SNOWY MOUNTAINS HERE WE COME

We left Mackay on Tuesday morning to fly to Sydney where we visited numerous places including the Sydney Opera House, Sydney Eye Tower which is higher than all the tall buildings, Chinese Restaurant in China Town, saw the movie "Maleficent" at the George Street Cinema and explored for bargains at Paddy’s Markets.

We travelled to Canberra by bus and then visited Old and New Parliament Houses where we saw our Prime Minister Tony Abbott giving a speech in the House of Representatives, saw the view from the roof of new parliament house, Visited the War Memorial, Questicon, CSIRO, Australian Institute of Sport and The Mint.

We travelled to Cooba for the night before travelling to Perisher to have fun in the snow. We had lots of snow fights, tobogganing and tubing in the snow. It was really cold but the snow was just great. Then it was back to Cooba for the night and back to Sydney by bus where we almost missed out flight home.

Best thing we did: Lachlan – can’t pick the best as the whole trip was the best, Alex – loved the snow and both the science centres visited, Alice – the snow was the highlight as well as Paddy’s Markets.

Thank you to Mrs Duffy for organising the trip and to Mr Shepherd, Miss Morrell, Mr Lamont, Mrs Gardner and Mrs Duffy for keeping us safe and chasing our belongings all trip.

It is imperative that students are NOT on school premises until AFTER 8am.

There is NO supervision on campus and it is parent’s or guardian’s responsibility to arrange before school care if you cannot stay with your child before school begins at 8.30am.

This is a SAFETY ISSUE

Thank you.

Attendance Cup winners this week were: 1C

100% attendance

Wow!

Gotcha card total for the fortnight: 381
Total for the year so far: 3241
Welcome back to Victoria Park SS for Term 3. Last Term conclud-
ed with the school buzzing with the excitement of the impending holidays. I trust that everyone was able to take advantage of the great weather (even though winter arrived on the holidays) and enjoyed some great time with your family members. This Term begins with the excitement of our Year 6 and 7 students preparing to go on their excursion to Sydney and Canberra. This term will be 10 weeks in duration with a number of significant events being held throughout the term. The main events include the Year 5, 6 and 7 camps, Mackay District Athletics, National Literacy and Numeracy Week, Mackay Orchestra and Bands, our School Concert and Parent, Teacher and Student interviews. You can check what is happening at Victoria Park School by logging onto our website www.vicparkss@eq.edu.au and navigating to the Calendar and Events tag or downloading the Skoolbag app to your Smartphone.

Staffing
This Term we welcome back Miss O’May to Victoria Park and the Year 5C class. Mrs Elizabeth Doyle will be working with the Prep 1 class for the remainder of the year and Mrs Dinsdale will teach the Year 6A class when Miss French is on leave. Mrs Dinsdale is currently working with the Prep C class while Mrs Arvidson is on leave for the first two weeks of school.

Report Cards & Attendance
Report Cards were distributed to families on the final day of last term. Families who were away on the day and who have not made arrangements to have the reports forwarded by mail or email are able to contact the school office and make arrangements for the collection of the children’s Report Card.

The Report Cards provide a wonderful opportunity for parents and children to sit and talk about what children have learnt, the successes children have had and the opportunity to set goals for the upcoming term.

One of our school goals for this year is to have at least 80% of students achieve a “C level or higher” for the subjects of English and Maths across all year levels. The table below illustrates our progress toward achieving this goal for semester one this year. Class teachers are now putting in place strategies to support more students to raise their achievement level to a “C level or higher.”

Student’s English result is a combination of the strands of Reading, Writing (including Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar) and Speaking. Student’s Mathematics result is a combination of the strands of Number & Algebra, Measurement & Geometry and Statistics & Probability.

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Also included on the Report Card is a record of each student’s attendance for the semester. This is displayed as the total number of days absent and the number of Unexplained Absences. Every Day Counts and the days students miss school are days of learning that the students cannot make up. It is time lost. We all have a right to an education to set ourselves up for life after school. We also have the responsibility to make sure that we engage with the opportunities our education system provides to us.

