



# 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 4 Week 6

Prep	James
1/2	Dale
2/3	Daisy
4/5	Sammy
5/6	Mia
Science	Chase /Murray
Music	Shae / Ellie
	Charizma
Choir	Rachel
Science	Lachlan S/Hayley
P'ground	Grace
Principal's	Qrat ul Ayeen
LOTE	Shae

### Term 4 Week 7

Prep	Zietta
1/2	Ruby
2/3	Eli
4/5	Ethan
5/6	Cassie G
Music	Jamie-Lea / Dylan
	Charli
Choir	Daisy
P. E.	Rachel
Science	Layne
P'ground	Layne
Principal's	Grace
LOTE	Jade

## EXCURSIONS

The year 4-6 students thoroughly enjoyed their excursion to St Helena Island on Wednesday. They learned about the life the prisoners led whilst there. Two key points learnt were that the prison stayed open for so long as it was self-sufficient and profitable. There were both short and long term prisoners. All the long term prisoners had to learn a trade. It was a very harsh prison where many different punishments were dealt out. During the war, a lot of the suitable prisoners were pardoned to fill trade jobs on the mainland. A huge thank you to all of the parents who attended as supervisors. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did.

A letter regarding final details for the Prep to Year 3 excursion to Lone Pine will be sent home on Monday.

## YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY AT BSHS

Our Year 6 students who intend to enrol at Beaudesert High, are invited to attend an Orientation Day there on Monday 28th November. As this is also a Prep transition day at Veresdale, during the morning session, other students will also be moving into prospective classes for 2017.



As our hall has  
not been fully

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Awards

Evening for this year will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at The Centre in Beaudesert. Performances commence at 6pm sharp. All students need to be at the Centre by 5.30.

### REWARDS DAY

As a trial, we are having 3 activities running in unison. Students still on gold will get to participate in every activity, students on silver will be able to select 2 out of the 3 activities and students on bronze will select 1 of the 3 options. Activities will operate for 45 minutes in each session. Activities are water based (water slide etc.), class disco and a board games session. Reward Day will be held on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December.

### PREP ORIENTATION DAYS

Prep students attending Veresdale Scrub SS next year are invited to attend any or all of our five Prep Orientation Days. Dates are displayed in the Dates to Remember section.

It is a requirement by Education Queensland that non-enrolled students must be accompanied by a parent. If you would like your child to attend the sessions and are unable to be here yourself, please organise with another parent to be the carer for your child on that day. A signed note advising of this must be provided to the office. Parents are welcome to assist in the classroom during these sessions. If you do not wish to remain in the class, you are welcome to assist the P&C with gardening or other tasks, or simply sit and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

### CAMP MONEY

Thank you to the parents who have already paid the deposit of \$150 for the Year 6 camp to Sydney/Canberra in July 2017. It is imperative that all deposits are paid by next Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November. Booking fees need to be paid for accommodation and activities. Please also return the note stating your preferred payment options – in full, monthly, weekly payments.

### STAFFING 2017

Teachers for 2017 at this stage are – Mrs Di Christidis, Mrs Stephanie Hansen, Mrs Sharon Conway, Mrs Heidi Porter and Miss Nicole McGrath.

Ms Lisa Quast will be leaving our school and taking up the role of PE teacher across a number of schools, including ours.

Mrs Conway is going to reduce her hours next year and will only work 4 days per week. Mrs Ducie is going to take long service leave for 2 days per week during Term 1. She will be present for 1 day of the week and, at this stage, will team-teach with Mrs Conway.

Mrs Debbie Davey has settled well into the office role. Hopefully she will be able to remain with us if Jenny Kennedy does not return in 2017.

At this stage, final class arrangements have not been made. The two definite placements are Miss McGrath in Prep and Mrs Christidis in the senior class.

### GRADUATION MONEY

Parents are reminded that Graduation numbers and money were due today. If you have not yet paid or advised us of numbers attending, please send RSVP and money on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November.



Next Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, we will be holding a Crazy Hair & Free Dress Day. Students are invited to come in free dress and or colour or style their hair for a gold coin donation. All funds raised will go towards the Year 6 Graduation.

