Issue 1
1st February 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM 1 2016

Parade is held every Monday in the Hall at 2.15pm. All parents are welcome.

Monday 9th February
Instrumental Lessons begin
Year level brochures have been sent home

Wednesday 10th February
First P&C Meeting for the year will be held in the library at 5.30pm. All parents are asked to attend.

School Banking due every Wednesday
School Banking information packages are available at the office if you require one.

Thursday 11th February
Leadership ceremony 9.15 in the hall. All school leaders including class captains will be presented with their badges at this ceremony.

Tuesday 17th February
Year 3 Safety Circus

Friday 20th February
Pink Stumps Day Charity Cricket Match
Students V’s Teachers on the Goldsmith Street Oval from 1.40 pm Parents are welcome to come along for a fun afternoon. Wear pink and bring a gold coin to donate in support of the McGrath Foundation

P and C AGM February 10th followed by the February P&C meeting starting at 5.30pm in the library.

Victoria Park State School 4 School Rules to Follow
* Be Safe  * Be Respectful  * Be Responsible
* Be a Learner

Each week on parade the rule of the week is announced.
This week the Rule of the week is BE A LEARNER. Please talk to your child about the rule of the week. The Rule of the week is announced on parade (Mon) each week.

It is imperative that students are NOT on school premises until AFTER 8am.
There is NO supervision at the school and it is parent’s or guardian’s responsibility to arrange before school care if you cannot stay with your child before school begins at 8:30am.
This is a SAFETY ISSUE
Thank you.

REMINDER: Parents please be aware the 40km School Zone continues on either side of the Shakespeare St Lights.

At Victoria Park State School we choose to communicate by the SKOOLBAG app. For up to date information please go to ‘google play’ or the ‘App Store’ to download the APP for free.
**Principal’s Message**

Welcome back to all of our returning families and a very big welcome to our new students and their families to Victoria Park SS.

I am delighted to have led our school whilst Mr Shepherd has taken some well-deserved long service leave. Thank you for your support and I look forward to working with you in my role as Deputy Principal for 2016. I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Mrs Jennifer Whittington for her excellent work as Acting Deputy Principal during 2015 and the start of 2016. Mrs Whittington has carried out her duties to a very high standard and I know that she has contributed positively to outcomes of our students at Victoria Park State School. We wish her well in all of her endeavours in 2016.

It has been an excellent start to the school year with the support we have received from our students and parents in the first few days of 2016 in relation to being prepared for school, and attention to detail around uniform, resources and positivity; all of which impacts on our students’ readiness to learn. I look forward to the many things that we can help our students achieve together in 2016.

**B Point Payment System**

In order to streamline many of our processes within the school, inevitable change will be occurring. The main change to start 2016 will be the implementation of B Point, the preferred payment method to the school of any monies $10 and over. This payment system is an online payment system from which a receipt will automatically be generated. This should eliminate the need to send children to school with large amounts of money and as a receipt is automatically generated, receipts should not be lost! If you require assistance please see the school administration.

**Safety First**

Parents are reminded of the need to follow the signage around the school regarding the drop off zones. The Stop Drop Go on Goldsmith St is a 2 minute stopping zone. Parents cannot leave their vehicle, must move to the head of the queue before children are to alight from or board the vehicle. If your child is not ready to be picked up you must drive around the block and return to the end of the queue. Similarly, the bus zones on Shakespeare St are not areas that should be used for the purpose of picking up students. Using these bus zones are putting our students at an unnecessary risk and the bus drivers are now starting to report those parents doing the wrong thing. Please ensure that you use appropriate pick up zones so no unnecessary angst may occur.

**Uniforms**

Thankyou parents for the outstanding manner in which children present themselves for school each day. Children wear their school uniform daily and take visible pride in their appearance. The school dress code provides students and parents with clear expectations of how students should present when attending school and school based activities. All students are asked to wear their school uniform every day. The uniform includes the wearing of socks and fully enclosed shoes, such as sandshoes or joggers, as well as wearing a broad brimmed hat when participating in outdoor activities. Jewellery is to be kept at a minimum and must not pose any risk to personal safety. Dangly earrings, rings, necklaces and wrist bands are considered to be potential safety risks so are not encouraged.

