Every Monday
Parade 2.15pm in the Hall

Every Wednesday
- Student Banking—if you would like more information please contact the office.
- “Let’s Read” group meet in the prep rooms at 8.50am. Everyone is welcome to come along.

09/9 September P&C Meeting.
(POSTPONED) Until Tuesday 15th September at 5.30pm in the Library. All parents are welcome to attend.

16/9 Bush Dance—Starts at 5.30pm. Food will be available. Please bring a chair or a blanket to sit on. Gold Coin donation on Entry.
16/9 Oz Tag Gala day
17/9 Netball Gala Day
18/9 Football Gala Day
18/9 A+ Rewards Day and the last day—end of Term 3. Remember Every Day Counts.

5/10 STUDENT FREE DAY
6/10 Term 4 Begins

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

A record number of Students participated in this year’s Big Sing which is a 3 day Choir Camp. The students were a Credit to Victoria Park State School and Mrs Miles was very proud of Them. The students found new friends from other schools across the Mackay district, improved voices and had a lot of fun.

The camp ended with a fantastic performance for the parents who show their commitment to learning and the huge amount of work that was put into the camp by both teachers and students.

Congratulations to Olivia K who was awarded a medal as one of the outstanding Choristers of the Mackay & District Bing Sing in 2015.
Principal’s Message

All the best for a safe holiday period:

As a very busy Term 3 draws to a close, I would like to wish all of our students, staff and the extended Victoria Park community all the very best for the upcoming holidays. While, for many of our families, the next couple of weeks will be business as usual, students have a couple of weeks to recharge and re-energise, ready for the last term of the school year. If you are getting some holiday time or are travelling away at all over the next couple of weeks, I hope that you have a safe, restful and relaxing time.

As the term draws to a close, we also farewell some of our staff members and prepare to welcome some staff back for Term 4. Friday is Mrs Brown’s last day of school before she takes leave for the remainder of the year. Ms Miller who worked with Year 5B earlier this term will replace Mrs Brown for Term 4.

Arriving prepared for a busy Term 4:

Term 4 is shaping up to be just as busy as the rest of the year has been! As we head into the last term, it is a good time to check that students have all of the equipment and materials that they need to be successful at school. Over the past three terms, books may have been filled up and some equipment may have gone astray.

“Arrive Prepared” is a reminder to students and parents to check that they have the books and equipment needed to arrive prepared for Term 4. Please encourage your child to check their books and equipment and replenish any supplies over the holidays.

Term 4 commences on Tuesday, 6 October, after the Labour Day Public Holiday. Parent and Teacher Interviews will be arranged early in Term 4 to enable parents and students to gain constructive feedback and for all students to set learning goals for Term 4.

This term children have been very busy enjoying the many and varied educational opportunities provided to them by the staff of the school. These have included excursions, camps, musical performances, academic challenges and various sporting activities plus our upcoming Bush Dance.

Students are to be commended for their continued focus on their classroom learning throughout the ten weeks of this term. They, along with all our school staff have well and truly earned the upcoming break.

Student Attendance Update

Our attendance goal for the term of 95% became a “bridge too far” for us this term. Term 3 is historically the time when the cold and flu season impacts very heavily on our school attendance.

Our Whole of school attendance for this term is 91.4% in comparison to the same time last year our attendance was 94.1%.

Thank you parents for ensuring your children are at school and ready to learn.

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Keep a watch on our school these holidays

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

We acknowledge the Yuibera people, the traditional owners of the land in which our school is located.
Last week our school’s best spellers from each class went head to head to determine the Spelling Year Level Champion. Whilst this was quite a daunting, nervous time for our class champions, the competition was nail-biting for the audience with the competition winner in many year levels being decided on the last word! Each class champion should be extremely proud of how they represented their class in this competition. Well done Class Champions!

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Rule of the Week: Week 10

Be Safe - in the toilets
- Leave food items outside the toilets.
- Wash your hands with soap.
- Flush the toilet after use.
- Don’t play near or in the toilets.

Social Skill of the Week: Week 10

Disagreeing appropriately
1. Look at the person
2. Use a pleasant voice
3. Say “I understand how you feel.”

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.

