COOKING UP A STORM!!! Two classes and their teachers were given the opportunity this term to take part in a 5 week Cooking / Gardening trial. With the trial wrapping up this week the children have been surprised to now have more of an interest in cooking and gardening. The children are gaining valuable confidence and enthusiasm with kitchen equipment and tools.

Real life application of learning concepts, what we eat and where or how it is grown. They are making links from the classroom to cooking and gardening while improving numeracy and literacy.

The techniques used to cut, peel and measure ingredients has improved enough in the few short weeks for the children to be confident and now want to start cooking more healthy food at home.

We would also like to thank the parent helpers who came along for the lessons as the classes would not have been able to run without your help.
Principal’s Message

“Things are more like they are now than they ever were before.” - Dwight D. Eisenhower

Christmas Fair

A wonderful afternoon and evening’s entertainment was halted abruptly on Saturday night by the arrival of a storm which saw strong winds blow over tents and stalls and heavy rain that soaked everyone not under shelter.

Thankfully no one was injured and only minor damage was incurred. The P&C and school staff were thankful to the many parents, past students and community members who came to the assistance of the stall workers to save stock and to assist in salvaging tents and equipment.

Two young gentlemen who were driving past as the storm hit, stopped and assisted in securing tents that had blown over and ensuring everyone was safe.

Thank you to all who assisted our P&C and school staff to meet the challenges that the storm presented on Saturday evening and to all who fronted up on Sunday morning to assist with washing, drying out wet equipment and cleaning up after the evening’s activities.

2016 Student Leaders

Student Leaders for 2016 will be announced at the Awards Presentation on Thursday 10th December. This week Year 5 students will be asked to nominate for the various student leadership positions at the school.

I encourage all Year 5 students who are interested in becoming a student leader to nominate.

Emergency Procedures

Maintaining the safety of students, staff and community members is one of our top priorities. Each term the school conducts evacuation and lock down drills to ensure that the procedures are known by all. The drills are conducted at various times of the day as an emergency can happen at any time.

Last week a “Lock Down” drill was conducted during the 8:30 to 9:50 timeslot. Feedback from staff highlighted areas that need to be addressed including the need for parents and carers to comply with the directions of school staff during the emergency procedures.

Motels, resorts, shopping centres and all workplaces conduct their emergency drills which require all on the site to comply with the directions of the emergency plans and designated staff.

The importance of the drills is made real by adults modelling the appropriate procedures and by taking the drills seriously. I would request that parents and carers assist the school in ensuring students engage in the drills by participating in the drills when on school grounds.

Please keep an eye on our school

The kitchen garden and the cooking activities have become favourites with the children in our school. Over the past weeks items from the school’s kitchen garden have been taken including plants. Over the weekend a number of plants were also taken from the Positive Learning Centre’s garden and fruit trees were removed from our garden. These incidents have been reported to the police. Please contact the school, or report any suspicious activity to School Watch 13 17 88 or the police.
**Student Rule of the Week: WEEK 7**

**Be responsible - in the Classroom**
- Being on time.
- Asking permission to move around and leave the room.
- Complete set tasks and follow instructions.
- Be prepared and ready.
- Take an active role in classroom activities.
- Do your best at all times.
- Be Honest.

**Social Skill of the Week: WEEK 7**

**Mind your own business.**
1. Keep your face in your space.
2. Work quietly on a task.
3. Keep comments to yourself and ignore distractions.

The weekly rules and social skills are presented by students on parade each Monday. Please take the time to discuss them with your children at home also.

**Parent Focus of the Week: WEEK 7**

**Be Responsible - at all times.**
- Being a good role model for your children.
- Provide your child with a healthy lunch to give them the best opportunity to learn while they are at school.
- Check your child and your own hair regularly for headlice.

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**Attendance Cup winners P-3**

From Week 6 is 3C with 97.5%

**Attendance Cup winners 4-6**

From Week 6 is 5B

**Tuckshop Winners for Week 6**

- Prep Catelyn B
- Year 1 Charli D
- Year 2 Tauhid I
- Year 3 Tia F
- Year 4 Sora N
- Year 5 Lorna E

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**The Community Kickbacks Program** is open to all registered sporting clubs and schools. Each time you purchase something from AMART All Sports, you can nominate our school to receive 5% back on your purchase. As members, our school receives loyalty benefits, including preferred pricing, exclusive offers, VIP shopping nights and member only competitions. It won’t cost you a cent but our school, your children, will benefit in the long run. All you have to do is nominate Victoria Park State School when you purchase something! 😊

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**Congratulations to Jessica**

Jessica’s hard work and practice has paid off and she has been awarded a Music Scholarship to attend Mackay North State High School to start in 2016. Well Done Jessica.
Recently, Miss Emma Goodman-Jones, Mrs Kristi Elworthy, Mrs Nicola Edmonds and myself attended the YuMi Deadly Maths Sharing Summit at QUT Kelvin Grove, Brisbane. Schools from around QLD and Vic came together to share how they incorporate YuMi Deadly Maths into their Maths programs. YuMi Deadly Maths is a way of teaching Maths that we use and works around a cycle called the RAMR. (R—REALITY, A—ABSTRACTION, M—MATHS, R—REFLECTION).

