12/14
21st August 2014
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM 3 2014
School banking due every Thursday
EVERY MONDAY AT 2:15 pm
WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE
Saturday 23rd August
Kitchen Garden Working Bee 2pm-5pm
See Skoolbag App for details
Friday 29th August
FREE dress day Smith Family—please bring a gold coin
Rats of Tobruk Ceremony in Queens Park
5:30pm-all students welcome-please wear your school uniform
5th September
Premiers Reading challenge DUE
8th-10th Sept
Year 5 Camp at The Caves
Monday 15th Sept
School concert at MECC
ALL grade levels, choir, Jnr Band, Concert Band, Beginner Strings, String Ensemble
10th October NEW DATE!
Free Dress—Come dressed as “What I will be when I grow up” - gold coin donation
17th October
Chalk and Parent Direct catalogues due
22nd November
School Christmas Fair

Congratulations OUR Strings and Band won GOLD at MOB Competition on the WEEKEND!

Attendance Cup winners this week were:
3A and 6/7A
Well done !!

BE RESPECTFUL

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
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

"Change your thoughts and you change your world.”
~Norman Vincent Peale

2014 School Improvement Goals

- 80% of students in each year level attain a “C” standard or higher for English, Maths and Science.
- Student attendance rate for 2014 is 95%.
- 90% of teachers reach mastery in the use of Explicit Instruction as the school’s signature teaching strategy.
- Year 6&7 students are prepared for transitioning into Junior Secondary.
- Australian Curriculum for Geography is successfully implemented. Teachers use student achievement data to inform planning for student learning.

We are all Respectful

Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students. 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. It is a way that we create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors.

People who enter the school grounds and are hostile or aggressive, this includes 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.

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.

As a parent, how can I help my child be successful at school?

Please ensure your student is getting plenty of sleep and they have some sort of device to wake them up in the morning. They should eat a well-balanced breakfast so that they can have a great day at school. Please make sure that your child has a safe and secure mode of transport to and from school so that they can arrive on time.

Some ways you can help your child succeed at school

1. Make sure your child is at school every day. Once they are behind in school work, it is very hard for students to catch up. There is no substitute for attendance.
2. Even when your child tells you they have no homework, they DO! They should at the very least be reading, learning spelling and number facts. For our older students, reviewing notes from the day’s lessons and writing down the main concepts they learned in each lesson that day. This revision will help them achieve the best possible outcome.
3. Designate a time and place for your child to do homework. If they do not have homework, have them use the time to read over their notes from the day and revise. Even just read!

Routine is important to set up good Habits for success.

NAPLAN Reports

The 2014 Naplan results were released on Monday this week. We are expecting to receive the individual student Naplan reports this week. Individual student reports will be distributed to parents and caregivers promptly after delivery to the school.

New Change Rooms

The new change rooms for the school pool have arrived and are being installed in preparation for the upcoming swimming season. There are more than 20 individual change cubicles within the building that will provide students with more room and privacy when they change before and after swimming lessons. The project is funded through the Smart School Subsidy Program and the P&C.

School Attendance

Student attendance this term has risen strongly. Students have taken up the challenge of making “Every Day Count”. The whole school student attendance rate for the year to date is 93.4% with the current attendance rate for this term at 94.3%. The table below has the attendance rates for each year level for the year and for this term. Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 are setting the pace so far this term.

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Congratulations

What a highly talented group of musicians we have at Victoria Park SS. It was GOLD! GOLD! GOLD! for the school’s String Ensemble and Concern Band at the recent Mackay Orchestra and Bands Performances on the weekend. Well Done to all our musicians, Instrumental Music teachers – Mrs Sue Moira and Mr Matthew Johnston, Mrs Jenny Milles, Ms Li Li Shan and to all parents and caregivers who support their children’s music learning.

Chappy News

I recently handed out forms for Camp Eagle which will be on the 12th, 13th & 14th September. This camp is for Year 6 & 7 students and is also open to other schools. The camp is voluntary and run by School Chaplains and other community members. Registration forms and money to be returned to Chappy Michelle as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Chappy Michelle
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Prep C Jett and Indianna For consistently being classroom superstars.
Prep/1 Ella For writing interesting sentences
Paige For great reading and always listening
1A Nathanial Being an active learner! Keep it up!!
Xanda Amazing improvement in spelling!!
1B Prabhnoor Amazing work on writing a retell of Goldilocks and the three bears.
1C Cruze Bringing a fabulous work ethic to school every day.
Jamal Bringing a fabulous work ethic to school every day.
2A Zed Fantastic Procedure writing.
Stacey For being a responsible student who is always ready to learn.
2B Britney For improved handwriting and effort. Keep up the great work.
Tia For being a responsible learner who is always prepared and ready to learn.
Alyssa For being a responsible learner who is always prepared and ready to learn.
2C Matt Improved spelling results
Etienne Consistently achieving excellent number fact results
Kaylani Writing an awesome procedure.
Darby Excellent handwriting formations
3A Jessica For always having a go at all learning tasks.
Jude For being a fantastic listener and worker.
Sophie For being a responsible and organised learner.
Taya For working hard in all learning areas.
3B Seth Fabulous retell opening paragraph.
Mwansa For using many language features in her retell.
3C Nina and Sophie For achieving 100% in her Spelling, Dictation and Number Facts Test – an outstanding achievement.
3/4 Lachlan Ignoring distractions and remembering to be a learner.
Zachary For a fantastic improvement in behaviour and making the right choices in the classroom.
Ethan For being a responsible learner who is always prepared and ready to learn.
4B Filip For being a four star learner, trying his best in all areas, well mannered and willing to help peers.
4C Emma For being a four star learner and making better choices in the classroom.
Kimberley For her positive approach to learning and helping others in the classroom.
Hannah For being a four star learner and working hard to improve her weekly spelling results.
5A Demitri For his commitment to improving his reading in reading groups. Well done.
5B Destiny For her dedication to concert rehearsal. Well done.
Shanita For consistently gaining 100% on spelling and number fact tests. A great achievement!
5C Jamie-Lee For mastering multiplication algorithms. Top Job.
Kyle Impressive improvement with his inferential comprehension.
6A Liam An amazing effort in maths! WOW! Keep up the great work.
6B Jack For knuckling down on his work and writing a great letter to the future.
6/7ATilyana Working well in all areas.
Jacob For achieving 100% in Vocab tests this term.
6/7B Destiny Great effort in all areas, setting goals and achieving them!
Austin For achieving 100% in Vocab tests this term.
7A Beyonce Superb effort and completion of tasks in all areas.
Kai Excellent work on his English Assessment about Ned Kelly!