Victoria Park State School and Mackay State High School are providing an excellent opportunity for our Year 6 students to attend Mackay State High School for a “Transition into High School” experience. The visits will be spread across Weeks 2 and 3 of this Term to ensure our Year 6 students are able to attend and experience what it will be like at high school.

Students will need to bring:
- hat
- water bottle
- closed in shoes
- wear full school uniform
- pen and paper

The students will attend a Science and an Agricultural Science lesson from approximately 12.10pm-2.10pm on the consecutive Fridays in weeks 2 & 3. We are providing transport to and from Mackay State High School with no cost to parents.

Only those students enrolled at Mackay State High School for 2015 are eligible to attend due to the structure of the classes. Those students not attending will be provided with work and participate in a normal school day.

Tuck shop News

Flexischools online ordering cut off is now 9am.

FROM MONDAY 28th July—spaghetti bolognaise is available for $5.00 until end of August

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

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 ..

P and C News

President—Michelle Hansen  Treasurer –Kathy Walz
Vice President—Di Bear
Email to: pandc@vicparkss.eq.edu.au
Phone contact—0438576784 for all enquiries
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

1A Nate: Amazing start to the term. Well done!!
1C Rylee and Justin: For having an amazing start to the term. Keep it up!
1/2 Taya: Thank you Taya for consistently showing how to follow our School Rules. You are magnificent!
   Kieran: You have been working so very hard and your manners and attitude toward school have been absolutely amazing. Keep it up!
2A Bailee: For consistently working hard in all areas of learning. Keep up the good work!
2B Jackson and Kaleb: For having an amazing start to the term. Keep up the good work!
2C Chelsea: For always trying her best with class tasks.
   Alex: For trying hard with a writing task.
3A Whole class: For fantastic listening and patient waiting skills while working with Mrs Wilson in Geography.
   Nathanial: For being a responsible learner.
   Jordan: For a fantastic start to the term and being a ready learner.
3B Reynan: For being organised and ready to learn each session of every day!
3C Libby and Jack: For always displaying the attributes that make an outstanding learner.
3/4 Amelia: Writing a fabulous fable
4A Lockie: For a smooth transition into his new class.
4B Tyler: For showing great resilience towards others and for trying his best at all times.
5A Colby: For always being a positive and enthusiastic learner.
5B Jessica: For beginning the term with a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards learning
   Jesse: For beginning the term with a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards learning
5C Alba and Grace: For her magnificent maths mind.
6B Kacee: For Magnificent Effort with Miss Kelly

This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky
Tuckshop Vouchers:

Prep Taylor, Dylan
Yr 1 Jack, Jaccoa    Yr 4 River, Emily
Yr 2 Charlotte, Billy    Yr 5 Kamie-Lee, Kaitlin
Yr 3 Charlotte, Amelia    Yr 6 Francis, Lewi
Yr 7 Raven, Frances

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.

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.

Let's get rid of HEADLICE

All you have to do are 2 TREATMENTS on each child. Here are some tips:
You can buy Head lice treatments which do become expensive but we do have another option.
If using store bought Head lice treatments please follow the directions on the packaging.
It may seem a little weird but MAYONaise or THICK CONDITIONER are options that you already have in your house. This is an option without using harsh chemicals but does take longer.

Step 1 – apply the product of choice, wrap in cling wrap or wear a shower cap for 8 hours (just before you go to bed is best). Using this method it must be 8 hours .
Step 2 – wash out and then comb with a wire Head lice comb in small sections until you find no more eggs or lice.
Step 3 – To guarantee you remove ALL head lice these steps MUST be repeated within 5 – 7 days just to make sure that the life cycle of the head lice does not start again.

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

Harcourts
P and C News -Tuckshop Roster please call 0438576784 if you can help

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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. Download the SKOOLBAG APP – This APP can be downloaded FREE from google play or the APP store. All you have to do is search SKOOLBAG Victoria Park State School and download. Keep as updated as possible with information from the school.

LOST PROPERTY there is an awful amount of lost property (including expensive jumpers) outside children’s’ classrooms and in the lost property box. PLEASE check outside your child’s classroom and name all of your child’s belongings.

