The Get Set for Prep Program has seen a number of our future preps working hard.

19/13
28 November 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM 4 2013

Monday 9 December
Prep Orientation Session
9:30am to 10:30pm
Yr 7 High School Visit
Moving Up Day

Wednesday 11 December
P&C Meeting 6:30pm
Last Day for Tuckshop

Thursday 12 December
Awards Ceremony
Yr 7 Graduation Reward Day
Report Cards Issued

Friday 13 December
Break Up Day Activities
A+ Day

Gotcha card total for the fortnight: 403
New total for the year so far: 5945
Finishing Strong
The final term of the school year is a crazy time in schools for everyone - students, staff and families. It is important that we finish the year strong, just like we started the year; with energy, enthusiasm and vigor. The old adage ‘beginners are many, finishers are few’ is worth remembering.

Whilst our reserves may be running low it is vital to remain focused and finish the year well. It is important to keep meeting deadlines, completing projects and to follow through with tasks to their completion.

Stephen MR Covey talks about when world-class marathon runners ‘hit the wall’ and they feel like they can’t go on, instead of focusing on their exhaustion and how tired they are feeling and going into the ‘survival shuffle’, they lift up their head and pick up the pace. I believe this is a vital mind set for us all in schools at this time of the year. By picking up the pace, you are really saying to yourself that you’re not just going to finish, you’re going to finish strong!

Support for Chaplaincy
Each year the school is required to provide a report about the operation of the School Chaplaincy Program in our school. One aspect of the report requires the school to demonstrate ongoing community support for the program. Included in this newsletter is a response form for families to provide the school with your feedback about the Chaplaincy Program. Please return the forms no later than Friday 6 December.

Semester 2 Report Cards
Report cards for all students will be issued on Thursday 12 December. This year, Prep students will receive a written report for Semester 1 and 2. Report Cards will not be available before this date as final processing will not be completed. If you require duplicate copies of report cards please advise the school in writing, stating reasons and the forwarding address for the additional report card. A number of families have previously notified the school of their requirements, but these maybe out of date, so we ask that all families requiring duplicate report cards to advise the school of their current requirements and contact details. PDF copies of report cards can be forwarded to families by e-mail. If this is required please advise the school of your request and your current e-mail address before the end of term.

2014 Student Leaders
The selection process for the election of our 2014 Student Leaders has begun with student candidates nominating for selection. Candidates are then shortlisted; present their election speeches to the Year 4 to 7 student body which will be followed by the voting process. The announcement of the 2014 School Captains will be announced at the Awards Presentations on Thursday 12 December.

This year the selection process will involve both the Year 5 and 6 students as 2014 will be their final year of primary school before transitioning into Junior Secondary in 2015. Parents and family members will be invited to join us to listen to the candidates’ election speeches.

2014 Draft Classes
As is normal procedure at this time of year draft classes for 2014 will be published and displayed during the final week of the year.

Cybersafety – 5 Ps for a Positive Digital Footprint
1. POSITIVE: Make sure online information about you is as positive as possible.
2. PERMISSION: Make sure you have a grown up’s permission to use a new site or app.
3. PROFILES: Use a nickname and a profile picture which does not show your face.
5. PRIVACY: Keep your passwords and personal details safe and secure.

Outstanding Payments
The school offers students access to a number of activities and resources through a “user pays” system or as a “resource hire agreement”. Parents and carers are requested to finalise any outstanding payments owing to the school including Laptop hire, excursion costs etc.

Please contact the school office to arrange payment.

Sport
Jada and Cody in Year 7 have been selected to take part in under 12 Whitsunday Queensland State Team to go to the National Futsal Championships in Sydney. Congratulations girls good luck!!

P&C News
FLEXISCHOOLS-ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM
This is a system set up by the P&C to make it easier for parents to complete tuckshop and uniform shop ordering at any time. Please go to www.flexischools.com.au and type in Victoria Park SS to see a demonstration of how it works and then register yourself to start ordering from home.

If you have any questions please contact Flexischools on 1300 361 769 - they will be more than happy to assist. (There is also an app that is very easy to download and use if you are a smart phone user.)

Uniform Shop Hours
Monday and Tuesday: 8:30am to 9:00am
Thursday and Friday: 2:30pm to 3:00pm
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Prep D: Ignacio – For being a sight word superstar and learning all ten sight word lists.
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1A: Lachlan – Always being a four star learner!
1A: Taylah – Always working hard!
1B: Raiden and Hunter - For outstanding improvement in sight word knowledge.
1B: Taliah: For an imaginative and very yucky Bat Pudding recipe.
1B: Chelsea– For always being a four star learner!
1B: Holly– For working ahrd to improve her Genre writing.
1D: Todd– For an outstanding improvement in reading.
1D: Andrew – For bringing an excellent attitude when completing assessment tasks.
1D: Lani – For consistently putting in 100% into everything you do.
1D: Stacey – For a pleasing improvement in Maths!
1D: Hamish - Very impressed with your can-do attitude towards writing.

