16/12
11 October 2012
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 4 2012

Friday 12 October
P&C Free Dress day

Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 October
Opti-Minds State Final

Tuesday 16 October
9am Eisteddfod- Concert Band

Wednesday 17 October
8.30am Eisteddfod String Ensemble
Year 5&6 Bank Smart Presentation
6.30pm P&C meeting

Friday 19 October
Chess Team to State finals
Book Club Orders Due

Monday 22 October
6.30pm Eisteddfod Novelty Chorus

Tuesday 23 October
6.30pm 2013 Prep Parent Information Session (Prep C classroom)

Friday 26 October
World Teacher’s Day
7pm Eisteddfod- Hymn and Folk group.

Monday 29 Oct
Year 7 Indigenous students Mackay State High orientation day.

CONGRATULATIONS

Academic Excellence

ICAS English competition

Distinction Award– Top 10% in the State
Alice Pattemore   Emma Pattemore

Credit award– Top 35% in state
Jacob O’Driscoll   Alexander Odger
Lachlan Keates   Brooke Keates
Brittany Pattemore   Isobel Odger
Kaitlin Scott   Mariska Pretorius

ICAS Maths competition

High Distinction– Top 1% in State
Carl Hinschen

Distinction Award– Top 10% in the State
Brittany Pattemore

Credit award– Top 35% in state
Harry Rosier   Kaitlin Scott
Jimmy Butlin   Colby Threadgate
Alice Pattemore   Emma Pattemore
Kara Boys   Lachlan Keates
Alec Scott   Destinee Whirsky
Jack Fuller   Mariska Pretorius
Brydon Edwards   Joshua Hansen
Taj Dearman   Purav Bhandare

Gotcha card total for the fortnight: 380
New total for the year so far : 4224
**Welcome back** to a very busy term. This term we have the excitement of Eisteddfod performances, Christmas Fair, High School and Prep transition programs, Christmas disco, Swimming carnival and our end of school awards. Just to name a few!

Please be reminded that attendance at school every day is important as teachers teach and students learn every day. We will continue to give out Attendance Gotchas every 5 weeks for students who meet the 95% attendance goal (two or less days of absence within the 5-week period).

This fortnight we are focussing on the school rule- ‘Be responsible’. Students were reminded on parade this week about wearing correct school uniform, including following our jewellery dress code of only one set of sleepers or studs in ears, only medical alert necklaces or bracelets. Enclosed shoes that can be tightened eg laces or Velcro are to be worn each day. **EACH STUDENT MUST HAVE A BROAD BRIMMED HAT TO WEAR EACH DAY** regardless where they intend to play at lunchtime and/or if they HPE on that day.

Also part of ‘Being responsible’ is ensuring that no student arrives before 8am unless they are attending Instrumental Music lessons. This is a safety requirement to ensure no child is injured or is at risk of harm due to there being no scheduled adult supervision until 8am.

**Term 4 Staff Changes**
This term we welcome a number of new staff:
- 5A class teacher – Mr Joseph Phelan
- 5B class teacher- Ms Caitlin Robinson
- Front office– Mrs June Reed

Mrs Colleen Bingham will replace Mrs Black whilst she is on her Long Service Leave this week.

**Sad News**
We received the sad news that Mrs June McLean one of our much respected Religious Education teachers had passed away over the weekend. June will be missed by us all here at Victoria Park State School. Our condolences and thoughts go out to June’s family and friends.

**Enrol Your 2013 Prep Now**
Now is the time to enrol your child for Prep in 2013. Please advise friends or family in our local area who are considering enrolling in Prep at Victoria Park SS to contact the school to obtain and complete an enrolment package from the school office. A birth certificate, passport or proof of age is essential for enrolment into the school.

Our Prep Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 23 October from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, with our Prep Orientation session on Monday 10 December from 9:30 to 10:30.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Dogs at School**
Concerns have been raised at the most recent P&C meeting regarding dogs in the school grounds. In the interests of safety, parents, carers and students are reminded that dogs are not to be brought into the school grounds without the written permission of the Principal.

**Travel Smart Fit & Fun Fridays**
Tomorrow is the first of our Fit & Fun Fridays. Students have received a Travel Smart passport which will get stamped on Friday if they walk, ride or used Public Transport. There is no set distance that must be walked/ ridden so families who usually drive, may park a block or two from the school and still be eligible for a stamp. Stamps will also be given to adults who accompany the students.

