LIBRARY BOOK AMNESTY

At this time of the year, the library is re-shelving all books used in 2014, to be ready for the school year in 2015. We would therefore ask that parents and students assist us by having a special look at home for any books that may have accumulated during the year, or any previous years. These may be returned to the office or the library with no questions asked about when they may have been due. We may even be able to find a special prize for the oldest overdue book; and for the MOST overdue books returned!

We would especially ask that reading books be returned, as we have concentrated on re-organising these books during 2014 and would greatly appreciate the return of any books found at home. We appreciate any help in this and welcome the return of any books found at home to the Victoria Park State School Library.

Many thanks,
Anne Mason (Teacher-Librarian)
Debbie Gardner (Library Aide)

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.

Insurance cover for students undertaking physical activities

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students. Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.
**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

**Christmas Fair**
Anticipation and excitement permeate the whole school. Students are looking toward to all the “Fun of the Fair” on Saturday evening. Preparations are well in hand with members of our P&C, parents and volunteers putting the final touches to preparations for the big night.

Over recent times the Christmas Fair has developed into a not to be missed community event. Fireworks, amusement rides, ham wheels, great food, a myriad of stalls, the dunking machine and let’s not forget the visit from Santa himself make for a great family night out. See you at the fair on Saturday night.

**School Chaplaincy Program**
Victoria Park State School has been fortunate to have had a School Based Chaplaincy Program in operation at the school for more than 8 years.

Changes to the operation of the Chaplaincy Programme, which will be delivered through the Queensland Government from 2015, has required the school to make a new application for the program to operate within the school. Notification regarding the success of our application is timed for early December.

Mrs Michelle Woodworth, “Chappie Michelle” informed me that her family will be relocating to Brisbane at the end of the school year. Michelle is an integral part of the school’s wellbeing program. She has supported students through her implementation of the “Real” program which aims to develop self esteem for our female students. Michelle has been a great supporter of children in the classroom and through the Kitchen Garden team.

Michelle will be greatly missed at our school by all of us. We all wish Chappie Michelle and her family the best for their future endeavours.

**Attendance**
WELL DONE—our attendance rate for the first five weeks of this term was 94.6%. Ms Benjamin and I took great pleasure in delivering more than 400 Attendance Gotcha Cards to students last week. What was even more pleasing was the high number of students who had not missed a day of school during the first five weeks of this term.

**Sun Safety**
Our school is a Sun Safe School and as such has an explicit policy to ensure that students engage in practices that protect them from the harmful effects of the sun’s rays. These practices include all students and staff wearing a hat, protective clothing and sunscreen is to be applied whenever students are outside of the classroom. Students are also required to wear swim shirts during all water-based activities in the pool.

As we move into summer, it’s important to remember that peak times for exposure to the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation are 10am – 2pm. It is vital that parents encourage their children to be sun safe every day.

