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21 February 2013

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 1 2013

Friday 22 February 2013
National Boardies Day– Free dress.

Monday 25 February 2013
Mackay Inter-school Chess competition

Tuesday 26 February 2013
Year 1 Photos for the Daily Mercury.

Friday 1 March 2013
National Clean up Schools Day.

Wednesday 6 March
School Photos

Thursday 7 March
School Photos

Wednesday 13 March
6.30pm P&C meeting

Friday 15 March
National Day against Bullying

Thursday 21 March
Harmony Day

Capricornia Swim Trials
Congratulations to Emma Manzelmann for her selection into the Mackay swim team to compete in Brisbane on 24 & 25 March. Emma will compete in five events!

Congratulations to Kimo Viljoen, Joe O’Brien and Casey Manzelmann who also performed well achieving personal bests.

Southern Suburbs Touch Trials
Good luck to Mitchell Ruhle and Emma Manzelmann who will be competing in the Mackay Touch trials next Thursday as a result of their Southern Suburbs selection last week.

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This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky Tuckshop Vouchers go to:

Prep D: Keenan Large—Being a helpful, caring friend.
1D: Charlie Russell—Quietly following directions.
2C: Reynan Mayoares—Fantastic first week.
3C: Sam Nicole Seneca—Following class rules.
4C: Julian Jarvis—Working hard.
5C: Trae Paterson—Completing tasks in a timely manner.
5/6: Wayne Alderton—Working beautifully all day.
7B: Kadin Ballard—Being a learner.

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Gotcha card total for the fortnight:
New total for the year so far:
**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

**Changes to Classes**
Our school has experienced a substantial growth in enrolments for the beginning of the 2013 school year. Our current school enrolment of 699 primary students is well above our 2012 predicted enrolment of 660.

Two additional teachers have been appointed to our school, Mrs Gemma Dinsdale (Yr 4/5) and Ms Emma Goodman-Jones (Yr1). Both teachers began teaching their classes on Monday this week 18 February.

Along with the two new classes some changes have had to be made to other classes to ensure children are in classes that are within the recommended class sizes of 25 for Prep to Year 3 and 28 for Year 4 to Year 7.

We would like to extend our appreciation to the families we have contacted and consulted in forming the new classes and to bring all classes into line with the recommended class size limits. We are mindful that having to make changes to classes three weeks after the start of the school year can be unsettling for families and to the routines of children.

**Reporting in Prep**
The Prep year has been recognised as the first year of schooling in Queensland from 2012. Prep is equivalent to the Foundation year (F) of the Australian Curriculum. From 2013 parents of Prep students will be provided with a twice yearly written report.

The following five-point scale will be used to report student achievement in the Australian Curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History:

**Applying (AP)** The student applies a thorough understanding of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student demonstrates a high level of skill that can be transferred to new situations.

**Making Connections (MC)** The student makes connections using the curriculum content and demonstrates a clear understanding of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student applies a high level of skill in situations familiar to them and is beginning to transfer skills to new situations.

**Working With (WW)** The student can work with the curriculum content and demonstrates understanding of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student can apply skills in situations familiar to them.

**Exploring (EX)** The student is exploring the curriculum content and demonstrates understanding of aspects of the required concepts, facts and procedures. The student applies a varying level of skill in situations familiar to them.

**Becoming Aware (BA)** The student is becoming aware of the curriculum content and demonstrates a basic understanding of aspects of required concepts, facts and procedures. The student is beginning to apply skills in situations familiar to them.

N: Insufficient evidence to make a judgment.

In the early learning areas of Social and personal learning; Health and physical learning; and Active learning processes, teachers will use comments to report on student achievement and behaviour.

**Project 600**
This year students in Year 5 have been invited to participate in the Project 600 program being implemented throughout the Central Queensland Region. Yr 5 students who were identified as being in Band 4 & 5 in their Yr 3 NAPLAN test in 2011 have been invited to participate.

Victoria Park has received an invitation for 30 Yr 5 students to be engaged. Students will receive tutoring through two web conferences a week over a 10 week period. The web conferences began last week. This will allow the 30 students to receive a differentiated numeracy program that will further develop their already solid maths skills. Our aim is to have these students achieving in the Top two bands of this year’s NAPLAN numeracy test.

