



Parent News

STUDENT ABSENTEE LINE: 3264 9260

Musical Play

Tonight at 6pm our school will be presenting a Musical Play titled "*Snow White and the 7 (Little Aussie) Dwarfs*". The event will be held at North Leagues and Services Club, 1347 Anzac Avenue Kallangur. All families are welcome to attend. Any last minute ticket enquiries should be directed to the school office. We expect that the Performance will conclude around 8pm. Special thanks to the P&C Performing Arts Sub Committee for assisting with the organisation of this event. Sincere thanks to parents and staff for your excellent support so far with rehearsals and preparations. Thanks to the following organisations for assisting with this event: ACME Costume Hire for donations of costumes, Geoff and Emma Whitehead for the DVD Production of the Performance, North Leagues and Services Club for providing assistance and the venue and Eatons Hill SS P&C for subsidising bus transport and student catering. Best wishes to all cast members and stage helpers for a great performance and a most enjoyable evening.

Family Portrait Fundraiser

A list is available in the office to book appointments for family portraits. Please mark your name in the preferred timeslot and pay the \$15 in a marked envelope to the box in the office. Portraits will be taken on Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November. Any enquiries please contact Robyn Boyle via the school office.

World Teachers Day

This Friday, 30th October, we celebrate World Teacher's Day. The worldwide theme developed by UNESCO could not be more apt for Queensland State School teachers and principals – "Build the Future - Invest in Teachers Now". Teachers at our school will be acknowledged at a staff morning tea. Medallions will be presented to long-serving teachers. On behalf of the school community, I express our deep gratitude to all the teachers in our schools and particularly to the dedicated team at Eatons Hill State School.

Enrolments for 2010

This Friday, I am required to send to District Office the first data on predicted enrolments for 2010. At this stage we are forecasting the following numbers based on actual enrolment documents received in our office by 26/10/09. Prep – 132, Yr 1 – 146, Yr 2 – 137, Yr 3 – 98, Yr 4 – 108, Yr 5 – 132, Yr 6 – 126 and Yr 7 – 130. I expect that these figures will vary by the time we submit the next enrolment forecast on 20th November 2009. It is essential that parents notify us as soon as possible if their child/ren is/are leaving Eatons Hill State School before the commencement of 2010. Please email the.principal@eatohillss.eq.edu.au or phone Dani, Lynda or Michael in the office with your details.

Years 1 – 4 Primary Music Institute Keyboarding Classes 2010

Parents should be aware that Eatons Hill State School will not be offering the Years 1 – 4 keyboarding program during class time for 2010. The Primary Music Institute may be offering alternative classes between the hours of 3pm and 6pm for interested parents and students. Should you have any enquiries, these should be directed to the Primary Music Institute on 1300 764 877 and not through our school office. Our school has a clear understanding with the Primary Music Institute that any enquiries and administrative matters should be handled by parents directly contacting the Institute and vice versa. Likewise, if you are currently experiencing difficulties with your child's enrolment or attendance at this program on Wednesday's, please contact PMI directly.

Staffing News

Congratulations to Vicki Royle and Martin on the early, but safe arrival of Liam. Both are well. Congratulations also to Teresa and Adam McLucas on the arrival of Sienna. In the short term, Mrs Mitchell will be substituting for Ms Royle.

Safety in Car Parking Areas

Once again I and the office team are receiving numerous complaints regarding unsafe practices by drivers using the parking areas adjacent to our school. Please note that these parking areas are not part of the school facilities and are subject to the normal traffic rules and infringements which apply on other roads and streets in our area. We have also received recent reports of several parents engaging in serious conflict with other drivers, which are compromising the good order and management of these traffic areas. Persons noticing unsafe practices should contact directly, Petrie Police Traffic Branch Ph 3285 0222, or Albany Creek Police Ph 3264 0599 with relevant information and descriptions of vehicles/drivers.