### UPGRADE OF B BLOCK

B Block will be upgraded over the holiday period. New carpets, vinyl, whiteboard, pin boards and shelving will be included. The building will also be painted inside. Battening will be placed under the building in order to stop balls and children etc. going under it.

### ASSESSMENTS

The students in Prep to Year 2 are currently undertaking Early Start Testing. This testing occurs at the commencement of the year and again at the completion of the school year. Results from testing indicate the growth the student has made within that timeframe. Education Queensland collects the data from the school's OneSchool program. This data is then collated and viewed by Regional staff.

All students are completing testing in the areas of spelling, maths and comprehension. These tests are conducted twice yearly and comparisons are made to indicate growth in these areas.

### REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be sent home during Week 10 of this term.

### YEAR 6 GRADUATION

The next graduation meeting will be held on **Thursday 24<sup>TH</sup> November at 3.00 pm**. This will be a very quick 10-15 minute meeting.

### TOYS FROM HOME

Many students have been bringing Yu-gi-oh cards to school over the last couple of weeks. We have had a number of incidences where cards have been swapped and then children wanting them back etc. After discussion with the senior students, it has been decided to trial the following procedure so that students are able to enjoy this activity at school. All cards will be put into special class boxes at the beginning of the day. During first break, students will be able to play with the cards in the orange room and second break in the Library, on the days it is open. At all other times of the day, the cards will be kept in the class box.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

November 21<sup>st</sup> – Prep Orientation 9-10.30am

November 23<sup>rd</sup> – Prep – Year 3 Excursion  
to Lone Pine

November 25<sup>th</sup> – **Year 1 swimming ONLY**

November 28<sup>th</sup> – Prep Orientation 9-10.30am

Year 6 transition to Year 7 at BSHS

November 30<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Graduation

December 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Year 1 swimming ONLY**

December 5<sup>th</sup> – Rewards Day

December 7<sup>th</sup> – Awards Evening

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Party Day/Secret Santa

### CODE CAMP

After sellout programs in Sydney and Melbourne teaching over 10 000 kids to code, Code Camp has now landed in Brisbane just in time for the Christmas holidays!

During our three and four day programs we teach primary school students to design and code their own iPhone games in a fun, social and interactive environment. To see how incredible our program is, see our story on The Today Show.

To make sure no Brisbane child misses out on this opportunity, we've worked with our partner schools to open their camp enrolments up to the public. An invitation is extended to students to be part of the fun at one of the following locations this Christmas:

- Clayfield College - Clayfield
- Anglican Church Grammar School (Churchie) – East Brisbane
- Citipointe Christian College - Carindale
- St Peter's Lutheran College - Indooroopilly
- Holy Spirit Primary School – New Farm
- Brisbane Christian College - Salisbury
- Moreton Bay College (Boys & Girls) – Manly West
- Mueller College - Rothwell

For more information and to register, please see our website at <http://codecamp.com.au>



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### Would you like to be a Host Family to an AFS exchange student arriving in February??

Are you ready to get an unforgettable experience, get to know another culture, make a lifetime friendship by adding a new member to your family from a different country?

If your answer is YES, log on to our website [www.afs.org.au/host](http://www.afs.org.au/host) and get to know our amazing students arriving in February.

We have students from a variety of different countries eagerly awaiting any kind of information regarding their future host families who will host them here in Australia for the length of their program.

If you believe you can be a host family for 5 or 11 months, then please contact the Hosting Co-ordinator at the AFS National Office on 1300 131 736.

### BRING HOME A BIG BROTHER OR SISTER AND BRING FRENCH CULTURE TO LIFE !

Why not volunteer to host an international student from France next year? We have a small group of delightful French students coming to Australia for 10 weeks to immerse in local Australian culture, experience our High schools, sports, environment and lifestyle. All the French students are around 15 years old, speak excellent English, have their own spending money, cover all school expenses, and we arrange all aspects of their program. They are looking forward to joining an Australian family for a short term. It's fun and interesting to help these young people achieve their Australian dream. If you'd like know more, please email your interest to Rob at Inter Cultural Management on [rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au](mailto:rob.lindsay@icm-education.com.au)

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