**UniFY- University For You**
We have been successful in nominating students to participate in the UniFY (University For You) program which is an online extension program for students in Years 5 to 9. Their first project is kids.com and is a science/sustainability challenge.

**New School Website**
The school’s website has undergone a major redesign. The new website can be accessed via our previous URL [www.victparkss.eq.edu.au](http://www.victparkss.eq.edu.au). Our new website contains the information that parents and carers often seek and contains our latest school newsletter, school annual report and documentation.

We will continue to build and include new pages into the website to make it the single point of reference for all school information.

**STOP-DROP-GO Zone**
Please be mindful of the many families that use this area in the mornings and afternoons and remember that there is a limit of two minutes...
Sibling Photos are also available for students at the school, please collect a “family order envelope” from the office and provide payment as per the instructions above. Photos of school leaders and cultural groups will also be taken and can be ordered at a later date.

Clean Up Australia Day
Victoria Park SS Yr 1-7 students will again be involved in the annual Clean up Schools on Friday 1 March. Students are encouraged to bring gloves and a plastic bag to collect rubbish in and around the school on this day.

School wide Positive Behaviour
Over the past fortnight we have been focusing on students being responsible by being in the right place at the right time before school, during breaks and after school. Parents can assist by encouraging their child to arrive at school approximately 8.30am and then progressing straight to their classrooms to prepare for their day’s class activities. Students should also be encouraged to exit the school grounds as soon as school finishes.

This fortnight we are focusing on being safe. This includes walking on all pathways and stairways as the wet surfaces can be very slippery and we wish to avoid any form of injury. Gotcha cards will be awarded to classes who are observed to be sitting safely in two quiet lines after each break. Parents can assist with our ‘be safe’ rule for this fortnight by ensuring that their child is walking safely at all times whilst in the school grounds.

Reminders
- New parade time- Mondays from 2.15pm.
- Religion– Parents wishing to withdraw their child from Religion lessons are asked to make a written request to the class teacher.
- Mathletics voluntary contribution levy of $20 per student would be greatly appreciated.

P&C NEWS
P&C AGM and meeting will be held on March 13 at 6.30pm in the staff room at the school. A normal meeting will follow the AGM and will commence at 7pm.

We encourage new parents to attend and become involved with the P&C as it is important to have the
1B: Matthew Stower - For becoming a responsible and respectful learner.
1C: Ellie Hansen - You always have a beautiful smile on your face and are ready for each day at school. Fantastic learning Ellie!
2A: Rhiley Spinks - For being an enthusiastic learner everyday.
2C: Mia Higgins - For remembering to put her hand up to talk.
3B: Jake Ireland - For making perceptive observations in Science.
4A: Jack Sun - Tackling challenges in an optimistic manner.
4B: Bridgett Vassie - Always producing work of a high standard.
4C: Destiny Parry - Trying her best in the classroom.
5A: Ben McKay - By reading over the holidays and improving fluency.
5C: Ashley Sullivan - For displaying excellent work habits and a positive attitude to learning.
5/6: Cooper Ringwood - For beginning the school year with a fantastic attitude.
6/7: Bailey Sturgiss - For having a great start to Year 7.
7A: Alishia Smith - Always being a four star student.
7C: Jack Saunders - Great start to Year 7 and having a go. Well done Jack!
LOTE: Thomas Brazil - Being a conscientious worker and always trying his best in LOTE class.
LOTE: Hannah Walz - For being an engaged and positive class member.
LOTE: Tamika Brecknell - For always trying your best regardless of the task at hand. Excellent job.
LOTE: Nikhil Ali - For being an engaged and positive class member.
LOTE: Jade James - For always being willing to participate in LOTE class activities.
LOTE: Taylah Mason - For an excellent start to the year; always being helpful and actively involved in LOTE lessons.
LOTE: Alec Scott - For excellent attitude and effort in LOTE class.

topics being discussed and decisions made in the best interest of our school and its students.
Every year the P&C are bound by the constitution and ALL positions must become available for any members of the school community to be able to be nominated for the positions within the P&C.
The positions that you are able to nominate for are as follows:

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS are:
President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

Other positions with less time commitment are:
Tuckshop Liason representative
QCPCA representative
Student Council members

We are looking this year to fill the Fundraising Co – ordinators position. If you are an organised person that loves working with a group of people and running events then we NEED you. This is an important role within the P&C, so we are looking for someone with a little energy and some free time. You may be a parent just looking for something to do and would be excited to work with others. Please contact Michelle on 0438576784 for more information.

