**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**TERM 1 2013**

Friday 22 March
Ride to School Day
P&C Easter Disco
P-3: 4.30-6pm
4-7: 6.30-8.30pm

Sunday 24 March until Tues 26 March
Mackay Choral Festival

Wednesday 27 March
School Swimming Carnival
9.30-11.30am: P-4
12.00-2.00pm: 5-7
2.30pm Presentations in the hall.

Thursday 28 March
Reward Day
Last Day of term.

**TERM 2 2013**

Monday 15 April
School resumes for Term 2

Tuesday 16 April
9.30am Rats of Tobruk service in Queen’s Park.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**

Southern Suburbs Sports Trials team selection

Congratulations to Kara Boys, Tilayna Nissen, Kayla Doherty, Bella Green and Hannah Morgan for their selection into the Southern Suburbs Netball team to play against other district teams at the Mackay trials.

Vic Park SS Debating teams
After rigorous auditions, the following students were successful in being selected in the school debating teams to compete against 18 other teams from private and state schools in Mackay. The inter-school competition commences after the Easter break.

Team 1
Marnie Bugeia, Carl Hinschen, Brooke Keates, Mariska Pretorious.

Team 2
Destinee Whirisky, Josh Warde, Mary Di Francesa and Danica Harberger.

GOTCHA Card- Target 600
Congratulations to all students for their achievement of 600 Gotcha cards for this term so far. The additional play will be provided on Thursday, our last day of term.

With the large number of attendance GOTCHAs going out this week, we’ll probably earn another extra play early next term. We also had a record number of 100% attendance GOTCHAs handed out this week for attendance in weeks 1-5. Thank you to parents for valuing their child’s education and ensuring attendance at school is regular.

**Gotcha card total for the fortnight:**
**New total for the year so far:**
**END OF TERM HAPPENINGS**

Easter and the school holidays are just around the corner which means that Term 1 is quickly coming to a close. Truly it does seem that the school year began only a few weeks ago. That old saying, “Time flies when you’re having fun,” must be true.

Over the next couple of weeks there will be a number of end of term activities, including Harmony Day and our first Coffee & Craft Afternoon for parents and carers commencing at 2:30 in the hall on Thursday 21 March, ride to School Day and the end of term Disco on Friday 22 March. Our Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday 27 March with class reward activities being held on the last day of term, Thursday 27 March.

Parent, student and teacher interviews will be held after the Easter holidays. With this term being only 9 weeks long, teachers are continuing to finalise assessment and prepare information to discuss student progress with parents and carers.

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR A P&C PRESIDENT!**

After many years of meritorious service Michelle Hansen, Linda Keates and Nichole Hood have decided to step down from their roles of P&C President, Vice President and Secretary respectively. I would at this time like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution made by the many members of the P&C and the members of our school community.

At the AGM held last week on Wednesday 13 March more than twenty parents, carers and community members attended. All Executive positions, except that of President, were filled. Thank you to all who have volunteered to take on a role within the P&C and those who continue to volunteer their time and expertise toward making our school a great place for learning.

The Victoria Park SS P&C Executive for 2013 is

**President:** TBA  
**Vice President:** Patricia Weber  
**Secretary:** Michelle Anderson  
**Treasurer:** Kathy Walz

**SHAVE FOR A CURE & NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING & VIOLENCE**

The school was a sea of orange last Friday as our students and staff stood together against bullying and violence.

Mr Jeff Poots, our school Guidance Officer, has been working with the Year 5 to 7 students on the Bully Bystander program. The program focuses on the “bystander” and how the “bystander” can be proactive in diffusing the incident and supporting those involved.

