WE’RE OFF TO THE
STATE FINALS

Three very creative solutions and entertaining performances from our Opti-minds teams were recognised by the judges at the Opti-minds Challenge on Sunday morning. The Language and Literature Team received a Highly Commended award, the Science and Engineering Team were awarded Honours and the Social Science Team were placed first in their section and received an invitation to the State Opti-mind Challenge in Brisbane in October.

Thank you to our teachers Mrs Wilson, Ms O’May, Mrs Dinsdale and Mr Edwards who supported our teams as they developed the solutions and presentations to the various problems posed. Well done.

Social Science Team (Mrs Dinsdale & Ms Brown)
Winners overall in their category from a group of Mackay and Whitsunday District Schools

Language and Literacy Team
(Mrs Wilson & Ms O’May)
Sophie D Libby H
Olivia K Charlotte M
Sarah E Elise B
Chelsea B

Science Engineering Team
(Mr Edwards) Received Honours
Jerry Y Levi M
Keelan C Emily K
Disha R Tasma L
Zeki S

Use of Playgrounds
Parents please be reminded there is to be NO USE OF THE PLAYGROUNDS BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL (even under the supervision of parents).
This is a Workplace Health & Safety issue. To ensure the safety of your children, please assist us in this matter.

New Uniform Shop
Hours
Monday
8.15 – 8.30am & 2.30 – 3pm
Wednesday
8.15 – 8.30am & 2.30 – 3pm
Friday
8.15 – 8.45am (morning only)
**Message from the Principal**

**2015 TERM 3 WEEK 7**  
**A Sunday of Success**

The very talented and creative students of Victoria Park State School put their talents on display on Sunday at the Opti-Minds Challenge and the Mackay Orchestra and Bands performance.

Our musicians were recognised with the Concert Band awarded a Gold Award and the Beginners String Ensemble awarded a Silver Award. Victoria Park was recognised for the outstanding performances with The Platinum Award for the best primary school performances overall.

Congratulations to the teachers of our Music Department Mrs Sue Mora, Mr Johnston and Mrs Milles.

**Recognise support staff and teacher aides, 31 August – 4 September**

School Support Staff Recognition Week will be celebrated in the first week of September (31 August – 4 September) and is a great opportunity to celebrate the wonderful work of support staff in our schools.

Teacher Aide Day will end the week on Friday 4 September. This day gives the students, staff and school community a chance to recognise the skills, abilities and flexibility that teacher aides contribute to the daily life of the school.

**Celebrate National Literacy and Numeracy Week with Us**

National Literacy and Numeracy Week from 29 August to 4 September is a great opportunity to celebrate our children’s literacy and numeracy achievements. We would like to invite all parents to join us with your child’s class (see the timetable below).

This year’s theme Learning for Living highlights the importance of effective literacy and numeracy skills in everyday life. Parents and carers play an important role in helping children develop their literacy and numeracy skills and there are a number of things that can be done at home.

Involving your child in day-to-day activities such as reading clocks, calendars and timetables or cooking dinner from a recipe book can help develop your child’s confidence with numbers and words.

Why not organise a family games night? Playing board games such as Scrabble or putting together puzzles, while not only fun, can build your child’s literacy and numeracy vocabulary.

By reading together every day or exploring ways to use maths in day-to-day activities, you can help your child “learn to live”.

**VICTORIA PARK’S YuMI DEADLY MATHS FIESTA**

1st, 3rd and 4th September in the hall.

Parents welcome and encouraged to join their children engaging in Body, Hand and Mind math activities and problem solving tasks.

**Activities**

- Terrific Tangrams
- Mathaerobics
- Clever Cubes
- Measurement Mania
- Graphing Greatness
- McMahon’s Triangles

**Timetable for Maths Fiesta**

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Mrs Milles leads our music program and teaches musical theory and practice across a number of classes from Prep to Grade 6. For a number of years now she has created exciting, innovative and interesting ways to teach explicitly to engage students of all ages with outstanding results every year. The success is showing as we have had record numbers of participation in all areas this year. This year we have had performances at Sports Day, Anzac Day, Mackay Orchestra and Bands, Twilight concert, Rats of Tobruk, Senior Citizens Week performances, at the Garden Party and each week at parade. The music calendar is always full. At the moment there is lots of practice happening in the music rooms as always the recorder band, the instrumental bands, string ensemble and choirs, not to mention Mrs Milles helping out with a little bush dance practice. For Mrs Milles it is about developing students love of music into the future by sharing her own passion for music with the students giving them encouragement along the way and always leading by example.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Milles for all the hard work she puts in each and every day to make our Music program at Victoria Park State School one of the best in the district.

