



VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

“Caring and Challenging for the Future”

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Newsletter 6



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 9

Prep	Trey
1/2	Carter
2/3	Anabel
4/5	Courtney
5/6	Adelaide
Music	Indie
Science	Luke
P'ground	Charisma
Principal's	Monique

Term 2

Week 1

Prep	Rhyse
1/2	Garry
2/3	Georgia
4/5	Year 4/5 class
5/6	Hayden
Music	Ella Willingham/Brooklyn-Jade
Choir	Grace
P. E.	Dakota
P'ground	Jayden
Principal's	Elise
LOTE	Tom Anning

WELCOME BACK

We welcome everyone back for a long and busy Term 2, with a special welcome to our new family. We hope everyone had a restful holiday as there are numerous activities coming up – ANZAC Day, Arts Council, Book Fair, Parent/teacher meetings and NAPLAN testing to name a few.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photographs will be taken next Wednesday 20th April. Students should be dressed in their teal/black school shirt with black shorts/skirt, shoes and socks. Year 6 students may wear their seniors shirt. Photos will commence at 9.00 am so students will need to be at school by 8.50 am.

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

ANZAC Day holiday is on Monday April 25th. Labour Day holiday is on Monday May 2nd. There will be no school on these two days.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent teacher meetings will be held during week 3 and 4. Timetables will be posted outside each classroom and parents are requested to choose an appropriate timeslot and fill in their name. Mrs Porter's students have also been given a timetable to bring home today. If none of the times available suit, please speak with the class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

SCHOOL ANZAC SERVICE

On Friday 22nd April, members of the Beaudesert RSL, together with a serving member from the Australian Armed Services, will attend our school Anzac Day service. The service will be run by our Year 6 students. Parents and friends are invited to come along and join us. We ask that you arrive by 10.40 am ready for the service to begin at 10.45 am.

We have also been invited to participate in the ANZAC Day march in Beaudesert on the 25th. Please see the attached permission form if you would like your children to attend.

STAFF CHANGES

The following staff changes will take place this term:

Ms. Quast is on Long Service leave for all of Term 2 and is being replaced by Mrs Catherine Walker.

Mrs Tomley is on Long Service leave for all of Term 2 and is being replaced by Ms. Lorin Doughty on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Mrs Houghton has resigned and the SWD role will be filled jointly by Mrs Simpson and Mrs Ducie. The Year 4/5 class will be taught full time by Mrs Di Christidis.

Mrs Cathy Lindeman will be working on Fridays, during Term 2, as an additional teacher aide.

We welcome these new staff members to our school and hope that they enjoy their time with us.

BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair will be held from May 24th to May 27th. As always, students will be given an opportunity to peruse the books on offer and bring home a wish list. Proceeds from the Book Fair enable the school to purchase new books for the Library.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following students who broke their age records at the school Cross Country held on the last day of Term 1.

Carter – 7 yr boys – 1:18:06

Georgia – 9 yr girls – 7:14:78

Caleb – 9 yr boys – 6:17:37

Angel – 10 yr girls – 9:33:37

Harrison – 10 yr boys – 8:36:09

Dakota – 11 yr girls – 15:13:96

Huntah – 12 yr boys – 13:14:12

Thank you to all of the family and friends who came along on the day to support the students and for helping with setting up and tidying away afterwards. Thank you also to the P&C for providing catering on the day.

A reminder to those who were successful in moving on to the next stage in Cross Country, that permission notes and booklets must be returned to the school for signing off by Mrs Simpson no later than Monday (18th April). District Cross Country will be held on May 13th at Rivermount College, Yatala. First event starts at 10.00 am SHARP.

HEALTHY LUNCHES WORKSHOP

Our Healthy Lunchbox workshop will be held on Tuesday 26th April from 9.00 am to 11.00 am and will focus on making nutritious, exciting school lunches.

Heidi Donoghue, a literacy educator from the *First Five Forever* program, will also be in attendance on the day and will run a storytime program for 2 – 5 year olds for about 45 mins. This session will include songs, dancing, rhymes, stories and an activity focussing on the theme of

“Healthy Foods”. Please be aware that this is a support for the program and not child care.

