



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

School Leadership Induction

Our Leadership Induction ceremony was a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge our leaders with their badge presentation. We were privileged to have Wayne Swan join us for the occasion. Thank-you to the parents and carers who were able to attend the ceremony. Special thanks to Judy Pritchard for organising such a lovely occasion.



Coaching Training for our Leadership and Support Staff

Last week David O'Connor, Jo Campbell, Meg Parkinson, Danielle O'Reilly, Elizabeth Tiernan and Heather Sawyer attended a two-day coaching course at Kingscliff. The staff have all reflected to me that they found the experience valuable in terms of developing their questioning skills. Coaching forms a big part of our improvement agenda as it will support our staff to reflect and deepen their teaching and practices.

Reading – Concepts of Print

When children are first learning to read, they begin to demonstrate reading behaviours. Parents and carers often ask what these early reading behaviours, known as concepts of print are. The concepts of print include:

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CALENDAR

MARCH

20 th	Prep R Bilby Excursion
21 st	Prep P & Prep K Bilby Excursion
21 st	Harmony Day (NO coin donation)
23 rd	P-6 Cross Country 9 - 11:00am
30 th	Year 3 Celebrations of Learning
31 st	Prep – 2 Easter Hat Parade 9 – 9:30am
31 st	Last day of term 1

APRIL

18 th	First day of term 2
17 th	Public Holiday
28 th	Gala Day (Interschool sport)



Concepts of print
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a book has a front and a back a book has a right way up books are read from front to back a page is turned to reveal the next part of the book the left-hand page is read before the right-hand page print is read from left to right and a page is read from top to bottom print is different from pictures pictures support text the concept of first and last can be applied to letters in a word or words on a page spaces indicate boundaries of words there is a match between spoken and written words (print is speech written down) terms such as letter, word, sentence are different concepts numerals and letters are different print is constant
Conventions of print
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> punctuation marks (full stops and question marks) upper and lower case letters text organization (story has illustration and print, report has photograph and print)
Book terminology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> title, cover, spine different roles of author and illustrator

Reading to and with your child/ren every night is one of the best ways to track how they are progressing.

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.



Aminta Miller
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS - JO

Home Reading Check In

Home reading is well and truly underway across the entire school with our new Whole School Home Reading initiative. The feedback I have gathered so far from teachers indicates that the majority of our students are participating on a regular basis and are almost halfway towards earning their '50 Sessions' stamp. We would also value some feedback from our families about how well this is working on the home front and how we can improve and support the process as we all become more familiar with it.

I would like to invite you to participate in a short online survey that gives you an opportunity to respond to some questions regarding your family's experience with the home reading program (only one response per family required). The survey is anonymous. However, I am happy to respond to any individual queries if requested. I will look forward to sharing my findings in the next newsletter.

The survey can be accessed via the following link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2Y3QKP9>

I have also included the following *selection* from the Pearson UK's [Enjoy Reading](#) website to provide a comprehensive explanation of the value of home reading. (To view the entire document select the [Enjoy Reading](#) link).



What difference could I make as a parent?

The short answer is: a lot! Parents are by far the most important educators in a child's life and it's never too young for a child to start, even if you're only reading with your child for a few minutes a day. Before they're born, babies learn to recognise their parents' voices. Reading to your baby from the time they're born gives them the comfort of your voice and increases their exposure to language.

Building vocabulary and understanding

Learning to read is about listening and understanding as well as working out print. Through hearing stories, children are exposed to a rich and wide vocabulary. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital as they start to read. It's important for them to understand how stories work as well. Even if your child doesn't understand every word, they'll hear new sounds, words and phrases which they can then try out, copying what they have heard.

As children start to learn to read at school, you can play an important role in helping to keep them interested in books, finding out what interests them and helping them to find books that will be engaging and fun for them. Give time to helping them practise reading the books they will bring home from school.

Top 10 tips to help children enjoy reading

To help make reading enjoyable and fun, we asked experts and authors what they recommend to help get kids reading.

1. Make books part of your family life – Always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there's a chance.
2. Join your local library – Get your child a library card. You'll find the latest videogames, blu-rays and DVDs, plus tons and tons of fantastic books. Allow them to pick their own books, encouraging their own interests.
3. Match their interests – Help them find the right book - it doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
4. All reading is good – Don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. Reading is reading and it is all good.
5. Get comfortable! – Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child, either in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa, or make sure they have somewhere comfy when reading alone.
6. Ask questions – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'Where did we get to last night? Can you remember what had happened already?'
7. Read whenever you get the chance – Bring along a book or magazine for any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's surgery.
8. Read again and again – Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
9. Bedtime stories – Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.

10. Rhyme and repetition – Books and poems which include rhyme and repetition are great for encouraging your child or children to join in and remember the words.



Joanne Campbell
Deputy Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Reading to and with your child/ren every night is one of the best ways to track how they are progressing. Morning Reading Club has started up again this week in our library. This starts around 8.20am (Monday to Thursday) or when the teacher aides walk the students down to the shed. Students who come to Morning Reading Club will have received a letter and permission slip from their teacher, but we welcome all students, their parents, aunties or grandparents. We are always looking for volunteers in the morning, so if you have some time before school we would love to see you. A huge warm welcome back to Marcus and Ann, our amazing morning reading volunteers.