*Mr L. Shepherd*
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Prep/1 Connor Trying hard with his reading and writing
Brook For a great attitude and hard work in her reading and writing tasks
Amy Working hard and participating in all classroom activities
1C Jahmal Making great improvement in Minilit
Ethan Fabulous procedure writing!
Jontie Fabulous attitude towards assessment tasks.
Taylor Always bringing a positive attitude to school.
1/2 Ethan For showing everyone how amazing and on task you can be – BRILLIANT!!!
Aram You always try your very best, Aram. Keep working hard
Mr Smarty Pants!
Bonny Amazingly brilliant manners and attitude every single day – you SUPERSTAR!
Matthew For you absolutely fan-tab-u-lous efforts in MiniLit – you are a LEGEND!
2A Kianna Trying hard to improve her handwriting.
Taliah Putting effort into writing exciting homework sentences.
2B Elly For being a caring and helpful class member and putting in 100% effort in writing tasks.
Tia For being a caring and helpful class member and putting in 100% effort in writing tasks.
Taryn & Zachary Excellence focus and a positive attitude towards all tasks.
2C Mischa Working hard to improve her Maths results
Ethan Awesome spelling results
Lani Outstanding effort with Term 4 Art projects
Chelsea Improved effort with learning her spelling words
3A Sora For applying excellent effort in maths.
Charlize For amazing effort applied in all learning areas.
3C Aiden For always being a four star learner.
3/4Shaheen For being a responsible learner who is always prepared and ready to learn.
Billy-James Working hard every week to learn his spelling words
4A Zsofia For proficiency in recalling number facts
Olivia For improved fluency in recalling number facts.
4B Harrison For being responsible, respectful, safe and a learner
4C Vishaka For a fantastic PROBE reading assessment.
Emily For being a helpful and polite member of the class.
5A Myena For your outstanding contribution to the 5A/B classroom culture
Tyler For improvement in Pat-M results
5B Kai For significantly increasing his reading age this semester (2 years)
Jimmy and Bridgett 100% on both number fact and spelling tests this term. Great effort!
5C Yidi For her conscientious attitude and seeking assistance to achieve at her best
Aimee-Rose For consistently demonstrating all four school expectations.
6A Cole Great attitude to learning and achieving success in all subjects
Sienna and Ruth For being a learner and taking responsibility to get assessment tasks completed.
6B Josh Vastly improved focus on completing assignments
Kacee Great effort completing her Bursary tasks
6/7A Cameron Working hard to complete tasks in class
6/7B Naton For working extra hard to complete set tasks in classtime.
7A Destinee Tremendous work and effort on all assignments.
Callum Tremendous work & effort on all assignments.

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.

If paying by DIRECT DEPOSIT PLEASE use student name, class, and reason for payment as reference.

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

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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

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

Harcourts
Smartphone school to parent communication

Tuckshop Roster
**UNIFORM SHOP—Opening hours**
8:20am-8:50am Mondays AND 2:30pm-2:50pm Wednesdays or order online at Flexischools

**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.

As you may already be aware due to Award Requirements the **Tuckshop is now closed on Mondays** until 2015. Please take this into consideration when planning your week as we cannot supply food to students when the tuckshop is closed.

**Get ready to go CASHLESS.** In 2015 the tuckshop will go cashless. Which means you only will be placing orders on Flexischools. There will be no brown bag orders. If you would like to learn more Michelle Hansen has very kindly offered to be available Mondays at 3.00pm in the P and C room to help you become familiar with the system.

**Booklists for 2015 will go home next week.** Due to a new supplier the due date has been extended for a week and the lists will go home soon we thank you for your patience with this. Orders **will be delivered** before the last week of school.

**Christmas fair events** - This Saturday from 5pm—please call Michelle if you can help as there will be many last minute jobs and many hands make light work :) on 0438 576 784

**FLEXISCHOOLS ONLINE ORDERING system.** Please go to [www.flexischools.com.au](http://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.

**2015 Uniform Shop Volunteer Coordinator needed.** If you are interested in this position please call Michelle Hansen on 0438 576 784

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Old MacDonalds Farm visit for Prep and 1’s was fantastic thank YOU Teachers for organising this.
School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategies

Attendance cup winners P-3 Week 5
– Prep/1 Week 6 -3A

Attendance cup winners 4-7
week 5- 5A
wk 6 - 6/7A

GOTCHAS this fortnight—341
Gotchas so far this year—8605

Principals Award-
GOLD:
SILVER: Week 6 -2 winners
BRONZE: Week 6 –28 winners
Week 7-50 winners

Orientation Days for High School in 2015
At Mackay State High School
Year 6 to 7 2015 Monday 8 December
Year 7 to 8 2015 Tuesday 9 December
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For sale Yamaha - Flute student silver plated. Serial no - 2175633p. Purchased from Yamaha music mackay - 2013 Excellent condition! Purchased for $599.00, will sell for $490.00.
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Tatiana Kiefer