Day for Daniel

Just a reminder that the Day for Daniel is actually this Friday, however it will not take place at EHSS until Thursday 5 November due to the unavailability of our Adopt-a-cop Mick Holyoak who is on leave. Our main focus for this day is on protective behaviours. Constable Mick will address our school for approximately ten minutes at a whole school Gathering next Thursday at 2:30 and we hope to also include a short video segment from the Day for Daniel DVD. As a whole school, students are encouraged to wear something red (no donation is required)

Enrolment Management

As you would be aware, our school has been required by the Department of Education to implement an Enrolment Management Plan. This means in simple terms that as soon as our school reaches 1027 students, only students living inside our defined catchment boundary will be granted a place at Eatons Hill. We expect that our school will reach its limit by day 8, 2010. At this stage the Deputy Principals and I are offering advice to parents of children who reside outside the boundary and in some instances we will be unable to verify placement until later this year or until the commencement of 2010. We are acutely aware of the uncertainty and anxiety this causes for parents. Please direct any enquiries to me or the Deputy Principals Helen Henrich and David Smith.

Clyde Campbell - Principal

29 October 2009

FROM THE DEPUTIES

Courage:

"Courage" is one of Eatons Hill State School's Ten Key Virtues. This virtue was acknowledged at the Early Years gathering this week.

Courage is shown by strength of heart – doing the right thing even when it is difficult or scary. We show courage by:

- Standing up for what we believe is right no matter what others might say or think;
- Taking on challenges that are important to us and to others;
- Admitting our mistakes – saying I was wrong, and that I am sorry for what I have done.

Who has made a mistake today? Everyone makes mistakes – some big, some little. Mistakes can be made even when we try hard not to. They are a fact of life. Mistakes can be in our work – spelling, solving maths problems. Mistakes can be in the choices we make about our behaviour, and how we treat other people. We make mistakes when we let our feelings take over. When we get angry or upset, it is easy not to treat others with care and respect.

Parents might like to discuss the virtue of Courage and the key message with your child.

For further information about the Ten Key Virtues and the school's *Responsible Behaviour Plan*, visit the school's website via <http://www.eatohillss.eq.edu.au/> and click on the "Documents" link.

New parent resources – achieving with literacy and numeracy

Literacy and numeracy skills are vital to ensuring your child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and life. A new suite of parent resources, *Achieving with Literacy and Numeracy*, has been developed to assist parents with their children's literacy and numeracy skills. The new resources include a range of fact sheets and activities for the early, middle and senior phases of schooling.

Parents and carers are encouraged to visit the new website, which also includes video clips of parents sharing their literacy and numeracy tips. The videos can be played in English and 12 other languages. The website also provides useful information on how to get involved within your school community, support services available and details about the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's literacy and numeracy skills please contact your class teacher. The resources can be downloaded online at: www.education.qld.gov.au/literacyandnumeracy

Queensland state school holidays 2010:

The 2010 Queensland state school calendar is now available at: www.education.qld.gov.au/projects/educationviews. Parents and carers are reminded that all state schools will re-open for students on Wednesday 27 January, following the Australia Day public holiday on Tuesday 26 January.

For student attendance, the 2010 term and holiday dates are:

- Term 1 commences Wednesday 27 January and ends Thursday 1 April
- Term 2 commences Tuesday 13 April and ends Friday 25 June
- Term 3 commences Tuesday 13 July and ends Friday 17 September
- Term 4 commences Monday 4 October and ends Friday 10 December*.

Queensland state school term dates are available by telephoning Education Queensland on (07) 3237 1363 or via the Department's website at: www.education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html.

Bikes, Skate boards, scooters, etc. – in school grounds:

Riding bikes, skateboards and scooters in the school grounds presents a danger to children, staff, parents and visitors, as well as to the rider. Such equipment should be wheeled or carried while in the grounds. Children need to accept personal responsibility, including where the equipment is left at school. Anyone who continues to endanger the safety of others may be instructed not to bring you bike/scooter/skate board into the grounds. [Yellow W class has recently been discussing the matter and made a list of equipment including: skateboards; scooters; roller skates; roller blades; bikes; those shoes with wheels on the bottom.]

