

NEWSLETTER NO.01

JANUARY 28, 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

13th Year 6 Student Leadership Induction Ceremony in the Hall 9:00am

TERM DATES

Term 1

27 January -2 April

Term 2

20 April – 26 June

Term 3

13 July – 18 September

Term 4

6 October – 11 December

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

3 April – Good Friday

6 April – Easter Monday

8 June – Queen's birthday

12 August – EKKA Holiday

5 October – Labour Day

PUPIL FREE DAY

19 October



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Beginning the School Year

Welcome back to all of our parents, students and teachers and a warm welcome to those families who have joined us this year. It has been wonderful to see the smiling faces of our students as they have leapt into learning this week, especially our Prep students who have started their first day of school ever!

At the end of last year we said good bye to some very special staff including Mr Clark who has successfully won the position of Principal at Samford State School. We wish him all the best for the future. I am currently appointed as Principal for the first 6 months of this year. During this time a decision will be made regarding the permanent appointment of a Principal at EPSS. I have made my intention known that I would like to continue as Principal of EPSS as I love the school and have really enjoyed my time being a part of this school community. As soon as this departmental decision has been made, I will inform our community of the outcome.

In 2015, we also welcome some wonderful teachers to our EPSS teaching team. We welcome Amy Jones (from Samford State School) to Year 2, Helena Mahan (from Zillmere State School) to Year 3 and Danielle Klar (from North Lakes State College) to our Year 5/6. I'm sure you will join us in making them feel at home here.

There will be many special events throughout the term and The Leadership Induction Ceremony is one of them. This event will take place on Friday, 13 February at 9:00am during our normal assembly time. We invite parents and special guests for cake and coffee in the Hall following the ceremony.

The First Week

We have had a very smooth start at EPSS this week, with even our youngest learners settling into their new classrooms successfully. However, young children adjust to starting the new school year in a number of ways. I have included an excerpt from an article from the "Yourkids.Ed.com.au" website which has some useful tips for

surviving beyond the first week of school that I thought maybe of interest for our parent community.

Surviving Beyond the First Week of School

by Angie Wilcock, High Hopes Five year olds all over the country are about to embark on their first week of 'big school!' Mums and dads are preparing to wipe away the tears, settle into a new routine of 'pick-up' and 'drop-off', and tackle the thirteen year journey ahead.

For many children and parents the first week is just the start of quite a lengthy process of adjustment.

Here are a few positive tips to support your little one...and YOU! These tips might just help you survive not only the first week, but also well beyond that!

Be Positive!

Parents who have a positive attitude towards school will make a big impression on their children. Children are looking for support and confidence – so don't show them your tears! Little rewards after school, 'Friday Fun Days' or 'Play Dates' gives your child a treat to look forward to at the end of the school week.

Talking AND Listening!

To help your child, especially through the first few weeks, spend time each day after school to talk about what they did, who they played with etc. LISTEN to what they tell you! Remind them of all those positive things when you take them to school next day and this may overcome the daily tears and uncertainties.

Communication

Make sure you have open lines of communication with your school, your child's teacher and your child. Inform school of any special needs your child may have – medical, social, behavioural, learning. If there are any changes to family dynamics which are a little sensitive, speak to the teacher – your child's behaviour may be misinterpreted if the class teacher doesn't have the full picture!

Routine

Establish a consistent routine before each school day. Plenty of sleep; a healthy breakfast; help your child pack the school bag (so they know what's in it!); ensure they know where, when and by whom they will be collected after school.

Be Involved!

Research shows that parents' active interest in their child's learning has a positive effect on both their child's learning and attitude towards school. If requested by the school/teachers, try to be involved in supporting classroom reading programs; computers; setting up craft activities; canteen; fund raising etc. The kids love it!

Anita Bond
Principal

P&C NEWS

Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale

Get ready to don your aprons, fire up the BBQ and dust off your muffin tins - the

great Election Day sausage sizzle and bake sale are back! Our school will be a polling place for this Saturday's election and that means we are after volunteers to bake us some tasty treats for sale and also to turn the snags and sell the goodies on the day.

Bakers can whip up slices, muffins, cupcakes and biscuits and drop them to the school office on Friday, January 30 (not before please). You can help us out by placing your items on paper plates or take away containers ready for sale and be sure to put your name on your container and lid if you want them returned after the day.

