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11 July 2013
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
TERM 3 2013

Monday 8 July
School Resumes
Year 5 on camp at Kinchant Dam until Wednesday.

Tuesday 9 July
Starlab 3D Cosmodome presentations until Thursday.

Tuesday 16 July
Year 7 Camp at Sydney/Canberra until Monday 22 July.
Ned Show FREE Presentation

Wednesday 17 July
Year 6 Camp until Friday 19 July.

Wednesday 17 July
Southern Suburbs Discus

Thursday 18 July
Southern Suburbs Athletics

Friday 19 July
Book Club orders due

Monday 29 July
VPSS Spelling Bee

Athletics Age Champions
Boys: 2005 Maison Staas
Boys: 2004 Jed Theiber
Boys: 2003 Will Morgan
Boys: 2002 Kori Mooner-Brayshaw
Boys: 2001 Rhys Neale
Boys: 2000 Mitchell Aldous
Girls: 2005 Sarah Edwards
Girls: 2004 Holly Keates
Girls 2003 Tilayna Nissen
Girls 2002 Destiny Hansen
Girls 2001 Hannah Morgan
Girls 2000 Olivia Shailer

Winning Sports House
Senior: 1st Mercury Junior: 1st Mercury
2nd Jupiter 2nd Neptune
3rd Neptune 3rd Neptune

Mackay Show Entrant Wins
Congratulations to Brianna Skinner 7B for Champion Baker won for her Chocolate Cake, Chocolate Slice, 2nd for Patty Cakes & Packet Cakes. Brianna won a $100 Voucher from the Good Guys for the school.

Congratulations - We Won!
Victoria Park State School Under 10’s Rugby League won the Carnival. Well done and congratulations to the whole team on your efforts.

This fortnight’s Gotcha Lucky Tuckshop Vouchers go to:
Prep D: Cameron Gaskell For great reading.
1B: Tia Fourro - Great classroom work.
2C: Lily Jufis - For being a great helper at Breakfast Club.
3C: Tiffany Meng - For being a 4 Star Learner!
4C: Marjill Galvan - Being a learner - winning number facts shootout.
5B: Pia Reynoso - Completing moon observation.
6/7: Nick Watts - For working hard on Mathletics.
7C: Hunter McVeigh - Performance at the Twilight Concert.

Gotcha card total for the fortnight: 232
New total for the year so far : 3310
Welcome back to Victoria Park SS for Term 3. Last term concluded with the school buzzing with the excitement of the Mackay Show and the impending holidays. This term begins with the excitement of our Year 5, 6 and 7 students preparing to go on their camps and excursions during the first two weeks of school.

Mrs Karryn Brunetto has been appointed to Victoria Park State School as our Deputy Principal for this semester while Mrs Grant is Acting Principal at Andergrove SS. We also welcome Mrs Sandra Conroy and Mrs Zuriette Du Plessis to our Music and Learning Support Programs while Mrs Milles and Mrs Pailthorpe are on leave.

This term will be 11 weeks in duration with a number of significant events being held throughout the term. The main events include the Year 5, 6 and 7 camps, Southern Suburbs and Mackay Athletics, the NED Show, Literacy and Numeracy Week, Year 4 Bike Ed, Mackay Orchestra and Bands, the Bush Dance and Parent, Teacher and Student interviews. You can check what is happening at Victoria Park School by logging onto our website www.vicparkss@eq.edu.au and going to the Calendar and Events tag.

We’re celebrating NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC is a celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and an opportunity to recognise the contributions of Indigenous Australians in various fields. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. Information regarding NAIDOC week is available at www.naidoc.org.au/. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. Previously NAIDOC Week has fallen in the June/July holiday break. This year we have the opportunity to participate in our own NAIDOC Week celebrations here at school.

Report Cards & Attendance

Report Cards were distributed to families on the final day of last term. Families who were away on the day and who have not made arrangements to have the reports forwarded by mail or email are able to contact the school office and make arrangements for the collection of the children’s report card. Included on the report card is a record of each student’s attendance for the semester. This is displayed as the total number of days absent and the number of Unexplained Absences. Every Day Counts and the days students miss school are days of learning that the students cannot make up. It is time lost. We all have a right to education to an

set ourselves up for life after school. We also have the responsibility to make sure that we engage with the opportunities our education system provides to us.

