

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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School Review

In week two a group of experienced Principals visited Everton Park State High School to review our school progress and direction. The visitors were part of the Education Department's "School Improvement Unit" who visit all Queensland State Schools to ensure we provide the best educational services to our communities. I am pleased to report that the reviewers gave us very positive feedback about our key areas that we have been working on over the past twelve months. They highlighted good practices were embedded in our teacher observation and feedback systems as well as our consistent approach to teaching methods. It was great to have outsiders visit and affirm the great work that our very professional team of teachers do every day. I look forward to publishing this report on our website in the near future.

EPIC Awards Assembly

I was thrilled to present many EPIC (Everton Park Incentive Certificate) Awards last week to our students. Students were awarded an EPIC award for great results on their term one report card for their effort and behaviour. I spoke about the importance of getting good effort and behaviour marks as these translate to good overall achievement at school. Many parents/caregivers and grandparents attended to recognise the students and a morning tea was used to celebrate the occasion. This was held in our new outdoor learning area. Thank you to all who attended and congratulations students.



Parent Teacher Evening/Teacher Communication

Last week we facilitated 284 parent teacher interviews in the hall. This gave parents and teachers the opportunity to discuss student progress and add further information to the recently produced Term 1 report. There were overwhelmingly positive and constructive conversations all night and I thank all parents who attended. This night is all about strengthening our communication pathways so that our children's educational outcomes are improved. I encourage all parents/caregivers to use our updated staff

contact list to seek clarification, seek advice etc. from class teachers. The page list is <https://evertonparkshs.eq.edu.au/Ourschool/Ourstaff/Pages/Ourstaff.aspx>

Please feel free to email teachers but in the first instance we should be encouraging our children to take responsibility for many of the aspects related to their learning. Students need to build their organisation skills, take responsibility for their own learning and keep on top of task requirements.

District Cross Country – EPSHS Wins the North West District Percentage Trophy!

Our students attended the District Championships on Friday 5 May at Teralba Park, Mitchelton. We did very well on the day with some fantastic results. Shaun Litte from year 10 broke the District record for the 15 yrs boys by an amazing 25 seconds. We also were awarded the District Percentage Trophy which was a credit to the efforts of the students involved. Thanks Mr Lynch for organising the team this year.



Afternoon Pick-up

I have noticed many cars in the afternoon are blocking the flow of traffic through our very limited pick up zone at the front of the school. This is having the effect of blocking a lane for through traffic on Stafford Road. I encourage families to consider collecting students from a side street opposite the school. This involves the students taking a short walk and using one of the road crossing sections.

If parents/caregivers choose to collect children from the school loading zone **please do not stop and block the flow of traffic through the collection zone.** If you miss a park in the loading zone, keep driving around behind the hall where there are further parking spaces usually available.

Peter Turner
Acting Principal

SRC NEWS

In Wednesday 17 May, the SRC welcomes keen breakfast cooks to contribute something yummy for sale at first break, for our BIGGEST MORNING TEA. This occasion raises funds for Cancer Research. We look forward to any contribution of platters to feed our students.

HOLLYWOOD DANCE PARTY

On Friday 26 May, our Hollywood-themed school dance starts at 6.00 p.m. and will run till 8.30 p.m. in our School Hall. We hope to see lots of our students there, dressed in anything that relates to Hollywood. Tickets must be purchased at school and are not available at the door on the night. Snacks and drinks are available in the hall.

Dance-offs and a photo booth are planned. Entry is via the 'red carpet'. Amazing music will be provided by our very own DJ Harry and song requests are available via your SRC Representatives.

The dance is only for Everton Park State High School students and will be supervised by our teachers. Parents should be aware that at the end of the dance, students will be allowed to leave the hall with someone to pick them up or by using other prior arrangements for safe travel home.

NEW PBL SUB-COMMITTEE

A new sub-committee of the SRC, has been elected to have a voice in our school's Positive Behaviour for Learning Program. Student representatives will work closely to assist in providing advice on improving and continuing the Positive and Safe Environment at Everton Park SHS.

Our new PBL Sub -Committee are:

Year 7 Yana Gupta Year 8 Ava Campbell
 Year 9 Ben Anderson Year 10 Shaun Litte
 Year 11 Harrison Wallace Year 12 Judah Adams

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

The PBL focus for this week is **I respond appropriately to all staff**. This expectation is underpinned by the school value, **Being Respectful**.

What does this mean? It means when you are spoken to by staff you use the same respect when talking back to staff. It means showing respect to all school staff.

What does this look like at school? It looks like responding to directions without complaining. It looks like being polite, using manners, greeting each other, and following directions. It feels like a safe and secure environment where people treat each other with respect.

Steve Charles
Head of Special Education, PBL Coordinator

HOMELESS CONNECT

We are running a donation drive for Homeless Connect. We

are progressing greatly and officially have collected 5 boxes. I ask you all to please donate, at least one item to the box in the library as it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much to people who have already donated, as we now have many items. Here is a list of possible items:

- Non-perishable food items
- Toiletries
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Women's sanitary items and shavers
- Male shavers
- Towels and blankets
- Nappy boxes
- Tissue boxes
- Environmental bags
- New socks and undies
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, and hats

Unfortunately, they do not accept any money donations.

Liberty Adams
Year 10 Representative
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UNIFORM SHOP

WINTER STOCK AVAILABLE

Open Hours
during the school term

Tuesdays 8.00am – 11.00am

Boys' college grey trousers (sizes 67-107)	\$55.00
Girls' navy tights (sizes S-XX)	\$7.00
EPSHS pullover (sizes 12-28)	\$65.00
Zip up sports jacket (Wednesday only)	\$50.00

DATE CLAIMERS 2017

- WEEK 5**
Fri 19 May Travel Safe to School Day
- WEEK 6**
Fri 26 May SRC Dance Party 6:00PM
- WEEK 7**
Tues 30 May HPV2 Immunisation 1:50PM-3:00PM
Thurs 1 Jun NOW Breakfast 7:00AM
- WEEK 8**
Tues 6 Jun Met North Cross Country



Cooking classes for students in grades 7 to 10

Do you like to get handy in the kitchen? Try new recipes? And create delicious meals? Then come along to the *Need For Feed* program to test your skills and knowledge and become a Junior Masterchef in the making!

The popular Diabetes Queensland school cooking program *Need for Feed* is coming to your school. Kids all across Queensland are participating in this hands on program and it is now available for up to 15-20 lucky students' in years 7 to 10 in your school now.

The program includes lots and lots of cooking... from stir fries and curries to cakes and fruit bakes. You'll master skills in food preparation, what to eat to stay healthy and how to make plenty of quick and easy recipes from scratch that taste delicious!

The program will commence on Monday 10 July at 3.15pm and will be run within the school home economics room. The program will run for 8 weeks, with one session per week every Monday

As there are only 15-20 spots available please see Mrs. Cox to register, but hurry, spots **WILL** fill fast!

This program is funded by the Queensland Government.



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