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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 2 2015

Other Dates Coming Up for Term 3

12/7 VPSS Monster Cent Sale.
This is on in our hall on the last Sunday of the holidays. Please come along and support our school. All profits go back into our school to provide resources for our children and their learning.

15/7 First P&C Meeting of Term 3. 5.30 in the library. All parents are invited to come along. This is a great opportunity to hear first hand what is happening in our school and how your child is effected by the decisions that are made.

14/7 Year 6 Camp to Canberra

22/7 Year 5 Camp to the Caves

24/7 Open Garden. Parents who would like to become more involved in the Kitchen Garden are invited to come along for a morning of activities.

29/7 Year 4 Camp to Action Challenge

12/8 August P&C Meeting

Remember to keep up to date by downloading the FREE Skoolbag App from the App Store or Google Play.

A HUGE Thankyou to our Victoria Park State School music family, Mrs Milles, Mrs Mora, Mr Johnston, Mrs Shan, Mrs Davis and Mrs Scott for going above and beyond to deliver music on these occasions. Our students are very lucky to have passionate, dedicated and caring teachers to help them make such beautiful music at so many events, to our school families and community to enjoy. Also a big thankyou to the students for practicing and playing and their parents for supporting your child through their music journey.

Music really is a gift for life.
Today is the last day of school for Term 2. It only seemed like yesterday that we began the term with our focus on what was planned for students to learn across the school’s curriculum. Term 2 contained a number of significant events including:

- NAPLAN tests which came and went by the end of week 4
- Our Interhouse Athletics saw many athletes perform to their personal best over many events with Mercury taking out the Overall Champion House and Jupiter taking out the Junior Champion House.

Under 8s Day was a great community event with local Kindies and Day-care Centres and Groups celebrating hands on learning through play.

Term 3 is looking like another busy term of learning with some exciting major events throughout the term including the Year 6 Sydney Canberra trip, Year 5 camp to The Caves at Rockhampton, Year 4 camp to Action Challenge, our School Bush Dance and NAIDOC Week activities.

Congratulations to all our students on a Semester of productive learning and engagement in school life. The two weeks of holidays coming up is a time to rest, relax and recharge for an exciting and busy term 3.

Garden Party

What a novel idea it was to hold a Garden Party to celebrate the opening of the school’s garden plot. The establishment of the garden has been a significant project within the school for a number of years. The seed was planted when the school hosted a Stephenie Alexander Kitchen Garden workshop for schools in the Mackay area. Mrs Michelle Hansen has been the driving force behind bringing the garden into reality. Along the way we have had the great fortune to have a number of other parents and school staff come onboard and progress the garden to its current stage.

It’s a hit with the students who enjoy the hands on approach to learning about growing fruit, vegetables and raising chickens. What’s more is their enthusiasm to prepare the produce from the garden into snacks, salads and other culinary delights. A big thank you to the students and visitors who performed on the day to entertain us. A special thank you goes to the Thai Community for joining some of our students to perform beautiful dancing for us.

Thank you to the many families who came along and joined in with our celebrations last Friday afternoon. Sharing the success of the work of our children and community brings us all together and builds a stronger sense of community. Keep an eye out next term as we start our Kitchen Garden Market afternoons between 3 – 3.30 on a Thursday afternoon. More information will be coming soon on the skoolbag app.

We would like to say a big thank you to the local businesses that support our school. Alcorn’s Bakery donated our beautiful Birthday cake (thank you also to the Edwards family). Also thank you to DIY party supplies for donating the balloons. This is not the first time these businesses have shown their support for our school events and we would like to encourage our families to shop with the businesses that support us.

The Winner of the scavenger hunt was **Holly V from 1B**. Thank you to all those families that took part in the scavenger hunt. We hope you enjoyed it and learnt some facts along the way.
**Semester 1 Report Cards**

Today the students will receive their Semester 1 Report Card. Sitting with your child and reading through the comments will reinforce with them the value you place on their learning. Acknowledging improvements/gains in academic learning, industry/effort and behaviour is invaluable. Identify and discuss with your child one or two goals you will support them to achieve by the end of the year.

Each report includes an attendance report identifying the total number of days absent and the number of days absent where no explanation regarding the reason for the absence has been received by the school.

Every Day Counts! Non-attendance adversely impacts on a children’s learning. (Improved attendance maybe the goal you and your child identify for Semester 2.)

**Getting prepared for Semester 2**

How are your child’s stationary supplies at the end of Term 2? Do they have all they need for Term 3. Now is the perfect time to ensure that your child is ready and prepared to start Term 3 on the front foot.

We have excellent teachers at Victoria Park State School. These awards are a way to show your appreciation for the hard work that go into our classrooms everyday. If you would like to nominate your teacher for their dedication and hard work go to [www.qct.edu.au/wtd/excellence-awards.html](http://www.qct.edu.au/wtd/excellence-awards.html) and fill in a nomination form. These nominations close on July 20. We would love our teachers to get the recognition they deserve.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE**

**BLOCKERS TO SUCCESS**

To be successful, we need to use our Keys to Success and not let Blockers get in our way!