**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. Once payment is received a receipt will be sent home with your child. 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.

**final payments for Laptop Fees are due for Year 6&7 by Friday 5 September 2014. (ONLY 2 weeks away).**

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**Music News**

Mackay Orchestra and Bands
It is with great excitement that I let you all know ...........
On Sunday August 17th, our Concert Band and String Ensemble competed at the MOB Competition. Both groups were registered in the intermediate level of the competition (this was the highest level for Primary School groups). Both of our groups presented fantastic performances and achieved a gold award for each group. Victoria Park was the ONLY Primary School to achieve 2 Gold Awards. Congratulations to all of the students involved and very special thank you to Mr Johnston and Mrs Mora for preparing both groups to perform at such a high standard.

**Senior Citizens**
This Thursday August 21st, the Choir, Recorder Ensemble, Concert Band and String Ensemble will be providing entertainment for Mackay Senior Citizens at their Seniors Week celebrations. This is always a very enjoyable morning for our children because they are performing not in a competition but for people who love to see children perform.

**Concert**
Information regarding all music performances for the concert at the MECC on the 15th September will be sent home this week.
**Tuck shop News:** Spaghetti Bolognaise is available for $5.00 until end of August

**UNIFORM SHOP—Opening hours**

Hours: 8:30am-9am Mondays 8:30am-9am Tuesdays 2:30pm-3pm Thursdays and 2:30pm-3pm Fridays

We need a casual volunteer—flexible on days (all training provided) - may help you re-enter workforce.

**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.

**School banking on Thursday** Students receive a gift for every 10 deposits when they hand in their tokens to our P and C banker Tracey Bourke. Your child receives GREAT bonus interest on these accounts and our school receives funds dependent on the number of children who bank with this great school banking initiative.

**New Uniforms** An information sheet has been sent home this week (blue paper) with all the current information.

**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.

**Help Us Win $5,000 to Improve Our School**

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.cuacommunitycare.com.au](http://www.cuacommunitycare.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.

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All students are busy practising for our School Concert at the MECC on the 15th September. Please ensure all notes/ costume requests and any payments required are forwarded to your class teacher ASAP so your child doesn’t miss out. This is an event that only occurs once every two years so it is NOT to be missed.

A note to come home shortly will have your family’s unique number on the information sheet. You have to use this number to purchase tickets from MECC. A limit of three tickets per family applies.

Costs will be one session $9 two sessions $18

Session 1(6pm-7pm) Session 2(7.30-8.45)
Strings Concert band
Choir Year 4
Prep Year 5
Year 1 Year 6
Year 2 Year 7
Year 3A,b,c,3/4 Finale

School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategies

Attendance cup winners P-3
3A

Attendance cup winners 4-7
6/7A

GOTCHAS this fortnight 1006
Gotchas so far this year 4971
GOLD: Week 5-1 winner
SILVER: Week 5 –7 winners
BRONZE: Week 6 –37 winners

This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky Tuckshop Vouchers:
PREP-Mishka Amelia
Year1-Kali Thomas
Year2-Isobel Raiden
Year3-Daniel Leo
Year4-Sarah Fleur
Year5-Grace Natarsha
Year6-Jasper Joe
Year7- Kauri Jazmyne

Rule of the week
Be Responsible: coming to and from school on bikes/buses: be responsible for your own behaviour at all times; leave school promptly if not waiting for an adult; wait quietly and sensibly at the Stop-Drop-Go area and bus stops.

Nigel Dalton from Mackay Police visited Year 5-7 to educate the students about bullying and cyber safety. Comments from Year 7 Students: I didn’t know one innocent photo could start so much trouble – Nicholas Nigel told us the importance of internet safety – Kai

Fiona Paterson from Mackay City Council Waste Trailer visited VPSS to explain to the students the importance of Reduce, Re-use, Recycle and Worm Farming. Comments from Year 7 Students: The worms looked gross however Fiona explained all about them– Lani I learnt about the importance of worm farming and their use in the garden - Mikayla

Students at VPSS participated and enjoyed a performance called ‘From Halfway around the World’ in which they heard stories and poems from other countries. Comments from Year 7 Students: I really liked how interactive it was and how much he made me laugh – Alec

The performance was hilarious and I wish I could keep the turtle; he was the best part - Cameron