15/14
9th Oct 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 4 2014
School Banking due every Thursday

EVERY MONDAY AT 2:15 pm
WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE

10th October NEW DATE!
Free Dress—Come dressed as 'What I will be when I grow up' - gold coin donation to P and C

15th October: special date
P and C meeting 5:30pm
In Library all welcome

16th October
Year 3 in school camp
Covering Geography, Science AND English

17th October
Chalk and Parent Direct catalogues due

20th October
Student FREE day

22nd November
School Christmas Fair

12th December
End of Term 4
Every Day Counts

SCHOOL WATCH
IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS
PLEASE CALL 131788 to report

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Congratulation to all participants in the cross country last Term. Our winners were Jupiter House with 540 points (Mercury 509 Neptune 485)

Below are our year level champions from the day.

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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.

Please arrange your child’s collection from school BEFORE you drop them off in the morning.
The office is unable to take calls regarding cancelling buses or changes to your family's arrangements. In an emergency please do not hesitate to call. If there is NO emergency however, no messages will be passed onto your child after the 1:10 bell. Too much interruption to learning is occurring with many phone calls after this time. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Insurance: Please ensure you have adequate Health Insurance for your children it is up to each parent/carer to provide the necessary insurance for their family as the school does not cover any health issues.
Welcome back to the final term of the 2014 school year. The September holidays were a very welcome break for everyone after what was a very busy term of learning punctuated with camps, Teaching and Learning Audit, Discipline Audit and the big one our School Concert. I trust everyone had the opportunity to put your feet up, spend some time with family and friends, rest and recharge for the upcoming term.

Term 4 will no doubt be a busy time for us all. Teachers and students will be continuing to work on what is core business for schools – Learning & Teaching, as well as squeezing into the school calendar all the other school activities that are part of school life – Parent, Teacher & Student Interviews, Eisteddfod performances, the School Fair, Report Cards, Prep Orientation, Year 6 & 7 Orientation into Junior Secondary and the many end of year awards and celebration activities.

A very warm welcome is extended to the new families who have chosen to continue their children’s education here at Victoria Park SS. I often receive emails from families moving to Mackay and wanting to enrol their children into the school. Many of these families have had our school recommended to them from other families both current and past.

This term Miss Melanie Benjamin has joined our school team. Melanie replaces Mrs Karryn Brunetto who is expecting her second child in October. On behalf of the Victoria Park SS community I extend our best wishes to Karryn, her husband Frank and son Salvatore on the impending addition to their family.

Classes for 2015
Accompanying this newsletter is our annual questionnaire seeking parent and carer feedback regarding your plans for your child’s education in 2015. This information assists the school in planning staffing requirements for the beginning of the 2015 school year. Teachers, in consultation with the Administration and Student Support team members will begin developing classes for 2015. Classes are developed based on a mix of gender, academic achievement, behaviour issues, student support requirements and most importantly student friendship groups.

There is no guarantee that students will be placed in any particular class, with any particular child or group of children or with any particular teacher.

Teacher transfers for 2015 were released at the conclusion of Term 3. Teachers transferring into Victoria Park for the beginning of 2015 are Mr Daniel Bromiley and Mrs Anna Hughes. Mrs Jelena Van Beek will be returning to Victoria Park next year.

Ms Kirsty Swan will be transferring from Victoria Park SS while Mr Daniel Logan and Ms Lynda Jordan have been successful in their applications to teach in Junior Secondary next year.

Further staffing changes may occur between now and the beginning of the 2015 school year.

Swimming began this week for all year levels. It is expected that all students will be participating in swimming lessons and activities. Swimming is a component of the HPE syllabus and as such all students are required to participate. Mackay people have access to a number of public and private pools along with many people enjoying the beach, the rivers and creeks for a refreshing swim. Being a competent swimmer will enable students to not only be safer in the water but will also enable them to more fully engage in many social and sporting past times.

I encourage parents to take an active interest to ensure that children have the required clothing, towels, sunscreen etc. each day your child has their swimming lesson. Please name all items.

The timetable for the swimming program is attached for your information.

Eisteddfod Sections

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You are invited to attend an information session as part of the recruiting process for 2015’s Instrumental Programs. Children in year 3 in 2014 are eligible to audition for a place in our Woodwind, Brass and Percussion Program. Children in year 2 in 2014 are eligible to audition for a place in the String Program. Parents of interested children will be given all of the information they need about the way these programs work and how your child can audition.

If you are not able to attend, it is necessary that you make an appointment with Mrs Milles during week 5, to discuss the required information. Your child will not be considered for the program without this meeting. Please contact the school office on 49516333 to arrange a suitable time.

