



# VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

“Caring and Challenging for the Future”

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Newsletter 16

**Be a Learner**



**Be Safe**



**Be Respectful**



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

### Term 3 Week 8

Prep	Ella
1/2	Isabella
2/3	Hugh
4/5	Hayden
P. E.	James
Science	Year 2/3 class
P'ground	Ellie
Principal's	Chloe

### Term 3 Week 9

Prep	Charlotte
1/2	Grace
2/3	Maddison
4/5	Monique
5/6	Mia
Choir	Angel
P.E.	Grace /Dylan
Science	Tiana
P'ground	Tiana
Principal's	Georgia
LOTE	Harrison

## CURRICULUM NEWS

Prep/1 – This week, Prep/1 have been converting familiar stories into plays and acting them out. We had lots of fun being the three billy goats gruff and the troll. There are some fabulous actors and actresses in our class! In Maths, we are looking at chance and probability. We think it is very likely it will rain today.

Year 1/2 – The students have almost completed their Health Unit – Good Choices, Healthy Me. They have examined health messages related to the benefits of physical activity, nutritious dietary intake and maintaining good personal hygiene habits to help them stay healthy. Students have explored and described actions that keep themselves and others healthy in different situations.

Year 2/3 – This week, students have been exploring how to help and support people with physical impairments, focussing primarily on how difficult it is for them to participate in simple activities. In Maths, we have been exploring flips and slides. We have been learning how to tell the time on both digital and analogue clocks, as well as exploring different ways of saying the time (quarter to, quarter past, half past). In English, we have been looking at how to write narratives about overcoming fears. Students had to

choose a character and a fear and develop a narrative about how they could overcome this fear.

Year 4/5 – In English, we are exploring poetry. The students spent some time in the front garden to help them develop their own sensory poem. I feel, I hear, I see and I smell. In Mathematics, we have been working on mental strategies to use to work out multiplication and division problems.

Year 5/6 - It is good to be back at school. Thank you for all the well wishes after my surgery. This week, the students have started filming their Poetry Slam for English. We have had a busy week with testing, which will continue next week.

### **MEETINGS WITH THE PRINCIPAL**

Parents are advised that Mrs Simpson will not be available for any parent meetings prior to 9.30am on Friday mornings.

### **TYPING TOURNAMENT**

As NAPLAN will be going online next year, the staff have committed to improving the typing skills of all students. We are purchasing Typing Tournament online for all students to use both at home and at school. Letters regarding the program will be sent home next week. In the letter you will find log in details and a password. These details stay the same for both home and school use. It is anticipated that in Term 4, class time will be set aside for students to use the program.

### **BEAUDESERT STATE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENTS**

Parents of Year 6 students are reminded that enrolment forms for Beaudesert State High School for 2017, are due in by September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

### **HANDBALL AFTERNOONS**

Students will participate in a game of handball during last session of school next week. Each class will be allocated ½ an hour where they will be given an opportunity to either learn how to play handball or showcase their skills.

### **END OF TERM REWARDS**

Staff are investigating the inclusion of End of Term Rewards for students who consistently behave in an appropriate manner. Suggestions so far include gold, silver, bronze, tin system, or similar, where those children who do not get a detention, buddy/principal referral etc will be entitled to gold status. A reward for end of term may be going to the movies or pizza hut for those students. The level below, silver, may be awarded a movie afternoon at school or eat in pizza delivery etc. Each level steps down with the reward being less. i.e. the more detentions, buddy/principal referrals, the less chance of participating in a reward at the end of term. Further details will be published when they have been finalised.

### **STAFF CHANGES**

Sadly, Mrs Howsan will be leaving us and taking up a new position in Term 4. We wish her all the very best in her new role and thank her for her commitment and hard work during her time at Veresdale.



Next week, Ms. Webb will be taking Long Service Leave. Mrs Rhonda Harvey will be replacing Ms. Webb during this time.

Mrs Porter will be taking Long Service Leave for the first week of Term 4. This leave had been pre-organised prior to her recent illness. Mrs Noelene Street will replace Mrs Porter for her entire absence.

