

NEWSLETTER NO.04

FEBRUARY 18, 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
27TH 'Fun, Fit Friday' – Active School Travel

MAY

- 12–14th NAPLAN testing



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Student Leadership

Congratulations to all of our school leaders! We had a very successful Student Induction Ceremony on Friday morning that was very well attended by the members of our school community. The Federal Member for Lilly, Mr Wayne Swan joined us as a special guest. He spoke to our leaders about leadership and congratulated each of them personally as he presented each of them with their leadership badge.

I was also very impressed with the behaviour of all of our students during this special occasion. Especially our Prep students who were very enthusiastic during the ceremony.

Our Student Council representatives didn't have to wait long before they commenced with their leadership duties, after being called together for their first meeting with me in my office on the same day. Together with Miss Pocock (Student Council Chair and coordinator) and Mr Mannetje, the group cemented some of the roles that they will perform within the school community this year. A great brainstorm of strategies resulted in some key goals being set for the year. It was a great start for the team!

Anita Bond
Principal

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Our first rule on the EPSS School Rules Poster is "Be Respectful". This is a rule that will help all children as they progress to adulthood and then through life. One of the most important things you can teach your child as a parent is respect. Keep in mind that respect is not the same as obedience. Children might obey because they are afraid. If they respect you, they will obey because they know you want what's best for them.

The best way to teach respect is to show respect. When a child experiences respect, they know what it feels like and begin to understand how important it is. Keep in mind the saying "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," (the Golden Rule).

Respect is an attitude. Being respectful helps a child succeed in life. If children don't have respect for peers, authority, or themselves, it's almost impossible for them to succeed. A respectful child takes care of belongings and responsibilities, and a respectful child gets along with peers. Schools teach children about respect, but parents have the most influence on how respectful children become. Until children show respect at home, it's unlikely they will show it anywhere else.

How can you show respect to your child?

- Be honest - If you do something wrong, admit it and apologize.
- Be positive - Don't embarrass, insult or make fun of your child. Compliment them.
- Be Trusting - Let your child make choices and take responsibility.
- Be fair - Listen to your child's side of the story before reaching a conclusion.
- Be polite - Use "please" and "thank you". Knock before entering your child's room.
- Be reliable - Keep promises. Show your child that you mean what you say.
- Be a good listener - Give your child your full attention.

Children learn from everything we say and do. I am a parent and I see this every day. As I said earlier, we as parents have the biggest influence on our children with this value. We are the ones who must model these behaviours to give our children the greatest chance of success in this world which we have the power to influence and shape.

David O'Connor
Deputy Principal



P&C NEWS

What a fantastic turn out we had for the P & C AGM on Monday night. Thanks so

much to all of you who attended & voted on our new committee for 2015. Thanks as well to those who have agreed to volunteer their time in order to take a position on our various committees. There are some great initiatives being planned for this year, so make sure to come along to the next meeting on Monday 16th March at the new time of 7pm.

Hopefully by now you would have had a chance to read through your parent information pack from the P & C. Within this pack was a Voluntary Contribution form. This contribution from families is the primary source of our donation to the school for Technology resources. Without these funds we can't help our children become citizens of the 21st century by helping them to embrace technology. As Mr Clark (our former Principal) said "Many of the jobs these children will get haven't even been invented yet". We do however understand that not all families are in a position to donate \$100 and we are appreciative of any assistance provided.

Have a great week!
Tanya Milgate
P & C President



Come and see the 96five Family Show, Liam, Robbie and Romeo the Radio Dog, as they take their breakfast show on the road with the Family Show School Visit to our school! They'll be broadcasting live from 6:00am – 9:00am and there will be loads of other fun family activities including a jumping castle, sporting games, freebies and of course a coffee van for the parents! You can even catch Seven News host, Bill McDonald, in the Seven Helicopter when he pops in on **Wednesday, 25 February 2015 from 6:00am right here at Everton Park State School.**

Don't worry about breakfast, support Chappy Nikki and the chaplaincy service by buying some breakfast from the Breakfast Bar.

Most importantly – don't forget to invite your family and friends!