Woodwind/Brass/Percussion

| TIME: | 8.30am |
| DATE: | Thurs Oct 30 |
| PLACE: | Music Room |

Strings

| TIME: | 2pm |
| DATE: | Fri Oct 31st |
| PLACE: | Instrumental Room |
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
2A Shannon For outstanding Term 3 Maths results.

5C Emma For 100% effort and commitment in the completion of learning tasks.

6A Alex An excellent attitude during concert rehearsals...enthusiasm plus!

Here is my VPSS Junior Gold Team. The girls had never played netball before but we had the greatest time. They tried every position on the court and by the end of the day were super stars!!

Mrs Boys

Cross country Runners 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. 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 now overdue for Year 6&7

The P and C has a DVD recording of this years MECC concert. Please see the Skool bag app for all up to date information. Or email Michelle Hansen on andmitch@optusnet.com.au for any queries.

Week 1
Mon 6th Oct Public Holiday
Tuesday 7th Oct Jennifer Jones Clare Hood
Wednesday 8th Oct Rania Heke
Thursday 9th Oct Nora Tacang Karen Munro
Friday 10th Oct HELP NEEDED

Week 2
Monday 13th Oct Crystelle Bressler Stacey Brazil
Tuesday 14th Oct HELP NEEDED
Wednesday 15th Oct HELP NEEDED Rania Heke
Thursday 16th Oct Nora Tacang Karen Munro and Linda Keates
Friday 17th Oct HELP NEEDED Julie Hughes

Email: mark.daniel@harcourts.com.au
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Harcourts
P and C News - Tuckshop Roster needs YOU. Please call 0438576784 if you can help

President—Michelle Hansen  Secretary—Nichole Hood  Treasurer—Kathy Walz
Vice President—Di Bear
Email to: pandc@victparkss.eq.edu.au  Phone contact—0438576784 for all enquiries

◆ **UNIFORM SHOP—Opening hours**
8:20am-8:50am Mondays AND 2:30pm-2:50pm Wednesdays
We need a casual volunteer to train—flexible on days (all training provided)

◆ Tuckshop Specials Avail on Flexischools ONLY—Fresh Fruit Salad $2.50 AND Snack Pack (corn relish, rice crackers, cheese and carrot sticks)

◆ **Chalk and Parent Direct Toy Catalogues** have been sent home with your youngest in the family. Share with other family members to order great Christmas ideas. Orders through school are due back by October 17th.

◆ **Please consider the following:** The P and C require *egg cartons, old uniforms and plastic bags.* Please bring to the P and C rooms on Monday mornings OR donate them during uniform shop hours.

◆ **Year 4 and Year 6 Christmas fair events** need co-ordinators. PLEASE consider this as YOUR CHILDREN WILL benefit from our largest fundraiser for the year PLUS it’s heaps of FUN!!! Help will be provided to the wonderful volunteers.

◆ **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.

◆ **ADIDAS SCHOOL FUN RUN—These books are now OVERDUE please return FULL book to the office asap**

◆ **New Uniforms** please order through Flexischools if you still need to place an order

◆ **Parent volunteers** can now receive a 5 to 10% discount on their uniform purchases. Please call Michelle for more information on the number below. We need helpers for Reading, Swimming, Uniform Shop, Christmas Fair, Garden Club and Tuck-shop. YOUR child will benefit from your involvement in our school. **Please call 0438576784 if you can help.**

Please note: *this newsletter will only be given in paper format to those who have returned their forms before the 10th Oct.* Otherwise it is only available on Skoolbag, the VPPSS website and by contact via the office.

Return helpers form please Cut out and return by Friday of Week 1 Term 4 OR text 0438576784

I can help with the following:

- Garden Club (Mon or Wed, Thurs or Fri 10:30-11:30 please circle)
- Christmas Fair 22nd Nov. Lead up to the Fair ___ on the day ___ or Clean up ___
- Uniform shop (Wed ___ or Mon ___)
- Tuckshop
- Swimming
- Working Bees Term 4

Please return to your class teacher.

Parent’s Name_________________________  Email___________________________________
Student’s Name_______________________  Contact Number_________________________
These year 1 teachers and their MINIONS did a great job at the MECC!!

School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategies

Attendance cup winners

P-3  (Wk10) 2A

Attendance cup winners 4-7

7A (wk 10)

GOTCHAS this fortnight

Gotch as so far this year 6229

Principals Award-

GOLD:

SILVER:

BRONZE:

Term 4 Swimming Program

Please cut out and place in a prominent place as a reminder

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