Prep 2010 Enrolments – Proof of Birth Date Required

In order to be enrolled in Prep in 2010, a child must turn 5 years of age between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 (inclusive) i.e. a child born 1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005 (inclusive). **Please note that a Birth Certificate (original) or original Extract of Birth Certificate, or a certified copy (e.g. by a Justice of the Peace) will be required.** An Application for enrolment will only be confirmed subject to proof of birth date being sighted. The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages is encouraging parents to apply for birth certificates now to avoid the new school year rush. To apply for a standard or commemorative birth certificate you can download an application form from www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm or visit the registry at 110 George Street, Brisbane or your nearest courthouse. Apply for a birth certificate now. Further information for parents and carers wanting to enrol their Prep-aged children in a state school in Queensland is available on the Department of Education and Training website at: www.education.qld.gov.au/student-services/inclusive/prep/. Any enquiries should be directed to Deputy Principal David Smith

David Smith

Deputy Principal – Early Years - dsmit52@eq.edu.au

Year 6 Student Leadership Day

Next Monday, all students in Yr 6 who have nominated for either elected or voluntary leadership positions in senior leader teams will be involved in an introductory Leadership Day. The students will undertake a range of discussions and workshops on six building blocks of leadership – responsibility, communication, teamwork, self-motivation, confidence and organisation. The elected leaders from Year 7 will work in small teams and take an active role in facilitating some of these workshops. We look forward to an interesting day.

Helen Henrich

Deputy Principal Middle and Upper Years

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CLASS NEWS

Prep Problem-Solving

A group of Prep students were selected to learn all about problem-solving. Some of these students were able to complete tasks 2-3 years above their chronological age. A huge thank you to the teachers for nominating these children. Certificates will be given out on gathering on the 29th of October. Ms Johnson & Mrs Watt

LEAVING EATONS HILL STATE SCHOOL?

Please advise the school office if your child/ren are leaving Eatons Hill State School this year. This is helpful when developing class lists for next year.

Tear Off Slip ✂✂.....

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

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Where will the child/ren most likely be attending school (if not Eatons Hill)?

Signed:

Please return this slip to our school office. ✂✂.....

SPORT NEWS

Boys' Softball Congratulations

While it is usually very exciting to have a win when playing interschool sport, last Friday's game for the Senior Boys' Softball was one to be particularly commended for a different reason. While playing Stafford Heights, and without any Eatons Hill teacher, our boys were congratulated by the adults present at the school for their amazing manners, exuberance and love of the game. They must have been impressed because one of the parents made a special journey over to where I was umpiring the Juniors during the game to congratulate me on having 'such a well-mannered bunch'. He then returned to continue watching his

son's game. (The distance being probably the best part of a kilometre away.) It is good to hear such praise about the team, and I would like to congratulate the boys on their team spirit and willingness to use the interschool opportunity as a source of enjoyment.

Senior Cricket Results Week 3

This week Eatons Hill SS lost to Albany Creek. The team batted and bowled well on the day with many of our bowlers taking a wicket. On Friday, 30th October we will be playing Prince of Peace at the South Pine Sport Complex, Brendale. Dwayne Rees

DEFENCE NEWS

A reminder that the Defence Family Fun Day is on this Sunday, 1st November at Gallipoli Barracks from 2 – 5 pm. I hope to see many of you there. I will be at the Children's Craft Tent. For families dealing with Deployment, there is a Managing Parental Absences workshop to be held on Monday 30th November. At the De Gig Community Centre (Gallipoli Barracks) from 9:30am – 12:30pm. I will be running craft groups each Thursday at first break. This is for children to make a present to give to any parent who is going away. Just have your child or children come to the office on Thursday. Please do not forget to let me know if a parent is to be deployed. It is very helpful to know so that we can ensure your child or children are given any extra support that they may require. Don't forget, passports need to be updated if you are being posted. Call me or drop them in at the office for me. Looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

Gayle Kratzmann - gkratz5@eq.edu.au

P&C NEWS

P&C Performing Arts Subcommittee

Our next meeting will be held at 3.15 pm in the music room on Monday 9th Nov 2009. To all those parents and carers who have an interest in music and the performing arts we encourage you to come along to our meetings and bring along your ideas. If you would like more information or wish to be added to our email list for meeting reminders and minutes of meetings please contact Melissa Laurent, Secretary on 0407 676 639.