Twilight Concert

A large appreciative audience of parents, family members and school staff were provided with an evening of performance from our Instrumental Music String Ensemble and Concert Band during the final week of Term 2. The evening kicked off with the beginner groups of musicians. It always impresses me to see the progress beginner players make in the first six to 12 months of tuition.

The hard work and dedication of the students is evident for all to see when the senior ensemble and concert band perform. The number of students involved in our Instrumental program this year is the largest we have seen for many years.

The Twilight Concert is the beginning of the lead up to this year’s Mackay Eisteddfod. On behalf of our hard working Music Department and students, I would like to thank parents for your support and encouragement of your children in their musical pursuits.

Great teachers = Great results

Great teachers = Great results is the Queensland Government’s five-year, $537 million action plan to make our state’s education system even better. It will:

- support teachers with mentoring, training and resources
- reward outstanding teachers with career opportunities and scholarships
- strengthen state school discipline
- allow schools to have more say in how they are run because each school community knows what’s best for Queensland kids.

The plan will lift standards of teaching and give schools more flexibility to get on with the job with a range of research-based initiatives to help your child get a great education, no matter where you live. There will be new ways of measuring and rewarding high performances among our teachers, as well as strengthened discipline and streamlined processes for suspensions and exclusions.

Find out more about the plan: www.qld.gov.au/greatteachers

Cleaners Position Vacant

Cleaner 8 hours per week
(Permanent Position) 4 days x 2 hours per day and ADO commencing 5 August 2013.

Applicant Package available from the School Office.

Applications Close 24 July 2013.
Year 7 Awesome Trip to NSW!
Next week, the lucky Year Sevens are going on an exclusive trip to Sydney and Canberra to have the time of their lives learning about democracy, government and history. The teachers, however, are going to learn that duct tape is essential, monkeys don’t just live in the zoo and being financially savvy should be taught in schools (for those big spenders)!

Tuesday 16 July, will be the start of this holiday when we arrive at Sydney Airport at 10:35am. We then have lunch at Maccas, Catch a Ferry to Taronga Zoo and have a spectacular dinner on the Captain Cook Sunset Dinner Cruise. So much excitement-on the very first day! For the rest of the week, our other amazing destinations will include: The Opera House, Sydney Tower, Paddy’s Market, Madam Tussauds, Darling Harbour, The Australian Mint and CSIRO Science Centre. This is only a mere insight of all the fun, laughs and education we will experience! On Friday, 19 July, they will be facing a remarkable discovery, as Year 7 will be touring and participating in a mock debate in the actual Parliament House. These privileged year 7’s will dress up and everything!

Don’t worry, every embarrassing moment will definitely be caught on camera! Parents can also access a blog that will be especially made for this trip (yet to be determined) where you can send messages to children and children can send messages to parents. Photos will be uploaded daily.

The Year 7 trip is an initiative of the government to encourage students to visit Australia’s capital to participate in a variety of educational programmes focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing a set amount to eligible students under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this programme.

So you better watch out Canberra, cause here comes VIC PARK!!!

P&C NEWS

FLEXISCHOOLS-ONLINE ORDERING SYSTEM.
This is a system set up by the P&C to make it easier for parents to complete 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 8:45 to 9:30 am
Wednesday morning from 8:45 to 9:30 am
Thursday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:00 pm
Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:00 pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Milman State School
335 Milman Road
Milman Qld 4702
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Principal: Shirley Francis sfra28@eq.edu.au
Milman State School proudly celebrates its Centenary on the weekend of August 10 and 11. The main events of the official program will take place on Saturday 10 August. If you have previously attended, taught at or been associated with Milman State School, we would love to hear from you, and have you attend our celebrations.

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Who’s in Charge?
Mackay Youth Support Services
Unit 2, 57 Wood St, (9th Lane) Mackay 4740
65.00
Email: info@mys.org.au

Reclaim respect and calm in your family!
The Who’s in Charge group is a 7 week program for parents or carers of young people (10 to 18) who are abusive, violent or defiant.

Starting: Term 1 Tuesday16th July 9.30am – 12.00
Thursday18th July 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Place: Mackay Youth Support Services
Cost: Karen Ph 4953 2299
Email: info@mys.org.au

P&C NEWS
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.

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

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