Congratulations to our Victoria Park Students who represented our school remarkably well at Fanfare. Their hard work was rewarded with a Gold and Bronze Award. Strings received Gold and Concert band received Bronze—well done to you all!

Instrumental Camp
On the 26th May a selected group of Victoria Park students were bussed to Whitsunday Instrumental Camp at Cooee Bay PCYC in Yeppoon. Students were selected by Mrs Milles to go to this Adventurous Camp. Year 6 students were: Alicia and Emma Pattemore, Alexander Odger and Mark Padrigano. Year 7’s selected were Kai Armstrong and Alec Scott.

These lucky students made amazing music. Strings were taught by Mrs Mora, Mrs Boyd and Miss Menzies. The band teachers were Mr Johnston, Mrs New, Mr Denings, Mr Bayliss, Mr Matthews and Ms Patch. Of course we wouldn’t have been there without our fantastic coordinators Mrs Green and our very own Mrs Miller.

We were treated to beautiful beach walks every morning and once were lucky enough to see dolphins and sea wildlife at the look out. We played music for 6 hours each day. We were sorted into groups called dorms and were named after Musical Terms. Each team battled for top score. One of the teams with the Vic park girls in WON! And all received a movie ticket.

After five tiring days we performed in Mackay at Fitzgerald State School and won over the crowd. Students form Victoria Park who received a medal were: Alice & Imogen—Best Strings Emma—Best Lower Brass

NOTICE TO PARENT AND CAREGIVERS
Student absences must be reported by parent or caregiver—sister or brother reporting is not acceptable.
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

“It is never too late to be what you might have been”
– George Eliot (Mary Anne Evans 1819-1880)

Teachers are currently finalising student report cards for the first semester of the year. The reports summarise what students have learned, how well they have achieved and outline where their learning journey will go to next. Report cards are another way of providing feedback to children and parents about student learning. It is a basis for children, parents and teachers to develop new learning goals for the next term, are there learnings that need to be retaught or require more practice or are there some learnings that are already known and don’t require in-depth teaching again? The following article from Michael Grose from Parenting Ideas provides some thought provoking reading.

Reading your child’s report

Could try harder . . . always does her best . . . lacks concentration . . . easily distracted . . . a pleasure to teach . . . Do these comments, taken from a batch of student reports sound familiar? Student reports bring mixed feelings for parents. Pleasure and pride if they are performing well but considerable angst when children are not progressing as you hoped. Reports can mean anxiety for children too. Will my parents be disappointed or proud? This is the main concern of most children. Kids of all ages take their cues from their parents, so your reaction to their school report can affect the way they see themselves as learners and as people.

Before you rip open the sealed envelope containing the report do a little self-check to see if you are in the right frame of mind:

1 Are your expectations for your son or daughter realistic and in line with their ability? Expectations are tricky. If they are too high then kids can be turned off learning. Too low and there is nothing to strive for. Pitch your expectations in line with your child’s abilities. A quick check of your child’s last report cards may provide you with a good yardstick.

2 Do you believe that children learn at different rates? There are slow bloomers, late developers and steady-as-you-go kids in every classroom, so avoid comparing your child to siblings, your friends’ children and even yourself when you were a child. Instead look for individual progress.

3 Are you willing to safeguard your child’s self-esteem rather than deflate it? Self-confidence is a pre-requisite for learning, so be prepared to be as positive and encouraging as possible. School reports come in different formats. Some are prescriptive while some use grading systems such as A, B, C, etc. with room for teacher comments. Regardless of the format school reports should provide you with an idea of your child’s progress in all subject areas, their attitude and social development.

Here are some ideas to consider when you open your child’s report:

Focus on strengths Do you look for strengths or weaknesses first? The challenge is to focus on strengths even if they are not in the traditional 3Rs or core subjects.

Take into account your child’s effort and attitude to learning. If the report indicates that effort is below standard, then you have something to work on. If your child is putting in the required effort, then you cannot ask any more than that, regardless of the grading.

Broaden your focus away from academic performance to form a picture of your child’s progress as a member of a social setting. How your child gets along with his or her peers will influence his/her happiness and well-being, as well as give an indicator to his/her future. The skills of independence and co-operation are highly valued by employers so don’t dismiss these as unimportant.

Take note of student self-assessment Kids are generally very honest and will give a realistic assessment of their progress. They are generally very perceptive so take note of their opinions.

Discuss the report with your son or daughter talking about strengths first before looking at areas that need improvement. Ask for their opinion about how they performed and discuss their concerns.

After reports are read and discussed celebrate your child’s efforts with a special activity or treat. In this way you will recognise progress and remind them that the holidays are just around the corner when they can forget about assessment, tests and reports for a while.


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Every Day Counts

Congratulations to 2C and 4B who have had the highest attendance over the past two weeks. 4B’s class attendance for last week was 100%. What an outstanding achievement.

