06/14
1st May 2014
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM 2 2014
EVERY MONDAY AT 2:15 pm
WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE

Friday 9th May
Year 4 and 5 Anti Bullying Workshop
Money due for Book club AND
Wear Crazy Socks to School Day funds
raised support our school Chappies.

Saturday May 10th
Join Yarning Circle & Kitchen Garden
working bee
2-5pm

Wed 14th May
P and C Meeting 5:30 in Library
AND
Fish and chips Day ordering only
available through Flexischools

14th and 15th May
Year 4 Bike Education Program (monies
due by 8th May)

13,14th and 15th May
Naplan Testing yrs 3,5 and 7

Friday 23rd May
Walk to School Day

Wed May 28th
FREE dress in maroon or blue STATE of
ORIGIN colours to support P and C

Sunday 1st June
CENT SALE 1:00-4pm
IN Hall

Attendance Cup Inaugural winners are:- “Year1/2 Miss K”

NOTICE TO PARENT AND CARE-
GIVERS
Student absences must be reported by
parent or
caregiver—sister or brother reporting
is not acceptable.

Gotcha card total for the
fortnight: 152
New total for the year so
far : 1756
Welcome Back

There is never a quiet time in schools. As in every workplace, schools focus on what matters most to business and for Victoria Park SS it is student learning. During Term 2 a number of annual events are scheduled to take place including

- School ANZAC Day Service 24 April & Mackay ANZAC Parade 25 April
- NAPLAN for Years 3, 5 and 7 from Tuesday 13 May through to Thursday 15 May
- Interhouse Athletics Carnival, interschool sport, Yr. 4 Bike Education, Under 8s Day
- Fanfare, Instrumental Music Camp
- McDonal's Maths, ICAS competitions, Opti-Minds,
- Whitsunday Voices Literature Festival
- P&C events including Cent Sale Sunday June 1st
- Report Cards at the end of the semester

You can keep up to date with all of these learning and community events through our school’s Skoolbag app which can be downloaded onto your phone and on the school’s webpage www.victparkss@eq.edu.au

Thank you

Our annual school ANZAC ceremony was well attended by parents, carers and family members last Thursday afternoon. “Lest we forget” is the aim of our school’s ceremony. Ensuring that the sacrifices of the past and present generations of Service men and women are not forgotten and to remind us all of the values that are held sacred in Australian society.

Victoria Park had a strong representation of students, staff and family members participate in this year’s Mackay ANZAC Parade. Mrs Milles and the school’s Recorder Band lead our students throughout the parade. Our school captains Destiny Whirisky and Calum Etelaaho laid a wreath on behalf of the school during the ceremony.

I would like to extend my appreciation to all parents, carers, staff and students for your support in attending and participating in these two important events.

Taking responsibility

Personal responsibility is the mark of true leadership. However shirking responsibility or shifting the blame to others is a national sport in many western countries.

“It’s not my fault” can be heard in court rooms, political rallies and in sporting tribunals everywhere as blame for a transgression is shifted away from the individual and placed on a scapegoat. It is little wonder that many children are experts at shirking personal responsibility.

Lack of personal responsibility is shown when children find excuses or blame others for their misbehaviour. Siblings are blamed for starting fights, parents for children’s school lateness and classmates for misbehaving at school. Anything or anyone but themselves is to blame!

“IT’s not my turn” is another way of shirking responsibility.

Most parents want their children to be responsible for their actions. Taking responsibility means that a child sees a problem and fixes it. A child who takes responsibility helps out regardless of how many times they have helped before or who causes a situation.

When a child complains that the toilet roll is empty then he or she can be invited to take responsibility for it. Similarly, if the bread bin is empty, the fire is out or the living room floor is a mess then the message could be that they should ‘do something’ about these situations.

When a child is late for school, forgets to hand in homework or deliberately hurts a classmate even though some teasing occurred then he or she needs to shoulder the blame and take responsibility for their actions.

Sounds tough but this is the approach to take if we are to promote a true sense of responsibility, initiative and accountability.

In families some children become adept at ducking their responsibilities. It is smart management to share the load using rosters and other organisational strategies.

But in the myriad of informal situations around the house where someone needs to take responsibility then it is helpful to take the “don’t tell me, please fix it” approach.

Next time a child responds to your request for help with that classic line “but it’s not my turn” look them straight in the eye and say, “You know, you may be right but isn’t it lucky that you are so willing to help” and simply walk away. No buts, no arguments.

Try this…Put it into practice promote personal responsibility in your child:

• Make sure they have some jobs at home so that others rely on them.
• Use a roster for jobs and place responsibility on children to do tasks without being reminded.

Michael Grose Parenting Ideas

P and C News

NEW UNIFORM SHOP CO-ORDINATOR—Amy Maynard thank-you for your time spent already and your team spirit!

Hours are 8am-9am Mondays
And 2pm-3pm Fridays

URGENT Call for tuck shop

We need volunteers to help in our Tuckshop for Thursdays. Any help is appreciated even one hour. Please call Michelle Hansen on 0438 576 784. If we cannot find helpers for this time we will HAVE to close EVERY Thursday.

CENT SALE—helpers forms have been sent home this week. Please return ASAP to your class teacher.

FLEXISCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING system. 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.

