



VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

“Caring and Challenging for the Future”

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Principal – Mrs Viviene Simpson

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Newsletter 3

Be a Learner



Be Safe



Be Respectful



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 4

Prep	Zephyr
1/2	AJ
2/3	Alex
3/4	Jasper
4/5	Harley
5/6	Isabella
PE	Murray
Music	Tully & AJ
Choir	Brooklyn-Jade
Playground	Tahlia
Science	Joseph /Hayden
Principal's	Garry
LOTE	Brydie /Tahlia

Week 5

Prep	Arabella
1/2	Daisy
2/3	Ruby
3/4	Jayden
4/5	Courtney
5/6	Hayley
PE	Charlie
Music	Katia
Choir	Coopah

Playground	Jayden
Science	Ruby /Katia
Principal's	Elise
LOTE	Cheyenne

SCHOOL LEADERS

Last week our senior students presented their speeches and elections were held for all positions. Congratulations to the following students on being elected to their positions –

School Captains – Harrison & Shae
School Vice-Captains – Harrison & Dakota
Melaleuca Captains – Murray & Cassie
Grevillea Captains – Harrison & Hayley
Sports Equip. Manager – Nancy
Student Council President – Adelaide
Student Council Vice-President – Tiana
Student Council Secretary – Brooklyn-Jade
Student Council Treasurer – Charlize
Environmental Managers – Isabella & Paige
I. T. Manager – Lilli

Choir Captain – Brooklyn-Jade

We wish the students well for their year in a Leadership role.

BADGE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Our Badge Presentation Ceremony will be held on Monday at 9.15 am. Parents of senior students will be presenting their own child with their badge. Following the presentation of badges, morning tea will be held in the hall for family and friends of Year 6 students. Parents of the Year 6 students are asked to bring a plate of food to share. Tea and coffee will be provided.

RULE OF THE WEEK

Week 6: Be organised – Always complete school work.

Week 7: Be Punctual – Always be on time.

P&C - Notice of AGM

Tuesday 28th February, 6.00pm in the Library.

All committee positions are declared vacant.

Children are welcome but not supervised.

For further information regarding positions, please speak to Rachel Nicholson or Crystal Hollis.

Immediately following the AGM will be the first general meeting of the year. Please come along and support the P&C. This forum enables parents to have input into decisions made regarding excursions, camps, fundraising and purchasing of resources.

PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE

Mrs Simpson will be attending a Principals Conference from Wednesday afternoon (1st March) to Friday (3rd March).

NO SMOKING

Parents are advised that the following ruling is in effect around school zones.

No smoking at state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries.

Student cards have been sent home today for checking. Please make any alterations, sign at the bottom and

return to the school. Please sign and return even if you make no changes.

SPORTS TRIALS - Netball

On Thursday 16th February, the following girls attended the Netball Trials for Possibles and Probables at Flagstone - Brooklyn-Jade, Tiana, Olivia, Cassie and Hayley. The girls all enjoyed the experience. Well done girls for having a go and doing your best.



CURRICULUM NEWS

Prep – The prep class have been working incredibly hard over the past 5 weeks.

We have started looking at imaginary texts and how to create more interesting sentences through the use of descriptive words. The children have been learning new sounds and working really hard on their sight words in class. Keep up the great work at home with their reading and sight words!

In Maths, we are continuing our counting to ten and beyond, and recognising the numerals. We have also explored data and asking questions to collect data. We have just started learning our 2D shapes. Some children are starting to write numeral names.

In History, we have started looking at families in different countries and exploring our own family.

Year 1/2 - In English, we have been exploring the purpose of imaginative texts and how they are structured. We read imaginative picture books and discussed what happened in the beginning, middle and end, before writing our own retell.

In Maths, we have been solving simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of strategies such as, counting on and back, doubles facts and rainbow facts. We have really enjoyed playing 'Around the World' to practise our number facts.

Year 2/3 – In our class we have been looking at emotions in art. The students have painted 'angry', 'sad' and 'happy' paintings. They chose appropriate colours and brushstrokes to show these emotions.

In English, we are all writing animal stories using lots of descriptive language to show emotions in stories.

Year 3/4 – All students seem to have settled into our new routines. We have been challenged each day with

our "Speed Test", where students try to beat their personal best recalling times tables.

When writing, we are creating our own chapter for Roald Dahl's novel, 'The Twits'.

A reminder for all parents/carers of Year 3/4 students that our Parent Information session is on Tuesday 28th February at 3.05 pm in our classroom.

Year 4/5 – Students have been revising their multiplication and related division number facts. They have learnt different strategies to solve multiplication problems.

Students have been learning about the different language features of a fantasy novel. They have also started planning for the first chapter of their writing task.

Year 5/6 – In the 5/6 class we are working on our mental math strategies practising different ways to solve maths problems.

In English, we are analysing and planning the writing of short story narratives.

SHAVE FOR A CURE

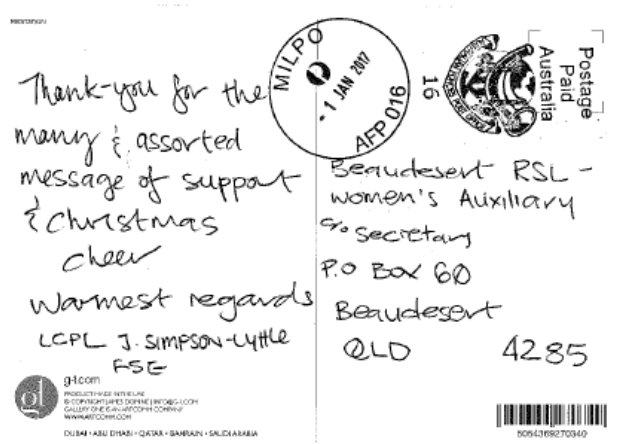
On Friday 17th March, Sammy will be having his head shaved on parade. Sammy is doing this to support his friend Summer (9 years old) who was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in August 2016. A donation box has been placed on the counter in the office for anyone wishing to support this worthy cause. Students will also be able to have their hair coloured by a willing group of parents before school on this day. This will cost a \$1 donation to the same cause.

TYPING TOURNAMENT

Parents are reminded that we are using Typing Tournament at school to improve students' typing skills in readiness for NAPLAN going online. Parent notes were sent home earlier this year encouraging the use of Typing Tournament at home also. If your child has lost their log in details please see the class teacher.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

At the end of last year we were approached by the Beaudesert RSL Women's Auxillary to write Christmas cards for soldiers serving overseas. We received the following responses recently.



TASK GROUP TAJI – IV

The Secretary
Women's Auxiliary
Beaudesert RSL Sub Branch
PO Box 60
Beaudesert, Qld 4285

Dear Ladies,

My name is Warrant Officer Class Two Peter Williams and I am currently serving in Iraq with Task Group Taji.

I was fortunate to open the Christmas cards over the Christmas period and I am writing to say a sincere thank you for your kindness and generosity.

As someone who comes from Brisbane and enjoys the Queensland lifestyle, the cards from SE Qld have a particular significance for me at this time of the year. It's not easy to be away from friends and family and it meant a lot to know that there are people back in Australia thinking of us.

Thanks again for taking the time to send us your Christmas message and I wish you, your family and the Women's Auxiliary a very Happy New Year.

Kind regards

Peter Williams
Warrant Officer Class Two