If you can help behind the till or the BBQ on the day we'd love to hear from you. Our stall will run from approximately 7.30 to 3pm so if you can spare an hour or two anytime across the day please let us know by emailing pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au or message us via our Facebook page.

This event has been a great earner for us in the past but it will only succeed with your help. The day will be a good chance to catch up with other parents and you'll feel great knowing that you have helped start our fundraising year off with a bang. Sam Nicholson
P&C Communications Co-ordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

Author and Senior Australian of the Year Jackie French loves three things in equal measure: wombats, the environment and getting children excited about books. That's our aim here at the EPSS library – to engage and excite our students about books and reading. Welcome to another wonderful year in the library – the coolest place in the school! (Literally: we have air-conditioning). Our library is open every morning from 8.30am. Parents are always welcome. Check with your classroom teachers for weekly class borrowing times and please be aware that students can borrow before and after school, and also lunch breaks. Borrowing starts next week. Please ensure your child has a waterproof library bag. And let's get READING!

Ms Lukey
Teacher/Librarian
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MUSIC NEWS

For all string queries please contact Anne Keenan at akeen9@eq.edu.au
For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at phal35@eq.edu.au
For all classroom queries and choir queries please contact Bernadette Crook at bcroo4@eq.edu.au

EMAIL INFORMATION UPDATE

Class information/news is sent home each week by teachers via parents email. If you do not receive emails from your child's class teacher could you please call the office or contact the teacher directly so the necessary updates/changes to emails can be made.

NAPLAN

NAPLAN testing will take place from 12 – 14 May, 2015.

CHEERLEADING

Welcome back! It's going to be a great year.

Squad - practises will begin week 2 - Monday and Thursday from 3.15-5pm. Remember to bring a snack and a water bottle. You might like to bring a singlet to change into, as it is going to be hot!

Reserves and Pups - your sessions will begin in Week 5 (starting 23 February). Pups (Prep - Year 2) will be on Monday mornings (7.45 - 8.30am).

Reserves (Year 3 - 6) - will be on Tuesday mornings (7.45 - 8.30am).

New to the school (whether you are in Prep or another year level) and would like to join in? You are most welcome to join our squads, just come and see me (I'm in the classroom closest to the pool) so I can add your name to the list. Looking forward to a great year!

Miss Rogers

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open each Friday morning from 8:30am – 9:30am.

EXTRA OPENING HOURS

In preparation for 2015 we will be open from 9 December – 11 December 2014 and 27 January – 30 January 2015 between the hours of 8:30 – 10:30am .

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Hello and welcome to Tuckshop for 2015. I hope everyone had a restful and cool summer holiday.

You might have noticed the Tuckshop (and Uniform Shop) is undergoing some cosmetic changes and this is just the beginning. This term, the Tuckshop will be 'rebranding' - colourful external artwork, a new name and some minor changes to the menu.

At the end of 2014, Di Davies, a past parent and chef, hung up her apron. Therefore, I am unable to provide her delicious homemade choc-chip cookies and muffins, banana bread, pikelets, mini quiches and chicken drumsticks. I am currently sourcing alternatives and/or something new.

The Flexischools online menu is up to date and the best way to order your child's tuckshop if you are new to the school. Please login and set up an account at www.flexischools.com.au.

Until the rebranding is complete, the printed Menu is very similar to last years. It can be downloaded from the school website.

There are some small price increases this year :

Popcorn 0.60c
Cheesymite Scrolls \$1.60
Cob of Corn \$1.10

As always, the Tuckshop is looking for volunteers to help on Thursdays and Fridays. Thank you to the ladies who are

returning this year. You are all so fantastic that the Friday roster is almost full. There are vacancies on Thursdays. If you would like to volunteer for one day once a month, please email me tuckshop@everparkss.eq.edu.au or pop in and see me.

Wishing everyone a fantastic 2015 here at EPSS!

Katrina
Tuckshop Convenor

ATTENTION !!!

**STUDENT ABSENCE
NOTIFICATION**

To leave notification of student absences please call our hot line on 3550 2277 at any time, day or night .

Absences can also be emailed to:

absences@everparkss.eq.edu.au

**COMMUNITY
NEWS**

YOGA classes start back in the Library at 6:45pm on Thursday 12 February

Please check the glass noticeboard on the front verandah for the latest activities/events in the neighbourhood.