Miss G shared how her class has been using their Body, Hands and Minds to learn tenths and hundredths. She has related this learning to measurement, money and percentages as this links their learning to real life situations. Mrs Elworthy shared how she has supported year 4 students learning about ‘finding the area of a space’ by giving them extra opportunities to use their Body, Hands and Minds to find these areas in the school and classroom. Mrs Edmonds shared many games and resources that year 6 have been using to learn about Cartesian Planes. Do you have the game Battle Ships at home? This game helps learn about coordinates and is a pre requisite for Cartesian Planes. I would personally like to thank Miss G, Mrs Elworthy and Mrs Edmonds for stepping up and sharing their story of how YuMi Deadly Maths has helped their teaching and the children they teach.

Faye Boys
Master Teacher

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**Week 6 & 7 award winners are:**

1A  Neveah E, Ky L
3A  Shannon B, Billy V, Kianna S, Olivia S, Charlie H
3B  Taryn P  4C  Libby H

**Gold Gotcha Award Winners**

are students who have received 36 Gotcha Cards.

**Gold Certificate award winners for week 6 & 7 are:**

Prep A  - Marc, Carlo, Hayden, Vincent
1A  - Cherry, Connor, Ned
1C  - Macca
2B  - Angela, Miya, Zoyal, Dhruvi, Gabby, Brody
3A  - Ethan
3B  - Alyssa, Christa, Taryn,
4B  - Emile, Hayley, Taya
6B  - Grace

**Silver Gotcha Award Winners**

Students who have received 24 Gotcha Cards.

Receiving their Silver Certificates in week 6 & 7 are:

1A  - Taylor, Estelle, Reuben, Rhian, Keira, Jack, Ella, Elizabeth
1C  - Brydon, Maticc, Angel
3B  - Kieran, Andrew, Brooklyn, Tia, Kobi, Adrian, Zachary
4A  - Luke
4/5  - Vishaka

**Bronze Gotcha Award Winners**

are students who have received 12 Gotcha Cards

The following students received a Bronze Award in Week 6 & 7 are:

1A  - Raeliegh, Keira
2B  - Shakira, Jahmal, Kelston, Izabella, Jonothan
3A  - Hamza, Christian, Kurt
3B  - Charlotte, Iziyah, Lilliya, Zara, Manni, Darian, Britney, Matthew, Kai
4A  - Harrison, Christian
4B  - Kye, Nakisha
6B  - Ckaire, Natarsha

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**YuMi Deadly Centre Sharing Summit**

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PREP ORIENTATION DAY

When: 9.00-10:30am Monday 7th December
Please meet in the Tuckshop area. Parents must accompany their child. Children will spend the morning in the Prep classroom. They will learn what a Prep student does, become familiar with daily routines and meet new friends and Prep Teachers.

Uniform shop will be open

Get Set for Prep

Weekly Play sessions: Final Dates
18th November, 25th November, 2nd December

Learn everyday routines for Prep, practise social skills, become familiar with the school environment and key staff and make new friends.

When: 8:50-10:45am each Wednesday in the Hall.
8:50 – 9:30 Inside activities, including story and games
9:30 – 10:20 Structured outside play in the Prep area
10.20 – 10.45 Morning tea in the tuckshop area

Taking 2016 Prep enrolments now.

Contact the Office or download an enrolment form from our website www.victparkss.eq.edu.au
Phone 4951 6333 or email to rmcbr7@eq.edu.au
There were NO ENTRIES for the last fortnight. So we are running this picture again this fortnight. Please keep an eye out each fortnight in the newsletter for a photo that has been taken in one of our classrooms. Ask your children if this photo has been taken in their classroom?? Reply to the newsletter message on the SKOOLBAG APP with your Name, your child’s name and class and the Classroom you think this picture has been taken in. Eg 6A.. Get the Answer correct and you could WIN a Tuckshop voucher. The Winner will then be published when the next photo is released. Good Luck!

Were these made by your child?? Or are displayed in their classroom to get your answer to enter the competition. Why not have a look in your classroom while you are attending your parent teacher interview? We look forward to receiving your entry soon.