Miss Lukey
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P&C NEWS

What a fantastic turnout we had to the 2017 P & C AGM and first meeting of the year! Our local State member, Tim Mander, even commented that we have by far the largest P & C in his electorate, which includes schools with over 1,000 students like Eatons Hill SS. The enthusiasm in the room was wonderful to see and we have many exciting initiatives lined up for this year. Part of the AGM is, of course, the Executive appointment process and I'm pleased to announce the office bearers for 2017:

Tanya Milgate – President
Beki Dixon – Vice President
Secretary – Kathleen Peck
Treasurer – Nikki Clur

Sam Nicholson has agreed to take on the role of Chair of the Uniform and Tuckshop Committee and will be instrumental in the success of both of these EPSS institutions this year. Please join me in thanking these ladies for their support of the School.

One of the main initiatives for 2017 is review of the EPSS uniform. At this stage we are looking for people who are keen to be involved in a working group to explore the options available and report back to the P&C with recommendations. If you're interested, please contact Sam Nicholson.

With Easter just around the corner, keep an eye out for information regarding the Easter raffle. Remember, if you have anything you would like to discuss with the P&C please send us an [email](#) or drop by our [Facebook](#) page. We're looking forward to a big year!

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

LEADERSHIP INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

On Friday the seniors were awarded their leadership badges. As is tradition at Everton Park, the entire year 6 group recited the senior pledge. Congratulations go to all of the year 6 students, they have made an excellent start to the year. It is terrific to see them proudly wearing their badges this week. We thank Mr. Swan for attending and helping us to present awards. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon tea that followed our special assembly. The seniors are looking forward to a fantastic year in 2017!



HARMONY DAY



Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. It is held every year on 21 March. The Day coincides with the **United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**. The message of Harmony Day is 'everyone belongs'. The day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone. In our school community, we will celebrate Harmony Day by asking all students and staff to wear an orange sun safe shirt (**no coin donation**) on Tuesday, 21 March. A music group from Everton Park State High School has been organised to perform for our students early in Week 10.



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.

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

Band queries - contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au
String queries contact Anne Keenan at akeen9@eq.edu.au
Class music queries – contact Wendy Wood at wstep2@eq.edu.au at *EPSS Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays*.

2017 PREP – YEAR 2 EASTER HAT PARADE



The 2017 Prep – Year 2 Easter Hat Parade will be on Friday, 31st March from 9:00 – 9:30am in the school hall. All Prep – Year 2 students, their parents/carers, grandparents, uncles and aunties are invited to attend!

LATTICE FOR SALE

MAKE US AN OFFER!!

Good quality framed hardwood lattice available.

Approximate measurements are:

1 x 1030 x 890

2 x 1030 x 2100

5 x 1030 x 2550

2 x 1030 x 2950



Yours for a donation towards the beautification of the school.

Please see Joy in the office.

Everton Park State School

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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

Gala Day Sports 4 – 6 students

Term 2 Gala days are for students in years 4 – 6 and they will be held in Weeks 2 (28/4), Week 6 (26/5) and Week 7 (22/6). The Gala days are a full day from 9am - 3pm. Sports offered are Soccer (boys and girls), Netball (girls). Teachers have been given sign-on sheets for their students. When teams are finalized a detailed letter with costs and other information will be sent home.

Cross Country Carnival

Our school Cross Country Carnival will be held on Thursday, 23 March from 9 – 11am. A program of events and a map of the course will be emailed to parents in the next couple of weeks. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours.

Triathlon Squad

This week we have running and swimming. Can you please ensure your child has a visor and a running shirt for training. Also, students must bring a drink bottle to training every week. Students will need swimming gear also. Training is every Friday from 2 – 3pm.

North District Swimming

Congratulations to the following students: Georgia G, Zara V, Eden V, Sid H, Mia W and Maddy O. These students will be representing North District at the Met North Regional trials this week. Congratulations to Zara V. She has made the North District Netball team! Congratulations also to Kaylan J. He has made the North District Basketball team!

Thank you
Ian Bird ibird1@eq.edu.au

TUCKERBOX NEWS

The Tuckerbox is open each Monday, Thursday and Friday

Coffee and Fresh Tea now available in 2 sizes!

Small: 3.50 Large: 4.00

FEBRUARY ROSTER

Thursday 23 – Melissa
Friday 24 – Vicky, Johanna, **EMPTY**

MARCH ROSTER

Thursday 2 – Kim
Friday 3 – Ann Joy, Julie
Thursday 9 – Sherryn
Friday 10 – Katrina, Kirstin, **EMPTY**
Thursday 16 – Jennifer



MARCH ROSTER

Friday 17 – Janene, Karla, Penny

Thursday 23 – Melissa

Friday 24 – Vicky, Johanna, Ann

Thursday 30 – **EMPTY**

Friday 31 – Katrina Langtry

We are still looking for some volunteers...please call Bee on 04 52 662 358 if you are interested.

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

ATTACHMENTS

- 2017 Term 1 Calendar