2A: Jazmine– Being helpful, thoughtful and responsible student who is a delight to have in the classroom.
2A: Porschia- For writing fantastic homework sentences with beautiful handwriting.
2B: Eli- Great efforts with his narrative writing.
2B: Marley– Huge improvement with his writing.
2C: Mia– A pleasing improvement in her reading comprehension.
2C: Lily– Outstanding results with her spelling.
2/3: Amber– For always being reliable and responsible.
2/3: Jessica– For working hard to complete set tasks.

3A: Jerry– For superb speaking when presenting his poem.
3A: Fleur– For being a co-operative student who is focused on learning.
3A: Gemma– For a super effort with all writing tasks.
3A: Brodie– For careful planning and thinking when constructing using 3D objects.
3B: Lorna - Brilliant ability to 'think aloud' her explanations.
3B: Lorna - For handing in homework fully completed ALL YEAR!!!!
3B: Shaheen- For handing in homework fully completed ALL YEAR!!!!
3B: Savannah- For handing in homework fully completed ALL YEAR!!!!
3B: Sarah- For handing in homework fully completed ALL YEAR!!!!
3B: Tasma- For handing in homework fully completed ALL YEAR!!!!
3C: Calvin– Excellent application to his school work.
3C: Jake– Excellent work in all areas-well done.
3C: Kimberley - Having an excellent ATTITUDE TOWARDS HER LEARNING.
3C: Sam – Giving 100% to all areas of her school work.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
4A: Jazmine– Dictation champion—100% correct.
4B: Will– For 100% effort and matching results in History this Semester.
4C: Marjill– For embracing spelling greatness.
4/5: Kori– For creating interesting and idea-filled complex sentences.

5A: Rith– A commendable improvement in your Probe Reading Age.
5B: Lydia- Effectively using all aspects of the writing process to produce an excellent written piece comparing a novel and film.
5B: Ivygen– great work ethic and team skills.
5C: Mynaiha– For being an amazing ‘wolf’ in her play presentation.
5C: Emma– For her brilliant descriptive writing.

6A: Kai– For completing all tasks and trying to improve the standard of his work.
6A: Beyonce– For striving hard to improve in all areas of her schooling.
6A: Adam – For an excellent effort in his story writing.
6A: Ben – For working diligently to improve his work habits.

7A: Brooke– Superb work ethic and great results in all areas.
7B: Liam – Always being helpful and considerate and working hard in all areas. Achieving good results in writing.
7B: Laila- For an excellent work ethic and always being helpful in class.
7C: Susan – Consistently being a focused and engaged learner.
7C: Jasmine - Consistently being a focused and engaged learner.

This fortnight's Gotcha Lucky Tuckshop Vouchers go to:
Prep C: Jamie Hansen - Moving up to level 7 in reading
Prep D: Tyson Carroll - For being a writing machine.
1B: Jesse Clarke - For handing in homework on time.
1D: Kianna Smith - Being respectful on Parade.
2C: Seth Lester - Great attendance.
2D: Liam Hale - Great attendance.
3B: Dylan Kershaw - For working hard to complete his in class challenge.
3C: Chonmani - Great time telling skills!
4B: Holly Keates - Always being helpful.
5A: Lilly Bourke - Sharpening lots of pencils for Prep C
5B: Kayla Doherty - Beautiful bookwork and presentation.
6A: Jade Walker - Great attendance.
6/7: Tahlia Marnell - For excellent Len Hansen Bursary submission
7C: Mitchell Aldous: Great attendance.
COMMUNITY NEWS

In this newsletter, you will find a Statement of Support. If you could please sign and return to Chaplain Michelle or front office by next week that would be really appreciated. We are trying to get as many signatures as possible to show support for the Chaplaincy Program in schools.

There is a new High Court challenge which means School Chaplaincy is under threat again. For further information please see www.backourchappies.com.au

Thank you so much for your time and I would like to wish every family a very Happy Christmas and hope you enjoy the holidays.

Chaplain Michelle.

Statement of Support

[Image of a form with fields for name, address, and a checkbox indicating consent to receive regular GSK’s opioids]

TO JOIN THEM FOR CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

ON Saturday 30th November

AT Cur Brisbane and Shakespeare Sts mackay

Events

4.30pm - 6.30pm free food, family fun and free activities

6.30-8pm Community Christmas carols with FREE glow sticks and kids giveaways

Phone 07 49 573 784 for more info