**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**TERM 4 2012**

Friday 7 December
6pm P&C Disco. BBQ from 5.30pm.

Monday 10 December
9.30-10.30am Come & Try Prep.
'Moving up' day for P-6
MSHS YR 7 Orientation Day

Tuesday 11 December
5pm Yr 4-7 Swim carnival

Wednesday 12 December
9am P-3 Fun swim carnival
6.30pm P&C meeting

Thursday 13 December
9am School Awards ceremony
Yr 7 Graduation luncheon & Awards ceremony.

Friday 14 December – Last day of term.
9am Yr 4-7 Triathlon
Yr 1-3 Splash and Dash

**TERM 1 2013**

Tuesday 29 January 2013
School resumes.

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**MACKAY CHINESE SPEAKING COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding results in the Mackay Chinese Speaking competition:

**Year 6**
1st: Mariska Pretorius
2nd: Nik Ali, Jessah Southwell
3rd: Kimo Viljoen

**Year 7**
2nd: Ramjay Galvan
3rd: Purav Bhandare, Grace Ragau.

**MARVELLOUS MATHEMATICANS**

**GOLD AWARD**
Jada Threadgate     Hannah Walz
Colby Sehl

**SILVER AWARD**
Natasha Warry       Jhoana Soriano
Malachi Geesu      Reynan Mayores
Joshua Hansen      Tess Hinschen
Liam Nielsen       Seth Rogers
Taelin Durante     Nate Simmons
Liam Paterson      Cody Hilton
Alyssa Neilsen     Cole Cousen
Jai Veivers        James Conway
Shixen Chen        Amber May

**FAREWELL TO OUR YEAR 7’S.**
**ALL THE BEST FOR YOUR FUTURE.**

Gotcha card total for the fortnight: 493
New total for the year so far : 5791
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
What a fantastic year we’ve had at Victoria Park SS! With the outstanding efforts of staff and students as well as the high level of support from families and community members, we have achieved great success this year!
Successes include:

♦ Ever improving Naplan results for Year 3, 5, and 7.
♦ Winners of Regional Debating, Opti-Minds, Chess, Eisteddfod, Chinese Speaking competitions.
♦ Gold and Silver awards at Mackay Orchestra and Bands, Eisteddfod performances.
♦ Highly commended in I-Dream challenges.
♦ Highly entertaining school concert.
♦ Participation in a range of community events including ANZAC Day March, Rats of Tobruk services, Remembrance Day service, performances at Senior Citizens Centre and Souths Leagues Club.
♦ Highly successful P&C fundraising events that have led to the purchases of staging for the hall, fans installed for the hall, carpet covering for the hall and more funds being put into the pool rejuvenation project.
♦ Almost 5800 Gotcha cards distributed and returned to the office for counting so far.
♦ Improved student attendance throughout the year of 91.6% to date. This term the attendance rate is a pleasing 93.6%.

Extra Play reward
Thank you to all students who have returned their Green and Yellow GOTCHA cards. We reached yet another 600 card target so all students enjoyed their extra play reward on Tuesday. Our last Gotcha card draw for 2012 will be next week so make sure you get your cards back into the boxes in the office foyer for a chance to win a $2 tuckshop voucher.

WEEK 10 ACTIVITIES
It will be very busy in the last week of school! Remember that attendance is important up to and including the last day of school.

Monday 10 December is our scheduled ‘Moving up’ day where P-6 students are placed into their proposed 2013 class for the morning session. Please note that due to on-going changes in enrolments and transfers these classes may change. Final decisions about allocations to classes will occur once our staffing has been confirmed by Regional Office early in February. Draft class lists will be posted at various locations around the school on Friday 7 December.

Future Prep students who have enrolled at Vic Park for 2013 are invited to attend a Prep orientation session from 9.30-10.30am. Parents must accompany their child during this session. Please meet in the tuckshop area to find out your child’s proposed class and 2013 teacher. A Prep teacher will come to this area to collect the class and their families.

Year 7 students attending Mackay State High school will be attending their Orientation Day. Year 7 Students not attending Mackay State High are expected to be at school on this day.

Tuesday 11 December
Our annual swimming carnival for Year 4-7 students and invited Year 1-3 students will be held from 5pm at the pool. The P&C will have burgers, sausages on bread and drinks for sale throughout the night. Which sporting house will be this year’s winners? Who will be the age champions? Come and join in the fun to find out.

Thursday 13 December
You’re invited to our annual class award ceremony in the hall from 9am. During this ceremony we acknowledge the academic excellence, citizenship, most improved and most industrious students as well as distribute subject awards for Music and HPE for students in Year 1-6. All prep students receive a certificate whilst the Year 7 awards are announced at their special ceremony from 6pm at Souths Leagues Club.

Friday 14 December is the last day of term but we will be holding a number of exciting events including a Year 4-7 Triathlon, Yr 1-3 ‘Splash and Dash’ as well as Travel Smart prize draws including the Bike giveaway. Please note Travel Smart prize winners need to be present at the draw to claim their prize or there will be a re-draw.

