

# NEWSLETTER NO.02

## FEBRUARY 4, 2015

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### **FEBRUARY**

10<sup>th</sup> Kickstart Strings Program in the Hall 8:30 – 2:30pm  
13<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Student Leadership Induction Ceremony in the Hall 9:00am  
16<sup>th</sup> P&C Meeting 7:30pm

#### **MAY**

12–14<sup>th</sup> NAPLAN testing

#### **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



### **FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

Dear Parents and Carers

#### **Welcome Parents!**

Starting this week, our teachers will be holding parent information sessions. These sessions are a great starting point for parents to become involved in our school community. Our teachers will take you through the year ahead as well as some important routines and processes. This is also the perfect opportunity for your child's teacher to address any other questions you may have.

My observation is that the EPSS community has a high parent engagement which is great, as research shows that where there is high parent engagement in a child's education (participating in and facilitating diverse learning experiences and developing partnerships with school community), there are very positive outcomes for that child. Research has shown that parent engagement has a positive impact on many indicators of student achievement including:

- Higher grades and test scores
- Enrolment in higher level programs and advanced classes
- Higher successful completion of classes
- Lower drop-out rates
- Higher graduation rates
- Greater likelihood of commencing post-secondary education

Beyond educational achievement, parent engagement is associated with various indicators of student development. These include:

- More regular school attendance
- Better social skills
- Improved behaviour

- Better adaption to school
- A greater sense of personal competence and efficacy for learning.

We look forward to seeing you at these sessions over the next few weeks. The schedule for our parent information sessions has been included above for your information.

## PARENT/TEACHER INFORMATION NIGHTS

Prep B, Prep K & Prep R	Thursday 12 Feb	5:30-6:30pm
1E, 1P & 1S	Thursday 12 Feb	5:30 – 6:30pm
2J, 2M & 2/3B	Wednesday 4 Feb	5:00 – 6:00pm
3H, 3S	Wednesday 4 Feb	5:00 – 6:00pm
3M	Friday 6 Feb	4:45 – 5:15pm
4SP	Wednesday 4 Feb	5:00 – 6:00pm
4/5I	Tuesday 10 Feb	5:00 – 6:00pm
4L	12 Feb	5:00 – 6:00pm
5/6K	12 Feb	5:00 – 6:00pm
5T	10 Feb	5:00 – 6:00pm
6W & 6P	4 Feb	5:30 – 6:30pm

### Thank you!

On Election Day, our P&C held a sausage sizzle and bake stall at school which was well supported by our community. Thanks to all of the parents who gave up their time to run the stalls and to those who made some purchases on the day.

Anita Bond  
Principal

## SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Students behave positively when they know what is expected of them, and when they feel safe, and know that someone believes in them and cares about them and their learning. Great teachers and great teaching make a significant difference to how students behave and learn.

Positive behaviour doesn't just happen. Students need to know the expectations and what positive behaviour looks like. Positive behaviour is likely to occur more frequently when we:

- identify reinforcers for positive behaviour
- teach replacement behaviours for unwanted behaviour
- respond consistently with predictable consequences that match the behaviour.

At EPSS we start each year with a focus on our 3 main positive rules:

1. Be Respectful
2. Be Safe
3. Be an Active Learner

All teachers will be discussing these rules with classes to start the year and communicating with parents their classroom rules and expectations.

David O'Connor  
Deputy Principal

## P&C NEWS

Welcome to a new school year for 2015! It's been great to see so many smiling faces for the start of the year (and the students as well!). We had a fantastic day on Saturday with our Sausage Sizzle & managed to sell out of all of the scrumptious baked goods that were so generously provided. It was such a great atmosphere you would almost think it was the only reason people were there! We made a profit of \$900 which can go towards making EPSS the place to be in 2015.

The first P & C meeting of the year is on Monday, 16 February in the Library at 7:30pm. We're having cake & coffee from 7pm to give us all a chance to meet before we get down to the business of what we hope to achieve for this year. Make a promise to yourself that this is the year you will get involved!

The 2015 Parent Information Packs will be making their way to all families this week. If you don't have one by Friday, please make sure to let us know. These include important information about what is happening at the school this year.

Thanks  
Tanya Milgate  
P & C President

## LIBRARY NEWS

Students will be choosing and borrowing books for the first time this week. This will be an exciting time for many students as they show you that first book that they have chosen. Also a fantastic time for parents and carers to become a part of the reading journey. Research shows that families play an important part in children's reading success and what better way is there than to read aloud with them.

