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Nov 6th 2014
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM 4 2014
School Banking due every Thursday
EVERY MONDAY AT 2:15 pm
WHOLE SCHOOL PARADE

Thursday 6th November
Old MacDonalds Farm visit for Prep and Year 1

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

Wed 12th November
P and C meeting
5:30 in the Library
All welcome

Wed 19th November
LAST day to pre purchase arm bands for Fair rides

Wednesday 26th November
Booklists due for 2015

22nd November
School Christmas Fair

3rd December
P and C meeting
5:30 in the Library all welcome

3rd December
Christmas Choir at Souths 6pm

12th December
End of Term 4
Every Day Counts

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Thank you so much for all the wonderful donations for the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.

It was a tremendous effort. There are many children less fortunate than ourselves who will have a happy Christmas thanks to Victoria Park School.

THANK YOU TEACHERS, YOU ARE ALL AMAZING!!!

Chappy Michelle

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.
**Yarning Circle**

Our Yarning Circle is a place for community and students to sit and “yarn.” It is a quiet place where we can reflect and contemplate as well as a place for meeting and talking. The significance of the circle is that there is no hierarchy no head of the table so to speak. Everyone has the opportunity to be heard and to contribute to the group.

The Yarning Circle was one of the community engagement goals of the Next Steps Focus Schools project. Mrs Cindy Willett and the school’s Indigenous Education Reference Groups were the driving force behind the establishment of the Yarning Circle.

Thank you to Mr Mark Willett for his time and efforts in the construction of the Yarning Circle. Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Multicultural Affairs for their financial support.

**Pool Dressing Rooms**

Students began using the new change rooms at the pool this week. Mrs Toni Armstrong has reported that the students appreciate the added privacy the cubicles provide and that the transition times between changing in and out of swimming gear is quicker and more organised.

The change rooms are provided through the fundraising efforts of the school’s P&C Association and the support and generosity of our local school community. Through everyone’s efforts the school was successful in attracting funding from Education Queensland’s Smart School Subsidy Scheme which made this project a reality.

**Outstanding Payments**

The school offers students access to a number of activities and resources through a “user pays” system or as a “resource hire agreement”. Parents and carers are requested to finalise any outstanding payments owing to the school including Laptop hire, excursion costs etc.

Please contact the school office to arrange payment.

**Winners of the Hymn and Folk Section at the 2014 Eisteddfod**
Prep/1 Ashanti A fantastic effort in reading and writing. Well done!
Mary A fantastic effort in all your tasks. Well done!
1A-Cayden Fantastic discussions in Science!
Sienna A fantastic effort in all your tasks. Well done!
1C Blair Fantastic attitude towards all tasks.
Crue Very impressed with your improvement in English!
2A-Anamique For being a friendly and helpful class member.
Hamza Outstanding Spelling Results.
2B-Alyssa and Ava For being a responsible learner who is always prepared and ready to learn.
Christa and Logan Love your effort during independent writing! Keep it up!
2C– Noah For putting 100% effort into all school work.
Kaylani For outstanding progress with her whole school spelling test.
3B Reynan For showing initiative by learning his tables.
Rowan For showing kindness toward another student.
Ben Improved all round efforts
3C Ella and Javy For excelling in the Pat M maths test. Pat M Champ of 3C
Imogen and Robbie Congrats. to the Spelling Wizard of 3C.
3/4 Liam Demonstrating strong leadership skills in class
Atia For being a responsible learner who is always prepared and ready to learn.
Anna Working hard every week to learn her spelling words
Diya For being a responsible learner who is always prepared and ready to learn.
4A Sarah, Zsofia, Claudia, Eve For proficiency in recalling multiplication tables.
4C Calvin A fantastic PROBE reading assessment.
Ezra Attempting all work in class and remaining on task, fantastic job!
5A Tilly For excellent results in PAT-M testing
5B Jakiah and Harry For significantly increasing their reading ages this semester (1.5 years)
John For showing initiative at every possible opportunity and applying himself 100% to all learning tasks. An excellent role model
5C Phoebe Active participation and insightful contributions during class discussions.
Damein For composing an exciting narrative independently.
Bailey Sensational effort and improvement on her Pat M maths assessment.
6A Alice and Lily 100% in your data maths test – what a superstar
6B Brendon Great effort in getting his bursary task done
6/7A Ashley Great improvement in Reading
Nic Great work with his Number facts.
6/7B Riley Great improvement in Reading
Mackenzie Great work on her spaghetti bridge design.
7A Colbey Superb effort with catching up on missed work.
Kai Fantastic independent work on 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. 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's enrolment.

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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.
**UNIFORM SHOP—Opening hours**
8:20am-8:50am Mondays AND 2:30pm-2:50pm Wednesdays

**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.

**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 2:30pm in the P and C room to help you become familiar with the system.

**WANTED - Pikelet maker!!** Could you help us make pikelets for a couple of hours per month. Please see Natalie at the Tuckshop or phone 49516337. It would be greatly appreciated. YUM YUM...

**Booklists for 2015 will go home soon.** Due to a new supplier the due date has been extended for a week and the lists will go home soon.

**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 2014 Christmas Fair Ride Armbands** are now on sale. These are offered to everyone at a discounted price of $30 which gives the holder unlimited rides throughout the Fair. (4 hours of rides for $30) Armbands on the night will be $35. Please return your purple slip to the P and C room or your class teacher. Individual rides on the night will be $6 each.

**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. Please call 0438576784 if you can help.

**Final Results from Eisteddfod**

Recorders 2nd place, Concert Band 4th place, Strings 2nd place, Small Wind Ensemble 2nd place, Choirs 2 Silver Awards, 1 Gold Award and 1 Trophy. Congratulations to all performers, teachers and encouraging parents.

**Christmas Fair** All of our instrumental children, recorders and Christmas Choir will be performing at the school fair on November 22nd. It is extremely important that ALL children who are members of these groups perform on the night. Notes will be going home this week please return early in week 6.

**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 Music Teacher/Instrumental Co-ordinator Victoria Park State School
This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky
Tuckshop Vouchers:

**PREP-Seth, Ayden**
**Year1-Kalib, Matthew**
**Year2-Todd, Zara**
**Year3-Sophie, India**
**Year4-Sam, Zara**
**Year5-Grace, Zoe**
**Year6-Hinata, Francis**
**Year7- Jireh, Nicole**

School Wide Positive Behaviour Strategies

**Attendance cup**
**winners P-3**
**Week 3 -2C**
**Week 4 -3C**

Attendance cup
**winners 4-7**
week 3- 5C third week in a row
wk 4—6/7A

GOTCHAS this fort-
night 429
Gotchas so far this
year 7923

Principals Award-
GOLD:
SILVER:
BRONZE:14 winners

Rule of the week
Be Respectful. Respect
others personal space and
property. Talk about others
positively. Greet everyone
with a happy smile. Use
polite language and tone
towards teachers and peers.
Wait your turn. Treat others
the way you want to be
treated.

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**Community News**

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](https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BRVZ9M3)
to complete the 5 minute survey by **Friday
November 7th 2014** to have a chance to win!

**Active Towns**
walk • run • ride

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**Department of Education, Training and
Employment’s CQ Sporty Schools project are**

**Mackay SHS Arts Faculty invites you to join us in a celebration of the**

**Festival of Culture and the Visual Arts, Dance and Music programs.**

**Where: Mackay SHS**

**When: 5:30pm – 8:30pm Monday, 10 November 2014**

**State High School**

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**Be Respectful. Respect property.**

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**Wait your turn. Treat others the way you want to be treated.**