The school has a policy of ‘No Hat, No Play’. The same applies for students who are not wearing fully enclosed shoes. The student will not be allowed to participate in outdoor activities if they are not wearing fully enclosed shoes as this is a Workplace Health & Safety issue. Students are also expected to be in full school uniform whenever participating in activities outside the school grounds (e.g. excursions, Inter-school competitions) and may be prevented from participating, if a full school uniform is not being worn. Uniforms are available for purchase from the P&C at the Uniform Shop which is located near the Tuckshop. Please check this newsletter for current opening times. All personal possessions MUST be clearly marked with the child’s name. Lost Property is kept in a box near the Uniform Shop. Any unclaimed articles will be handed to a charitable organisation at the end of each semester. You are welcome to inspect the lost property at any time to check for your child’s possessions.

**Mobile Phones/Electronic Devices**

All students are reminded that mobile phones and electronic devices, such as I-pods, are to be kept at the office during school hours. This is to ensure that no devices go missing from your child’s school bag and the devices are used appropriately when necessary. Any devices not handed in will be confiscated and kept at the office until a parent/guardian can collect it. Also remind your children that using a device to play loud music is not permitted on school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**Attendance**

This year we will continue to monitor student attendance to promote the attainment of our school goal of 95%. Every five weeks, students who are at school for at least 95% (less than two days absence in the five weeks) will continue to receive a yellow GOTCHA card or a blue GOTCHA card for 100% attendance. Parents are asked to sign these GOTCHAS and encourage their child to return the card to the Year level boxes in the office foyer. These cards also go into the running for a tuckshop voucher. If your child is absent, please provide one of the following to inform the school of the reason for your child’s absence:

* Reply to the automated SMS text sent to your mobile
* Contact the office by phone on 4951 6333
* Phone when your child is noted as being absent from school.
* Provide a written note to your child’s teacher.
You Can Do it program

VPSS will be implementing the You Can Do It! (YCDI) program this year. Implementing a whole-school approach to well-being and social and emotional learning (SEL) ensures that VPSS will continue to provide a cohesive response to the diverse needs of students through a continuum of support.

YCDI is a system for helping all children achieve to the best of their ability by developing their social-emotional-behavioural well-being. The five keys (or foundations) of YCDI are: Getting Along, Confidence, Persistence, Organisation and Emotional Resilience. During this year students at VPSS will be given the strategies required to develop positive habits of mind which support the five keys. Students will be encouraged to set their own goals for self-improvement.

Unique to YCDI theory is the identification of not only five keys that contribute to positive student outcomes, but also of the following five social and emotional difficulties (the 5 Blockers) that contribute to extreme under-achievement, behavioural problems and low levels of social and emotional well-being: Feeling Down (depressed), Feeling Anxious, Procrastination (feeling lazy), Not Paying Attention-Disturbing Others and Feeling Angry-Behaving Poorly. The positive habits of mind that will be explored during this year include Accepting Myself, Taking Risks, Being Independent, I Can Do It, Giving Effort, Working Tough, Setting Goals, Planning My Time, Being Tolerant of Others, Thinking First, Playing by the Rules, and Social Responsibility.

The YDCI principles support our four school expectations of being Respectful, Safe, Responsible and being a Learner.

You Are The Key To Your Success "YOU CAN DO IT!"

RULE OF THE WEEK - Week 2

Be Respectful in the classroom
◊ Raise your hand to speak
◊ Respect others’ right to learn.
◊ Talk in turns.
◊ Be a good listener.
◊ Give at least one compliment per day.

RULE OF THE WEEK - Week 3

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. * Be Honest.

SOCIAL SKILL OF THE WEEK

LISTENING TO OTHERS
1. Look at the person who is talking and remain quiet.
2. Wait until the person is finished talking before you speak.

SOCIAL SKILL OF THE WEEK

ASKING PERMISSION
1. Look at the person.
2. Use a calm and pleasant voice.
3. Say “May I...?”
4. Accept the answer calmly.

