FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a wonderful start to the year we have had. The students have been very busy and have settled in well. We have all enjoyed getting to know our new students in the centre—Beth and Sunnyy. Thank you to all parents for providing valuable information to us in your IEP meetings with the teachers to plan for semester 1.

We welcome back Mrs Gunasekera who has been on extended leave for the first four weeks of term. We also welcome back Mrs Mold who will be teaching Art on Mondays and Mrs Ladhams who will be working with us on Fridays on a special Maths program.

2015 GRADUATION CAKE

That’s Delish Custom Cakes and Cupcakes

We were fortunate enough to have our 2015 Graduation Cake made by Lisa of That’s Delish. Definitely a memorable part of our leavers’ celebrations.

Lisa is offering all East Victoria Park Schools families a $30 discount on their orders and has fantastic Cupcake Fundraiser opportunities for all sporting groups, play groups and P&C Associations.

You can find Lisa on Facebook.

Town of Victoria Park Library Visit—15 February

In week two, the students of Room 14 went for a visit to the Victoria Park Public Library on the bus. Mrs Mold read to us a book called I’m Not Reading by Jonathan Allen for story time. This book was about listening quietly when someone is reading a story. We practised sitting quietly on the mat and actively listening to the reader, then we answered questions about what happened in the story. We all enjoyed our visit and the story very much.

COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM

We would like to acknowledge and publicly appreciate Carson Street School for allowing us the use of their bus.

How grateful we are for this generous loan as it gives our students access to the wider community. Thank you Carson Street School.
NEWS FROM THE ART ROOM
The start of the year in the art room has been busy with two themes—Birds and SunSmart.

**Birds**—Our first theme “Birds” was part of an integrated unit. We looked up various aspects of birds including types of birds, their body parts and where they live. The students created two artworks, the colourful mixed-media Bird of Paradise and three dimensional sculpture Birds in a Nest. The artworks gave our students opportunity to apply their knowledge and use the associated vocabulary.

**SunSmart**—Please remember our ‘No hat, no play’ rule. This is even more important since the weather has been so hot. In addition, we’ve recently had some trees removed around the school grounds, so there’s a little less shade about. On these warm days, you can be extra SunSmart and apply sunscreen to your children before they are dropped off to school.

Encourage your children to drink lots of water throughout their school day—and it’s definitely okay for them to refill their water bottles if they run out of water!

HARMONY DAY—MONDAY, 21 MARCH

To open celebrations, EVPPS is hosting a very special International Lunch. This very special “Welcome to our table” lunch is an opportunity for all the families in our school to come together and share a traditional treat. cont pg. 3
HARMONY DAY continued

All classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 and ESC students will enjoy a day filled with cultural cuisine and festivities. The lunch will be held on Monday, 21 March from noon to 1pm.

Every child is asked to bring a plate of traditional food to share at our “long table lunch”. Children can either bring the food to school with them in the morning, or, if parents would like the food to be warm, they can bring the food to the school at lunch time and join us.

We invite ALL families to be part of this very special occasion.

All children are encouraged to dress in their traditional clothing from their country of origin. Help us make this a wonderful day as we celebrate the rich diversity of our fantastic school community.

OUR NEW CHAIRS

This year we have allocated a good portion of our funding toward therapeutic tools and furniture such as our BOSS and SenSit.

SenSit chair

The Sensit has been developed based on theories of sensory integration. Pressure at trigger points from the chair’s flexible plastic balls stimulates tactile, muscle and joint sensation. The numerous sensory perceptions send impulses to the central nervous system, which has a soothing effect and leads to greater bodily awareness and improved well-being. The pressure from the side and neck wings gives a sense of security, so the user can concentrate and relax for longer periods when sitting in the chair and thereby participate in the social context.

BOSS chair

A must have for every library is this wonderful cocoon which aids the reader in shutting out the hustle and bustle of the busy classroom.
SPEECH THERAPY by KZ Speech—every Wednesday 3hrs

We have continued having weekly speech rotations with Kaitlyn Hailes—a Speech Therapist from Kathy Ziatus Speech Pathology, along with Speech Pathology students. The sessions are running very well and accommodating a variety of language needs to support our students. After observations from last year, and thinking of different ways to promote language development, we have introduced a role play / dramatic play station. This term we have implemented a shop. The children have welcomed the use of props, dress ups and real life food containers etc.

They have loved pretending to buy items or being the shop assistant and scanning items.