### **REGIONAL CRICKET**

Huntah and Tom were recently selected to try out for the Regional Cricket team. They played last Wednesday at Runaway Bay. Following on from this, Huntah played again on Thursday in the 'Possibles and Probables'. Well done boys! A great effort.

### NETBALL CHALLENGE

Today, nine girls from our school participated in a Netball Challenge run in conjunction with the Kingfisher Cup in Beaudesert. The challenge runs today and next Friday (16<sup>th</sup>) from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. The girls participating are: Brianna , Hayley, Tahlia, Angel, Cassie, Brooklyn-Jade, Tiana, Asmara and Lilly.

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION

We invite all Year 6 parents/caregivers to attend the first Graduation meeting for this year. Parent input is a valued component of the Graduation. We look forward to hearing your ideas and discussing them further. We will meet on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the Year 5/6 classroom. If you cannot attend and have any suggestions please discuss them with Mrs Porter prior to the meeting.

### P.A.C.E

The next meeting will be held this Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30 pm in the school Library. We will be continuing discussions from the last meeting regarding the impact an ASD child may have on the rest of the class. Everyone welcome.

### MAPPEN

There appears to be some confusion about MAPPEN being taught. All lessons within the MAPPEN unit form part of the Australian Curriculum. Lessons mainly focus on the HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) curriculum. This includes Geography and History. All other curriculum areas are taught independently and follow all aspects of the Australian Curriculum.

### TUCKSHOP

Parents are advised that tuckshop will run as normal next week, however, there is only a limited supply of chocolate milk and sausage rolls. Please note also that there will NO TUCKSHOP during week 1 of Term 4.

### BEAUDESERT SHOW

A very big thank you to all of the parents and family members who assisted us with supervision of students at the Beaudesert Show last Friday. The students viewed a variety of displays and exhibits. The junior students thoroughly enjoyed the circus.

### EXCESSIVE SPEED OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

We have received several complaints in recent days regarding cars travelling above the speed limit outside the school. Parents are reminded that it is a 40km/h zone outside the school between 7.00 and 9.00 am and between 2.00 and 4.00 pm. Please be aware also that the police often conduct random checks in this area.

### "GHANA BEAT MY DRUM"

All permission slips and payments were due in today for the performance of 'Ghana Beat My Drum'. If you have not yet returned yours, please send it along on Monday.

### **Ghana Beat My Drum – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ being  
payment for my child/ren for the performance of  
"Ghana Beat My Drum" on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
September.

I made payment of \$\_\_\_\_\_ via  
internet banking on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## DATES TO REMEMBER

September 12<sup>th</sup> – My Golf

September 14<sup>th</sup> – Ceremony for Kobi  
Arts Council “Ghana Beat my  
Drum”

September 16<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Term 3

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Public Holiday – Queen’s Birthday

October 4<sup>th</sup> – First day of Term 4

October 17<sup>th</sup> – Student Free Day

## FAD Cheer and Dance

### Mini Fete & Family Fun Day

Woodhill Hall  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
10.00 am to 2.00 pm

There will be students dancing, face painting,  
lucky dips, stalls, sausage sizzle, drinks and much  
more.

Everyone welcome!!!



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School holidays are almost upon us

During this period empty schools provide an opportunity for criminal activity, becoming targets for unlawful entry, arson, stealing, graffiti and property damage – all of which become a cost to the community.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce criminal activity in Queensland schools and encourages everyone to look out for after-hours crime in our schools. If you see anything suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – [13 17 88](tel:131788)

Let's work together to help create safer school communities.

## PROMOTING SUCCESS

### WORKSHOP

### Logan ASD Support Network

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
1pm to 3pm  
Marsden Library – Meeting Room 2  
35 Chambers Flat Rd, Marsden

The workshop will look at

- How can my child be more successful in life?
- Supporting positive relationships
- Getting ready for work and life in the 'real world'

Tea and coffee provided.

RSVP to Tara Collyer at [loganklf@gmail.com](mailto:loganklf@gmail.com)



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