

Dear Parents and Caregivers

It's often said that school years are the best of our lives. Why do you think that is? Is it because of the people we meet, the surroundings we learn in, the experiences we have? I expect it's different for everyone & perhaps a little bit of all of those. For me, thinking back all those years ago, I remember feeling comfortable, safe, included. That was my village, somewhere that wasn't home, yet I still felt connected. My vision is to make sure our children have that same feeling of belonging to something special. We're lucky enough to belong to a school that is envied for its community feel & spirit.

I am very proud to be writing to you as the President of our great Parents & Citizens Association. Regardless of who we are or what we do, we're all here first and foremost because of our future. The students of EPSS are our future leaders, decision makers, caregivers, Parents and Citizens. We know, that through education, these students will learn the skills that will set them on a path for the rest of their lives. The classrooms of EPSS contain our future. And we're lucky enough to have the opportunity to have a positive influence on that future.

Enclosed is an information pack which provides information about the P&C Association as well as ways that you can be involved in our wonderful village. Also included is a membership/voluntary contribution form. Please jump on board and help us to make Everton Park State School the best village it can be!

Kind Regards

Tanya Milgate

President, P&C

Everton Park State School



EVERTON PARK P & C ASSOCIATION

Our P&C offers a conduit between the school and its families, an opportunity for the school community to positively influence the school environment, embrace best practice and promote success with honour.

The P&C aims to improve the outcomes for our children by engaging with the school community and driving the agenda of the school to meet the school's needs. This includes:

- Providing resources for upgrades of facilities and resources
- Funding for IT equipment to better prepare our children for the digital world
- Services such as Tuckshop, Uniform shop and Swim Club with access to swimming lessons
- Running great community events for the school
- Working with the school on the Chaplaincy Program

We have so many ways to become involved at Everton Park. Whilst we greatly appreciate those who can spend time in classrooms or at the tuckshop, we realise not everyone has the capacity to do that. In this era of technology and new ways of working, we're also looking for those who can project manage, negotiate with sponsors, and think outside the box. For every skill you come to us with, we will find a way for you to make a meaningful contribution. Think about it – what is one thing that YOU can do to make a difference to our future?

AGM and Membership from

A Membership Form is attached to this letter. Even if you've been a member in previous years, you need to submit a new form every year. Becoming a member means that you get access to the P&C emails and are kept informed of hot issues. The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on the 20th of February at 7pm. We will be putting on coffee and cake from 6:30pm to get to know everyone. At the meeting we will be going through what the P&C aims to achieve this year in conjunction with the School, so it's a great way to find out what's happening. P&C General Meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of every month. Advance notice will be provided in the school newsletter.

Important note: If you want to be involved but don't have the time or capacity to come to the monthly meetings, make sure you complete your form & submit it before the first meeting.

That way there is no requirement to attend to remain a member!

Voluntary Contribution Scheme

Together with the School the P&C made a strategic decision to invest significantly in Information Communications Technology (ICT) resources for the school. The ICT resources are jointly funded by the P&C and a voluntary ICT contribution by families. The P&C and the school place a very high priority on the provision of high quality ICT equipment funds to ensure that our students continue to have access to appropriate and effective technology for the digital age.

With the funding provided to date, the school has been able to meet its goal of purchasing interactive whiteboards to ensure there is one for every classroom. These whiteboards are a vital teaching and learning tool for implementing the Australian Curriculum in the age of digital disruption.

You can see the difference these contributions have made.

To support the school's philosophy of generating 21st century learners using up to the minute technology, the P&C have committed to continue making financial contributions to the school's ICT fund on an annual basis. The school has advised its intention to continue replacing older and outdated computers in classrooms.

"We are educating these children, in order to secure jobs for their future. Many of these jobs haven't even been invented yet!" Brad Clark, Principal EPSS 2014

The P&C work hard every year running fundraising activities and sourcing grant funding opportunities. However this fundraising needs supplementation, and with endorsement of the school principal, Aminta Miller, the P&C are requesting a single voluntary contribution from each family at the school to assist in the funding of all P&C activities throughout the year. This includes the commitment we have made with respect to ICT resources.

On behalf the P&C, and the 2016 Committee, I wish everyone at EPSS a wonderful year, and I really hope that I get to meet you at one or all of the P&C and School activities throughout 2017. If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact the P&C on pandc@everparkss.eq.edu.au, or like our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/EPSSPandC.



2017 MEMBERSHIP FORM (Return to the Office c/- P&C Secretary)

Name	
Address	
Phone Number	
Date of Birth (if no children at the school)	
Name and Class of Youngest Child at School	
Email Address (to receive meeting agenda/minutes)	
Your signature	
Membership Approved (office use only)	Date ___ / ___ / 2017 _____ Meeting date as indicated in minutes: President's Signature

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Yes, I would like to pay \$_____ (suggested amount \$100)

Payment Options	EFT BSB: 064 110 Account No: 00090068 EPSS P & C Association Reference: Your Name	Cash/Cheque Cheques to be made payable to EPSS P & C Association & taken to the office with this form	Eftpos Payments to be made at school office.
	Visa/Mastercard Please debit my ___ Visa ___ Mastercard Card Number: _____ Cardholder's Name: _____ Expiry: ___ / ___ Signature: _____ Please charge the amount of \$_____ to the above card		Flexischools Payments can be made via www.flexischools.com.au

Timing of Payment

- NOW: I will make payment in full now
- OTHER: I would like to make the following payments in these terms: Term 2 Amount \$ _____
Term 3 Amount \$ _____
Term 4 Amount \$ _____

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____