Gold Gotcha Award

Winners are students who have received 36 Gotcha Cards.

Putting in a huge effort the following students received their Gold Certificates in week 10:

1A Tamika P
4B Codi S, Benjamin V
4C Jack Woodward, Mia Higgins
6C Chelsea B, Kalel P, Disha R, Alba R

Silver Gotcha Award

Winners are students who have received 24 Gotcha Cards.

Receiving their Silver Certificates in week 10 are:

4C Aprille W. Noah P, Sora P, Hemi H
5A Noah C, Emily D, Kaylee H, Gracie M, Chonmanzi Z.

Attendance Cup winners P-3
From Week 9 is:
3B with 96% attendance

Attendance Cup winners 4-6
From Week 9 is:
4A with 99% attendance

Tuckshop Voucher Winners Week 10

Prep - Noah H (Prep B)
Year 1 - Serayon (1C)
Year 2 - Mayah B (2A)
Year 3 - Mischa D (3C)
Year 4 - Makayla M (4A)
Year 5 - Sarah (5C)
Year 6 - Kalel P (6C)

Total Gotchas for week 8 is 674
Total Gotchas for Term 3 so far is 3568
Total Gotchas for the whole school so far this year is 8398.

There was one student who received the Principal’s award this week:

1A Tamika P
1C Bryce W
3A Paige K
5A Tiffany M
6C Chelsea B, Kalel P, Disha R, Alba R
On Sunday 23rd of August 3 teams from Victoria Park participated in the Opti-minds Regional Challenge at Northern Beaches State High School.

The teams competed in Social Science, Maths Engineering & Language Literacy. The teams were comprised of students from Year 4 to 6.

The day involved hard work, strategic thinking and problem solving throughout the whole day. The “Spontaneous” required lots of thinking outside the box as well as our prepared presentation to answer the given question.

The Opti-Minds competition has been running for many years and is a great opportunity for all students.

Our Social Science Team worked hard and came home with a win in the Social Science Primary School division and we will be travelling to Brisbane on the 16th of October for the State Finals. We are all very excited and proud to be representing Victoria Park State School.

We wish to thank all our teachers for giving up their time and working hard helping us with our preparation. We also wish to thank Mackay Regional Council for kindly donating $425 and the Mackay West Rotary Club for donating $250 to help assist with our travel costs. The Opti-minds team will also receive support from the P&C towards these costs.

The following students who received a Bronze Award in Week 10 are:

1C Charli D, Maria - Bella A, Matice C
2B Miya C, Griffin C, Zoyal D, Dhruvi D, Jonte V
4C Magenta C
5A Daniel P, Annie Z

Sophie V loves school because she gets to see all her friends while she is learning. She likes Maths because she says she gets it very right or very close. Her favourite sum is 20 –20 = 0. She is proud of herself for also being able to do times tables. She likes Music on Fridays when she does verse speaking. A lunchtime she likes to play pass the parcel in the Yarning Circle. I think Mrs Harbin is a kind teacher.

Ao N: Last year Ao came to Victoria Park from Japan. He is in Year 1 and speaks beautiful English and loves learning at our school. Writing stories about the weekend is his favourite thing to do during the day. Ao was recently awarded the classroom Spelling Bee Champion. He likes all sports in P.E but Soccer is his favourite. The best activity of the term was planting beans on Fun Friday.

Merry has been working hard this year and is seeing very good results for her efforts. She likes persuasive writing including describing words to make it a very good sentence. She was recently awarded the Class Spelling Bee Champion. She says Maths is her favourite subject. Adding up numbers using strategies to add up faster is a very good trick. Her favourite snack is a slinky apple and at lunchtime she likes to play tiggy with her friends.

Matthew H is in grade 2 and has been selected as the class superstar by Mrs Davis for his 4 Star learning. Matthew is very proud to tell everyone that his goal was to improve his reading and he has done that and now feels more confident. His favourite subject is Maths. He brings a sandwich for lunch everyday and has too many favourite fillings to list. He likes participating in Oz Tag and Tennis which he has fun doing.

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There was NO WINNER for the last fortnight classroom picture as we did not receive any entries.

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 will WIN a Tuck-shop 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.