



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent/Carer Information Evenings

Thank-you to the many parents and carers who came to our information evenings last week. It was a great opportunity to help frame the year. We have three main priorities this year. They are **reading, writing** and **wellbeing and learning** through Positive Behaviour for Learning.

QSchools app - Stay in touch with Everton Park State School

We would encourage all families to download the **QSchools** app to stay up to date with our current newsletters, events and news. The **QSchools** app is linked with our website and has been created to be user friendly with smartphones and devices. The QSchools app also enables users to receive emergency announcements and push notifications.



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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

10th Senior Induction Assembly 2:00pm
11th Pool party at EPSS 3 – 6pm
20th P&C Meeting 7pm in Library
22nd Prep Vision Testing
23rd Prep Vision Testing

MARCH

20th Prep R Bilby Excursion
21st Prep P & Prep K Bilby Excursion
23rd P-6 Cross Country 9 - 11:00am
30th Year 3 Celebrations of Learning
31st Prep – 2 Easter Hat Parade 9 – 9:30am



Literacy Blocks

This week our literacy blocks have officially started. Literacy blocks involve the teacher being supported by teacher aides in the implementation of literacy rotations to support the reading development of groups of children in the classroom. This targeted support has been well received by students and teachers so far. Yesterday we had a visit from our Assistant Regional Director, Kerri Jones, to observe these in action. Thank-you to the classes that shared their learning with her – she commented positively on the way that the children were working on their reading in their groups and that she is looking forward to visiting again soon.

Everton Park State High School Leaders Induction

Last Monday I had the privilege of attending the induction of the Year 12 students at Everton Park State High School. Many of the Year 12 students attended Everton Park State School in their primary school years and spoke very highly of our school – it was a lovely morning.

Pool Party

A reminder that our Family Pool Party is this Saturday from 3-6pm. I hope to see you there!

Aminta Miller
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS - DAVID

My Work With The Year 5 Students

I've been working with our year 5 classes in what I would call a predominantly Maths Coaching role. However, I am approaching it from a reading point of view. From what I can gain from the feedback from teachers and students is that really identifying what you are being asked to do is the main blocker to success with Maths. That's where reading comes into play!

Guided Reading

One strategy that our teachers use in their classrooms, and which seems particularly useful in the context of mathematics, is that of guided reading sessions. In such sessions, the teacher is still responsible for helping students connect what they are reading to prior knowledge.

When teaching problem solving through guided reading, the teacher should first present the text or graphic to students in small, coherent segments, being sure to process each segment before going on to the next one. As the reading progresses, the teacher could ask process questions that he/she wants the students to ask themselves in the future. Examples are:

- What would you be doing in that situation?
- Does this make sense?
- What does the picture/graph/chart tell you?
- How does the title connect to what we're reading?
- Why are these words in capital letters?
- What is the important information?
- What does that word mean in this context?

When we share strategies for understanding text, question our students about their conceptual processes, and model strategies and questioning techniques, we are helping students to develop metacognitive processes for approaching mathematics tasks. Teachers recognise that part of their job in helping their students become autonomous, self-directed learners is first to help them become strategic, facile readers of mathematics text.

Mathematical Language

I have used the language of WILF with the students to explain what to do first with a problem - WHAT I am LOOKING FOR. Mathematical language can be regarded as the four predominant actions that we give to problem-solving and reasoning:

- Modeling and formulating. Creating appropriate representations and relationships to mathematize the original problem. E.g. extracting the useful information, creating a number sentence, etc.
- Transforming and manipulating. Changing the mathematical form in which a problem is originally expressed to equivalent forms that represent a way to get to the solution.
- Inferring. Applying prior knowledge to the original problem situation, and interpreting and solving the problem in that light.
- Communicating. Reporting what has been learned about a problem i.e. the answer and sometimes how you got the answer.



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS - JO

We are all settling well into our new classes and new year of learning. As teachers get to know their classes they begin the process of modifying their teaching to meet individual students' needs. The term we use for this is 'differentiation'. Some of this differentiation occurs incidentally, such as rephrasing a question or providing a sentence starter. Whereas some differentiation is planned by the teacher prior to the lesson, for example – having some challenge questions in maths or having students work in a small group with a teacher aide. Ultimately, however, we are all aiming for the same target, which is meeting (or exceeding) the Australian curriculum achievement standards for the year level being taught.

