Dear Parents and Friends,

Well it certainly has been a hot start to the 2017 school year. All the children have settled in well with our Preps especially doing a fantastic job. Each time I visit classrooms all children are working well and it is evident that routines have been established.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the warm welcome I have received upon joining the East Brisbane SS community. As you would know I was permanently appointed to East Brisbane at the end of last year. I, like you, am a parent, I have two boys who are in years 5 and 3. My husband and I and our two boys enjoy a very active lifestyle and share a love of the outdoors. I have been teaching for over 12 years and bring me a wealth of experience from a variety of schools. I look forward to meeting you all and working together to achieve great things for our school.

MEET THE TEACHER EVENING
Wednesday evening we will be having our Meet the Teacher evening. This will be an opportunity to not only get to know your child/ren’s teacher but also other East Brisbane families. From 5.30 to 6.30pm the P&C will be selling pizza by the slice and drinks to save families from having to cook. The P&C will also be selling raffle tickets for two tickets to the Adele concert on 4 March. From 6.30 to 6.55pm I will give families the opportunity to hear information regarding our improvement priorities for 2017 and school routines. This session will be held in the library. From 7.00 to 7.25pm all classes will hold their class information sessions. These sessions will be repeated in all classrooms from 7.30 to 7.55pm for those parents who have more than one student at the school. Please note that these two sessions are identical with the same information given at each. Meet the Teacher evening is an opportunity for you to establish a great relationship with your child/ren’s teacher. I look forward to seeing you all on the 8 February.

EVERY DAY COUNTS
The safety and wellbeing of students are the highest priorities for our school. You need to know if your child hasn’t turned up for school, and we at school need to know when and why a child is absent. State schools are required to notify parents on the same day that any student is absent from school without explanation. So that we can be sure all students are where they are meant to be teachers will be marking rolls by 9.15am. Any students arriving after this time will need to first go to the office upon their arrival at a school and receive a late slip which is to be given to their teacher. We are striving for over 95% attendance every day and thank you for your cooperation with this.

BELL TIMES ARE:
First Bell: 8:40am
School Starts: 8.55am
Lunch Break: 11.00am
Second Session: 11.40am
Lunch Break: 1.15pm
Third Session: 1:45pm
School Finish: 3.00pm
**2017 IMPROVEMENT AGENDA**

Our Improvement Agenda for 2017:

This year we continue our focus on reading while also bringing writing to the fore. This year we welcome Mrs Anne Hammond as our Pedagogical Coach. Having Mrs Hammond on staff will enable her to work with our teachers to further enhance the teaching of writing. Mrs Hammond will also work with our students in preparation for NAPLAN in the areas of reading and writing.

We will continue to model the East Brisbane Way and hold high expectations for students and staff, with everyone able to achieve to the best of their ability. East Brisbane will continue to foster strong community partnerships with local businesses and organisations as well as early childcare providers and playgroups.

Each fortnight you will be able to read how we are progressing toward these goals.

**EAST BRISBANE STATE SCHOOL UNIFORM**

As the new school year commences, I encourage all parents and carers (and students as appropriate) to revisit the Dress Code to confirm what the uniform expectations are at our school. If you are unsure of these expectations, a copy is accessible via our website or available from our office. It is very important that everyone at our school has a shared knowledge and understanding of our policies and procedures. Of particular focus is the wearing of correct coloured shoes – black or white – with the “formal” or dress uniform. I thank our students, parents and carers for ensuring that our school uniform is worn with pride and East Brisbane State School presents as well as we do – clearly one of the reasons for our great reputation in our community (and beyond).

**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

Recently you may have noticed that our oval has been re-turfed. The children are definitely loving having a lush grassed area to play upon at lunch times. I would like to thank The Gabba for providing and laying the turf at no cost to the school. It certainly is appreciated.

A big event coming up at The Gabba is the Adele concert. From 25 February to 8 March varying areas of our oval will be used by The Gabba to assist in the set up and running of the concert. Due to the strong partnership that we have with The Gabba they have kindly donated 10 tickets for the P&C to raffle as a fundraiser. Tickets will be raffled in groups of two with the first draw on our Meet the Teacher Night on 8 February. The remaining groups of tickets will then be raffled on 22 February. The Gabba will also be again re-turfing the oval after the concert to ensure it remains in the lush state it is currently.

