

NEWSLETTER NO.03

FEBRUARY 11, 2015

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 13th Year 6 Student Leadership Induction Ceremony in the Hall 9:00am
16th P&C AGM Meeting 7:30pm
25th 96.5 Family Radio Show Breakfast 6:00 – 9:00am

MAY

- 12–14th 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



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Community Event – Radio 96.5 FM

On Wednesday, 25 of February, Everton Park State School will be hosting the broadcasting of the Radio 96.5 FM Morning Program. This event has been organised to raise awareness of and funding for our Chaplaincy Program. The Chaplaincy Committee will be organising breakfast for sale with all of the proceeds going to the Chaplaincy Program. There will also be other community groups welcomed to our school for the morning including the Salvation Army with a coffee van and other business such as AMART who will be providing prizes and games on the day. The event will conclude with the Channel 7 helicopter flying over just before 9am and landing on our school oval (pending there are no emergencies that morning that they need to assist with). Please see the attached flyer for more details of the event. We hope that we will see as many of your smiling faces as possible at this exciting event.

Parents can also expect a letter this week outlining how parents can make a voluntary contribution to our Chaplaincy program should parents wish to support the program.

Thanks must go to the members of the Chaplaincy Committee who are working very hard to enact this event.

Anita Bond
Principal

WHY IS EPSS A POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT SCHOOL?

All students can benefit from PBS:

- Research conducted over the past 15 years has shown that PBS is effective in promoting positive behaviour in students and schools. Use of PBS as a strategy to maintain appropriate social behaviour will make schools safer. Safer schools are more effective learning environments.
- Schools that implement system-wide interventions also report increased time engaged in academic activities and improved academic performance.
- Schools that employ system-wide interventions for challenging behaviour prevention indicate reductions in office discipline referrals of 20-60%.
- Appropriately implemented PBS can lead to dramatic improvements that have long-term effects on the lifestyle, functional communication skills, and challenging behaviour in individual students.

A review of research on PBS effectiveness showed that there was over a 90% reduction in challenging behaviour in over half of the studies; the challenging behaviour stopped completely in over 26% of the studies.

So the evidence says it works. We have been employing this strategy for over 2 years now and we have seen the change here at EPSS.

David O'Connor
Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS

By now you should have received your 2015 Parent Information pack. This contains some important information about the P&C, as well as the role that you can play to help make our school the best it can be. We're still looking for class representatives, so please make sure to get in touch!

This Monday 16 February is the 2015 AGM. We'd love to see as many faces as possible as we set our plan for the year in motion. There will be free coffee and cake available from 7pm so come along and have your say.

Tanya Milgate
P&C President

GUIDANCE OFFICER INTRODUCTION

My name is Julie Bagley and I am the Guidance Officer (GO) for students at Everton Park State School. I'd like to welcome you to the New Year and a new start to the school year. I commenced at EPSS this year having previously worked in schools as a Prep-Year 12 Guidance Officer in the Metropolitan Brisbane Region, Central West Queensland District and the Brisbane School of

Distance Education. Prior to working as a GO I taught for many years at different locations across southern Queensland.

What is a Guidance Officer?

Guidance Officers are teachers with specialist professional training in counselling and psycho-educational assessment.

Guidance Officer Availability

I work 1½ days per week (all day Tuesdays and Wednesday mornings) at Everton Park State School, visiting other schools during the rest of the week.

Guidance Officer Contact

I am contactable via phone on the days that I attend Everton Park State School or via email on jbagL5@eq.edu.au.

Guidance Officer Referrals

Due to the limited available time, access to the GO is determined through the Special Needs committee referral process and the Principal and Deputy Principal. Students may be referred to the GO should they require specialist intervention and support. In some instances, parents consult private agencies, independent of the school and provide relevant information to the school.

