get in touch with the P & C. The quickest way is via email pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au, otherwise our Facebook page has all current information regarding the school www.facebook.com/EPSSPandC. Alternatively, we have a box in the office to drop paperwork into, or you can leave a message with the office if you don't see one of us around the school.

Have a fantastic week and a big welcome to all of our new families. Strap yourselves in & enjoy the ride!

Thank you
Tanya Milgate
Everton Park State School P & C Association

SCHOOL BANKING

We hope everyone had a wonderful summer break. Now that the new school year is here and we had such a successful start to school banking last year, we are excited to see the children get back into the habit of banking again.

There are 8 new reward items for 2017 from the Future Savers range which will be split over the four school terms and available once a student receives 10 tokens. Please note that tokens carry over from last year!

This year, school banking is running a Future Savers Grand Prize competition that will take one lucky school banker all the way to Tokyo, Japan! The winner gets an unforgettable family trip, for up to two adults and three children, where they'll explore Tokyo Disneyland with its amazing attractions, including the futuristic Tomorrowland, plus enjoy the fun rides at Tokyo DisneySea.

Students who make 15 or more school banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2017 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

A reminder that our school banking day is Thursday and our first day for banking for 2017 will be Thursday, 2 February.

If you would like to know more about school banking, please contact the School Banking Volunteer Mums at epssschoobanking@gmail.com or visit commbank.com.au/schoobanking

School Banking Mums



CHEERLEADING NEWS

Welcome to 2017! EPSS cheer squads will be cheering again this year.

Cheer squad (competing team) sessions will be on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 3.15-5pm. This will start next week (Monday, 30 January). The girls are allowed to bring a change of clothes to practise in. They will also need a small afternoon tea (to be eaten before practise) and a water bottle.

Reserves will not begin until Week 5. It will be on a Monday morning from 7.45-8.30am.

Are you new to the school and would like to join? We would love to have you!!!!

If your child would like to join, simply send me an email on kroge8@eq.edu.au and let me know their name and their grade. More information will come out closer to the team practises starting.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Miss Rogers

YEAR 2 PLAYGROUND CREW

We are looking for students who would be interested in being part of the Year 2 playground crew.

This group of helpers will be responsible for putting out the playground equipment each day at first break and packing it away at the end of second break.

If this is something you would like to do, please write your name and class on a piece of paper and give it to Miss Rogers in Prep R before Friday, 27 January at 3pm.

The Playground Crew will be announced on Monday morning (I'll send the list to your classrooms).

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

I would like to welcome all the new families to our wonderful school especially our new Prep students. I am Ian Bird, the PE teacher, and I have been at Everton Park for 1 year. I am a qualified HPE teacher with 17 years' experience. I am a very passionate PE teacher and strive for all students to succeed in PE. I encourage and help all students in a friendly and positive manner. I am a Level 3 Advanced Throws coach for Athletics. I have been a Met North Athletics Coach for 12 years and a QLD Athletics coach for 6 years. I have been a North District Touch Coach for 5 years and a North District Tennis Manager for 4 years. I hold my current Austswim coaching qualification and have taught swimming for 5 years. I am in the process of becoming a qualified Level 2 Triathlon coach. I hold my current First Aid and CPR certificates.

I will be implementing many great programs across all year levels in 2017. Term 1 Prep - PMP and Fitness Activities, 1 – 6 Swimming (Stroke Development), Term 2 P – 6 Athletics, Term 3 P – 3 Modified Games, 4 – 6 Touch Football and Soccer, Term 4 P - 6 Swimming P – 4 Stroke Development, 5 and 6 Life Saving Skills. During Term 2 I will be offering Athletics Coaching for students in years 3 – 6 before school (more information will follow closer to the time).

Swimming lessons start next week for students in years 1 – 6. A letter was sent home this week. Permission forms are to be returned to your child's teacher this Friday.

Swimming caps and sun shirts are compulsory. Students will not be able to swim if they don't have these items. Please name all your child's items, especially their school uniform.

Also attached to the letter was a parent helper letter. It is vital that I get parent helpers to help run the swimming program. If you are able to assist, please complete the note and return to your class teacher.

Cross Country Training has started this week. It is open to all students from Prep to year 6 and parents. It starts at 8:15 – 8:45. Training is on 5 mornings a week. I will be training students each day. I will pick up students from the front veranda each morning. Students do not have to run every morning if they don't wish to. **Our school Cross Country carnival will be held on Friday, 24 March (second last Friday Term 1). The North District Cross Country will be held on Friday, 21 April (Term 2 Week 1).**

The Triathlon Squad will start training next Friday, 3 February. A letter will be sent home this week to interested children in grades 3 – 6. Sessions run each Friday during school time from 2pm – 3pm.

A schedule will be provided in the letter. Please make sure students have appropriate equipment each week.

All ability levels are welcome. We will train on the school oval for riding and running. I will be preparing students for the Weetbix Triathlon on Sunday, May 21.



We may have a few other Triathlons prior to the Weetbix triathlon. If you have questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me directly at ibird1@eq.edu.au or phone 3550 2222.

Ian Bird
ibird1@eq.edu.au

TUCKERBOX NEWS

The Tuckerbox is open each Monday, Thursday and Friday

Welcome back to all families and we welcome all our new families. We welcome Kim Sturge to our Tuckshop volunteer team. We are still in need of more volunteers especially **every second Friday** of the month. If you are able to help out please contact Bee on 0452 662 358.

JANUARY ROSTER

Friday 27 – Vicki, Johanna, Alicia

FEBRUARY ROSTER

Thursday 2 – Kim Sturge

Friday 3 – Ann, Joy, Kirstin, Julie

Thursday 9 – Sherryn

Friday 10 – Katrina

Thursday 16 – Jennifer

Friday 17 – Janene, Karla, Penny

Thursday 23 – Melissa

Friday 24 – Vicky, Johanna

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop is open each Friday from 8:15 to 9:30am



FLEXISCHOOLS

Do you need some uniforms? Why not order them on Flexischools. No need to come into the school at all. Send in your order and I will fill it and hand deliver it to your child in class. 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 Friday during normal opening hours 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

CHESS CLUB NEWS

Chess is starting again on the 1st of February Chess Mates specialises in teaching chess to children of all age groups and skill levels. Our team is dedicated to teaching chess in a fun and engaging way, so that children of any age can join in regardless of experience level. We teach younger students through songs and stories, for older or more advanced students we teach openings, strategies and forward planning. We don't focus on winning (in fact, we teach kids how to deal with winning and losing). Instead, we focus on making new friends and having fun while learning.

Classes are held at 11:00 - 11:40 on Wednesday lunchtimes, classes are held in the hall and the cost is \$8 per class.

If you have any questions about the classes please either e-mail info@chessmates.com.au or call Ash on 0415 256 452.

ATTACHMENTS

- 2017 Term 1 Calendar