Tuckshop News

Roster for weeks 5 and 6

Mon 2/11 Julene & Gay
Tues 3/11 Rebecca & Owen
Wed 4/11 Jodie L & Deb F
Thur 5/11 Alexa & Terri
Fri 6/11, Marjolyn, Owen & Janine

Mon 9/11 Jenny & Natalie
Tues 10/11 Emma & Rebecca
Wed 11/11 Lisa & Tina
Thur 12/11 Shani & Leanne
Fri 13/11 Owen, Marjolyn, Alexa & 1 helper req

Please make note that the last day of trading for the Tuckshop will be Tuesday the 8th of December. This is the last Tuesday of the term. Tuckshop will reopen on Monday the 1st of February, this is week 2 2010. The roster for 1st Term 2010 will be up next week and we are looking for volunteers for next year so please think about coming in and helping out. **Simone and Nicole**

LIBRARY NEWS

Frequent Readers Club

Please congratulate these students: Isaac M, Navy; Keara D, Red S; Alexander I, Red S; Jasmine R, Red S; Kirsten D, Violet; Simone B, Aqua; Luke F, Blue; Daniella M, Purple C; Angelina P, Indigo; Zane D, Teal; Jake O, Navy; Matthew S, Green O; Brett T, Purple H; Ethan C, White; Tara W, Aqua; Cameron L, White; Brock C, Yellow; Ben H, White; Jonathon C, Aqua; Ky E, White; Sorayaa S, Aqua; Laura S; Lime; Taron G, Aqua; Hayley A, Yellow W; Anna M, White; Zoe M, Yellow W; Zak W, Red S; Sophie B, Green G; Riley R, Green G; Indianna F, Navy; Lincoln D, Navy.

Happy reading,
Trish Wade (Teacher-Librarian)

SCHOOL MUSICAL NEWS

Professional DVD Orders of Snow White and the Seven (Little Aussie) Dwarfs: If you haven't ordered a DVD of our first Musical Play you still have time. Complete an order form and return to the school office by Wed 4th November 2009.

Snow White and the Seven (Little Aussie) Dwarfs Professional DVD Pre-Paid Order Form

I _____ wish to purchase

____ DVD/s @ \$10 each = \$ _____ cash/chq

Please make cheques payable to EHSS P&C

Delivery of DVD to:

Student Name: _____

Class: _____

Place order and correct money in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with DVD Order and students name to the Musical Play box at the School Office by Wed 4th November 2009.

YEAR 7 GRADUATION

Thank you to all families for your prompt response in ordering tickets for the forthcoming Year 7 Graduation Dinner. We look forward to sharing this evening with a majority of Year 7 students attending with their family. Tickets will be distributed to students a couple of weeks prior to the Graduation Dinner. Graduation Bears have been ordered and will be distributed to those students who ordered them in the last weeks of school - prior to the Graduation Evening so students can be gathering signatures from friends. Thank you to those families who have sent in donations towards the dinner enabling us to put together a great Graduation Evening for the students. If you have any questions regarding the Graduation Dinner, please contact us. Regards Kate Newberry, Chairperson 3325 3131 M 0406 001 961, Leanne Flanders, Secretary 3264 2237 M 0411 534 546, Ros Hayes, Treasurer 3264 7571 M 0419 689 700.

THANK YOU

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box Appeal:

The RE teachers would like to say a big thank you to all the families and children who donated items for the recent Shoe Box Appeal. The response was terrific and we were able to fill 27 shoeboxes, with gifts for children living in poverty in our neighbouring countries. This means that 27 children will each receive a shoebox full of gifts, which will go a long way towards making their Christmas a very exciting and special one. Thanks again.



2009 YEARBOOK

2009 EATONS HILL SS YEARBOOK



A snapshot of the year.
148 pages including 20 colour pages – special events, class pages, sports groups.

If you did not pre order with last years Book Pack we have limited copies – ORDER NOW

PRE-ORDERS - \$15

Before 30 November

\$20 after 30 Nov.

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