

NEWSLETTER NO.38

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

11th Report Cards emailed home
12th Last day of Term 4

JANUARY 2015

26th Australia Day
27th First day of Term 1

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 – Queens birthday
5 October – Labour Day



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations Mr Clark

We have received news that Mr Clark has been successful at winning the principal position at Samford State School. I know the school community will join me in congratulating him on this achievement. Mr Clark has made a meaningful contribution to EPSS over the past 3.5 years and is highly valued by the staff, parents and students of this community. I'm sure he will always be fondly remembered and very much missed.

I have been asked to continue as principal of EPSS into 2015 and I have enthusiastically accepted. The last six months have been a truly wonderful experience and I am looking forward to working with you all next year.

Thank you

Every day, we as parents, send our children off to school with the expectations that they will receive an academic education that will one day prepare them successfully for the real world. We all acknowledge that our teachers do an exceptional job achieving this. However, our teachers achieve so much more than this in the important work they do every day. Not only do they teach our children academically, they also support us in teaching our children the importance of being a 'good person.' They model the use of good manners and respect. They guide their students through the process of solving conflicts with others and teach them to recover from incidences with resilience. They show them how to be a supportive friend and the importance of team work. Our teachers go above and beyond the regular parameters of a classroom teacher. It is the care they show for our children and the passion they exhibit for helping our children reach their full potential both academically and socially which we value above all else. Teachers and support staff, I thank you for your efforts in preparing and delivering a quality education for our students and also for the personal development that you do with our students every day.

To our students, I would like to thank you for showing persistence when working on your own particular challenge this year and congratulate you on your individual achievements.

I would also like to extend my thanks to the parent community for their on-going support of the school and for entrusting us with your most precious possessions. Without our parent partnership we could not achieve what we have this year. I wish you all a safe and pleasant break with your families and look forward to another exciting year in 2015.

Anita Bond

P&C NEWS

What a fantastic (if a little steamy) night we had on Monday at Carols Night! Thanks to everyone for coming along & sharing in the Christmas spirit. The raffle was a great success & the prize hampers looked wonderful! Many thanks go to Kim Pickering and Tanya Kendall for organising the raffle for us.

On behalf of the P&C, I would like to wish everybody in our EPSS village a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to a fantastic 2015. Thank you so much to all of the families who do so much to help the school and make it such a wonderful place for students to learn. A big thank you as well to all of the special teachers and staff we have here at EPSS who go above and beyond to engage with our students. The P & C have had an exciting 2014 with lots of great events and involvement in developing school initiatives and we look forward to expanding on these achievements next year. Thanks to all of our P & C members who get involved and work tirelessly to run these activities for our school and also to our fantastic Class Representatives who have helped with communication and parent involvement in all aspects of EPSS.

Just a reminder that the first P&C meeting for 2015 will be on February, 17 at 7:30pm in the library. Please come along, enjoy some coffee & cake & find out some more about our great school! Have a safe and joyous Christmas and a happy and healthy 2015!

Tanya Milgate
P & C President

CHAPLAINCY NEWS

Thank you so much for your support this year. The Christmas carols were most enjoyable and the support from friends and family has been heartwarming. Please enjoy your family time over the next few weeks. Stay safe, smile and laugh heaps. I look forward to all your stories and adventures next year.
Chappy Nikki

THE ART CLUB

School is almost finished for 2014 - wow! What a great time we've had with Art Club since March. Thank you for supporting the creative arts with us each Friday. It has been inspiring to develop some interesting activities and even more amazing to see what you have all done with them. We have had some wonderful help from students Sheridan A. and Alec C. Thank you for consistently

being around every week to help set up, to assist the younger students navigate the activities and, of course, to lead by creative example. Awesome! We already have some ideas bubbling for 2015 art - let's see what we can conjure! Merry Christmas to all. Have a wonderful and safe holiday. Art Club will see you next year.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to the school community for all their support this year. The students have kept us extremely busy with their borrowing and it has been very exciting to see so many of them finding new authors and series. Please return all school library books and don't forget to visit your local council libraries during the holidays. I am looking forward to another year of reading and engaging our students with more adventure, fantasy, facts and of course having a few laughs. The Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney has been THE most popular series of books to be borrowed this year! Ms Lukey
Librarian

MUSIC NEWS

It has been a wonderful year for all music students with music camps, excursions and concerts. Wishing all our families a wonderful, safe and relaxing Christmas break and we look forward to another fulfilling and creative year in 2015.

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

COOKING WITH OUR EAL/D STUDENTS



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



Thank you to my wonderful ladies and gentlemen who volunteered in the Tuckshop this year. Thursdays and Fridays could not have operated so seamlessly without you.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and restful holiday.

Looking forward to another great year in 2015. The first day of Tuckshop is Thursday, 29 January.

Merry Christmas!
Katrina Coomber

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

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

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Once upon a time, there was a man who worked very hard just to keep food on the table for his family. This particular

year a few days before Christmas, he punished his little five-year-old daughter after learning that she had used up the family's only roll of expensive gold wrapping paper.

As money was tight, he became even more upset when on Christmas Eve he saw that the child had used all of the expensive gold paper to decorate one shoebox she had put under the Christmas tree. He also was concerned about where she had gotten money to buy what was in the shoebox.

Nevertheless, the next morning the little girl, filled with excitement, brought the gift box to her father and said, "This is for you, Daddy!"

As he opened the box, the father was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, now regretting how he had punished her. But when he opened the shoebox, he found it was empty and again his anger flared. "Don't you know, young lady," he said harshly, "when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside the package!"

The little girl looked up at him with sad tears rolling from her eyes and whispered: "Daddy, it's not empty. I blew kisses into it until it was all full."

The father was crushed. He fell on his knees and put his arms around his precious little girl. He begged her to forgive him for his unnecessary anger.

An accident took the life of the child only a short time later. It is told that the father kept this little gold box by his bed for all the years of his life. Whenever he was discouraged or faced difficult problems, he would open the box, take out an imaginary kiss, and remember the love of this beautiful child who had put it there. In a very real sense, each of us has been given an invisible golden box filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, family and friends. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