The adults have been role modelling correct shopping procedures and initiating use of verbal communication. We have had a group of students from the mainstream school join us for the speech sessions. This has been wonderful for our students to have opportunities for social interactions and group learning. This has also extended to recess time as the students transition together. It is great to see our students interacting with the mainstream students.

MUFFINS

A reminder—you can place your orders for our fortnightly cooking of muffins. Ask the class teacher for an order form.

PLANTERS

Our vegetable planters have all been rejuvenated with fresh soil and have been planted with vegetables that can handle full sun. We look forward to delicious zucchini, tomatoes, runner beans, parsley, basil, oregano and passionfruit too at harvest time.

SCHOOL APP

Please download our school app on your smart phone. You can find the app in the Apple Store or at Google Play. You will need to search for East Victoria Park ESC. The app is used to send out reminders and notifications but will not replace the communication diary.

Updated website

Our new website is up and running. Please check it out at eastvictoriaparkesc.wa.edu.au
**RECIPE**

**Devilled Decorative Eggs—for Easter!**

**Ingredients:**
- 10 eggs
- Food colouring—as many colours as you like
- Cider vinegar—optional (for colouring)
- About ½ cup mayonnaise
- Paprika, for garnishing

**METHOD:**
- To hard-boil, place the eggs in a pot and cover with water. Bring to the boil, turn down the heat to low, cover and simmer for 15 minutes.
- After 15 minutes, cool the eggs with running cold water.
- Peel the eggs then cut them in half. It’s okay if some of them tear a little, the filling will camouflage that.
- Put the yolks in a separate bowl. It doesn’t matter if the yolks turn a little darker around the outside—that happens when the eggs aren’t cooled thoroughly right after cooking.
- Next, you’ll need some food colouring. Try about 3 drops of each food colouring in separate glasses with hot water.
- A teaspoonful of cider vinegar in each glass helps with the colouring process.
- Using a spoon, take the eggs out when they’re coloured and drain on a paper towel.
- Mash the yolks with a fork until uniformly crumbly.
- Add about ½ cup mayonnaise. Scoop from your measurement and add half at a time. Make it as creamy as you like.
- When it’s nice and creamy, you can add any extras—mustard, minced chives, freshly ground pepper, bacon bits, etc., but plain is also good.
- If you don’t have a ‘fancy swirly icing thingie’, you can fill the eggs by hand with a teaspoon.
- Put a little bit of the yolk mixture in each egg, so you don’t run out, then go back and add a little more on top.
- Garnish with a sprinkle of paprika—pour a small amount into the palm of your hand, and then add a pinch to the top of each egg.

You can be creative in your egg colouring! They’re the perfect devilled eggs for Easter!
OUR NEWSLETTER

We welcome any feedback whatsoever regarding our newsletter, as we are always looking to improve upon ourselves. We’d love to hear if you’ve tried any of the recipes, or if there’s a particular meal/snack time you’d like us to focus on. Please come and chat to us!

WHAT’S ON

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COMMUNITY NEWS

MUSIC BY MOONLIGHT

‘What a Wonderful World’
Free outdoor concert
Sunday, 13 March 2016, from 7pm
Burswood Park Foreshore, off Resort Drive, Burswood

Do join us on a musical journey around the world and beyond! The Western Australian Youth Orchestra with special guests will perform familiar songs from all corners of the globe… and universe. Bring your families and friends along for an evening of musical delight on the banks of the picturesque Swan River, in beautiful Burswood Park.

There will be some food and beverage options available to purchase, but guests are invited to bring a picnic if they wish.

Seating is not provided, so please bring a picnic rug or mat with you. There will be separate areas for people using rugs and people using seats, to ensure that everyone can view the stage.

For more information call 9211 0114 or visit: victoriapark.wa.gov.au.

CREATIVE KIDS ART CLUB

Creative Kids Art Club are now enrolling for their after school art classes. Visit www.creativekidsartclub.com.au or call 08 9367 7618 for their class locations, timetable and term dates. Classes suitable for children from 5 to 10yrs, all materials provided.
MEET SOME OF THE TEAM

Mrs Paterson
Principal

Mrs Grech
Teacher

Mrs Dolin
Education Assistant

Ms Granger
Education Assistant

Mrs Gray
Education Assistant

Mrs Johnson
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Ms Taylor
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Mrs Fawcett
Business Manager

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School Officer
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