Mrs Willett and Year 7 students attended “Sorry Day” on Monday 26th May. Acknowledging The Stolen Generations.

Attendance Cup winners this week are:-
Mr Logan’s class

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: 154
New total for the year so far: 2144

08/14
28th May 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM 2 2014

EVERY MONDAY AT 2:15 pm
WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE

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

Monday 9th June
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Wed 11th June
P and C Meet 5:30pm
ALL welcome
My friends and I school Performance

12th and 13th June
Inter-house School Sports day
Senior oval

Thursday 19th June
Mackay Show Public Holiday

20th June
Give me 5 for kids FREE DRESS
Bring a gold coin donation

24th June
Southern Suburbs sports

Friday 27th June
Last Day of Term 2
Report Cards go home
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

“Success never comes to those who sit and stare; it comes to those only who act and dare.”
~ Author Unknown

UNDER 8’s DAY 2014.....”Everyone Can Play!”

The 2014 theme provided the opportunity for all children to learn through hands on experiences to reinforce their competency in expressing themselves and connecting to their world. At Victoria Park SS our Under 8’s participated in a morning of activities including face painting, an obstacle course, marble painting and lots more. The morning was a great success thanks to the wonderful support of so many parents and the Mackay SHS students who helped out.

Thank you P&C

Last Friday 23rd May marked the annual state P&C Day, a day to acknowledge and thank all our parent volunteers who contribute to our school, assist with enhancing student learning and the efficient operational running of our school. This includes all our volunteers who help out in classrooms, tuckshop, fundraising events, uniform shop and the other extra-curricular activities that add to the learning experiences of the pupils. Your services are greatly appreciated and an important part of our daily school operations. Thank you.

Walk Safely To School Day

Friday 23rd May was also National Walk to School Day where Primary school aged children across Australia are encouraged to take the first important steps towards a healthier future by participating in National Walk Safely to School Day.

National Walk Safely to School Day is a community initiative that aims to raise awareness of the health, road safety, transport and environmental benefits that regular walking (especially to and from school) can provide for the long term health of our children. This is the 15th year of the annual event which encourages primary school aged children to walk to and from school, not just on Friday 23 May, but every day. Everyone enjoyed the sausage sizzle for breakfast cooked by Gonzo (as pictured) and served as part of the breakfast program by Chappie Michelle and her helpers.

2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge

Reading comprehension is one of the school’s major areas for student improvement. To encourage greater reading at home and at school, we have entered the 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Reading Challenge runs from Tuesday 20 May to Friday 5 September. All students from Prep to Year 7 are expected to participate in this year’s challenge and will have a reading log included with their homework. Parents need to sign this log after each reading book is completed. Classes who meet the year level goal will be rewarded with a certificate and an additional free play after the completion of the Reading Challenge period. For more information visit the Premier’s Reading Challenge website. http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge

Parents investigating an issue or complaint

Parents are reminded that they are not to approach someone else’s child either on the school grounds or on route home, to question an incident that occurred at school or on the way to or from school. Please contact the office if you have a concern that you’d like investigated so the Leadership team can investigate and apply the appropriate consequences. Parents are not to take school matters into their own hands. Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at Victoria Park State School. To learn respect children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that parents/caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. This is a way that we can create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors. People who enter the school grounds who are hostile or aggressive, (including using abusive or profane language and threats to school staff or volunteers, students or other parents/caregivers) will not be tolerated. It is an offence under the Education Act for one adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. It is also an offence for a parent to approach and admonish or question the child of another family. The Education Act provides the Principal with the authority to provide a written direction requiring a person to immediately leave the school premises and not re-enter for a period of time. Conditions may also be placed on a person’s entry to the school premises. If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved the matter should be referred to the principal in the first instance. All members of the school community are asked to abide by these protocols so that schools can maintain a safe supportive environment for our students to learn.

Student Behaviour support

This week’s snippet is an extract from the Education Queensland Kindy website and is pertinent to children of all ages. http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/families/tips/kindy-age.html

Routines – Learning independence

Managing daily routines helps children to develop independence and perseverance. Daily routines are a part of everyday family life. They help children to develop the skills they need to be a valued part of their family. Over time, children gradually learn to manage routines more independently.

Learning through routines

It may take many months for children to develop skills for managing routines. As they keep trying, children learn to persevere. Becoming familiar with daily routines also enables children to make choices about their day and organise themselves and their belongings. When children help with routines or daily chores like feeding pets or watering the garden, they feel pride in themselves, develop a sense of responsibility, and learn about their world. However, it is not only the ‘doing’ that helps to enrich children’s learning but also the talking together, exchanging ideas and generally ‘sharing’ during the experience.