Meet the Blockers:

**ANGER** (Angry Annie)

Angry Annie breaks the rules whenever she wants to, but she expects other kids to treat her with respect. When things don’t go her way she stamps her foot and screams and yells. Annie hasn’t learned any ways to calm herself down and not get so angry.

Anger is a Blocker that stops people from solving problems and can lead to unhappiness. At school and at home, we can think about ways to combat Blockers. As parents and teachers, we can help alert students to when Blockers may be getting in the way. We can talk about times that Anger can be a Blocker, and then discuss strategies that can be used to help calm us down when we feel ourselves becoming angry.

To be successful, we need to not let this Blocker get in the way, but remember to use our Keys to Success to be a successful and positive person.

Encourage students to break down these Blockers and use the Keys to Success to reach goals and achieve success!
Principals Gotcha Award

The following students received a Bronze Award in Wk 9 & Wk 10. Well done.

**Prep A**
- Carlo, Coham, Declan, Bakanyi, Alyssa, Esther, Ethan, Blake, Marc, Alex, Pheonix, Gysy, Hayden, Vincent

**1A**
- Sienna

**2A**
- Reuben, Ella, Aahit, Jack, Connor

**2B**
- Keith, Nevaeh, Ally

**2C**
- Kaeli, Brittney

**2D**
- Cathal, Ava, Matthew

**4A**
- Keelan, Brodie, Jude, Hayley

**4/5**
- Hamish, Vishaka, Charlice, Robbie, Danika, Aiden

**5A**
- Tyruss, Maison

**5B**
- Sarah

**5C**
- Emma

**6A**
- Teira, Thomas, Kaimani

**6C**
- Nafiz, Damien, Elise, Jamie-Lee, Bailey, Aiden, Tilly, Tyler, Alba, Chloe, Jakiah, Samantha

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Attendance Cup winners Year P-3

**Week 9:** 3A with 99% attendance.

**Week 10:** 2A with 100% attendance.

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This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky Tuckshop Voucher Winners:

Prep: Yi, Alyssa
Year 1: Matice, Ky
Year 2: Hannah, Jamie
Year 3: Angus, Alyssa
Year 4: Aiden, Hayley
Year 5: Amber, Zara
Year 6: Charlotte, Jed

Gotcha Card total for the fortnight - 451
Gotcha Card total for the Year - 4830

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Silver Gotcha Award Winners

Students who have received 24 Gotcha Cards.

**Prep A**
- Zoe, Dania, Eaden

**1A**
- Ky

**2A**
- Keith, Nevaeh, Ally

**2B**
- Caleb, Ashanti

**2C**
- Matthew, Tauhid, Hayley—Jay, Nate, Sakima, Jhelyzamel

**2D**
- Keelan, Brodie, Jude, Hayley

**5A**
- Tyruss, Maison

**5C**
- Sarah

**6B**
- Charlotte, Grace

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Gold Gotcha Award Winners

are students who have received 36 Gotcha Cards.

**Prep A**
- Zoe, Dania, Eaden

**1A**
- Ky

**2A**
- Keith, Nevaeh, Ally

**2B**
- Caleb, Ashanti

**2C**
- Matthew, Tauhid, Hayley—Jay, Nate, Sakima, Jhelyzamel

**2D**
- Keelan, Brodie, Jude, Hayley

**5A**
- Tyruss, Maison

**5C**
- Sarah

**6B**
- Charlotte, Grace

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Gotcha Card total for the year - 4830

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Bronze Gotcha Award Winners

The following students received a Bronze Award in Wk 9 & Wk 10. Well done.

Prep A
- Carlo, Coham, Declan, Bakanyi, Alyssa, Esther, Ethan, Blake, Marc, Alex, Pheonix, Gysy, Hayden, Vincent

**1A**
- Reuben, Ella, Aahit, Jack, Connor

**1C**
- Sienna

**2A**
- Keith

**2C**
- Max, Ava, Matthew

**6B**
- Emma

**6C**
- Chelsea

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A student with 50 Gotcha Cards during the year. For following the 4 school rules. The student also receive a Principal Awards Certificate on parade to recognise their achievements.

**Having an awesome Term 1 and 2 and receiving their Principal Award are:**

**3A**
- Kurt

**3C**
- Alex

**5A**
- Amber & Grace

**Well Done and keep up the good work!!**

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Gold Gotcha Award winners Year 4-6

Students who have received 24 Gotcha Cards.

**Week 9 and 10:** 6A with 97% and 99% attendance.

2 weeks in a ROW!!!
At this year's athletics carnival there was a hard fight between the 3 sports houses, Mercury, Jupiter and Neptune. But in the end Mercury was too strong and took out the trophy for 2015.

Congratulations to the Age Champions for 2015:

8 Years Boys  Brooklyn C
Girls   Bulau L

9 Years Boys  Noah L
Girls  Aprille W

10 Years Boys  Mason S
Girls  Keeley P

11 Years Boys  John A
Girls  Holly K

12 years Boys  Will M

The Camp quality puppet show was both cheeky and fun. The puppets, Kylie, Dean and Melissa through their presentation helped our students understand cancer and how to be a good friend. A great display of fun, laughter and positivity. We would like to thank Camp Quality for performing the free puppet show that was enjoyed by the whole school.