Each stamp will contribute towards getting a prize at set intervals. So join in the fun and get fit on Fridays!!

**Good luck to the Opti– Minds team** who are venturing to the University of Queensland in Brisbane this weekend to compete against the most creative engineering minds in the state. The excellent team work and creative problem solving skills of Mariska Pretorius, Paige Lewis, Zachary Rowen, Tamika Brecknell and Purav Bhandare should ensure they perform well.

Also venturing to Brisbane for the Queensland Chess Championships next week are the Ramjay Galvan, Purav Bhandare, Lauren Morgan and Joshua Hansen. This invitation only event will provide an excellent opportunity for these four talented chess players to showcase their chess prowess against other chess champions from around the state.

The trips to Brisbane were made possible due to generous donations from:
- Victoria Park SS P&C who donated $100 per student
- Victoria Park SS Student Council who also supported the teams by providing supplies for the Sausage Sizzle as well as donating $100 per student.
- Harrup Park Country Club- two dinner vouchers.
- MacDonald’s restaurants - a number of food and drink vouchers.

Thank you also to all the families who supported the Sausage Sizzle and Icy cup stall on the last two days of Term 3. Much appreciated and thank you!

**MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICANS**

**GOLD AWARD**
Abel Stavrow Shirika Islam
Sarah Edwards Jake Nissen

**SILVER AWARD**
Jonathan Matibag Joe O’Brien
Amber (James) Walker Luke Bridger
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

4A: Joe O’Brien - Showing leadership and responsibility at the Steve Jackson Rugby League Day.
4C: Molly Starrett - For being a 4 Star Learner - always striving to do her best.
5B: Raven Russell-Taia - For his excellent effort to complete work.
6A: Douglas Farquhar - For trying hard in Maths and gaining results.
6B: Jakob Igusti - For working hard and improving in all areas. Great work!
6C: Shelby Blackmur - For an outstanding improvement with writing. Great Effort!
6D: Tahli Marnell - Excellent effort in creating her Photo Story.
7A: Rory Trueman - Fantastic effort and work on his ‘Ned Kelly’ assignments.
7B: Taylor Kliese - Being a conscientious worker and always trying his best. Excellent work, Taylor!

**This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky**

Tuckshop Vouchers go to:

PrepB: Kayla Bindemann - Super writing.
1B: Ella Tidds - Being safe and responsible in playground.
2C: Tiffany Meng - Spelling Whiz.
3A: Zoe Ringwood - Fabulous behaviour.
5A: Sharalee Wright - Improved effort with homework.
4B: Jayden Junior - Super class participation.
7C: Camryn Sutton - Great Singing.
6B: Alicia Pounder - Super helper!

**Please Note**

There has been a mistake made on the A3 size cardboard Victoria Park State School Calendar. The calendar has the wrong date as the last day of school it should be Friday 14 December.

**MUSIC NEWS**

Reminder: Eisteddfod days and times for school performances:
- Concert Band: Tue Oct 16 9:00am
- String Ensemble & Small Strings: Wed Oct 17 8:30am
- Novelty Chorus (Yr 4-7): Mon Oct 22 6:30pm
- Folk Group (Yr 6&7): Thurs Oct 25 6:30pm
- Hymn & Folk Choir (Yr 4-7) Fri Oct 26 7:00pm

Good luck to all the performers. We know that you will be FANTASTIC!!

**Instrumental Recruiting**

Parent meetings will be held in week 5 to give information about places in the instrumental programmes for 2013. Children will receive notes with all of the information soon.

**HPE NEWS**

Swimming lessons start soon!

Families are reminded that each class needs adult assistance for each lesson due to Health and safety regulations. Please help out when you can so lessons are not cancelled due to insufficient adult supervision.

Students are reminded that they must wear a swim shirt over their swimming togs, sunscreen should be applied prior to lessons. It is recommended that students also bring a plastic bag to place all wet clothes after swimming lessons. All clothing items (especially underwear and school uniforms) need to be named so misplaced items can be returned to the rightful owner.