At Mackay Orchestra and Bands Competition on the weekend our String Ensemble won Silver. Our Concert Band won Gold for their performance. In a first for our school our Concert Band won the PLATINUM Award for best overall Primary School group in their section. This is the first time Victoria Park has ever won this award. Congratulations and thanks to Mrs Mora, and Mr Johnston for their time, talent and passion for Music alongside Mrs Milles. We are so proud of the children for fantastic performances and also appreciate the time, money and dedication of the parents to support their children in their learning of music.

Seniors Week Performances

Mackay Orchestra and Bands Competition
Rule of the Week: Week 7
Be a Responsible - coming to and from school including bikes and buses
• Be responsible for your own behaviour at all times.
• Leave school promptly if not waiting for an adult.
• Wait quietly and sensibly at the Stop-Drop-Go area and bus stop.

Social Skill of the Week: Week 7
Working with others
1. Identify the task to be completed.
2. Assign tasks to each person.
3. Discuss ideas in a calm, quiet voice and let everyone share his or her ideas.
4. Work on tasks until completed.

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.

Receiving their Gold Certificates in week are:
Prep/1 - Kayla B, Ayden C, Jett S
2A - Keith B, Caitlyn A, 3A - Billy B,
3C - Lani F, 4B - Marley Q, 5A - Tyruss C
6A - Kaitlyn S, 6B - Grace C

Silver Gotcha Award
Winners
Students who have received 24 Gotcha

Receiving their Silver Certificates in week 6 are:
3B - Tia F, Alyssa B, Taryn P
3C - Tayla S
4A - Marian S, Ashlee A, Noah L
5A - Caitlyn E
6A - Destiny P

Bronze Gotcha Award
Winners
are students that have received 12 Gotcha Cards

The following students received a Bronze Award in Week 6:
Prep/1 - Arjav R, 3A - Bailee Brotherton,
3B - Alyssa B, Brooklyn C, Andrew C, Kai H, Christa
N, Adrian V, Kobi W, 4A - Mark D, Jazmine M, Nell
O, Makayla M, Lilly DS, Alyssa H, Keerthana P,
6A Casey Manzelmann, Karmesha P, Lee Durnsford,
Lawrence M, Francesca L.

OUT & ABOUT doing the Magic Mile
On Sunday 23rd August the Break Wall at the Harbour was officially open. To coincide with this the Mackay Road Runners held their annual “Magic Mile” race. Two Victoria Park students Will M and Lani F competed in the junior age category. Both ran terrific races, with Will Morgan away convincingly with the overall win and Lani placing a brilliant second in the girls division.

YuMI Deadly Maths Champions pictured above with Tom and Robyn. Recently they attended training in Townsville. The Yumi Maths centre staff works with projects in schools to improve their capacity to teach mathematics.

The YuMI maths beliefs are:
1. All people deserve the deepest mathematics teaching and learning that empowers them to understand their world mathematically and to solve problems in their reality.
2. All people can excel in mathematics if it is taught actively, contextually, with respect and high expectations and in a culturally safe manner.
3. All teachers can effectively teach mathematics if supported with knowledge, resources and a positive environment.
4. All communities can benefit from the mathematics teaching and learning practices above if school and community are connected.

We would like you to be involved and join in the FUN of learning maths with your children next week at the Maths Fiesta. A Great opportunity to see how your children learn.
The children were captivated by Bruce and Denise Morcombe’s visit on Thursday and learnt some valuable safety lessons as part of the Recognise, React, Report Tour. To support the foundation and the fantastic child safety messages they spread there is a Dance for Daniel Fundraiser in Mackay this Saturday night 29th August. Tickets are available at the MECC.

**Parent /Teacher Interviews**

Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held shortly. Bookings must be finalised online before the 4th September at 4pm, when bookings for this event will close.

For parents who do not have internet access, computers will be available at the Computer Lab (next to the Library), for parents to make their own bookings. Please see the office for times and instructions if you wish to use a computer. Parents may send a note to school with the approximate times they require, or phone the school on 4951 6333. Interviews are strictly 15 mins and spaces are limited. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Please refer to the SKOOLBAG APP for more information.

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**The Madagascar Penguins visited!**

*Animating Spaces Mackay UP*

This Saturday night the 29th of August the city streets come alive with the Lantern Parade. Participating students please arrive at 5.30 for a 6.10pm start with an accompanying parent/guardian at Caneland Park (near the Bluewater Lagoon) and assemble in their allocated school area. The parade will then make its way along the Pioneer Promenade to Forgan Bridge Park.

Even if you are not in the parade we would like to see as many students attend as possible wearing their school uniform, representing our school with pride and supporting the other students.

The event is part of Animating Spaces Mackay UP! A joint venture between the Mackay Regional Council and Artslink Qld. The event is also part of the Mackay Regional Council ‘Twilight City Street Party’ event. Following the parade there will be a program of free family entertainment. A full program of entertainment and site map will be provided to participating students prior to the event. For more information visit: www.mackay.qld.gov.au/mackayup