### Reading aloud

*To get started:*

*\* Make a commitment to read aloud at least once a day. It's important to establish a routine.*

*\* Select a time to read aloud. It can be anytime—morning, after school, bedtime—but try to make it the same time every day.*

*\* Choose a favourite place to read aloud. It can be a bedroom, a living room, or any place you can read together comfortably.*

*\* Remember to have fun! The more fun kids have reading aloud, the more they will love books and want to read them. (excerpt taken from the Reading is Fundamental Guide for Parents)*

[http://www.rif.org/documents/us/reading\\_aloud.pdf](http://www.rif.org/documents/us/reading_aloud.pdf)

Mem Fox, an Australian author and literacy expert, even has 'How to read

aloud' lessons online.  
<http://memfox.com/for-anyone-interested/for-anyone-interested-a-read-aloud-lesson/>

Please don't forget library bags are essential and please make a note of your child's library borrowing day. Students may borrow also before school and at break times. It's been great to see so many parents dropping in over the last week. We are open from 8.30am every day.

Ms Lukey  
Teacher/Librarian  
[bluke1@eq.edu.au](mailto:bluke1@eq.edu.au)

## CHOIR NEWS

Junior Choir will be held again this year for students in Years 2, 3 and 4. We will meet on Fridays at 8.00am commencing in Week 3.

See you there!

**Elements** is again looking for students from Years 1 - 6 who love to sing, play guitar, or both! We meet on Tuesdays at 8.00am. Hope to see lots of students there next week in the music room.

Please come to the music room for an information letter and permission slip if you'd like to participate.

## CLASSROOM MUSIC NEWS

Thank you to everyone for being well prepared and organised for the start of music lessons. If some families still need to buy equipment the Yamaha recorder is the preferred brand and the music book called Big Notes Music Theory and Manuscript Book is the best one for young students.

Bernadette Crook  
Class Music Teacher

## MUSIC NEWS

### Kickstart Instrumental Music Workshop Days (Band and Strings)

Beginner Instrumental students will be attending full day workshops on their instruments in order to learn good habits and playing skills right from the start.

Please check the date and venue of your child's Kickstart below. If your child is commencing **Strings** at Everton Park SS this year please especially be aware that the **date has changed to TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY.**

**Percussion Students' Kickstart** – Stafford Heights State School (95 Redwood St, Stafford Heights) Assembly Hall for registration on Friday, 6 February (week 2).

Time: 8.30-2.30 with a concert held at 2pm.

**Brass, Woodwind & Bass Guitar Students' Kickstart** – Stafford Heights State School (95 Redwood St, Stafford Heights) Assembly Hall for registration Tuesday, 10 February (week 3)

Time: 8.30-2.30 with a concert held at 2pm.

**String Students' Kickstart** - Everton Park SS Assembly Hall for registration

**TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY (week 3)**  
**Please note this is a date change.**

Time: 8.30-2.30 with concert at 2pm in the LIBRARY.

If you have any queries about Kickstart please contact

Anne Keenan [akeen9@eq.edu.au](mailto:akeen9@eq.edu.au)

Penny Hall [phall35@eq.edu.au](mailto:phall35@eq.edu.au)

#### Beginner Band Students - Information meeting for parents

Could all parents of 2015 beginner band students please come to an information meeting at the music room today, WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY - 8AM.

Mrs Hall will be handing out instruments, Mau Music Packs and talking about plans for the year. Students are not supposed to play their instruments till Kickstart – this will be discussed at the meeting.

If you are unable to attend please contact Mrs Hall to make alternative arrangement [phall35@eq.edu.au](mailto:phall35@eq.edu.au)

#### Beginner Strings

Beginner strings students will receive their instruments and Mau music packs if ordered on Thursday, 5 February when I am at Everton Park SS. Students are not to play their instruments before the Kickstart day. However I realise the students will want to open their cases and look at their lovely new instruments. When handing out their instruments I will instruct them on what they are allowed to do before Kickstart.

They are definitely not to touch the bow. Students must have all equipment ready for Kickstart, especially the 2 tutor books – Essential Elements Book 1 for their instrument and Music Maestro Book 1 for their instrument.

If you have any queries about Beginner Strings please contact Anne Keenan [akeen9@eq.edu.au](mailto:akeen9@eq.edu.au)

For all string queries please contact Anne Keenan at [akeen9@eq.edu.au](mailto:akeen9@eq.edu.au)

For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at [phall35@eq.edu.au](mailto:phall35@eq.edu.au)

For all classroom queries and choir queries please contact Bernadette Crook at [bcroo4@eq.edu.au](mailto:bcroo4@eq.edu.au)

## THE ART CLUB

Hello and welcome back everyone! We hope you've had a great holiday with plenty of creative activities to keep you occupied. We have had lots of students asking when Art Club is starting again. We're busy getting the art space organised for the new term and developing the ideas and activities for you to get involved in. There will be a few changes and all will be creative and fun as always. Get settled into your school year and **Art Club will start back up in March.** We'll keep you posted! In the meantime, be sure to let us know of any art ideas you'd like to see come to life.

## 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

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Welcome to the new year. School swimming commenced this week and, as usual, we ask for parent helpers. This is especially important in Years 1 - 3 as the more parents we have the smaller the groups.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could help each week. However, if you can only assist occasionally, that would be greatly appreciated too.

Running club is held every Tuesday to Friday morning, starting at 8:15am. We meet at the small shed on the oval and are doing running activities in preparation for the school cross country carnival.

