16/14
23rd Oct 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 4 2014
School Banking due every Thursday

EVERY MONDAY AT 2:15 pm
WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE

Thursday 23rd October
6pm Prep Information night AND
6:30pm year 6 2015 Canberra Camp information night

Friday 24th
Day for Daniel
Wear Red (no donation needed)
Book club due

Thursday 30th October
8:30am Instrumental participation parents meeting see info inside

Saturday 1st November
P and C working bee 8am-11am

Friday 7th November
Free Dress Day “bring a bottle for the school fair”

Wednesday 19th November
Booklists due for 2015

22nd November
School Christmas Fair

12th December
End of Term 4
Every Day Counts

Novelty choir—Silver WINNERS!! Well done you all are amazing.. Band captains below and Recorder band

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.
**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

“Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them to become what they are capable of being”
– Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832)

All classes have settled quickly into their normal classroom routines and are well into their learning programs and activities for the term.

**Planning for 2015** We are well underway with our planning for 2015. With the introduction of the Junior Secondary we envisage that the school enrolment will drop from 660 students down to 600 students as our current Year 6 and 7 cohorts move into Secondary school. It is important that we have accurate information to assist our planning and I urge all families to ensure that you return your enrolment intention form as soon as possible.

**Staffing for 2015** Miss Jordan and Mr Logan have been successful in their applications to teach in Junior Secondary next year. Miss Swan has received a transfer from Victoria Park and will move onto her new school in 2015.

We welcome Mr Dan Bromiley and Mrs Anna Hughes to Victoria Park for the 2015 school year. Both Mr Bromiley and Mrs Hughes bring with them reputations for teaching excellence from their previous schools. We look forward to their becoming an integral and important part of our school community.

**World Teachers Day** World Teachers’ Day is celebrated in more than 100 countries world-wide and was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) in 1994 to celebrate the role of teachers in society.

World Teachers’ Day is held internationally on 5 October each year. As this date usually falls during the school holidays, Queensland celebrates on the last Friday of October each year.

*This year we celebrate World Teachers’ Day in Queensland on Friday 31 October.*

Our P&C recognises the wonderful work of our teachers each year. I thank our parent body for this public affirmation of our teachers. It is well known that the most readily identifiable positive impact on student learning is the quality of teaching. No matter our career path, doctors, lawyers, accountants, self-employed or school principal, we would not be in the position we are today without the work and effort of the teachers who helped us to prepare for our future careers. I join with the parents and students of the Victoria Park community to thank our teachers and staff for the job they do to change and improve the lives of our children through education.

**Eisteddfod**

Our very talented musicians, singers and music teachers have participated in the Mackay Eisteddfod over the past two weeks. The performances have been outstanding with the Recorder Ensemble placed second, Concert Band fourth, Small Wind Ensemble second, String Ensemble second and the Novelty Choir receiving a Silver Award.

Congratulations to all of our students, teachers and parents involved in the performances. Your dedication, commitment, practice and rehearsals are paying off.

**XOs are here**

All Prep and Year 1 classes have access to 100 new XO Laptop computers. These arrived toward the end of last term and have been put to use to support student learning in reading, spelling and vocabulary development. Our teachers and teacher aides were required to complete compulsory training before the machines were dispatched to the school.

**Student Attendance**

Congratulations to the students and parents of our school for outstanding student attendance during Term 3. Our records show that 406 of our 660 students achieved our goal of 95% or greater school attendance. 168 students were at school every day of Term 3. To date we have 45 students who have been at school every day this year. What an outstanding effort!

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**NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) Information**

Would you like to know more about how the NDIS will affect you and the person you care for? Do you need to sort fact from fiction? Join us at the Endeavour Foundation NDIS Families Forum. You’ll hear first-hand personal experience from family members in NDIS trial sites and meet industry specialists who can answer your questions. Forums are being held on Thursday, 30 October at Harrup Park Country Club, Nine Room, Juliet Street. There are morning and evening sessions starting at 10.30am and 5.30pm. For more information contact 1800 634 040 or email customersupport@endeavour.com.au