CHRISTMAS FAIR The organising committee is meeting on Mon 28th at 2:30pm for 20 minutes. ALL WELCOME. We would love your ideas.

SCHOOL PHOTO FEEDBACK—Please forward your feedback to the P&C email address by Tuesday 12th August.

Help Us Win $5,000 to Improve Our School
At Victoria Park State School we believe it’s very important to encourage our students to lead active and healthy lifestyles. Through our participation in the Adidas School Fun Run – a healthy alternative to the traditional chocolate fundraising drives – we have been eligible to enter a program called ‘CUA Community Care’ that gives us the chance to win $5,000 for a school or community project of our choice.

This program is a community-focused initiative from CUA, Australia’s largest customer-owned financial institution and our project proposal is to create an outdoor eating area next to the hall. We’re up against 8 other schools in the area to take out the $5,000 prize and given the winner will be determined by community voting - we need your votes! Voting is open from 28 July – 24 August and you can register your vote online at www.cuacomunitycare.com.au and in CUA’s Mackay branch located at Shop 16, Mount Pleasant Shopping Centre, Phillip St, in Mackay. Each person can make one online and one in-branch vote. So, please give us your support and help us win $5,000 to improve our school.

P&C WORKING BEE
A working bee will be held this Saturday 26th July 2.00 to 5.00pm ALL WELCOME
Mrs Arvidson is on Long Service Leave for the first two weeks of this term. During this time Mrs Dinsdale will be replacing her. The Preps are lucky enough to also have Mrs Tulloch (Teacher Aide) and Miss Lowe (Student Teacher). This week we have been learning lots; rhyming words, weather facts, features of our local environment, mass (heavy and light), as well as engaging in regular reading, singing songs, writing practice and jolly phonics. What busy children they have been!

Congratulations again to Sophie Dinsdale from 3C who was awarded her Runners Up Certificate in the 3/4 short story category. She also received a $30 Collins Bookstore Voucher at the Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival opening night on Wednesday 16th July. It was a great opportunity for her to meet a variety of guest authors and illustrators; Morris Gleitzman presented her with the award and she was encouraged to enter again in 2015.

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Attention Parents/Carers of Catholic Baptised Children

If you wish your child to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion you are invited to an INFORMATION SESSION to be held at St Francis Xavier School Hall, Holland St, West Mackay on Thursday 31st July, commencing at 5.15pm. Your child/children have to be 7 years of age or older. Letters which contain further information together with registration forms are available from Victoria Park School office.

Thank you to the Amazing Security Staff at Mackay Airport for hand delivering lost property for one of our campers.

Parent Seminar

Every parent wants their child to grow up happy, healthy, strong and kind. That’s what resilience is all about. We can strengthen children’s capacity to manage adolescence better - and we can also build this life-capacity during adolescence. In this seminar, Maggie explores her 10 key resilience building blocks for childhood as well as looking at the essential value of healthy sport during adolescence. She acknowledges there is no “perfect” way and that change, adversity and failure can actually help our kids grow stronger and smarter.

Date: Friday 15th August 2014
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Venue: Mackay Christian College JNR campus
Cost: $10 per person
Booking: Christen at mackay@ecta.org.au or 04 1791 5355

SENSORY MOVIE DAY
27TH OF JULY AT 2PM

Tickets are $8.00 each
Companion 1/2 Card Accepted
Children 2yrs and under are free
Birch Carroll & Coyle Mackay North Cinemas
Grandview Drive, North Mackay QLD 4740
For more information email Katie on
sensorymovieday.mackay@hotmail.com

Face Painting starts at 1pm, spot prizes and every child receives an animal balloon at the end of the movie
Sensory Movie Day Mackay is an inclusive event for families with special needs.
Lighting on dim, sound lowered, volunteers at doors for those escape artists.
Children are free to move around, flap or stim.
This is a no judgment screening.
Refunds are available within the first 40mins.
No Diagnosis required, siblings and extended family are welcome.

FOR UPDATES LIKE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE: SENSORY MOVIE DAY MACKAY
ALSO EMAIL: sensorymovieday.mackay@hotmail.com TO JOIN THE MAILING LIST