Our school goal is to have our average student attendance rate to be 95% for the year. This can only be achieved with children attending school every day. Parents and carers can continue to assist the school to realise our goal by:

• Having children arrive to start instruction daily by 8.30 am.
• Organising appointments outside of school time whenever possible.
• Keeping children who are unwell at home to minimise the spread of infection throughout the class.

When children miss a day of school it is a day of learning that is lost. There are times when children are sick, on family holiday, family emergencies arise or you have been out of town for work reasons. As a guide, activities such as shopping, haircuts, visiting family and friends, caring for siblings, or tiredness are not acceptable reasons for student absences.

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Our year 5’s travelled to the MECC recently to view the dramatisation of the 13 Storey Treehouse by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton. Students have been learning how to transform a written text into a dramatic film and digital text. After reading the novel in class, students were astounded to see this novel come to life in such a successful dramatisation. The show’s finale included an enormous animatronic gorilla which was thankfully defeated by 13 flying “Catnaries”.

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

1A Shakira Amazing effort writing about Crunch the Crocodile!!
Nate Amazing effort in reading! Impress your teacher!
1B Prabhnoor For being a superstar learner in the classroom and making amazing improvements in her reading and writing.
1C Kaeli and Tristan For being a Super Sight Word Wiz and knowing all 200 sight words.
Jonathan Blowing everyone’s mind with your magical maths brain!
1/2 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 Kianna For always trying her best and for being a responsible student.
Olivia For being an enthusiastic learner.
Wynei For trying hard to stay on task and get work completed.
2C Mischa For excellent cursive handwriting skills
Hamish For always working hard on his Maths activities
3B Mwansa For consistently putting her best foot forward.
Makayla Improvements with homework.
3C Daniel For an outstanding improvement in handwriting.
Taj For working hard to present neat work at all times.
Shilo For always working to the best of her ability.
Krystal For being a conscientious worker in all subject areas
3/4 Sam For showing enthusiasm and commitment to his work in Mathematics
4B Sadhia For a great start in Grade 4b
Emily For consistently trying her best at all times
4C Jake For consistent top marks with his weekly spelling words
5A Levi For being such a fantastic Sports Trials Helper.
5B Jessica For displaying maturity consistently throughout this year and giving her best to all aspects of learning. Well done!
Jakiah For improving her concentration in class and giving it her best all week! A great improvement.
5C Grace A considerate student who always works to the best of her ability.
Kyle Trying really hard with his reading and number facts.
6A Eve For always being a hardworking and enthusiastic member of our class.
Dylan For great improvements with his attitude towards school. Keep it up!
6B India For consistency in everything she attempts
6/7A Ben Excellent work on History Test
6/7B Adam and Jayden Excellent work on their History Test
7A Jireh Outstanding improvement with her reading and comprehension.
Cameron Superb effort and results on History tasks and assessment.

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**FROM THE OFFICE**

**This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky Tuckshop Vouchers:**
Not available this fortnight

**Cross Country**
Last week Mitchell Rhule, Mayson Armstrong, Will Morgan and Jed Theiber competed at the Capricornia Cross Country Carnival. A big congratulations to Mayson and Will for making the Capricornia Team. Thank you to Mrs Elworthy for this wonderful news.

**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.

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**The Vic Park Vicious Pigs Rugby Team**

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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 :)

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**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.**

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.
P and C News

Our Cent Sale raised approximately $8000 - this is due to a dedicated band of volunteers and the students who dressed in uniform (on a Sunday) and ran prizes back and forward all day. Special thanks to those who helped and donated items for the day.

BBQ’s Galore and Starcut Flowers Fourways always support us and we thank you once again. We would encourage our school community to shop with these businesses to return the support given.

Tuckshop News

CLOSED FRIDAY OF WEEK 9 AND 10
Term 2—20th and 27th June due to lack of volunteers

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
Fridays
2:30pm-3pm

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 .

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 STILL available if you need please see the uniform shop.

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

Rugby News

Round 6 was definitely our toughest assignment to date. St Mary’s, like us, stood undefeated. Sure, we had been tested at times by other teams but nothing came close to this clash of titans.

One of Vic Park’s finest sons, Kain Paskins, was still out injured and many of our other First XIII carried niggling injuries into the game. Nevertheless, more and more young players have responded to the squeal of the wounded pigs and put their hand up to join the quest to hold aloft the John Paap Shield. Needless to say, on Wednesday our bench bristled with the next generation of razorbbacks keen to sharpen their tusks. We opened the scoring with Kori, demonstrating again just how quick and evasive he is by slicing through the St Mary’s backline virtually untouched to score. St Mary’s seemed shell – shocked and were unable to complete their sets. They slowly regathered to come back at us hard with some good metres gained by their big forwards. The pigs repelled these efforts though, with sustained pressure from our defence and this afforded us possession on numerous occasions. St Mary’s struggled to hold the ball with bone jarring defence from Captain Isaac and Kynan in particular. St Mary’s defence also stood firm and they too seemed impenetrable.

