



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK!

I hope that you had a wonderful Easter break with your family! A warm welcome to the new families joining us this term - we look forward to having you as a part of our Everton Park State School community.

SCHOOL REVIEW – NEXT WEEK – WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY

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.

ASSEMBLY – MONDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 2:30-3:00PM - BEGINNING MONDAY, 8 MAY

Thank you to those parents/carers for your input and feedback on the P&C Facebook page around the possibility of changing the time and day for our whole school Assemblies. Our staff raised the idea of changing the time to an afternoon as they were finding that most Friday mornings was being taken up getting to and from the Hall, especially in our younger year levels. As a way of supporting this request, we investigated what other schools do and found that many schools have made this change and have found it to be successful. We have decided to trial a day and time change as of Monday, 8 May (Week 4). Teachers will have students seated and ready to begin assembly by 2:30pm and will walk their students back to the classroom to collect their bags after assembly.

TERRACES

We have managed to secure Regional funding and school funding to enable the Terrace maintenance work to go ahead this term. Works should begin next week. We will advise of any out-of-bounds areas as the work progresses. The works will be completed ready for our Athletics Carnivals in Week 10.

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CALENDAR

APRIL

24th ANZAC Day ceremony 9am at the pool
28th Gala Day (Interschool sport)

MAY

8th Whole school assembly 2:30pm in the Hall
15th P&C meeting at 7pm in Library
12th Mother's Day Stall

Everton Park State School



SUCCESS HONOUR EXCELLENCE

C BLOCK CLASSROOMS

Over the holidays, paint company Higgins donated their time in C Block painting feature walls to make the classrooms look and feel more inviting. We thank Eamon, Nathan and Nick from Higgins for their time and support. Staff and students have commented on how bright and welcoming the rooms now look.



NAPLAN 2017

All schools across Australia will be implementing National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in May.

While participation by all students is expected, students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer - this is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers. If you would prefer to withdraw your child from participating in Year 3 or 5 NAPLAN, please see Louise or Sam to request a parent withdrawal form, complete it and submit it by **Tuesday 2 May 2017**.



Year Level	Tuesday 9 May	Wednesday 10 May	Thursday 11 May
3	Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) - 40 minutes Writing - 40 minutes	Reading - 45 minutes	Numeracy - 45 minutes
5	Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) - 40 minutes Writing - 40 minutes	Reading - 50 minutes	Numeracy - 50 minutes

Aminta Miller
Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS - DAVID

ANZAC DAY

This year our school service will be on Monday, 24 April. 9:00am at the pool. I would expect the service will conclude at approx. 10:00am.

On ANZAC Day itself, Tuesday, 25 April, Everton Park State School will be taking part in the march at Gaythorne RSL. EPSS Staff will be at the Sid Loder Park (directly behind the RSL) from 5:45am to organise our students with the RSL Marshalls. The march is scheduled to start at 6:15am with a service to follow. Students are required to wear school uniform.

David O'Connor
Deputy Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS - JO

EPSS Student Wins First Prize in Gaythorne RSL Sub-Branch Inc. ANZAC Day Writing Competition 2017!

Everton Park State School student Matilda was presented with first prize in the Year 4/5 category of the Gaythorne RSLs 2017 ANZAC Day Writing Competition by State Member for Everton, the Honourable Tim Mander. Matilda received \$300 individual prize money, as well as earning an additional \$300 for the school library.

Congratulations Matilda!

EPSS students, along with students from a number of other local schools, were given the opportunity to submit an entry into the Year 4/5 or the 6/7 categories of the competition. The task required students to provide a written response to the question of: Why are the battlefields (e.g. Gallipoli, the Somme) important sites for commemoration? This competition is run by the club each year as a way of ensuring that the younger members of our local community continue to value and commemorate the contributions made by Australian servicemen and women during past international conflicts and peace keeping operations.



The awards ceremony at Gaythorne RSL Club on Wednesday night was a delightful event and Ms Lukey and I were extremely proud to attend on behalf of the EPSS community. We look forward to having the opportunity to read and share Matilda's prize winning entry in the near future.