If you would like to attend this workshop please contact the school office by Wednesday 20th April to register as we only have 30 adult spaces available. Numbers need to be emailed to the co-ordinators as soon as possible.

NAPLAN TESTING

Naplan testing for students in Year 3 and Year 5 will occur from 10th – 12th May.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

On Wednesday 4th May at 2pm, the whole school is invited to a school performance of “Great Galaxies”. Cost to attend the performance is \$4.00 per child payable by Friday 29th April.

“Part comedy routine, part science lecture, this fast paced commentary with plenty of laughs and audience involvement, is full of fascinating facts about Earth and the Solar System in which we orbit.”

CURRICULUM NEWS

This Term all classes will be undertaking lessons involving Dance, Technology and Design, Digital Technology and along with the standard lessons of English, Maths, Science and History/Geography. The senior classes will also be undertaking Music lessons. If any parents would like to assist in classrooms please do not hesitate to contact the relevant teacher.

YEAR 4/5 CLASS URGENT MEETING

Thank you to all of the parents of Year 4/5 students who were able to attend the meeting held on Cross Country Day. We thank you for your support of the changes taking place in the classroom.

MUNCH AND CRUNCH

Starting in week 2, all classes will be participating in Munch and Crunch. Daily, between 9.30 and 10.00 am, depending on class activities, all students are welcome to participate in a healthy snack break. Fresh fruit/vegetable is the preferred snack, however dried fruit is also acceptable. Please send fruit snacks in a sealable bag/container which students can place on their desk at the beginning of the session. If unsuitable food such as chip and dip snacks, packaged yoghurt, fruit/jelly cups, muesli bars etc are brought to school these will not be allowed to be eaten during snack break. Children will be snacking on their fruit as they continue lessons so please ensure that all snacks are pre-cut and not messy. Snack break is not enforced however, if children wish to participate they may do so.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

As a whole staff we have been reviewing our Behaviour Management Policy including major and minor definitions of behaviour. Some alterations are in the process of being completed. When all changes have been finalised, a notice will be placed in the newsletter and copies will be available at the front office for perusal.

PROPOSED BUS RUN FROM BEAUDESERT

Some interest has been shown in a Bus run from Beaudesert to Veresdale Scrub School. If you think you may be interested in using this service please fill in the attached form and return it to school as soon as possible.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April	25 th	Anzac Day at school	
		Anzac Day March – Beaudesert	11.00 am
May	4 th	Great Galaxies	2pm
	12 th	P&C Meeting	1.30pm
	13 th	District Cross Country	

Host an exchange student this July and show off your backyard!

Volunteer to host an overseas exchange student this July and open a world of new experiences for your family. WEP overseas exchange students are wonderful role models for young Australians. The personal rewards and friendships that come from hosting often endure for generations

Three-time host mum, Di, says, "Hosting has made our children more patient and understanding in their personal relationships. It has opened up their world and inspired them! Being a volunteer host family has brought us closer together and I think it may have something to do with our overall happiness and wholeness as a family!"

All exchange students undergo a rigorous application process. Students attend school full-time, are fully insured and have their own spending money to cover personal expenses. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact us as soon as possible. To request an information pack, head to our website, www.wep.org.au, email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733 to speak to our friendly hosting team!

Great Galaxies Performance

Please find enclosed \$_____ being payment for my child/children

(please print children's names)
to attend the performance of Great Galaxies on Wednesday May 4th.

Signed: _____

Date: _____



PARENTS VIEWS ABOUT PARENTING SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Do you have concerns about your child's behaviour or emotional adjustment?

Do you want to learn more about managing your child's behavioural or emotional problems?

Researchers from the University of Queensland and the University of Western Australia are investigating perceptions of parenting support programs and what influences whether parents take part in such programs.

If your child is aged between 2 and 10 years, and you are worried about their behaviour or emotional adjustment, we encourage you to follow the link below and complete a short, 20 minute survey. Your support and participation in this project is invaluable and will benefit parents and children across the country.

If you wish to participate, please click on this link, or type the URL into your internet browser: <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/parentviews>

If you would like more information about the project, either use the link provided above, or contact alina@psy.uq.edu.au

We thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Alina Morawska

The University of Queensland