Coming up is the Annual Cent Sale on Sunday 1st June. We will be asking for donations each week of vouchers or grocery items up until the cent sale.
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

1/2 - Caleb  For being an amazing role model to your peers and showing how great things happen when we try our best.
- Caitlyn  I am blown away by the fabulous work you have been producing and your lovely behaviour.
2A - Shannon For outstanding improvement and amazing results for maths in Term 1.
2C - Charlotte For displaying excellent work habits in the classroom.
- Ella  For displaying excellent work habits in the classroom.
3B - Mwansa For being a safe, respectful and responsible learner.
3C - Javy  For always giving of her best in all areas of school life.
- Sophie  For creative ideas in Writing.
3/4—Xander For being a safe, respectful and responsible learner.
4A - Zsofia For a consistent effort to complete writing tasks.
5A—Myena  Displaying consistent improvement in all key learning areas.
5B—Marijill  For her consistent positive attitude towards her learning.
- Destiny  For listening attentively during all lessons.
6A - Ryan For having a great start to Term 2! Keep it up .
6B - Steele  For improved concentration
6/7A - Jade—For an excellent History oral presentation.
6/7B - Halle—For a fantastic effort in all areas!
7A - Danica—Consistent work and effort in all areas!

**SECOND HAND UNIFORMS**

We currently have a short supply of larger sizes. If you are willing to donate your old uniforms please take to tuckshop to hand in. Thank you for taking the time.

**CONTACT DETAILS— URGENT!!**

Reminder to parents to keep the school office up to date with changes to address and phone contact numbers. Thank you.

*Email: mark.daniel@harcourts.com.au
Web: www.markdaniel.harcourts.com.au*
We need approx. 30 volunteers on the day! This is a huge fundraiser which benefits ALL children at Vic Park! Please fill in the helper forms for a short time as many hands make light work.

The CENT SALE has been moved out an extra week and will now be held on SUNDAY the 1st of JUNE from 1.00 -4pm. Helpers forms and donation forms will be sent out today. Also buckets will be delivered to classrooms for donations over the next 4 weeks.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS ACTIVITIES have started please refer to the SKOOLBAG APP under sport for more information.

TUESDAYS (Yr 1 - 7) from 3-4pm will be DANCE - Zumba in the undercovered area
THURSDAY (Yr 4-7) from 3-4pm will be NRL

If you would like HELP downloading these apps please come into the P&C room Monday morning and we would be more than happy to help.

JUMPER ORDER FORMS have been sent out please see the volunteers at the uniform shop if you haven’t received one and would like to order a Jumper in preparation for the Winter season.

BOOK CLUB
Please note Book Club order forms and money are due to your class teacher by May 9th. You may pay online and write the receipt number in the order form OR pay in cash in AN ENVELOPE to your child’s teacher. Bookclub is only once per term and the school does receive FREE resources from this.

Congratulations to Kayla Doherty who has been selected for Capricornia Under 11 netball and will represent Capricornia at State Selections. Well done!!

Thank you to Mrs Boys for her organisation of the YUMI Maths guru from QUT—Robyn Anderson who came to our school in week one and taught our Prep-6 students and teachers alike. Great fun and many laughs were had by all— learning happened as well. Thank you to ALL!!
Each fortnight some of our class teachers offer Insights and Updates on what is happening in their class. This fortnight we hear from:

Mrs Awesome Odger 1A. We have been working hard at “Reading Eggs” and becoming quicker at our computer skills. We had a great visit from the Fire Department and we all had a turn at hosing the huge fire hose. Mr Shepherd would NOT come join in but we ALL got wet and it was a great day!! We learnt about Stop, Drop and Roll: Get Down Low and GO GO GO!! We are practicing our addresses and know the number to call if we need emergency services. We also learned about good fires and bad fires :) Thank you to the Firemen who work hard each day at keeping us SAFE!

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Dear teachers and students, AgForce invites school students in years 1 - 6 to participate in the 2014 Groovy Gumboot Competition! The competition is an opportunity to spread the Every Family Needs A Farmer message and a great way for students to express their ideas and thoughts about agriculture and its importance in their lives through art. While AgForce has previously asked students to decorate a gumboot to represent what agriculture and rural Queensland means to them, this year we are using a template of a gumboot where they can create a work of art using any design elements they like.

Who’s in Charge?

Does your child threaten, hurt or intimidate you? Do you feel you are losing control? Want to better handle conflict?

Reclaim respect and calm in your family!

The Who’s in Charge? group is an 7 week program for parents or carers of young people (10 to 18) who are abusive, violent or defiant. The group aims to:
- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child’s behaviour
- Explore ways of increasing safety and well-being
- Help parents feel more in control and less stressed

Starting: Term 2 Tuesday 6th May 9.30am – 12.00
or Thursday 8th May 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Place: Mackay Youth Support Services
        Unit 2, 57 Wood St, (9th Lane) Mackay 4740.
Cost: $5.00
Contact: Karen Ph 4953 2299
Email: u-nite@myss.org.au

Held in Mackay Queensland in July each year, Whitsunday Voices provides a unique literary and cultural experience for students and residents in the Mackay and surrounding regions. Boasting an impressive line-up of Australia’s leading authors, Whitsunday Voices is the largest festival north of the Sunshine Coast with an unprecedented attendance of over 5000 people.

Whitsunday Voices is back in 2014!
Wednesday 16 July - Saturday 19 July 2014

Students from Years 3 to 12 are invited to submit entries for the 2014 Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival Short Story Competition. Students are free to respond to a theme or topic of their choice and there is no limit to the number of entries allowed by each student.

Thanks to our sponsor, Friends of Mackay Libraries, for their very generous cash prizes and assistance.