There were three staff members who donated their locks of hair to the search for a cure for cancer.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Prep A: **Sakima Scriven** - For an improvement in sight word knowledge and sounds.  
1A: **Zachary Meredith** - Being a 4 star learner and always doing his best.  
1C: **Shannah Grant**: You have had a fantabulous term and are always working your hardest. You are a Superstar, Shannah!  
2A: **Codi Smith** - Being a helpful and responsible student.  
2C: **Lily Gravenall** - For her excellent ideas at discussion times.  
3A: **Ezra Walz** - For getting class work done on time.  
3B: **Taylor Gutteridge** - For being super-speedy with her x tables and a champion speller!  
3C: **Emma Fairbanks-Pounder** - For being a champion learner and an excellent peer helper in the 3C classroom.  
4B: **Casey Manzelmann** - Making a fabulous progress in Maths.  
4C: **Jesse Wallace** - Great thinking when working with differing perspectives.  
5A: **Isaiah Brown** - Reading with improved fluency.  
5B: **Iviegyn Tapayan** - Always striving for excellence in the presentation of bookwork.  
5C: **Emma Pattemore** - For her excellent work habits and consistent effort in all areas.  
5/6: **Paris Templeton** - For working extremely hard on her history assignment.  
6/7: **Alec Scott** - For consistent effort and enthusiasm in all areas of his schooling.  
7A: **Skye Streidl** - Fantastic analysis of Aboriginal Artefacts.  
7B: **Eden Dwan-Dillon** - Excellent work within class, great questioning during lessons.  
7C: **Mariska Pretorious** - Excellent biography on a Pop Artist Roy Lichtenstein.

LOTE 6/7: **Marnie Bugeia** - Outstanding effort, - attitude and results in learning Chinese.  
LOTE 7A: **Kiara Davis** - For enthusiastic participation in learning Chinese. Well done!  
LOTE 7B: **Ryan Vassie** - For always giving 100% effort in learning Chinese. Keep up the great work!  
LOTE 7C: **Susan McNamara** - For excellent attitude and effort in LOTE class.
Parking
Parents and care givers are reminded that there is no parking in the Stop-Drop-Go Zone nor in the designated bus zone on Shakespeare St even if it’s raining. The bus zone must be kept clear as the Mackay Transit Service stops frequently throughout the day. Thank you.

P&C NEWS

SCHOOL DISCO
Where: In the school Hall
When: Friday 22 March
Theme: Easter - Normal Dress with your best Easter Hat or Bonnet.

We are doing things a little different this time. Food will be available from 4pm. PREPS to Grade 3 will be from 4.30-6pm ONLY Grade 4 to Grade 7 will be from 6.30-8.30pm ONLY. Families with children in both sessions, may choose to attend either session or both.

Parent Helper forms have been handed out, and if you are able to help out on the night could you please return those ASAP to the school office. We really appreciate any help to make the night run smoothly.

All children MUST be supervised by an adult. There will be NO ENTRY to the disco without an adult supervisor.

FLEXISCHOOL - 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 - they will be more than happy to assist. (There is also an app that is very easy to download and use if you are a smart phone user.)

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Better Buckle Up
Seatbelts save lives. Last year 23, people who died on Queensland roads were not wearing seatbelts.
In the lead up to Easter, the latest road safety campaign focuses on SEATBELTS.

After all, seatbelts are the single most effective feature in a vehicle, which reduces the severity of injuries to people in a crash. If you’re not wearing a seatbelt to hold your body back, then in the event of a crash, your organs will continue to travel forwards with greater force and can do more damage to your body, e.g. cracking ribs, puncturing lungs and tearing arteries from your heart.

Knowing this, it raises the question... are you buckled up? The seatbelts campaign includes an array of advertising, demonstrating what can happen to your body in the event of a crash if you’re not buckled up, fines and demerit points....

As a driver, you are responsible for ensuring all passengers (regardless of age) wear their seatbelt. If you drive with a passenger not wearing a seatbelt, you will be fined $330 and three demerit points for each unrestrained passenger.

Unrestrained passengers, 16 years and older, will be fined $330 and three demerit points.

Victoria Park Hockey Club
Victoria Park Hockey Club are looking for boys to join our U10 team. Beginners are welcome. For more information, please contact Cath Platts on 0418 185 923 or Kym Threadgate on 0401 333 606.

DBCT Young People’s Entertainment Season
Cautioinary Tales for Children
Date: Saturday 20 April 2013
Where: MECC North Foyer
Time: 2pm & 6pm
Cost: $15 per person or $55 per Family of 4
Ticket includes a lime spider drink for the kids.
For more information Ph: 4961 9761 or email Nicky Hansen - nicky.hansen@mackay.qld.gov.au

English Community Classes
Date: Every Thursday Night
Where: Level 1, 36 Wellington Street Mackay