OPEN AFTERNOON TEA -
If you have never been involved with the P&C before and would like to know a little about what we do then come along for afternoon tea and a chat.
When: Tuesday 26 February at 2pm
Where: The Hall Foyer
Why: So you can ask questions and meet a couple of the current P&C members. (We are all just parents wanting the best for our children.)
A light afternoon tea will be provided by the P&C.
We look forward to meeting you.

CONTACT DETAILS
Reminder to parents to keep the school office up to date with changes to address and phone contact numbers. Thank you.
FLEXISCHOOLS - ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM. This is a system set up by the P&C to make it easier for parents to do tuckshop and uniform shop ordering at any time. Please go to www.flexischools.com.au and type in Victoria Park SS to see a demonstration of how it works and then register yourself to start ordering from home. If you have any questions please contact Flexischools on 1300 361 769 and they will be more than happy to assist. There is also an app to download if you are a smart phone user that is very easy.

BOOKPACKS
Every year the P&C receive 15% of the total orders of the school book packs. The orders for 2013 year of school through our bulk buying program at the end of last year raised $3241. This money then goes towards the school for improvements. This is a great way to support the P&C while buying the products that you need for your children’s booklist for the up and coming year.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS
If you are still waiting for shirts we would like to inform you that they will be available from TUESDAY 5 March. We apologise for any inconvenience.

OPENING HOURS of the uniform shop are:
Tuesday morning from 8.30 to 9.30 am
Wednesday morning from 8.30 to 9.30 am
Thursday afternoon from 2.30 to 3.00 pm
Friday afternoon from 2.30 to 3.00 pm

TUCKSHOP NEWS
As the P&C are responsible for the running of the tuckshop and the uniform shop we rely on the help of volunteers for both. At this time we are desperately seeking parents to help in the tuckshop. We are flexible if you are only able to do one day a week or month. Please contact Sue on 49516337 if you are able to help out. If you have filled out a form to offer help, the replies with times, etc, have been sent home. If you have not received that, please check your child’s bag or contact Sue. Thank you. A tuckshop menu is included in this week’s newsletter for your convenience.

FOR SALE
1 Year old Flute
Please Phone Megan Sutton 0437 765 357

COMMUNITY NEWS
CQ TAFE is delivering a Certificate 111 in Children’s Services for Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander & Australian born South Sea Islander People. You must be committed to study from 1 March – 29 August 2013. The Course is during school hours and would suit parents and carers. Tutor support. Find out more about this exciting opportunity Come along to our information session………

Monay 18 February 2013
Venue: CQ TAFE Mackay Campus Sydney Street
Location: K Block Theatrette
Time: 10am - 12noon

For more information contact
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Megan Durante Indigenous Student Support Officer Phone: 4940 3345

MACKAY BASEBALL CLUB
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Location: Vigoro Park – Juliet Street South Mackay
Mackay Baseball Club would like to invite anyone interested in playing baseball to join us for a 7 week introductory season to commence late Feb to Early March. We will be catering for all kids from 4 years and up.

WEST UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB MACKAY
Registration now open for players aged 5 years and above wishing to play in the 2013 Soccer season.

For registration details please contact: westunitedfootball@hotmail.com or 0429 983 201. Mums & Dads, big brothers & sisters - we have Senior teams also looking for players. Come and be a part of our family friendly club.

Mackay Schools Chaplaincy Committee
Annual General Meeting Thursday 14 March 7pm, Mackay Baptist Church corner of Brisbane & Shakespeare Streets Mackay. Enquiries Frank Gilbert 0427 530 774 or gilbertfi@westnet.com.au

Eastern Swans Junior AFL Sign on
Sunday 24th February, 2013 from 10am to 2pm
At Club House, Petrie Street, Mackay South
Queries contact Andrew Vincent on 0417 531 300