P&C NEWS

Welcome back to EPSS for a HUGE term 2! Hope you all managed to dry out and enjoy the holidays. There are lots of things happening this term so grab a cuppa and start reading:

***Entertainment Books** – are being sent home this week to each family to have a look at and decide whether they want to purchase or not. We recognise that some families have already indicated that they did not want a book to go home and apologise if you have received one inadvertently. If you do not wish to purchase your copy or would like a digital version instead, simply return the book and envelope to the office. Keep in mind that we will be following up all books, so it is important to return it if you do not want one.

***The next P&C meeting** is Monday, 15 May at 7pm in the Library. There was no April meeting due to Easter holidays.

***Mother's Day** – The annual Mother's Day stall will be held on Friday 12th May in the Library. It is being organised by stall superstars Jules Aldridge and Cherie Dux. If you are available to volunteer your time on the day, please contact Jules. Coffee and morning tea will be provided thanks to our fabulous tuckshop co-ordinator, Bee. Any time that you can spare would be appreciated.

***Grants** – We're a bit like ducks on a lake at the moment, looking relatively calm on the surface whilst working feverishly behind the scenes. A number of grants have been applied for, including renovating the shed, an outdoor learning area in front of the Tuckshop, shade sails, and even a 3D printer! We're keen to explore more efficient ways of fundraising, so if you have any ideas, please let us know!



***Sporting Shopping List** – Thanks to many of you shopping at Amart Mitchelton, we received over \$550 to spend on sporting goods at the store. This, along with our other local partnerships, is a great way of raising money just by doing your local shopping. We didn't think it was possible for Mr Bird's smile to get any bigger, but he was ecstatic! Keep an eye out for another offer coming up very soon.

***Social Media** – We're also looking at the most effective methods of getting our messages out to you and with our Facebook page having over 400 "Likers", we recognise that social media is a popular way of interacting with our families. With this in mind, we're on the lookout for a social media extraordinaire to help us help you. Get in touch via Facebook or email – we'd love to hear from you!

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

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

The Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday, 12 May. There will be many delightful gifts at various prices for the children to purchase.

Volunteer helpers for the stall will be required. If you are able to help please email juleshairandmakeup@gmail.com

LIBRARY NEWS

With Cyclone Debbie interrupting the last week of school, lots of library books were not able to be returned. We would really appreciate a bit of a search and rescue for these books so all our students can start borrowing again. I was thrilled to visit the new Chermshire library over the holidays. What an amazing space, and the variety of books and other resources will please everyone's tastes. I just loved being able to have coffee and cake, AND read my books!

Please be aware that 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. Morning reading has started up again, and it appears we have some keen geography students eager to learn more about cities and countries around the world.

A new series appearing in our library is *Olive of Groves* by Katrina Nannestad. Olive has always dreamed of attending boarding school, but Mrs Groves' Boarding School for Naughty Boys, Talking Animals and Circus Performers is not what she expected. The new picture book *That's not a hippopotamus* by Juliette MacIver and Sarah Davis is simply delightful!



Mrs Lukey
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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.



ANZAC DAY RIBBONS FOR SALE

Anzac Day ribbons, arm bands and tattoos will be on sale in the Year 2M classroom on Monday, 24 April. Armbands are \$1, ribbons \$1 and tattoos 50c

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Athletics Carnival Dates

P – 3 Monday 19th June from 9am – 12:30pm.
 9 – 12 years 800m Monday 19th June from 1:30pm – 3pm.
 9 – 12 years carnival Tuesday 20th June from 9pm - 3pm.

Please note students in grade 3 born in 2008 are eligible to participate in the 9 – 12 years carnival.

Thank you.
 Ian Bird
 HPE Teacher
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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 😊

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

Have you tried our Chai Latte yet?

Welcome back!

Soon we will start with our winter menu as the colder weather starts to kick in. We will give you an update on this menu in our next newsletter.

APRIL ROSTER

Thursday 27 – Melissa
 Friday 28 – Vicky, Johanna, Hadas Palevsky

Warm regards,
 Bee Bridgland
 Tuckshop Convenor

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

- Learning Excellence FGSHS
- Mother's Day Stall flyer