When students have difficulty in achieving the year level learning goals or demonstrate success with the goals prior to learning activities we respond by making adjustments to support or challenge students as required. This can be done by the class teacher, by support staff or a combination of both. Teachers plan and document differentiation strategies based on pre-assessment tasks and observation of student learning behaviour prior to teaching. When student needs are considerably (approximately 2 years) outside of the current year level there are processes that we follow to ensure individual needs are met.

To ensure that students' individual needs are met and teachers are able to access our support services we have a Support Referral Committee. This committee meets weekly to follow up on teacher referrals, identify relevant support pathways and review previously referred students.

Teachers will communicate with you if they plan to submit a referral and advise you of the plan of action decided by the Support Referral Committee.

If you have any questions or concerns about any area of your child's progress please contact the class teacher or one of our admin team.

I would also like to give all parents a friendly reminder about payments for Soundwaves books and Mathletics access. Teachers are keen to provide children with their books and Mathletics online access.

Joanne Campbell
Deputy Principal

David O'Connor
Deputy Principal



LIBRARY NEWS

Library opening hours are:

Monday to Thursday

Before school - 8:30am to 8:50

First break - Preps, Years 1, 2 and 3

Second break – Years 4, 5 & 6

Closed Friday

All classes have a set library borrowing time once a week, but all students are welcome to borrow throughout the week, either before school or during the breaks.

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, 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.

If a book is damaged or lost, we ask that you either replace it with a similar resource or pay for the cost of buying a new book. Unfortunately, the student is unable to borrow until the issue is resolved. If you have any queries, please contact me. "If you are going to get anywhere in life you have to read a lot of books."

Roald Dahl

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

P&C NEWS

Congratulations to all of you for making it through the first two weeks! I bet there were some tired children (and parents!) over the weekend.

Now that all of the back to school stuff is out of the way, our thoughts turn to 2017 and how we can make this one of our best years yet! It has been many years since we've had such a large number of students and families on campus and I'm really looking forward to seeing the positive impact this has on EPSS. I encourage all of you to take the time to say hello to someone you don't know and show the EPSS community spirit that we're known for.

If I didn't see you at the Parent Information sessions last week, or if you didn't manage to get your hands on the P & C information pack, you will find it attached. This includes our membership form. These need to be completed annually in order to remain a member, and we're aiming for our biggest member base yet! As an incentive, both the 10th and 100th completed membership form submitted, will receive a \$20 Flexischools voucher which can be used on Tuckshop lunches, our fantastic coffee (thanks to Baxter & Sons), or in our uniform shop. Winners will be notified via email and announced in the newsletter.

For those who I did manage to speak to – thank you for sharing your ideas. Whilst some we had heard before, others were ridiculously simple yet could have such a big impact. I'm looking forward to hearing more of those great ideas, as well as many more at the P & C meeting on Monday 20th February at 7pm in the Library. There will be

a meet and greet session from 6:30pm with coffee & cake (and possibly wine!). Come along, we'd love to see you!

Speaking of coffee – WOW! I'm loving being able to drop into the Tuckshop on Monday/Wednesday/Friday and pick up a coffee on my way out that has been expertly made by Bee. At \$3.50 it's an absolute bargain and even better is that it's helping the school.



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

PICK-UP DROP-OFF AREAS

It has been noticed that a number of parents are parking in the two-minute zones and leaving their car while walking into the school grounds. The passenger loading zones allow you to set down and pick up your child/ren and allow you to stop for only 2 minutes. You are not allowed to leave your car and go into the school. Please see the attached flyer with regards to school parking.

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 this 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.

CHEERLEADING NEWS

The competing Cheer squad has already started their practise sessions. For everyone else, Cheerleading will begin in WEEK 5 on a Monday morning, at 7.45am. If you are new to the school, you are most welcome to come along and join us (including Prep students). Simply send an email to me letting me know your child's name, so I know who to expect on the first morning. All students must bring a drink bottle to practise. Any Prep students will be escorted down to their classrooms after the practise - parents do not need to wait for their child. A reminder that parents do not stay and watch the rehearsals - this is distracting and becomes a safety issue. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me on kroge8@eq.edu.au.

