Cowboys Schoolgirl Challenge

On Friday 6 September four of our girls joined with other Mackay school girls to compete in the inaugural Cowboys Challenge in Townsville. All four played extremely well, representing the school with a lot of enthusiasm and talent.

They were given the opportunity to meet the Sims brothers (Tariq and Ashton) as well as meet three of the Jillaroo’s and pose with the Women’s Rugby League World Cup trophy.

Congratulations to all the girls - Emma, Tamika, Destinee and Shyndalea - who travelled away to the carnival.
Friday marks the end of our third term of the year. Your children have been very busy enjoying the many and varied educational opportunities provided to them throughout the term. These have included excursions, camps, the Song Room’s -This is My Story Postcard, Wakakirri, the Big Sing, various sporting activities along with last week’s Bush Dance.

Students are to be commended for their continued focus on their classroom learning throughout the eleven weeks of this term. They, along with all our school staff, have well and truly earned the upcoming break.

Thank you

Hatties’s IGA kindly donated a large cake in support of The Smith Family’s Back to School fundraising event last Friday.

Carroll’s Newsagency has donated to the school a large number of student workbooks which will be placed in classrooms to support children’s learning.

On behalf of Victoria Park State School I would like to acknowledge the very generous support of both Hatties’ IGA and Carroll’s Newsagency toward the education of our children.

NAPLAN Student Reports

Individual student NAPLAN reports for Year 3, 5 and 7 students were scheduled to be delivered to schools from Friday 13 September. Unfortunately, due to a printing error in some Year 5 reports, the release of the reports to schools has been delayed until Term 4. Reports will be forwarded to parents as soon as they arrive at Victoria Park State School.

Some Changes

At the commencement of next term there will be some minor changes to the recess breaks at the school. These have come about after consultation with students, staff and the P&C Association. The School Council has approved the changes for Term 4.

First Break

Students will continue to play first and then eat during the first break. Feedback provided to the school is that children are eating their lunch and are more settled on their return to class. The first break will be shortened by 5 minutes as teachers have reported that students have completed eating well before the bell to return to class rings. The 5 minutes will be added to the second break to provide students with a longer second break.

Tuckshop

Ice blocks, chips, etc. will only be available at second break. These will need to be pre-ordered before school. Students will be permitted to order 1 ice-block, 1 packet of chips, etc. each day. These may be ordered in combination i.e. 1 ice-block & 1 packet of chips. These must be redeemed on the day of purchase.

Play areas

Year 4, 5 & 6 students will rotate between the Senior Oval and the Hall for their first break next term. Year 7 students will use the Goldsmith Street oval and basketball court for their recess breaks.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays.

Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 13 17 88. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school.

If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Safety is everybody’s business

LOOK OUT! LOOK OUT! THERE ARE CHILDREN ABOUT!

Thank you to all parents and carers for your assistance in ensuring that children are safe when being dropped off before school and when being picked up after school this term. I have noticed a marked improvement in children’s road safety behaviours when walking and riding to and from school, especially, in their use of the pedestrian crossings.

Children can be unpredictable in their behaviours especially, when they are with their peers. It is incumbent upon us all not only be vigilant but to also educate our children in the correct use of our roads.

NET- SET –GO

"Next term our school is very fortunate to be hosting a series of Net-Set-Go sessions for interested students on Friday afternoons, Weeks 2 to 8 (inclusive) from 3:15pm to 4:15pm. Net-Set-Go is the ideal starting point for students interested in trying out the sport before joining a team. The cost of the sessions is $60 altogether which includes a pink Net-Get-So netball bag, pink netball, participation certificate and Net-Set-Go shirt to wear. Anyone interested is asked to please see Mrs Lea Arnold in 3B before school and she will take your name. Monies can also be forwarded to Mrs Arnold, rather than the school office, before the end of Week 1 next term. :)

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

“Change your thoughts and you change your world.”