HELP REQUIRED FOR 96.5FM VISIT

Like early starts? We would love some helpers to assist with the breakfast BBQ on the morning. As well as cooking the sausages, bacon and eggs, we'll also need people to put them together and serve customers. Please let Chappy Nikki or Naomi Seaton (children in 1P and Prep R) know if you're keen, or email Chaplaincy@everparkss.eq.edu.au

On Tuesday, 24 February we will also need help preparing the fruit for the breakfast. If you are able to assist please contact Chappy Nikki or Naomi Seaton.

This is a great way to raise money for the Chaplaincy service so please get involved!

A GIFT FOR A GIFT!

Sign up as a recurring donor to the EPSS chaplaincy service by Wednesday next week (25 February) and you will go in the draw to receive a gift of love prepared especially by Chappy Nikki! Don't forget you can donate at the Chaplaincy Stand at the 96.5 School Visit on Wednesday, 25 February.

LIBRARY NEWS

Morning Tea – Library Monday, 23 February 9:00am

Are you interested in getting to know what happens in the library? Do you want to know what sort of books we have, or would you just like to mingle with some other parents and enjoy a cuppa and a bikkie or two? Please drop in for morning tea in the library at 9:00am (after you drop the children off) on Monday, 23 February. Babies/toddlers welcome also. Looking forward to seeing you there. Any queries please email me. bluke1@eq.edu.au

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. Ms Lukey
Teacher Librarian

SPECIAL MUSIC NEWS FOR YEAR 6 STUDENTS

Our Year 6 students have a very special opportunity to perform a 60 second radio spot on Wednesday, 25 February when Radio Station 96.5FM will be visiting our school. They will be performing the song 'Happy' on the Terraces at 8.05am. Students will need to be assembled on the Terraces at 7.45am. Hope to see everyone there in fine voice!

Bernadette Crook
Classroom Music Teacher

MUSIC NEWS

Lessons and band rehearsals with Penny Hall are on WEDNESDAYS and currently held in our school hall.

7:45am – 8:15am – Senior Band (Please make sure your child is ready to play at 7:45).

8:15 – 9:00am – Junior Band (Please make sure your child is ready to play at 8:15).

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

The time has come for Pups and Reserves to join in the fun. Just a reminder that your practises start on:

Pups - Monday 7.45 – 8.30am
Reserves - Tuesday 7.45 - 8.30am.

Remember to bring a water bottle!
See you there.
Miss Rogers

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Congratulations to all those students who participated in the North District Swimming Trials. The following students have been selected to represent the North District in the Met North Swimming Trials: Milly F, Flynn G, Kiana J and Eva H. A further congratulations to Eva H who finished first in 50m Freestyle, Backstroke and Butterfly and finished second in the 200m Individual Medley.

Thanks for all the parents who are volunteering for swimming lessons. We are running short on parents for 3S, 2/3B and 3H.

Running club is still on every Tuesday to Friday at 8:15am.

North District Trials for AFL 12&U will be held Wednesday, 4 March and Thursday, 5 March at McDowall State School. If you play AFL for a club and wish to trial come and see Mr Crawford for further information.

North District Trails for Netball 12&U will be held on Thursday, 5 March at Albany Creek State School. If you play for a club or Mrs Lovelock has spoken to you and you wish to trial come and see Mr Crawford for further information. Students who are 11&U will be able to trial at a later date.

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.

BOOK CLUB

All of the orders for Book Club Issue #1 have been placed and totalled over \$1200. This resulted in \$240 of book rewards for the school library. What a great start to the year!

I did receive one cash order for item 404, Tombquest from the Arrow (Year 3 and 4) catalogue which didn't include a student's name, class or parent/guardian phone number. Without these details, I couldn't proceed with the order so if you recognise this as your child's order, please contact me.

Carol Morrison
Book Club Coordinator

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 between 8.15-9.30am 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.

The Uniform Shop would love some volunteers to help out on Friday mornings. If you would like to help out please contact me on jibounceback@optusnet.com.au, 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 are still out of stock of size 4 Polo's.

Jeanette Jenkinson
Uniform Shop Convenor

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday.

FEBRUARY ROSTER

Thursday 19

Karen Nelson.

Friday 20

Vicky Wilson, Anita Reynolds, Karen Nelson.

Thursday 26

Karla Chaffey

Friday 27

Vicky Wilson, Mel Hulbert, Jo Baird

MORE THURSDAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE

There are vacancies for the fifth Thursday 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: _____

