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16 May 2013
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM 2 2013

Tuesday 14 May
Premier’s Reading Challenge begins

Friday 17 May
VPSS Cross Country and P&C Fun Run.

Tuesday 21 May
Mackay McDonald’s Maths Competition

Thursday 23 May
1.45pm MNSHS Yr 7 Enrolment Info Session.

Friday 24 May
Walk safely to school day.
Yr 5-7 Baseball Clinics (free)
Yr 3 Safety Circus (free)

Sunday 26 May
P&C Cent Sale.

Monday 27 May
Mackay Interschool Chess Competition
Mackay Instrumental Music Camp until Friday.

Tuesday 28 May
9-12 Chess Coaching Clinic

MORE SPORTING SUCCESS!!
Congratulations to the following students on their outstanding performance in their chosen sports:

Mackay Cross Country
• Will Morgan: 1st in 10 years boys.
• Charlotte Hoyle: 4th in 10 years girls.
• Mitchell Ruhle: 3rd in 11 years boys.
• Emma Manzelmann: 4th in 12 years girls
• Mayson Armstrong: 7th in 12 years girls

Mackay Softball team selection
• Shelby Mackelvie
• Riley Cunningham
• Tamika Brecknell

Mackay Tennis team selection
• Hannah Morgan
Good luck at the Capricornia trials!

Super Mathematicans
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to be in one of the Vic Park SS McDonald’s Maths teams who will compete next Tuesday in the Mackay Interschool Competition:

Tamika Brecknell
Carl Hinschen
Jhoana Soriano
Lani Hinks
Mayson Armstrong

Jessah Southwell
Jack Fuller
Joshua Warde
Destinee Whirisky
Lucas Warde

Reserves:
Daniel Rowlands Molpeceres
Ben Porter

Extra Play extra
Well done to all students! Another play reward has been earned and will be given next week.

Gotcha card total for the fortnight: 710
New total for the year so far: 1256
The major education news items this week, in the entire media, centre around the federal government’s Gonski reforms, the state government’s Great Teachers = Great Results, Strengthening School Discipline and NAPLAN. While the debate continues on all these issues the students and staff of your child’s school have been focusing on the job at hand – teaching and learning. I had the pleasure to observe our Year 7 students demonstrate their solutions to the task of creating a Marble Roller Coaster. Students were required to design and construct their roller coaster with the goal of having the marble take the longest time from start to finish.

There was a large variety of solutions and machines designed and constructed from all sorts of materials and with a range results. The learning was in the design, construction and modification of the machines and the fun was in testing out the ideas.

Our students in Years 3, 5 and 7 completed the NAPLAN tests confidently and with no major concerns. We will know individual, class and year level results later in the year.

At Victoria Park School we believe that by teaching a comprehensive up-to-date curriculum and employing the most effective teaching and learning strategies then the students at our school will Achieve their Personal Best no matter what the challenge.

Pool Change Rooms
Improving the facilities available to the students and school community is the long term goal of the P&C. Our pool change rooms or, more importantly, the lack of privacy provided, is one factor that some students have raised as to why they avoid participating in swimming. This week the school and P&C have jointly submitted an Expression of Interest to the Smart School Subsidy scheme to assist in financing the provision of more suitable change room facilities at our pool. The estimated contribution required by the school and P&C is approximately $50 000.

Measles
Measles is an acute highly infectious illness caused by the measles virus. Measles can cause serious complications including pneumonia (lung infection) or encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). It may also cause middle ear infection. Complications are more common and more severe in people with a chronic illness and very young children. Deaths occur mainly in children under five years of age, primarily from pneumonia, and occasionally from encephalitis. Measles should not be regarded as a simple childhood disease. A fact sheet about measles is included with this newsletter.

Changes to First Lunchbreak
This term we have been piloting some changes to the structure of the student’s first lunchbreak. The major changes have included – snack break for all classes in the morning session, play first then eat, structured supervised activities in the hall, playground buddies and additional playtime options.

The reasoning behind these changes was to have students more settled and ready for learning when they re-entered the classroom, to reduce the incidents of misbehaviour and conflict that occurred during the transition from the playground to the classroom and to provide students with a number of options. We are now halfway through the term and about to begin inviting feedback from students, parents and staff.

