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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

27th 'Fun, Fit Friday' – Active School Travel

MARCH

18th Prep Bilby excursion

25th Beginner music concert in the Hall

APRIL

2nd Last day of Term 1

20th First day of Term 2



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers



96.5 FM - A great community event!

Yesterday we were fortunate enough to host the Morning Breakfast Show of 96.5FM at EPSS. It provided our school with a wonderful opportunity to showcase the things about our school that make it great. It also allowed us to raise community awareness of and funds for our chaplaincy program. Our choir made a guest appearance during the program and performed beautifully. Huge thanks must go to Chappie Nikki, Naomi, Narelle, Linda, Mr O'Connor, Mrs Crook, Ms K, Mr Wren and Mr Deaves for their planning and organization of the morning. We received some donations for our Chaplaincy Program on the day but it is not too late if you still wish to donate. Donation forms can be collected from the office. The morning concluded with a visit from the Channel 7 helicopter. Thank you to all our teachers, parents and students for their participation in the day.

Anita Bond
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

Choosing the right book to read can often be hard for our students. In the first few weeks back at school students are learning to use a number of strategies to help them:

- ✓ looking at the cover
- ✓ reading the blurb
- ✓ reading the first few pages
- ✓ reading the next book in a series that they enjoy
- ✓ looking for a favourite author
- ✓ reading a certain genre like fantasy or adventure
- ✓ reading a book that has been recommended to them

However just as we know from our own experience it can often be not the right one and we abandon it and try again. Our library is open every day and I encourage students to bring back a book if it's not the right one, rather than holding on to it for a week and not reading. I would encourage parents and carers to get to know what students are reading, read with them, read aloud and have some book discussions. Also take the time to visit the local council libraries. The sheer volume and variety they have is fantastic and might engage some of those reluctant readers. They also have ebooks to download. From the Brisbane City Council library website you can access *Tumble books* and *In2Era* which are great for the Preps to Year 3s. <http://www.in2era.com.au/home> Storyline online is another website where books are read by famous actors. Take a look! <http://www.storylineonline.net/>

APPS

The Queensland government has put out an app for the early years called *Out and About* which has a focus on sight words. <http://www.deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/out-and-about.html> Also have some fun, create stories and record with the *Play School Art Maker* App. Both apps are free.

Ms Lukey
Teacher librarian

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ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL



*Active School Travel is back for 2015! This year will be our final year to have the program embedded into the school culture. Let this final year be the most memorable and successful one yet. Yes, we won the 2013 School of the Year award! Yes, we won the 2014 School of Excellence Award! Yes, we will conquer all the other Brisbane schools engaged in the program this year too! Let's be modest though, we have some tough competition on our hands this year with some VERY enthusiastic schools wanting to be recognised for their magnificent efforts too. We need 100% of our students to actively travel to school this year. Work with your class mates and teacher to make our school #1 once again.

*This Friday, 27 February will be our relaunch day with our first 'Fun, Fit, Friday'. Instead of having Mum or Dad drive you to school why don't you walk, cycle, scooter, skateboard, carpool or take the bus to school. Rain, hail or shine, actively travel to school this Friday to get your well-earned stamp in/on your AST passport/card.

*This year, we will have two AST Gold Star awards to be presented every 'Fun, Fit, Friday' on assembly. One will be awarded to the greatest percentage of active school travellers in Prep – Year 2 and the other will be awarded to the greatest percentage of active school travellers in Years 3 – 6 (based on previous Friday's statistics).

*Not only will we continue with 'Fun, Fit, Fridays', our school will also be having weekly 'Terrific Traveller Tuesdays'. For a bonus stamp in your AST passport/on your AST card each week, simply actively travel to school every Tuesday from now until the end of the school year. Don't forget to remind your teacher to stamp your passports/cards every Tuesday and Friday that you actively travel.

*Next Friday, we will have some very special guests visiting for assembly. Roadstar and his Active Travel crew are BACK! Don't miss their special AST show at next week's assembly.

*On Friday, 13 March our school will celebrate 'National Ride to School Day', with a FREE breakfast! Not only will you get a free breakfast but if you actively travel to school on this day, you'll receive DOUBLE STAMPS ON YOUR AST PASSPORTS/CARDS. Don't miss this great event.



*On Friday, 20 March we will be launching a brand new Active School Travel competition – 'AST points for House Colours'. On this launch day we will have a 'House Colour Day' where all active school travellers will be encouraged to wear their house coloured shirt to show their support for their School House. On this day and every 'Fun, Fit Friday' afterwards, the House Captains will tally points (check in at the school hall before the first bell at 8:45am) for each student that actively travels on a Friday. At the end of each school term, the results will be announced and a House will be declared 'The BEST Active Travelling House'. Will it be Miss K's beloved red Houston house that takes the crown? Will wheels or walking win it for the green Walker House? Or will Hinton sprinkle their magic gold to be #1?

*The AST shop has moved to the Community Room (near Mrs. Crook's music room). To claim your prizes meet there every Friday from 11:20am (after first break eating time).

MUSIC NEWS

Our Beginner Strings and Beginner Band concert will be held on Wednesday, 25 March at 4.00pm in our school hall. Information will be sent home during this coming week about the details for the concert. We hope lots of friends and parents can attend our Beginners concert as our students have been working very hard!

WEDNESDAYS – Penny Hall Band teacher teaching in the hall.

SENIOR BAND – 7.30 – 8.15am (Please make sure your child is ready to play at 7.30).

JUNIOR BAND – 8.15 – 8.50am (please make sure your child is ready to play at 8:15).

Viva la musica!

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 Tama T and Abby F-M who have been selected to represent North District in basketball. Good luck to the students who are representing North District and the Met North Swimming Trials this week. 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 High School. If you play for a club or Mrs Lovelock has spoken to you and you wish to trial come see Mr Crawford for further information. North District trials for Netball 11&U will be held on Wednesday, 4 March at Albany Creek State High school. If you play for a club or Mrs Lovelock has spoken to you and you wish to trial come see Mr Crawford for further information.

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.

FOUND

A bicycle pump was found on the grounds last week. Please enquire at the office.

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mitchelton State High School – Open Day on Thursday, 12 March from 2 – 5pm.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

Tuckshop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday.

FEBRUARY ROSTER

Thursday 26

Karla Chaffey

Friday 27

Vicky Wilson, Mel Hulbert, Jo Baird

MARCH ROSTER

Thursday 5

Jenny Sewell, Megan Limpus

Friday 6

Jo Hennessey, Ann Jabas, Misato Betts

Volunteer Roster Full -

Thank you to the wonderful ladies who have volunteered to help on Tuckshop this year. Both Thursday and Friday are full to overflowing, with plenty of emergency backup.

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.

**Mamma Mia!
Pizza is back this term!**



**Ham & Pineapple \$3.00.
First break only. Yum!**

There are some small price increases this year –

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