



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Vision

Thank-you to those parents and carers who have been involved in our visioning process to date. We will be doing some online surveys next term to continue the process.



### Harmony Day

We have such a supportive community at Everton Park State School where everyone belongs. The sea of orange in our school was so pleasing to see as an acknowledgement of the day. On Monday we have an assembly being presented by the students from Wavell State High School. We are very much looking forward to this special event.

### Guided Reading in Classrooms

This term our focus has been around reading, in particular guided reading. Guided Reading is an opportunity for students to read in a small group setting to further develop their reading skills. This term the leadership team has had the opportunity to observe every teacher working with a group of students and provide them feedback on their practice. By doing this we are creating consistent practices across our school in the teaching of reading.

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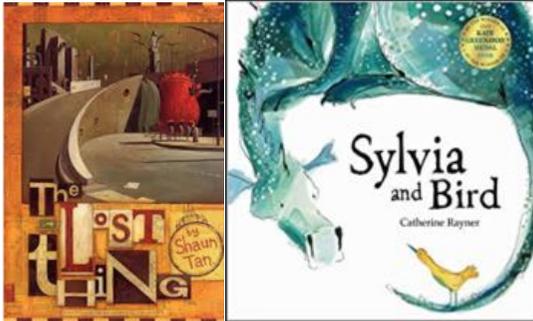
## CALENDAR

### MARCH

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Beginner strings and band concert 4pm in the Hall
- 28<sup>th</sup> P-6 Cross Country 9 - 11:00am
- 30<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Celebrations of Learning
- 31<sup>st</sup> Prep – 2 Easter Hat Parade 9 – 9:30am
- 31<sup>st</sup> Last day of term 1

### APRIL

- 17<sup>th</sup> Public Holiday
- 18<sup>th</sup> First day of term 2
- 28<sup>th</sup> Gala Day (Interschool sport)



### Reading

There are many ways that you can support your child with their reading.

Some of these include:

- Reading to your child every day. Children benefit from hearing 'good' readers. This is also an opportunity to share and discuss information presented in texts.
- Encouraging your child to choose texts to read on a daily basis.
- Exposing your child to a wide variety of texts and give them encouragement to read new material, e.g. *books by a new author, a different type of text such as poetry.*
- Giving encouragement whenever your child chooses to read.
- Ensuring your child sees other members of the family reading, and talking about their reading.
- Talking about characters, people, settings, plots and events in texts.
- Encouraging your child to express their opinion about texts and to justify their reactions.
- Pointing out and discussing common words with your child.
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### Parent Rep Meeting

On Monday night we had our first Parent Rep meeting – thank-you to the many parents/carers that attended. There were a variety of topics raised and we thank our community for sharing their thoughts and feedback.

### Our school review — an opportunity to have your say

Our school is scheduled for a school review in the second week of Term 2. The Department of Education and Training regularly reviews Queensland state schools to ensure they're delivering quality education to students. The reviews are conducted by the department's School Improvement Unit.

The reviews do not rate or compare schools, but provide teachers and other staff with independent feedback to help them continue to improve learning outcomes for students.

All schools have a review at least every four years. Key findings from the review will be made available to parents and the community on the school's website.

The review team would like to hear from our school community and I encourage anyone who is interested to have their say. If you are interested in speaking to the reviewers, or would like more information about the review process, please contact the school office. Your feedback is important and will help us continue to deliver a great education for students. More information about the review process is available from the department's website at [www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au](http://www.schoolreviews.eq.edu.au).

### Prep TV Stars!

Last week Channel 10 came out to film students from two of our classes for some upcoming children's shows. The children who were involved had a lot of fun. What a wonderful opportunity!

### Cross Country

We are very much looking forward to the Cross Country next Tuesday after it had to be postponed due to the rain.

### Parent teacher interviews

Thank you to our parents/carers for your attendance at our parent teacher interviews. Your commitment to supporting your child's progress is commendable. We appreciate the time and support that you give to your child's education.

Thank you to our teachers for their commitment to this process as well.

Aminta Miller  
Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS - DAVID

Are we Creating Resilient Kids or Are We Setting Ourselves up for a Lifetime of Pain and Regret

Helicopter parenting, coupled with the belief that we should never let our children fail, have given rise to kids who are ill-prepared to cope with life's challenges. It's an issue that educators are grappling with today, as schools across the country are focusing on ways to teach resiliency. With more research showing hyper-involved parenting leads to more anxious and entitled kids, it's clear that grit and resilience will benefit our kids in school and once they get into the real world.

I've been looking at a book called "Grit to Great" by Linda Kaplan Thaler and Robin Koval. I've taken an excerpt from a CNN interview which I think really hits home.