North District trials for boys and girls under 12 basketball is coming up. If you participate in club basketball and wish to try out please see Mr Crawford to collect a form.

## 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.

## BOOK CLUB UPDATE!

Thank you for your support of Bookclub during 2014. Through this wonderful endeavour, our school received over \$2000 in free products last year from Bookclub alone, with additional funds earned from the Book Fair organised by Mrs Lukey. I am sure that plenty more resources will be earned for our classrooms and library again this year. What a great achievement!! Thank you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to advise that after 7 years as Bookclub Coordinator, I am handing over the reins to another wonderful Everton Park mum. **Carol Morrison**, whose son Connor is in 1E, is our new Bookclub Coordinator for 2015. Carol has kindly volunteered to take over this important role to ensure all students continue to have the opportunity to purchase wonderful books from Scholastic Australia AND that the school continues to collect valuable resources for our library. Thank you Carol and welcome aboard!

Thank you (for the final time as Bookclub Coordinator),  
Tanya Kendall

## BOOKCLUB 2015 ISSUE #1

A reminder that Issue #1 of Bookclub closes on **WEDNESDAY, 11 FEBRUARY 2015.**

### PLEASE NOTE THAT ORDERS AFTER THIS DATE CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED

As the Scholastic brochures have changed this year, each student will now only receive a single year level brochure (as opposed to the multiple catalogue brochures received previously). However, the ordering system remains the same.

Please complete the student order form on the back of the book club brochure and place the order form and correct money in the "Book club" box located in the library. Please make cheques payable to Scholastic Australia. If paying via credit card, please record the receipt number only on the "CREDIT CARD RECEIPT DETAILS" coupon on the back of the book club brochure. **Do not write your credit card number on this coupon.**

There is a supply of the different book club forms at the library.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to leave a message for me at the office and I will contact you as soon as possible.

Carol Morrison  
(Bookclub Coordinator)

## WALK 'N' TALK UPDATE!

I am very sorry to say that due to a change in circumstances, I will no longer be able to provide music during the morning **Walk 'n' Talk** program. As this is something that is enjoyed by the students of Everton Park, I am hopeful that another wonderful parent volunteer might be able to continue this activity. If you have any questions regarding set up of the PA system, music selection etc, please feel free to give me a call on 0435 492 433 to discuss further.

Thank you (for the final time as Walk 'n' Talk DJ).

Tanya Kendall.

## NAPLAN

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

## LEARN TO PLAY CHESS

Leap to Success is a dedicated group who is keen to teach our students (during the lunch break) how to play chess.

If you would like your child (from Prep – Year 6) to learn to play chess please drop in to the office to find out more and pick up a registration form. The cost would be \$8.00 per class.

## UNIFORM SHOP

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

## SECOND HAND UNIFORMS NEEDED



Do you have uniforms lying around the kids have grown out of? Bring them into us!! We need your second hand uniforms.

Bring them to the Uniform Shop on Friday during normal opening hours and we'll have a look at them. They have to be in good condition and if they are we will PAY you \$10 per item for them, \$20 for Sports Jackets. Just remember to also bring your account details so we can transfer the money into your account.

The Uniform Shop is looking for volunteers to help out on Friday mornings. If you would like to help please contact me on [jjbounceback@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jjbounceback@optusnet.com.au) or phone me on 0402880216 or pop in and see me one Friday morning. It's a great way of meeting all the wonderful families in our school.

### Stock update!!

We have size 8 polo's in stock!!!! We are still out of stock of size 4. Chair bags will hopefully arrive before we open on Friday morning.

Jeanette Jenkinson  
Uniform Shop Convenor

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

The EPSS Tuckshop is committed to providing healthy food and drink options for our students and community. To enable the Tuckshop to run, we rely on our great group of volunteers. Volunteering in the Tuckshop is a great way to get to know other parents at the school and the children as well. The volunteers are required from 8.30am to 12.00pm. However, we understand how precious time is and welcome volunteer help, even if only for an hour. The morning can be busy but our aim is that it is a fun and supportive environment. Parents, grandparents and/or carers who wish to volunteer please complete the cut out form in this week's school newsletter and return **it to the Tuckshop or school office by Friday, 6 February**. Alternatively, email your preference and contact details to [tuckshop@everparkss.eq.edu.au](mailto:tuckshop@everparkss.eq.edu.au). The 2015 roster will start on Monday, 9 February.

We are looking forward to meeting a lot of new faces at Tuckshop in 2015. Thank you for any assistance that you can give. Wishing everyone a fantastic 2015 here at EPSS!

Katrina  
Tuckshop Convenor

# TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday.

The Flexischools online menu is kept 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](http://www.flexischools.com.au). The printed Menu is very similar to last years and 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

Please remember, children in Prep to Grade 2 are not permitted to bring money to school to spend at the Tuckshop. All food items need to be preordered either online or over the counter.

### 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](mailto: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.