Supporting learning

It is important to have an adult close by if help, advice or encouragement is needed. Feeling secure gives children the confidence to try new challenges and learn new skills. Most children enjoy helping with household chores but need to work alongside an adult or at least have an adult pop in occasionally to prompt, guide and help monitor their interest. Working and talking together affords parents an opportunity to truly share their home life with their children and to use the potential of daily routines to enrich their children’s early learning.

Thank you for the sausages Gonz!
1A Griffin Fabulous writing of your character description.
Shakira Amazing effort writing about Crunch the Crocodile
1B Jamie For being a superstar learner everyday.
Prabhnoor For being a superstar learner in the classroom and making amazing improvements in her reading and writing.
1C Jonte For blowing my mind with the effort you have put into your character description.
Justin Love your effort during independent writing!
Kaeli For being a Super Sight Word Wiz and knowing all 200 sight words.
Jonathon Blowing everyone’s mind with your magical maths brain!
Tristan For being a Super Sight Word Wiz and knowing all 200 sight words.
1/2 Matthew For being an amazing helper and always trying your very best.
Ethan For being a Super, Stupendous and Smart Speller every week—Congratulations.
Skye You have been working so very hard to sound out your words and are having great success. Keep up the fantabulous work!
Caleb Thank you Caleb for always striving to achieve your personal best and ignoring distractions around you. Great job!
2A Angus Great improvement in effort during classwork.
Andrew For being a responsible student who is always keen to help.
Kianna For always trying her best and for being a responsible student.
2B Kobi Awesome story writing!
Rhylee Improved effort and concentration.
2C Matt For being a conscientious member of class.
Darby For awesome work with Math activities.
3B Makayla Improvements with homework.
3C ALL 3C Thank you for your awesome work during Naplan I am very proud of your efforts.
Codi For showing pleasing improvement in Reading Comprehension Skills.
Daniel For an outstanding improvement in handwriting.
Taj For working hard to present neat work at all times
3/4 Sam For showing enthusiasm and commitment to his work in Mathematics.
5A Teira For working so amazingly hard in class and producing work to a high standard.
5B Harry For your amazing sizzling start progress this year. On fire!
Jessica For displaying maturity consistently throughout this year and giving her best to all aspects of learning. Well done!
Jakiha For improving her concentration in class and giving it her best all week! A great improvement
6A Eve For always being a hardworking and enthusiastic member of our class.
6/7A Pia For creating an excellent newspaper model of The Parthenon.
6/7B Blake Excellent work in reading and for trying hard in all areas.
7A Destinee Excellent work ethics, participation and effort in all areas.
Jireh Outstanding improvement with her reading and comprehension.

****** STUDENT OF THE WEEK ******

This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky Tuickshop Vouchers:

- Indiana and Reuben Prep C
- Lachlan 2A Maioha 1B Ethan 2C
- Ciara 3B Kaylee 4C Damien 5C
- Mynaia 6/7B Justin 6/7A Luke 3A
- Fleur 4B Charlotte 5B Emma 6B
- Nicole 7A Mikayla 1C

Congratulations to ALL winners! Enjoy your $2.00 FREE tuckshop and keep up the great work! Well done.

FROM THE OFFICE

- When MAKING PAYMENTS for school, please place the payment in an envelope and CLEARLY MARK the appropriate student’s NAME, CLASS and PURPOSE of PAYMENT.

- State School consent forms need to be returned if you haven’t already.

The requirement is to pay ALL monies to the classroom teacher BEFORE class commences. If paying by DIRECT DEPOSIT PLEASE use student name, class, and reason for payment as reference.

Please note the dreaded head lice are STILL about. Please treat your child if they have head lice and CHECK your child once per week with the conditioner and comb method so we can attempt to eradicate these annoying pests.

Thank you to those who have checked and treated their children already.
Please continue each week :

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.

Email: mark.daniel@harcourts.com.au
Web: www.markdanielharcourts.com.au

Harcourts
P and C News

Tuckhop News

Flexischools online ordering cut off is now 9am.

June special—healthy choice savoury mince rolls (sloppy joes) $3.60

UNIFORM SHOP—Opening hours
Hours are 8:30am-9am Mondays
8:30am-9am Tuesdays
2:30pm-3pm Thursdays
And 2pm-3pm Fridays

CENT SALE—helpers STILL needed—many hands make light work. We still need 15 helpers from GRADES 4,5,6 and 7 Classes please!

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 this Sunday is the Annual Cent Sale. 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 even for a short time as many hands make light work.