If you would like to provide us with your thoughts and suggestions about the changes to our first lunchbreak, I have included a feedback form with this newsletter or you may wish to email your thoughts and suggestions to the.principal@victparkss.eq.edu.au

Songroom
Our students and school community have been invited to participate in the ‘My Story Postcard Exhibition being held at Artspace Mackay from 5 – 24 August. Students and community members from Central, Victoria Park, Fitzgerald and the Mackay Special School have been invited to participate as part of the Songroom Creative Communities Project.

This is a wonderful opportunity to support our students and celebrate our diverse and multicultural school community.

We will be holding lunch time and before school art classes to create the postcards for the exhibition during week 8 (June 3 to 7) and week 9 (June 11 to 14). We are looking for willing parents, carers and community members to come along, assist our students and share stories of the many cultures represented at our school.

For more information contact School Contact person or Wanda Bennett the Songroom art teacher on 0407171371.
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

1A: Andrew Cole - For trying to make good choices!
1A: Zachary Meredith - For working hard at all activities.
1B: Kaleb Craine - For working hard to finish all work on time.
1C: Alex Mason - WOOWOO Alex! You have amazed me with the efforts you have been making with your learning. Keep it up Superstar!
1D: Makayla Armstrong - For such imaginative and descriptive hero writing.
1D: Matt Anderson - For being such a polite and well-mannered member of our class.
1D: Sam Adams - For great contributions during class discussions.
2A: Zara Lahy - Being a responsible role model and hard worker.
2A: Deagan Powell - Being a wonderful four star learner.
2A: Sam Malowiecki - For always trying his very best with a smile.
2B/3: Dallas Robertson - For her sensational sentence starters.
2B/3: Mwansa Nawale - For a dynamic start to a persuasive text.
2B/3: Kayden Boynton - For being an excellent role model in the classroom.
2B/3: Paiten Best - For her enthusiastic approach to her learning.
3A: Nicola Fraser - Excellent application of thinking skills in all areas.
3B: Daniel Parker - For trying really hard to do his best work in class.
3C: Edward Salonga - Being a polite, well-mannered and hard working student.
3C: Kimberly Moses - For your excellent attitude towards learning.
4A: Jazmine Cavanough - For always being a responsible learner.
4A: Ricardo Taipe - For always being ready to work in class.
4B: Nova Moffatt - For always working hard in Maths and getting great results.
4C: Marjill Galvan - Reaching her spelling goal four weeks in a row.
4F: Charlotte Odger - Excellent reading voice!
4F: Jessica Catchpole - For being an excellent helper and a kind classmate.
5A: Luke Bridger - For inspirational and “Lionhearted” efforts in the classroom and on the sporting field.
5A: Naomi Lahy - For displaying great research skills in Science.
5B: Lydia Mezen - For always being in the right place at the right time.
5C: Zane Gravenall - For his marvellous mathematical mind.
5/6 Amber Ansell - For her excellent attitude and determination with all her work.
6/7: Marnie Bugeja - For excellent vocabulary use in her persuasive writing.
7A: Kiara Davis - Excellent participation, effort and work ethics in all areas.
7B: Cody Hilton - For great work and participation in all areas.
7C: Taylor Pamenter - Excellent effort with Cartesian planes.
LOTE: Ben Porter - For a fantastic presentation on his LOTE speaking assessment.
LOTE: Mary Di Francesco - For a fantastic presentation on her LOTE speaking assessment.
LOTE: Jack Fuller - For a fantastic presentation on his LOTE assessment.
LOTE: Susan McNamara - For a fantastic presentation on her LOTE assessment.