Educational Matters:

- Educational assessment
- Motivation and goals
- Learning styles
- Work Habits
- Time, behaviour and anger management
- Social skilling
- Early childhood intervention
- Parenting skills

Student Personal Issues:

- Family concerns
- Peer pressures
- Bullying and conflicts
- Grief and loss
- Self-esteem
- Confidence
- Relationships
- Coping strategies
- Resilience
- Stress management
- Outside agency links

Career Counselling

- Decision making
- Interests and abilities
- Career goals
- Action plans
- Education and training options
- Motivation to attend school
- Valuing learning and education
- Occupational and career options

Support is facilitated by:

- Liaising with other agencies and making appropriate referrals.
- Assisting with the identification, diagnosis and enrolment of students with low incidence special needs.
- Working collaboratively with teachers and other specialist support staff within education.
- Collaborating with students, their parents, teachers, specialist staff and community agencies to

promote improved learning outcomes for students.

- Identification of factors that can be barriers to learning and development, planning/assisting with planning interventions or support programs to assist students to achieve improved learning outcomes.
- Assessment of a student's developmental levels and abilities.

LIBRARY NEWS

Waterproof library bags

These are essential for library borrowing for all students. It not only protects our library books from leaky lunch boxes and water bottles in your child's school bag, but becomes part of the weekly procedure to borrow and encourages students to be responsible and care for an item that belongs to the whole school.

Friends of the Library

Are you interested in getting to know what we do here in the library? Do you want to know what sort of books we have here? Or would you just like to mingle with some other parents and enjoy a cuppa and a bickie or two? Please drop in for morning tea in the library at 9am on Monday, 23 February. Babies/toddlers welcome also. Looking forward to seeing you there. Any queries please email me on bluke1@eq.edu.au
Ms Lukey
Teacher Librarian

CHOIR NEWS

Don't forget - come along to the music room if you're interested in joining one of our vocal groups - Elements on Tuesday at 8.00am and Junior Choir on Friday at 8.00am.

Elements members made a great start to the year on Tuesday!
Bernadette Crook
Classroom Music Teacher

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to all of our beginner Kickstart students who went very well at their first lessons for the day at Stafford Heights and at our school.

Lessons and band rehearsals with Penny Hall will resume for all of her students on Wednesday, 17 February.

Stay tuned for more details about our beginner strings and beginner band concert in March!!

For all string queries please contact Anne Keenan at akeen9@eq.edu.au
For all band queries please contact Penny Hall at phall35@eq.edu.au

CHEERLEADING

Squad - practises begin this week - 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

GARDEN CLUB

Gardening Club will commence for student on Wednesday, 18 February at 8.00am. Quite a number of Year 1 students have shown interest, so students from Years 1 - 6 may join in. Come and collect a form for your parents and carers to sign, then return to the school office. See you in the Oval Garden!
Bernadette Crook
Gardening Club Teacher

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Running club has started and is held on Tuesday to Friday mornings commencing at 8:15am. It is important for students to do running practice before the cross country carnival. The cross country carnival will be held in the final week of this term. If you can't make it every day don't worry, come along when you can. District swimming trials are being held this week on Tuesday and Thursday. Good luck to the students who are trialling. A report on how our students performed will be announced at our next full assembly. District basketball trials will be held next Tuesday for the girls and next Thursday for the boys. Good luck to the students who are trialling.

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.

WALK N TALK

Walk n Talk is back on! Mr Craig Kendall (Tanya's husband) will be running this fun activity this term for all who may be interested. Meet on the oval on Friday mornings at 8:15am.

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 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 have arrived!

Jeanette Jenkinson
Uniform Shop Convenor

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday.

FEBRUARY ROSTER

Thursday 12

Jennifer Congram.

Friday 13

Karen Nelson, Nikki Clur, Dana Haack.

Thursday 19

Karen Nelson.

Friday 20

Vicky Wilson, Anita Reynolds, Karen Nelson.

MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

There are vacancies for the fifth Thursday and Friday of the month. These days fall only three times this year. Please let me know if you can help out by emailing me at tuckshop@everparkss.eq.edu.au.

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. 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 pre-ordered either online or over the counter.

Have a great week.

Katrina
Tuckshop Convenor

I WOULD LOVE TO BE A TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEER IN 2015!

THURSDAY FRIDAY

(Please circle)

Name: _____

Home: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

(Please include contact details, especially email, as this is the most effective way of communicating)

Child's Name and Class: _____

Any friends you would like to be with: _____

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 this Thursday, 12 February

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