*Kaplan Thaler, who along with Koval co-founded the advertising agency Kaplan Thaler Group, was one of those helicopter parents, too. She told a hilarious story of trying to teach her daughter Emily, then 5, how to ride a bicycle. Two years later, Emily still didn't know how to ride. "Of course," Thaler says with a laugh. "God forbid I would let her actually fall."*

*It wasn't until an elderly man approached her one day in the park and told Kaplan Thaler to put her hands in her pockets while he pushed Emily on the bike. The man let her go, and she fell. After several more falls, she started riding. "She is a well-rounded young lady today and I like to think I had a hand in her success mostly because of keeping it in a pocket," she said.*

*Both Kaplan Thaler and Koval, who are also the bestselling authors of "The Power of Nice" and "The Power of Small," believe the parenting pendulum is swinging back in the "you're not so wonderful" direction. "There's more and more of a pushback against the whole 'everybody gets a trophy,' parents going on... to say 'You know what? Let your kids take responsibility. Be there in the background if they really need you but it's good for them to fail once in a while,'" said Koval.*

Have a look at the YouTube clip on the attached link.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ER4I4bH2vAU>



David O'Connor  
Deputy Principal

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS - JO

### School Leaders Visit Parliament House

Our school captains, Zara and Spencer, our P&C President, Tanya Milgate, and I were honoured to be invited by Tim Mander, MP for Everton, Shadow Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Shadow Minister for Corrective Services to visit Parliament House on Tuesday, 21 March. The school leaders from Albany Creek State School, Albany Hill State School and Eaton's Hill State School were also invited. We were given a tour of Parliament House, which was made a little more exciting by the fact that Parliament was sitting and there was a definite buzz of activity and increased media presence. We did get a chance to view Parliament in session from the Legislative Assembly public gallery and just missed out on seeing the Premier give a press release in the Red Room. We were then treated to a BBQ lunch with a fabulous view of the city. Overall it was a great day and I was very proud of the way our leaders conducted themselves during the visit.



### Indigenous Parent Forum

Our Indigenous Parent Forum will meet at 3.30pm on 20 April (first Thursday of next term), in the Library. On our agenda for this meeting will be:

National Sorry Day, Friday 26 May and how we will share the significance of this day with the school community.

Reconciliation Week – "Let's Take the Next Steps"  
Cultural events we will partake in over the remainder of the year

Please feel free to email Sam Vincent [svinc0@eq.edu.au](mailto:svinc0@eq.edu.au) with any items you would like to add to the agenda for this meeting.



Joanne Campbell  
Deputy Principal



## MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Mother's Day is on Sunday, 14 May and we will be holding our Mother's Day stall in week 4 of term 2. Donations would be greatly appreciated after the Easter Break and volunteer helpers for the stall will be required. If you are able to help please email [juleshairandmakeup@gmail.com](mailto:juleshairandmakeup@gmail.com)

## ICAS

ICAS Testing will be taking place in May, June and August this year. The sitting and payment dates are shown below:

ICAS Subject	ICAS Sitting Date	Closing Date for Payment
Digital Technologies (Yr 3-6)	Tuesday 23 May	Monday 3 April
Science (Yr 2-6)	Tuesday 30 May	Monday 3 April
Writing (Yr 3-6)	Tuesday 13 June	Friday 12 May
Spelling (Yr 2-6)	Wednesday 14 June	Friday 12 May
English (Yr 2-6)	Tuesday 1 August	Monday 19 June
Mathematics (Yr2 – 6)	Tuesday 15 August	Monday 19 June

## MISSING

A very distinctive notebook approx. A5 size in the shape of an ice cream cone and a Smiggle pencil case in the shape of an eye mask has gone missing. These items were left outside the girl's toilets whilst the owner was inside and they were missing when she came back. If anyone knows where they might be please contact the office.

## LIBRARY NEWS

This is the last week for student borrowing for this term. All books need to be returned by Friday, 31 March. School holidays are the absolute best time to visit your local libraries. Not only are there books, magazines, music CD's and DVD's, but usually they have different activities on each day. It's also FREE! I'm excited to visit the New Chermide Library and stock up on some great reads for the break.

A huge welcome back to the amazing Carol who is once again running the Scholastic Book Club for the school. Your support of book club allows us to use the commission to buy more fabulous resources for our library.

Morning Reading Club will finish for the term on Wednesday, 29 March. It's been wonderful to see so many parents and students attending. Enjoy the Easter break and looking forward to catching up with students next term about their holiday reading.