While the oval is being used for the concert we will have alternate activities for the students. These will include movie sessions in the library, board game championships and ping pong tournaments. Students will still be able to access the playground on the oval if they so wish.

**PARKING**

Even though we are a small school we still have the same parking frustrations as other larger schools. Please be aware that the staff car park is for staff. Please use designated parking areas, or street parking in the mornings and afternoons. When using the Pick Up Zone in the afternoons please do not leave your car unattended. This stops the flow of traffic and creates a dangerous situation for our students who are exiting the school grounds. Park and walk is a great alternative in the afternoons as it not only reduces the amount of traffic around our school but also provides an opportunity for students to practice their road safety and awareness.

Have a wonderful weekend.

"Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel."

Regards

Tanya Abell

Principal

---

**PE NEWS**

Welcome back to another busy year in sport and enjoyment. I am sure our returning students have had a well needed break and it has been lovely to welcome our new Prep students who I look forward to watching advance and grow. This week started school swimming for students in Grades 1-6 at our school pool. This program will run for 6 weeks ’til week 7 of this term. All children require appropriate swimming attire with rash shirts and swimming caps being compulsory, plus a bag with towel and goggles if required. Please ensure long hair is tied back and no jewellery other than studs or sleepers are worn in the pool. Swimming is compulsory for all children
and a note must accompany children if they are unable to swim on the day, (these children will be sent to a buddy class with work to do). I do look forward to Water Polo Qld spending some time with our Years 3/4 - 5/6 students and having 5 lessons of water polo skills and games to play to give us a different perspective on water activities.

Below are this terms dates for District Trials in various sports. Each term varies and I have placed the entire years sporting events on the PE board outside the photocopying room at Administration. Please note these trials are not for just having a go, trials are open for 10-12 year olds with preference going to the older children. Many of these trials have clubs playing requirements or times the children have to attain to attend. If you are interested students please let me know which events you are interested in this term so I can advise you when the time comes and of your suitability.

TERM 1 DISTRICT CALENDAR

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Feb 10</td>
<td>District Swimming</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb 21</td>
<td>District Basketball Boys</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Feb 28</td>
<td>Met East Swimming</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 1</td>
<td>District Basketball Girls</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 2</td>
<td>District Netball</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 2</td>
<td>Met East Volleyball</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 14</td>
<td>District Rugby League</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 16</td>
<td>District AFL</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 21</td>
<td>District Football</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 22</td>
<td>Met East Basketball</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 23</td>
<td>District Hockey Girls</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

OTHER DATES
*Every Wednesday 15 Feb - 29th March After School Milo Cricket $99 for clinics and Milo In 2 Cricket Packs, if you are interested follow the instructions on the flyer handed out after week 2 parade
*17 Feb Free Inschool Clinics Touch Rugby Prep-6
*17 Feb 4M to visit Marycrest
*10 March 5/6M to visit Marycrest
*17 March Free Inschool Clinics Touch Rugby Prep-6
*Friday 24 March Cricket Milo Blast T20 for years 4-6 - games day
*31 March Cross Country Trials - selected students 10-12yrs

Things to think about til next time: "Mental toughness isn’t the ability to get your mind right before an event, it’s being able to execute when your mind is saying you can’t." Dr Phil Jauncey AND "The only limits are the ones you place on yourself.

Yours in Sport

Karen Florager

AWARDS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Class</th>
<th>Student of the Week</th>
<th>Gotcha</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PG</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>P/1B</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1R</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2V</td>
<td>Didic</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2/3N</td>
<td>Faith</td>
<td>Vineet</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4D</td>
<td>Baiden</td>
<td>Isaac</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4M</td>
<td>Joshua</td>
<td>Syed-Musa</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5B</td>
<td>Nathan</td>
<td>Maverick</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/6B</td>
<td>Jack</td>
<td>Josie</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE HUMAN BODY

*The brain is much more active at night than during the day.
*The fastest growing nail is on the middle finger.
*During your lifetime, you will produce enough saliva to fill two swimming pools.
*It takes 17 muscles to smile and 43 to frown.
*The tooth is the only part of the human body that can’t repair itself.