Key of the Week
REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Did you know? Research shows that in Queensland, higher student attendance at school is associated, on average, with higher student achievement. Why is regular attendance at school important? Regular school attendance means that your child has a better chance in life. Your child will achieve better when they go to school all day, every school day.
◊ They learn better
◊ They make friends
◊ They are happier
◊ They have a brighter future
Avoid keeping your child away from school for birthdays, shopping, if they sleep in, look after other children, minor check ups. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays.
Classrooms open every day at 8.30am School Begins every day at 8.50am and finishes at 2.50pm. Every Day Counts!!

Welcome to another exciting year of Book Club at Victoria Park State School. Book Club provides a wide selection of items for targeted age levels at a reasonable price. These include chapter books, picture books, educational items and games. Book club comes to students once per term. Parents who wish to order from Book Club may choose to pay online by going to scholastic.com.au, which is set up to accept credit card payments. Parents then fill out the order form on the back of the Book Club catalogue, stating a student’s Name and Class indicating items required and filling out the Credit Card payment form, or enclosing the correct amount in a secure envelope. This order form can be handed in to the office.
Orders are placed online by the 12th February. The books usually take a week to arrive. We encourage parents to look at the items available in the catalogue, as the school receives bonus points for orders placed, which is used to purchase library resources.

As summer temperatures hit, it is important students drink sufficient water during the day. Please remind your children to drink water regularly during the day.

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Smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette within five metres of any state or private school grounds has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays. On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation. The ban does not extend to businesses or residences that share a property boundary with a school.

Smokers are asked to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.

FLEXISCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING is the most convenient way to order your school uniforms to be delivered to the classroom within a few days of ordering. Flexischool is now the ONLY way you can order your tuckshop. Please go to www.flexischools.com.au and type in Victoria Park SS to see a demonstration and register yourself to start ordering. If you have any questions please contact Flexi-schools on 1300 361 769.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION IN SCHOOLS

Victoria Park State School is committed to supporting students health & well being. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is collected with enrolment but needs to be updated regularly or if a new health condition develops.

Schools require medical authorization from the students prescribing health practitioner and written instruction from the parent to administer any medication to students (both prescription and non prescription including over the counter medications such as paracetemol or alternative medications)

If a student requires medication during school or school based activities (including camps and excursions) parents are required to notify the school via:

- A letter (for short term prescription medication eg antibiotics)

A request to administer medication at school permission form, completed and signed by the parent and the prescribing health practitioner, if a student requires routine or emergency medications.

When supplying medication advice parents are required to
- Provide medication in person or via a delegated adult in a safe manner to the school and in the original container (rather than sending the medication with the student) with the medical authority attached.

Provide an Action Plan for the Anaphylaxis or Asthma completed by the students medical practitioner when medication is prescribed to manage emergency health conditions/situations for these health conditions.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thankyou for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to support your child.


For any enquiries please contact the school office on 4951 6333

TUCKSHOP is currently CLOSED every Monday and OPEN Tuesday to Friday. ALL ORDERS to be placed via Flexischools. To register please go to flexischools.com.au.

If you do not have access to a computer please let the office staff know and we can make a school computer available for you to use. All orders are to be placed on flexischools by 9am of the day you require food for your child. On flexischools you are able to order the same item on a weekly order or food for a particular day in advance.

P & C Contacts Please send us an email if you would like to join our volunteer group email list

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Vice President—Dianne Bear	Secretary - Emma Walker

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10 best phrases to teach resilience to your kids

1. **Go with Humour**
   
   Phrase: “Come on, laugh it off!"

2. **Go with Contain thinking, perfectionism and anxiety**
   
   Phrase: “Don’t let this spoil everything”

3. **Go with Distraction**
   
   Phrase: “Let’s take a break”

4. **Go with Handling worry and asking for help**
   
   Phrase: “Who have you spoken to about this?”

5. **Go with Offering hope**
   
   Phrase: “I know it looks bad now but you will get through this”

6. **Go with Positive reframing**
   
   Phrase: “What can you learn from this so it doesn’t happen next time?”

7. **Go with Acceptance**
   
   Phrase: “Don’t worry—relax and see what happens!”

8. **Go with Perspective**
   
   Phrase: “This isn’t the end of the world”

9. **Go with Flexible thinking**
   
   Phrase: “You could be right, but have you thought about …”

10. **Go with Taking action**

   Phrase: “What can we do about this?”

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