Please remember that swimming lessons are part of the HPE curriculum and will be assessed as part of the Semester 2 reporting. Participation in swimming lessons is not optional and is the best way to prepare for our exciting inter-house swimming carnival at the end of the year. Which house will be this year’s champions? Will the students beat the teachers in the swim relay event?

**Library News**

Book Club Order forms (for the final Book Club of the year) have been issued today. If interested in placing an order, your Order Forms and payment are due back to school by Friday 19 October. Any queries, please see Mrs Arnold (Library).

**P&C NEWS**

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS HAVE
CHANGED

Please note these hours change depending on the volunteers and the time they have available to provide this service to our parents. Thank you for your understanding.

THE OPENING NEW HOURS ARE:

Tuesday morning from 8.30 – 9.00am
Wednesday morning from 8.30 – 9.00am
Thursday afternoon from 2.15 – 3.00pm
Friday afternoon from 2.15 – 3.00pm

Uniform Shop News – AVOID the RUSH at the beginning of the year or having to wait for orders. ORDER your uniforms NOW for next year. The Victoria Park SS uniform shop is run by P&C volunteers and depending on the volunteer hours available determines on the opening times. Due to our volunteers changing recently we have made some changes to the opening times. Please be aware that uniforms are also available online using the flexischools link below and can be delivered to your child’s classroom.

ONLINE TUCKSHOP and UNIFORM SHOP ordering. Link to website.
For all new users if you would like to check this out go to www.flexischools.com.au and REGISTER NOW!! Or you can go into the demonstration mode and type in Victoria Park State School and see the menu and how it works. For more information please call Flexischools direct on 1300 361 769. There is also a phone app available to download on smart phones, which is also easy to use. We would like all parents to know that we also have the paper bag system available at the tuckshop everyday as normal.

DATES TO REMEMBER
October Mon 15 – Back to School Packs for 2013 (Booklist Buying Program). More information will be sent home with booklists next Monday.
October Wed 31 - Back to School Packs for 2013 DUE TO BE HANDED IN. Last day to return orders with payments (First Round)
November Fri 9 - XMAS FAIR SET UP (from 9am until 5pm on the oval)
November Sat 10 – Set up (from 8am) and XMAS FAIR STARTS at 4pm -9pm
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
November Sun 11 – XMAS FAIR CLEAN UP from 9 – 12Noon
November 23 – Chalk and Parent Direct Orders SECOND ROUND Due back to school

December Fri 7– Xmas Disco from 6pm – 8.30, BBQ from 5.30pm

ARMBANDS for the Xmas Fair ARE NOW on Sale. The armbands give you unlimited rides from 5pm -9pm. Green Forms have been sent home $30 if purchased prior to the fair and $35 at the Fair. Armbands can be purchased by sending in your form (must be with money) or coming into the P&C room from 8.15am each morning.

Chalk and Parent Direct orders – first round has closed. Thank you to the parents and teachers who have placed their orders. We are currently offering a second round that will close on November 23. Please send orders to the school office with payments. The school will receive 20% of the order total to spend on resources for the school. These booklets were only sent out to Prep, 1, 2, and 3. If you a parent in another grade and would like a copy of a booklet to place an order, please send a note with your child and we can send one home.

CONCERT DVDS have arrived and are now being sent home. They are still available - last orders Monday 15. Payment of $40 must accompany the orders.
P&C Meeting next Wednesday 17 October at 6:30pm in Staff Room.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Mackay State High School Enrolments
Mackay State High School is holding its second round of enrolment interviews for Year 8 students in 2013. The enrolment interviews will take place on Monday 15, Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 October from 3.15 onwards. If students have not made an interview time and wish to attend Mackay State High School, can they please ring the school on 49 579 179 and book their enrolment interview time.

Mackay North State School
Need urgently Schools Officer—Facilities
When - Immediately until 19 October (7.36 hours per day)
Please contact Tanya on 4963 1610.

Autism Information Evening
Date: Thursday 1 November 2012
Set up: 4 to 4:30pm
Registration: 5:00pm

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS
Tuesdays: 8:30 - 9:00am
Wednesdays: 8:30 - 9:00am
Fridays : 2:30 - 3:00pm

CONTACT DETAILS
Reminder to parents to keep the school office up to date with changes to address and phone contact numbers. Thank you.

VISION Real Estate (Qld)

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 guardian.

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.