~Norman Vincent Peale
### Gotcha Lucky Tuckshop Vouchers

- **Prep A**: Mikayla - Beautiful manners during carpet time.
- **Prep B**: Ezeckiel - Working Quietly.
- **1C**: Dahreyse - Being Responsible.
- **1C**: Ethan - Amazing retell of the 3 Little Pigs.
- **2A**: Tom - Being Responsible.
- **2A**: Charlotte - Being Respectful.
- **2/3**: Cooper - Amazing Worker!
- **3B**: Lorna - Successful participation in Premier's Reading Challenge.
- **4A**: Maddie - Performing at Anzac Parade.
- **4B**: Leonardo - Great Attendance.
- **5A**: Joe - For assisting with classroom organisation.
- **5C**: Kara - Great Attendance.
- **6/7**: Jacob - Being a Learner.
- **7B**: Hannah - Performance at Senior Citizens.
- **7C**: Susan - Being Respectful.
- **7C**: Jasmine - Performance at Senior Citizens.

### Student of the Week

#### 1st Form
- **1A**: Ahmad - Blowing my mind with your fantastic reading comprehension!
- **1A**: Caitlyn - Fantastic improvement in your reading and fabulous expression!!!
- **1C**: Alex - For proving you can do anything when you put your mind to it.
- **1C**: Kieran - Thank you for being a responsible class member and setting a good example to your peers.
- **1C**: Class 1C - You have knocked my socks off all term with your hard work and positive attitudes. You are all FAN-TAZ-MAGORICAL!!
- **1D**: Chance - For blowing my mind with the improvement you have made in your sight words!
- **1D**: Kianna Smith - For blowing my mind with the improvement you have made in your sight words!
- **1D**: Zara - For consistently being a four star learner and encouraging others to also be one.
- **1D**: Sam - For proving that you are truly a numbers man by blowing my mind with your ninja number facts!
- **2A**: Taj - For making a great effort with his creative writing.
- **2A**: Jude - For working hard to improve her spelling results.
- **2B**: Leo - For a consistently high attitude towards learning.
- **2B**: Tarak - For a consistently high attitude towards learning.
- **2C**: Reynan - A pleasing improvement with reading comprehension.
- **2C**: Xander - A pleasing improvement with reading comprehension.
- **2/3**: Libby - Excellent progress on SOSE project.
- **2/3**: Ethan - Making better choices at play time.
- **2/3**: Rowan - For a good job on the information report about Kowaris.
- **3A**: Chloe - Making better choices at play time.
- **3A**: Eve - For always being polite and respectful.
- **3A**: Fluer - For improvements with writing and spelling activities.
- **3A**: Amber - For being motivated to take pride in her work.
- **3B**: Corey - For putting in his best effort in being ready to learn!
- **3B**: Caitlin - For consistently performing to the very best of her ability in all subject areas.
- **3C**: Jenelli - Excellent application in all areas of literacy.
- **3C**: Nicole - Wonderful attitude and application to her school work.
- **4A**: Teira - For working well to complete her literature contract.
- **4A**: Colby - Always putting in 100% effort in all areas.

#### 4th Form
- **4B**: Liam - For always remaining cool, calm, collected and confident.
- **4C**: Jakiah - Constructing a superb bush dance poster.
- **4C**: Elise - For showing great improvement in number and place value.
- **4/5**: Breiana - For trying her best to improve her handwriting.
- **4/5**: Cayden - Always trying his best!
- **4/5**: Tristan - Consistency in all subjects. Keep it up.
- **5A**: Imogen - Excellent Pat-R Results.
- **5B**: Alex - Interesting ideas in narrative story writing.
- **5B**: Ben - For a positive attitude toward his new class and learning.
- **5/6**: Leiann - For having a positive attitude and working hard in class.
- **5/6**: Jade Storey - For exceptional design and use of electrical circuits in her science diorama.
- **6/7**: Brad - For excellent effort in designing and making a bedroom with electric circuits.
- **6/7**: Nik - For an excellent effort in using electrical circuits in his diorama.
- **7A**: Brooke - Fantastic imaginative recount on The Siege of Glenrowan.
- **7B**: Dylan - Excellent results in our Unit Science Test.
- **7B**: Liam - Great results in our Science test and trying his best in all areas.
- **7C**: Jordan - A great effort on his Science test.
Sports equipment, e.g. skipping rope, ball & more.
The winner of the week will be announced on Parade on Monday.