Late in the first half, after a freakish converted, score levelling try to St Mary’s, the Vicious Pigs gathered for a halftime conference. They were battered, bruised and breathless, but the Vic. Park ‘never say die’ ethos oozed forth from the team. The score may have read 6 all, but the team felt we had a razorbaks edge. The second half war of attrition continued, with our interchange bench being used to exhaustion. Ilami and Razorback Player Of the Match, Jimmy Butlin, epitomized the Vic Park spirit as they bravely soldiered on, reluctant to be replaced and leave their team for any amount of time. The pigs fought on.

Parents and coaching staff were gripped by the drama and all were out of their seats waiting to see who would emerge victors. Just when a stalemate seemed inevitable, it was St Mary’s who scored first with another converted try out wide to increase their lead to 12-6. Only minutes remained…. and the ball was being thrown around like a hot potato. We needed something special and it was ‘Happy’ Josh Dearden who provided the breakthrough. After picking up the scraps in broken play, Josh fended off 4 tackles and broke through down the sideline. Opposition players scrambled, while our halfback, Destiny Whiriskey, also took off in support. Nearing the try line, Josh managed to step the fullback on his injured knee eventually falling over in the corner to score. He was slow to get up after the rest of the team caught up with him and piled atop. The cheers from the sideline were deafening. The score was now 12-10 and that was how it remained until full time, as the squeal of the wounded pigs and put their hand up to join the quest to hold aloft the John Paap Shield. Needless to say, on Wednesday our conversion went painfully close but flew across the face of the up-rights.

Both teams congratulated each other in a hard fought but fair match. Players limped off to the applause of the thankful crowd. But the Vicious Pigs weren’t finished just yet. As was the custom of past Vic. Park teams ever since the summer of 1969, the cry went out and the team responded with the Vicious Pigs war-cry. Cameron’s remark after the game seemed to sum up the confrontation perfectly, “That was the BEST game I’ve ever played in”. Yeah, we’d lost on the scoreboard that day but each player walked away proud of their resolve and resilience and most importantly with broad smiles on their faces. After all, this game was the best preparation we could of hoped for for what lies ahead……. Stay tuned for the finals of the John Paap Shield and also the upcoming NRL Development Cup!

Coach Dan Logan
McDonalds Maths Competition
On Tuesday 27th May, Victoria Park State School sent 2 teams to the Year 6/7 McDonalds Maths Competition held at St. Francis School. The students who took part in the competition were:

**Team One**- Destinee Whirisky, Jirah Corpuz, Ziluo Huang, Jade Storey, Lani Hinks,

**Team Two**- Adam Williamson, Ben Porter, Lucas Warde, Lachlan Keates and Nick Watt.

Teams were involved in two events at the competition, the team challenge where the whole team worked together to answer a range of questions and the Relay Event, where students worked in pairs to answer questions and rotated within their team. Both teams worked exceptionally well together to answer some very difficult problem solving questions and should be commended on their efforts. Well Done!

Chappie News
Hi everyone! Term 2 has been very busy. I have loved being part of the school garden club. The P&C, parents and students have all done such a fantastic job in the garden. It is looking wonderful, so much is growing. I run gardening club every Thursday and Friday at lunch time. Mrs Michelle Hansen also runs gardening club the other days. The students are so keen and love seeing their garden grow. I have also been running the Real Me Program with Mrs Willett for some Year 6/7 girls. The girls are enjoying the various topics, we have had some wonderful presenters from the community including Kim from Mackay Cutters, he presented goal setting (see picture below). I have also been assisting some students with a Social Detectives computer program. Friends for Life has also commenced this term. This is an emotional resilience program and has been offered to some Year 4 students. Breakfast club is happening, every Thursday & Friday mornings from 8am. I would like to thank all the volunteers who help at Breakfast club every week. I would also like to thank the companies that donate every week to the Breakfast club, they are Bakers Delight, Canelands, Woolworths, Canelands and the Red Cross. I hope you all enjoy the upcoming school holidays.

Chappy Michelle.

A note from the school photographer
We took the following special group photos:
- Choir
- Court Band
- Cultural Captains
- House Captains
- Indigenous Leaders
- Library Monitors
- Photographers
- Recorder Band
- School & Vice Captains
- String Ensemble
- Student Representative Council

These presentations are 8”x12” group photo presentations with the children standing together with their individual portraits below. These special group photo presentations are available for purchase for only $27 ea by collecting an envelope from the school office.

You have until **Wednesday, 25th June 2014** to purchase at this price (orders placed after 25th June will incur a $20 search fee as the images will then be archived). If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your photo day experience with us, we would love to hear your feedback on 4921 3355 or by email to schoolphotos.cq@msp.com.au