The CENT SALE to be held on SUNDAY 1st of JUNE from 1.00 -4pm.

SKOOLBAG and FLEXISCHOOLS...
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.

-JUMPERS are available if you need please see the uniform shop.

-Please name all your child’s belongings. The lost property box near the tuck shop is overflowing. Could you please make time to check for any of your child’s LOST property.

-Teachers are not responsible for children’s belongings. Please ask your child to bring ALL their items home.

-NOTE: LOOM bands are BANNED from school. Do not allow them to come to school at all.

-We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

MONSTER CENT SALE
Sunday JUNE 1st
Tickets on sale from Midday. Starting time 1pm

VICTORIA PARK STATE SCHOOL
in our school hall, Shakespeare St entrance

Lucky Door Prize
Valued at $200
Donated by StanCut Flowers

WIN in ONE of 4 SPOT RAFFLES ON THE DAY

1. A SHIRT
2. PORTABLE BBQ valued at $200 (supported by BDO Gakure)
3. CAMPING PACKAGE
   VOUCHER at Adventure
   Weekender 4Bis 4 AIRLINE
   20011
4. Seasonal

Hot Food
Tea and Coffee
Sandwiches
Cold Drinks & other refreshments from Midsay

Loads of prizes to be won!

Rugby News

Round 1: Our Victoria Park ‘Vicious Pigs’ rugby league team took on Sarina atAbbott Park in round one. A hard tussle in the forwards ensued with both teams exchanging strong defence. Isaac Thomson led from the front with some inspiring defence. Despite being behind at halftime 10 - 4 The pigs eventually found some space out wide and ran away with a convincing 24 – 10 win. ’Tornado’ Tyreeq Salleh-Meadows led from the front with a full 40 minute game and was a worthy recipient of the Razorback - Player of the Match award.

Round 2 was our toughest battle to date. Emmanuel, a regular heavyweight in the John Paap Shield, again proved to be an immovable obstacle. Despite an amazing individual try scored from the kick off by Kori Mooner, the team struggled to contain Emmanuel’s large forward pack and their illusive halves combination. The beaten team gathered at half time but instead of bowed heads the mood was still supremely confident. It was decided to forget the first half and simply start again, what followed, was nothing short of miraculous. In a nail biting finish, the victorious pigs held on to a 28 – 24 win! Exhausted, but far from beaten, team unity and morale was now firmly established. Parents at the game were left speechless by the team’s efforts. The Razorback player of the match, Ilami ‘The Tsunami’ Buli was unstoppable in the centres with his strong line breaks and careful offloads. Having a bye for the next round gave us plenty of recuperation time after this bruising encounter and allowed us to work even harder on our defence at training. Round 4: The team had a good hit out against Slade Point. Wrapping up the match in emphatic style, 46 – nil, the team worked hard to keep their opponents scoreless with an ever improving display of defence. ‘Happy’ Josh Dearden was awarded the Razorback with his determined defence against Slade Points big boppers, despite him playing with a back injury. After the match, The Vicious Pigs war cry echoed throughout the grounds signalling this teams intent to go all the way this year. The Vicious Pigs next game is verse Fitzgerald on Wednesday the 21st of May at 4pm, Abbot Park field 2. Come down and be entertained.

All are welcome. Coach - Dan Logan
Each fortnight some of our class teachers offer Insights and Updates on what is happening in their class. This fortnight we hear from: Mrs Dobbie and Mrs Arvidson regarding Under 8’s Day:

Last Tuesday Prep and Year One students celebrated Under 8’s Day with a morning of fun and creativity. Our day commenced with a performance from one of our very talented Year One parents, Shelle. She sang two songs from her recent CD of children’s songs called ‘Let’s Sing with Shelle’. She entertained the crowd singing ‘Buckle me up in the Back Seat’ and ‘Hey Mr Monkey’ with her friends Mr Monkey and Clown. Students moved independently from a variety of hands on activities. These included an obstacle course, giant marble painting, parachute games, belly dancing, kite and book mark making, face painting, threading and dress ups. The talented Miss Swan transformed the children into fairies, super heroes and princesses with her face painting skills.

The morning was a great success thanks to the support of parents, students from Mackay State High and our belly dancer Rhiannon. All students had a fabulous time and we look forward to doing it all again next year.

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.

Temporary relief cleaner wanted for Walkerston State School from 02/06/2014 for period unknown.

Hours are 2:15pm – 6pm daily.

Please phone Jan or Linda on 49594333 for more information.

Insights and Updates on what is happening in their class.

More Sorry Day pictures

Our School Yarning circle thank you to all who helped make it happen.