Thanks, Miss Rogers 😊

MUSIC NEWS

Senior Band commenced today, Wednesday, 8 February.
Beginner Band commences in Term 2.

Well done to all of our Kickstart Beginner Band and Strings students for a great performance at their first workshop.

Band queries - contact Penny Hall at

phall35@eq.edu.au

String queries contact Anne Keenan at
akeen9@eq.edu.au

Class music queries – contact WendyWood at
wstep2@eq.edu.au at EPSS Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.

SCHOOL BANKING

The children were very excited to welcome Angela and Pat the Dog from the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program to last Friday's assembly. They came to give the children an overview of the School Banking Program. We also announced that we have our account open day this Thursday, 9 February from 8:15am outside the library in the junior eating area. We will have Angela and Cassandra from the bank ready to assist with account opening applications and to answer any additional questions parents may have. We hope to see you there!

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



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SCHOOL ON-LINE PAYMENTS



BPOINT You may have noticed at the bottom of our invoices there is now another option for payments.



BPoint is an Online System provided to schools by Commonwealth Bank as a safe and secure payment method. It can be accessed via ANY Computer or Smart Phone. Log on to <http://www.bpoint.com.au/payments/dete>

Quote your Customer Reference number (CRN)
Quote the **invoice number** that the payment is relating
(5 digit number).

The school is automatically notified of the payment and are usually matched in an overnight process. We will still be accepting direct bank deposits, envelopes with credit card details completed, and of course, cheques and cash.

As we do not operate an 'open' receipting area, we cannot process EFTPOS payments at this stage, even though the 'generic information' on the invoice states otherwise.

Any further questions please contact Joy in the office.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

The North District swimming trials will be held this Thursday, 9 February. Good luck to the following students:
Girls – Georgia G, Megan C, Jessica M, Sophie L, Tiffany S, Talieya H, Lara J, Maddy O, Leila M, Kayla R, Zara V, Mia W.
Boys – Eden V, Kaylan J, Ben A, Sid H, Xavier T, Dylan D, Jordan G, Chris E, Eli J, Alan K, Spencer A, Keegan W.

Cross Country Training occurs every day from 8:15 – 8:45am. All students from P – 6 are welcome. Parents and teachers are also welcome.
I will pick up students from the front veranda at 8:10am.
All students are encouraged to wear a singlet or light shirt to run in. Visors are also recommended.

There will be **no Triathlon training this week.**

An email will be sent home this week with more information. Students are still able to join the squad. Please email me name, DOB and class and I will add them to the list.

At this stage we have 68 students on the squad which is fantastic.

Swimming lessons are currently underway. Could you please label all your child's belongings to help with lost items. Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before their lesson. Sunshirts and swimming caps are compulsory.

North District Dates Term 1 (Students 10 – 12 years, born – 2007, 2006 & 2005)

Netball 13th February, Boys Basketball 15th February, Girls Basketball 22nd February, Girls Soccer 23rd February, AFL 1st & 2nd March, Boys Soccer 8th March, Hockey 14th March, Rugby League Boys 15th March, Touch Football 22nd March.

Forms will be ready for collection outside my office approximately 1 week prior to the trial. Parents need to register their child online and take all forms to the trial.

If you any questions please email me.

Thank you
Ian Bird ibird1@eq.edu.au



TUCKERBOX NEWS

The Tuckerbox is open each Monday, Thursday and Friday

We always like to improve and find out about your requests. If you haven't had the time to fill out our questionnaire please find it attached to this newsletter. You can hand it back at the office or come and bring it in at the tuckshop. Thank you for those who have already done so. Some great ideas came in we will have a look at!
As soon as we will make some changes in the menu we will keep you informed.

We are still looking for some lovely volunteers, especially on the second Friday of each month. Please come in and see what dates suit you best.

HAVE YOU TRIED OUR FRESH ESPRESSO COFFEE YET?

FEBRUARY ROSTER

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 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 from 11:00 - 11:40am on Wednesdays 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
- Tuckerbox questionnaire
- 2017 Parent Information Pack
- Parking around the School