For Flexi information see the Tuckshop, P&C or App.
Download the Skoolbag App to keep up with all the school information. To DOWNLOAD GO TO the App Store or google play (for android phones) & search Victoria Park State School Skoolbag & Download.

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 8:30 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
DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO CARES FOR A RELATIVE OR FRIEND? DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS A YOUNG CARER?
ARE YOU A YOUNG CARER?
A young carer is a young person who is a major provider of care and support for a relative or friend who has disability or is frail aged. The Young Carers Program at Commonwealth Respite and Carelink Centres assists young carers who need support with their primary or secondary education or vocational equivalent due to the demands of their caring role. They may be affected in a variety of ways including missing school, failure to complete homework, often distracted/not connecting with their peers and leaving school early due to poor grades or pressures at home.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Students completing secondary school.
Young carers completing secondary education at a vocational institution or Primary school students and secondary carers, who also have extensive responsibilities within the family and have been assessed as also struggling to complete their education because of their caring role.

P&C NEWS
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The P&C (parents and citizens group) has purchased a PHONE APP that you can download NOW for FREE!!! We would like all parents to have as much access to information as possible and now we have found an easier way. As part of our trial and we would like YOU to jump on your phone (iphone or Android) and download the app to receive new information as it comes to hand. If you any questions, please contact Michelle on 0438576784 for more information.
Here’s to communication but everything is a team effort and the success of this depends on YOU, the parents, downloading it!!! We will be monitoring the users to see if it is worth the cost to keep it running permanently.
Go to the APP STORE and search “Victoria Park State School Skoolbag” and download it.

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MUSIC
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Tuesday 15 October - Morning - Recorder Ensemble
Tuesday 15 October - Morning - Concert Band
Wednesday 15 October - Morning - Small Wind / Strings & Recorder
Wednesday 15 October - Morning - String Ensemble
Monday 21 October - Evening - Novelty Choir
Tuesday 22 October - Morning - Prep Choir
Tuesday 22 October - Morning - Grade 1 Choir
Thursday 24 October - Afternoon - Grade 3 Choir
Thursday 24 October - Evening - Folk Group
Friday 25 October - Morning - Grade 2 Choir
Friday 25 October - Evening - Hymn and Folk Choir

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WHAT ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED?
The assistance provided is flexible and based on the needs of the young carer:

- Basic housework, cooking and cleaning, support with training and education.
- eg: One-on-one tutor, school resources funding, giving the young carer a break from their caring role.
- activities/outings with other young carers.
- advocacy and referral to counselling.
- Referral to other services.

Give CRCC a call on 1800 052 222

**Community English Classes**

Ongoing Community English Classes since 2004 held at MAIN Office 36 Wellington Street (1st Floor) under RSDC auspices. Cost $5.00 materials provided. 5:45pm to 7:00pm, on Thursdays, usually running during school terms with breaks for vacations. Certification of 20 logged sessions.

For any enquiries please contact David Pyke
Ph:4969 2039 or 0423 289 402
ESLSupport@Whitsunday Anglican School

**Southern Suburbs Cricket Club**

Players Wanted. Season commences 4 October.
For further information: Ph 0428 573 577
southscricket@clubs.qldcricket.com.au

**Mackay Surf Lifesaving Club**

Open Day and Sign -on- Sunday 29 September
10:30 am-1pm
Mackay Harbour Beach
Come along and see what Surf Lifesaving is all about. 2 week trial memberships available (please bring a parent along). Surf sport demonstrations, clubhouse tours and displays. Meet Ironwoman Liz Pluimers.
If you can’t attend on the day but would still like to join, please ring the club on 4955 5630 or email mackayslsc@bigpond.com All welcome!

**Little Lifesavers School Holiday Program**

Where: Mackay Regional Council Bluewater Lagoon
When: Monday 30 September – Friday 4 October 2013 (8am to 10am)
Who: Children Aged 5-11 years
Contact: Demelza Mawer (MELZ) at Surf Life Saving Queensland
Phone: 0408 720 048
Email: dmawer@lifesaving.com.au

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