



VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

“Caring and Challenging for the Future”

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Be a Learner



Be Safe



Be Respectful



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Term 3 Week 1

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| Prep | Jack |
| 1/2 | Indie |
| 2/3 | Jamie-Lea |
| 4/5 | Arabella |
| 5/6 | Whole class |
| Science | Eli M/Lilly D |
| P'ground | Dylan S/Mya |
| Principal's | Ella |

CURRICULUM NEWS

For the remainder of this year, two classes (year 5,6 and Year 2,3) are trialling a new curriculum program called MAPPEN. This program is based around the Australian Curriculum and encompasses subject areas such as Civics and Citizenship, History and Geography. English, Maths and Science will be taught independently. End of semester reporting will still occur on all subject areas.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back for a very busy Term 3. We welcome Ms Quast back from Long Service Leave and hope she had an enjoyable time. Mrs Tomley has decided to retire after some 40 years of teaching. We welcome Miss Amy Willcocks who will be replacing Mrs Tomley until the end of the school year. Ms. O'Neill has returned to teach LOTE and P.E.

ATHLETICS TRAINING

In Weeks 2 and 3 during second break, Ms Quast will run training sessions for athletics. This will occur each day except Wednesday.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our athletics days are 2nd and 5th August - Tuesday 2nd will be field events, 200m and 800m races for students 9 years and older and Friday 5th will be track events and ball games for the whole school. Parents and family are invited to come along and cheer the students on.



SHARING INTERESTS

We are seeking assistance from any parents, grandparents etc. who would be willing to come along to the school on Friday afternoons, to work with small groups of children. If you have any particular interests you would be able to share with the students, we would love to hear from you. This would be a five weekly commitment. It is anticipated that there will be rotations of activities for the remainder of the year.

The following is an example list of ideas but you may have a different interest you would like to share - craft, sewing, scrapbooking, photography, playing a particular sport, painting, mechanics, wood working, gardening etc.

If you would like to be involved in this project, please complete the attached form and return it to school as soon as possible. We understand that this is a large commitment from those willing to support students in this way, however, a strategy such as this cannot work without the dedicated commitment of parents attending on a weekly basis.

Thank you to the 3 parents who have indicated their interest to date. Unfortunately, without further involvement, we may not be able to continue with this venture.

P.A.C.E

As part of our Parent and Community Engagement Focus we are trialling a new initiative in the form of a Parent Sharing Group. These meetings will be led by Mrs Ducie, with Mrs Simpson attending where possible.

The aim of this group is for all interested parents to meet, and openly and respectfully discuss any issues relating to their child's education (academic and social). Initially the meetings will only be open to parents from our school, however, in the future it may be opened up to outside speakers and members. Attendance at these meetings is not reliant on you having any concerns regarding your child as it will also be a forum to listen to the experiences of other parents as well as discussing your own. You may like to attend simply to listen. The meetings are also an avenue for social contact and you may come along just to see what is happening at school.

Our first meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th July (Week 3) and then fortnightly thereafter. Meetings will be held from 2.00pm to 3.00 pm in the Hall. At the first meeting, discussion will be related to Autism. What is Autism? How does it impact on the diagnosed student? How does it impact on the rest of the students in our school? This initiative will be dependent on attendance. Your support is essential!

BEHAVIOUR

After considerable investigation, we have decided to alter the way in which detention is conducted at Veresdale. Detention will be held during first break and will be supervised by teachers (on a roster basis). Children attending detention will not engage in lengthy discussion with the supervising teacher and will be responsible for copying out the school rule that relates directly to the cause of their detention. When all detentions are completed, the student must attend the 'Orange Room' where they will reflect upon their behaviour and complete a reflection sheet. Mrs Simpson and Mrs Ducie will be in charge of the 'Orange Room'.

'Orange Room' is not only used for those students who have had a detention, but can be accessed by any student who wishes to discuss issues/concerns with a teacher.

AUTISM

ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder), also known as autism, is a lifelong disability that begins at birth or shortly afterwards. It is a lifelong developmental disability. The term 'autism' is often used interchangeably with the term on the autism spectrum. The word 'spectrum' is used because, while all individuals on the autism spectrum share two main areas of difficulty, their condition affects them in varying ways.

Signs include:

- differences in social and communication development
- narrow interests and repetitive behaviour

No two people with autism are alike, which is why we talk about a spectrum.

DRESSAGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

During the school holidays, Shae competed at the Qld Dressage and Combined Training State Championships in Maryborough. In a big class of 23 riders for 10years and under, Shae had to compete in 3 Dressage tests. She smashed some of her personal goals, receiving over 70% from individual judges in 2 of her tests. Shae placed 3rd in two of the tests and 4th in one, giving her an overall placing of 3rd out of 23. In achieving these results, Shae made the Zone 2 team. This placed Zone 2, 2nd overall out of approximately 27 zones. Shae went into this competition with a goal to finish in the top 6. This was a goal she and Kobi had set, so for her to finish in the top 3, I'm sure Kobi would be proud.

Congratulations Shae – everyone at school is proud of you also.



OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

If you have any outstanding payments due to the school (ICAS competitions, instrumental music or Arts Council) could they please be paid as soon as possible?

READING WORKSHOP

As part of our Region's Reading initiative, all staff (teachers and teacher aides) will be involved in a professional development day at Beaudesert on Thursday 28th July. There will be 5 replacement teachers at our school on this day together with Mrs Howsan and Mrs Lindemann.

SUNGLASSES

As part of our sun safe policy we are asking for an expression of interest from families who would be interested in purchasing sunglasses for their child/children. We have received a sample pair of sunglasses from School Shades which would retail for approximately \$13.00 per pair, depending on how many we purchase. These will be available in the office if you wish to view them or try them on your child. They are navy blue in colour and have the school name printed on one arm. There is also an area for writing your child's name. Sizes available are small, medium and large.

NAIDOC WEEK

Next Friday, the students will be involved in activities to acknowledge NAIDOC Week.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

The School Opinion Surveys will be sent home next week. Please watch out for an envelope in your child's school bag.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 22nd - NAIDOC Week games etc
August 2nd - Field Events (9yrs and over)
August 5th – Track Events (Whole school)
August 8th – Ekka holiday
August 12th – P&C Meeting 9.30 am
August 18th & 19th – Regional Athletics
September 14th – Arts Council “Ghana Beat my Drum”

CHOCOLATE DRIVE

All monies for the P&C Chocolate Drive were due back today. If you have not yet returned yours, could you please bring the money to school as soon as possible?

SHARING INTERESTS

I would love to come along to the school and work with small groups of students.

The interest/s I would be able to share:

I am able to commit to attending every Friday afternoon for a five weekly cycle.

Name: _____
(please print)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

SUNGLASSES –EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

I would be interested in purchasing _____ pairs of sunglasses.

We do not need to know sizes at this stage.

Name: _____
(please print)

Signed: _____
Date: _____



Cost Only
\$75.00!!

Veresdale Scrub SS NAB AFL Auskick Centre

Sign on & 1st Session: - Tuesday 2nd August

Time: 1:15pm – 2:00pm

Venue: Veresdale Scrub SS oval

Address: Veresdale Scrub School Road,
Veresdale Scrub

Cost: \$75

For more information contact: Shaun on 5594 5722

Or visit www.aflauskick.com.au

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1. **Register online & pay online at www.aflauskick.com.au**
2. **Please print your receipt and bring to the first session**