Mrs Lukey  
Teacher/Librarian  
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## MUSIC NEWS

Vocal Grooves has now moved to the Hall and this means we now have more space which is great. It was getting a little crowded in the computer room. We are learning a few new songs, as well as singing a couple of songs that the Elements Group worked on last year (because the students are particularly fond of these). Preparation for performing at the Anzac Day Parade is also well underway. If possible it would be very helpful if all Vocal Groove participants were ready to start at 8:15 – I am supervising students from 8am so please feel free to be a little early, rather than late.

There are several students who returned forms, who have never turned up to a Vocal Grooves session and/or some who attended only once. I will be contacting the parents of these students to let them know that their son/daughter will be taken off the role. If anyone has any queries regarding the Vocal Grooves program, or if your child participates and you are aware they will be away for more than a week please contact me on [wstep2@eq.edu.au](mailto:wstep2@eq.edu.au).

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term as the music teacher at Everton Park. I have already seen students improve, in their class music sessions over the course of this term, and I'm looking forward to next term. Have a safe and Happy Easter everyone.

Wendy Wood  
Classroom Music Teacher  
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String queries contact Anne Keenan at [akeen9@eq.edu.au](mailto:akeen9@eq.edu.au)  
Class music queries – contact Wendy Wood at [wstep2@eq.edu.au](mailto: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 aunts are invited to attend!

## CHEERLEADING NEWS

Please remember to bring a water bottle to all practice sessions. A reminder to all Reserve members to return your contract.

Thanks.

Miss Rogers 😊

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

**Our School Cross Carnival is this Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 9 - 11.** A program was emailed home to all parents last week. Our first race will start at approximately 9:05am, races will be approximately 5 minutes apart. Maps have been uploaded to the sports webpage on our school website. Please make sure your child wear their house colours on the day. Students will need hats, water bottles and sunscreen. Age Champion medals will be given to 9 – 12 years. Students in other events will be given 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> ribbons, as well as a certificate. Students finishing in the top 10 for all races will receive extra points for their house. All students who participate in the race will receive a point for their house. A permission form for the day has been sent home, please return to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible. This permission form is mainly for the students leaving the school grounds, however if your child has any medical conditions please let your child's teacher know. Parents are more than welcome to come and watch for the morning. Seating for parents is the top 2 rows of the terraces. Students will need to sit with the other students in their house. Parents please keep well back from the finish line. Fencing will be up to show out of bounds areas for spectators. Cross Country training will be on next week for our school cross country team, (students finishing in the top 6 for 10 -12 years).

### QLD Running

QLD running will be holding cross country events every Saturday. Cost is \$3. Please go to their website for more information. <http://www.queenslandrunning.com.au/>

Program is as follows:

2:00pm 500m, 2:15pm 1500m, 2:35pm 3000m, 5000m,  
2:55pm 4000m, 6000m & 8000m, 3.00pm Fitness Fun Walk  
- 500m, 3:25pm 2000m, 3:40pm 1000m.

### Triathlon Squad

This week we have swimming and running. Please ensure your child brings other clothes to train in and a water bottle. Just a reminder that early bird entries for the Weetbix Triathlon on Sunday, May 22 will close this Sunday, 26 March. It would be fantastic if we could have the whole squad compete at the event. I have emailed the link.

### Gala Day Permission forms Year 4 – 6 students

Gala Day permission forms are due this Friday, 24 March. Permission forms need to be handed to the coach.

Coaches are:

Netball Year 4 – Annie Spencer, Year 5 – Tracey Irwin,  
Year 6 - Sean Linnett.

Soccer Girls Year 4 – Meg Parkinson, Year 5/6 Anke Lawes.

Soccer Boys – Year 4/5 – Amy Green, Year 5/6 – Ian Bird.

Payment needs to go to the office. All sports cost \$35.00 except for Senior 5/6 Boys Soccer which will cost \$5, as the boys will be walking to the venue.

Thank you.

Ian Bird

HPE Teacher

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## 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

### **MARCH ROSTER**

Thursday 23 – Melissa

Friday 24 – Vicky, Johanna, Ann

Thursday 30 – **EMPTY**

Friday 31 – Katrina Langtry

### **APRIL ROSTER**

Thursday 20 – Jennifer

Friday 21 – Janene, Karla, Penny

Thursday 27 – Melissa

Friday 28 – Vicky, Johanna

Brain snacks are now available. Please look at Flexischools for what's available.

We are still looking for some volunteers...please call Bee on 0452 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.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## FOUND

A Smiggle lunch box has been found in lost property. If it belongs to your child could you please enquire at the office. Thank you.

## ATTACHMENTS

- Mother's Day Stall Flyer
- Easter Egg Hunt Flyer
- Mitchelton State High School
- Craigslea State High School Open Day