**Instrumental Recruiting Sessions for 2015**

You are invited to attend an information session as part of the recruiting process for 2015 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 Millett 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
Prep/1 Lachlan Always ready to learn
Lincoln Trying hard with his reading and writing
1A Nathaniel Completing a writing task!
Shakira Fantastic effort when writing a procedure!
1C Daniel Having a fabulous start to the term!
Mikayla Letting your confidence shine through!
Ethan Making great connections in English and Maths!
2A Darian Outstanding effort with homework sentences.
2B Manni Great vocabulary in your writing!
Zara For working independently and always listening and following directions.
Shianne Improved effort with all learning.
2C Darby Awesome effort with homework activities
Brooke Bringing in Chinese fortune cookies for everyone in the class
3A Taya For a huge improvement in all learning areas.
Harrison For a tremendous effort with all learning activities.
3A Class Award For awesome behaviour, participation and attitude at the Year 3 Camp Day.
3B Hemi For moving forward two years with his SA Spelling Test!
Max and Charlotte For outstanding Pat Maths results – 100%
3B Class Award For awesome behaviour, participation and attitude at the Year 3 Camp Day.
3C Nina For making great connections in Maths!
3C Class Award For awesome behaviour, participation and attitude at the Year 3 Camp Day.
3/4 Lily For excellent work writing a Haiku.
3/4 Whole Class Award For awesome behaviour, participation and attitude at the Year 3 Camp Day.
4A Izhac Maintaining his effort to be responsible.
4B Brodie For being considerate and caring towards class members.
Jake For improved handwriting in English Advertising book.
4C Chonmani For improved participation during all classroom activities.
5B Grace For persistence in completing assessment tasks, although being extremely busy with Eisteddfod commitments.
Great work ethic!
Shanita For striving to incorporate quality vocabulary into her narrative.
5C Kai For showing pleasing effort and participation in all tasks
6A Luke For using excellent vocabulary in his sentences, such as ‘conquer’.
6B Jack Excellence focus and a positive attitude towards tasks
6/7 B Jasper Excellent results in his Geography assessment.
7A Kauri Always on task and trying his best.

STOP
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. If these remain unpaid students will not be involved in any end of year celebrations**

Parents of Year 6 and 7 students that are attending Mackay State High School in 2015 are reminded to complete enrolment interviews by Friday 5th Dec to ensure your child can participate in the transition days this Term.

The Len Hansen Bursary

The Mackay Rotary supports one year 6 and year 7 student to be awarded a $500 Bursary. The students compete a series of assessment tasks centered around the Vietnam war with the help of their Teachers. Len Hansen went to VPSS and we are the ONLY school with this association. Good Luck to all who apply.

Please supply your current email to the office to ensure you receive our school newsletter. Your other option from now on will be to download the skoolbag app
**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 $3 AND $2.50 Snack Pack (corn relish, rice crackers, cheese and carrot sticks)  Please note we now have a suggestion box for YOUR input.

**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. **Head lice** are still about please check and treat ALL family members as needed.

**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.

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.

**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.**

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**Eisteddfod** Congratulations to all of our instrumental groups who performed in the Eisteddfod last week. Each group played extremely well and were great ambassadors for the wonderful
Instrumental Programs at Victoria Park. Results: Recorder Ensemble 2nd place
Concert Band 4th place Small Wind Ensemble 2nd place
String Ensemble 2nd place Novelty Choir Silver Award

This caps off a fantastic year for these groups. Good luck to our two remaining choirs Thursday– Folk Group, Friday– Hymn and Folk Choir ! Concert Band - Bronze Award at Fanfare, Gold Award at Mackay Orchestra and Bands and 2nd and 4th at the Eisteddfod. String Ensemble – Gold Award at Mackay Orchestra and Bands, 2nd at the Eisteddfod and Regional winners for the Primary Section for Fanfare. Many Thanks to Mr Johnston and Mrs Mora for the wonderful music they have made with our children this year.

**Music Uniforms** Please make sure that Instrumental Uniforms are returned this week. They need to be washed, ironed, hanging on a hanger, covered with a plastic bag with your child’s name on the bag. Choir and Novelty shirts need to be washed and returned in week 4.

**Christmas Fair** All of our instrumental children, recorders, and Christmas Choir will be performing at the school fair on November 22nd. More information will follow.

**Christmas Choir** Children in grades 3 -7 are invited to join the Christmas Choir. They will rehearse on Mondays starting week 4. Not only will they perform at the fair they will perform at Souths on December 3rd as part of the club’s Christmas celebrations. **Mrs Jenny Milles**
School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategies

Attendance cup winners
P-3 (Wk 1 and 2) 2C

Attendance cup winners 4-7
5A and 5C tied Wk 1

WEEK 2  5C Won Outright

GOTCHAS this fortnight 312
Gotchas so far this year 7216

Principals Award-Rhylee 2B

GOLD:
SILVER: 1 winner
BRONZE: 14 winners

Rule of the week
Rule of the Week: Be a Learner in all areas of the school. Ask for assistance when required. Work hard in class. Always try and improve yourself.

Win a $500.00 Bicycle Voucher!
Fill in an anonymous online survey about how the children in your family travel to and from school, to have the chance to win a $500.00 voucher for the Mackay bicycle shop of your choice.
Active Towns, a Mackay Regional Council and Queensland Government initiative and the Department of Education, Training and Employment’s CQ Sporty Schools project are working together to find the barriers to active school travel in the Mackay region.
Follow this link https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BRVZ9M3 to complete the 5 minute survey by Friday November 7th 2014 to have a chance to win!

For sale Yamaha - Flute

For sale Yamaha - Flute - 2013
Excellent condition!
Purchased for $599.00, will sell for $490.00.
Ph Marie 49526672 or email mariealdous@ymail.com.

Day for Daniel
Wear Red and Educate

Keeping kids safe!