This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky Tuckshop Vouchers go to:

Prep B: Amy Tetley - Being responsible.
Prep D: Tage Guzowski - Excellent counting.
1A: Harper Theiber - 100% Attendance.
1D: Siqi Liu - Great work during ESL lessons.
2C: Javy Chopra - Using great adjectives.
2C: Sarah Neame - Trying hard.
3A: Nicola Fraser - Fantastic spelling & number facts results.
3A: Mavrick Dutton - Great Attendance.
4B: Tayla Brazil - Anzac Day Marching.
4C: Zoe Ringwood - Being a learner.
5B: Halle Oosen - 100% Homework.
5/6: Lachlan Keates - 100% Attendance.
6A: Mayson Armstrong - Being responsible.
6A: Nick Wallace - Super helper in buddy reading.
6/7: Monique Lester - Being in the right place at the right time.
7B: Hannah Walz - Anzac Day March participant.

LIBRARY

Books On Tour’ Book Fair 2013

Thank you for your support in making our recent Book Fair a most successful event. Sales totalled approx. $7 700, earning $2 700 of free books and products (from Scholastic) for our School Library. What a fantastic effort!

A special thank you to the Ballard, Hood, Junior, Keates, Scott, Stafford, Threadgate and Walker families who purchased books and donated them to our Library. Each of these books has a Book Fair bookplate on the back cover as a constant reminder and thank you for your kind donation. Your generosity has been very much appreciated.

The six Book Fair competitions were very popular. The winners were: Susan McNamara; Alishia Smith; Austin Macrae; Rhianne Stephenson; Ebony Prosser; Shelby Blackmur; Noah Gupwell; Kaili James; Kieran Brecknell; Sam Malowiecki; Chonmani Zuercher; Jakiah Tonga; Kaycee Scholl; Cameron Levitz; Monique Lester; Mr Kliese; Kobie Moran; Elly Peppin; Charlotte Munro; Gemma May; Eve Templeton; Kaitlin Scott; William Vanmather; Lani Hinks; Tahli Marnell; Brittany Pattemore; Dylan Ringwood and Taylor Pamenter. As a prize, each winner was able to select a book of their choice (from the Book Fair) to the value of $15. Congratulations! Happy Reading!
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Michelle Woodworth and I am the New Chaplain at Victoria Park State School. I will be available at the school every Thursday and Friday. I have already met many of the wonderful children, staff, P&C and some parents. Next week is Queensland Schools’ Chaplaincy Week. To celebrate, there will be pancakes, fruit platters and the usual cereal and toast at Breakfast Club on Thursday and Friday. I look forward to meeting you all. Please come and say hello.

Thanks Michelle Woodworth.

QUEENSLAND SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY

WEEK 19-26 MAY 2013

Celebrate Chappy’s... Your friendly local School Chaplain is the extra listening ear to hear us, our friend that helps when needed, cares about our special concerns and keeps us busy when we need something else to think about. They help us when we are in crises too. Our worries get smoothed over and we feel better!...

Thank you, Chappy’s!!

POSITION VACANT CASUAL KITCHEN HAND

Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre

Kinchant Outdoor Education Centre has two Casual positions available as Kitchen Hand. An information package is available by contacting the Centre on 49541426.

The successful applicant would be subject to a “working with children check” as part of the employment screening process. A non-smoking policy is effective in Queensland Government buildings and offices.

Applications close 14 June 2013.

COMMUNITY NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR CHAPLAIN

MACKAY NORTH STATE HIGH SCHOOL

YEAR 8 IN 2014

The Enrolment Management Plan has been lifted from Mackay North State High School. Students from all schools are able to enrol. Enrolments accepted from 5 June.

INFORMATION EVENING

6.00PM TUESDAY 4 JUNE 2013

MACKAY NORTH COMMUNITY HALL,

VALLEY STREET, NORTH MACKAY

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION FORMS FOR ENROLMENT AND SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE SCHOOL | PHONE 07 4963 1666 | EMAIL the.principal@macknortshs.eq.edu.au

PCYC CONCERT

Date: 8 June 2013

Time: Juniors 4-6pm

Venue: PCYC Mackay Stadium - off Norris Rd, North Mackay Ph: 4942 3296

Cost: $30 for Juniors

$10 for Junior Chaperone

$30 for Seniors

Tickets Sold @ PCYC Mackay or Mackay Music

or

Through Local Schools

THE COLLECTIVE

Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) Mackay invites you to the ultimate concert for the youth of Mackay; PCYC delivers a one-of-a-kind under 18’s music and dance event.

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 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.