Leaving Victoria Park SS at the end of 2012?
We wish you all the best at your new school in 2013. All departing families are asked to consider donating their child’s unwanted Victoria Park SS uniforms to the office to use as spares when students have an accident and/or need to change into clean clothes. These uniforms may also be loaned to new students for their first day (if required) to help them settle into their new school. Please help if you can.

Direct Deposit
When paying an invoice by Direct Deposit can you please use as your reference, the Customer ID, which is located at the bottom of the invoice. If you don’t have an invoice, please enter child’s name. When enquiring about a payment can you please advise if you have paid anything by Direct Deposit as not doing so is causing overpayments - the Direct Deposits are not done on a daily basis. Thank You - Administration.

2013 school calendar now available
The 2013 school calendar can be downloaded at www.education.qld.gov.au/public_media/calendar/holidays.html

In 2013 the Labour Day public holiday will move to Monday 7 October and the Queen’s Birthday holiday will be returned to Monday 10 June.

2013 Office opening hours
Our school office will re-open for enquiries and enrolments on Monday 21 January from 9-3.30pm.

Please see P&C News for the opening times for the Uniform Shop during the school holiday break.
School resumes for all Year levels on Tuesday 29 January.

It is important that all students attend the first day so class allocations can be confirmed.

As this will be our last newsletter for the year we wish you all a safe, happy holiday break from all the staff at Victoria Park SS. We look forward to working with you in 2013.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is CLOSED to students for the last two weeks of the school year. Students are reminded that ALL books are due back to the library now. Please return ASAP.

P&c NEWS

THE UNIFORM SHOP

Opening hours over the holidays (week before school starts)

Wednesday 23, Thursday 24 and Friday 25 open from 9-12 each day. To avoid your sizes being sold out, we suggest you order NOW before school finishes.

NOTE - The Uniform Shop WILL NOT be open until 9am on the FIRST day of school. Kelly, our uniform shop coordinator, has twins going into Prep and getting uniforms before school on the first day will not be a possibility. Expect a line up and please be patient.

NO NEED TO LINE UP!! You have two choices

1. Pick up a uniform shop order form from the office and fill in your details with C/C payment OR
2. Place your order on line at www.flexischools.com.au search for Victoria Park State School, register and place your order.

Your order will then be filled on the second day of school (Wednesday 30 January) and sent to your child’s
classroom.
If you have any questions, please call KELLY on 0419 005 364
Please be nice - we are all volunteers and we are here to help you.

TUCKSHOP
Last day for Tuckshop for 2012 will be next Wednesday the 12 December. TUCKSHOP WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY and FRIDAY SO NO FOOD ORDERS WILL BE TAKEN. Parents please check - all your flexischools orders are suspended for the rest of the year. There may be some left over flavoured milk being sold on Friday (last day of school) but it will be MILK ONLY.

The P&C will, however, be providing watermelon and a drink for all students as part of their break-up day activities.

SCHOOL BANKING
School Banking has finished for the year. We look forward to starting school banking again in the second week back at school in 2013.

Pauls Collect a Caps FINISH at the end of this term.
Keep collecting to see how many we can collect before the end of the school year. You can put them into the marked bin in the office and the school receives the money back from them.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Education Support/Teacher Aide Program – TAFE Open Learning is pleased to announce the offering of the government-subsidised CHC30812 Certificate III in Education Support program commencing from 7 January 2013 with rolling enrolments to suit you. This program is offered through distance with two options: either online or paper-based for your convenience – no classes to attend, study when you want to across a 90 day cycle. Friendly supportive teaching staff are just a phone call/email away to support you through the program. Learn how to support your children through their schooling years while at the same time achieving the industry-standard qualification for employment as a Teacher Aide. If you are already working as a teacher aide, or have supported reading in a school environment you may be able to RPL some units towards the qualification! Enrol from 7 January 2013 by phoning TAFE Open Learning free call 1800 657 387.

School Holiday Fun Day Mackay Gymnastics Inc
(for primary school aged boys & girls) (Children aged 5-12 years)

Where: Swayne Street, North Mackay
When: Wednesday 19 December 2012 and Wednesday 23 January 2013
Time: 9:30am to 11:00am
Cost: $15.00

INSIDE OUT OF THE SUN
Come and have fun in the gym PH: 4953 1425
Bookings Essential! Limited numbers!
e.admin@mackaygymnastics.org.au

Australia Day Awards Nominations
Nominate friends, family, work mates... or anyone who fits these shoes!
1. Read the conditions of entry and category details.
2. Select a category for nomination and complete the details on the form which is available form the office.
3. Attach a summary of achievement/supporting evidence.
4. Post your nomination to the address on this form or submit your nomination online, via council’s website:

Puppet Workshops Pioneer Valley
Where: Pinnacle Playhouse and Cultural Centre, Elsie Nash St, Pinnacle.
When: Thursday 10 January 2013
Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm
Cost: $5.00 to cover materials
Bring snacks and lunch
Suitable for: Children 5 years and above
Limited 30 places

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