



VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

“Caring and Challenging for the Future”

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FOR THE FUTURE

Principal – Mrs Viviene Simpson

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Newsletter 1

Be a Learner



Be Safe



Be Respectful



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 1	Chloe
	Jayden
	Katie
	Dakota
	Jade
P.E.	Lilli
Principal's	Dakota
Science	Tahlia /Katia

RULE OF THE WEEK

Week 3	Be an active listener.
Week 4	Be on time for class.

PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

Welcome back to everyone for the 2015 school year. It is hard to believe that we are already into February when it seems like Christmas Day was just yesterday. The children have settled back into school routine well and we look forward to a very productive year ahead.

CLASS SIZES

We have been fortunate enough to maintain our 5 teachers despite losing both year 6 and 7 at the end of last year. Our class sizes are very pleasing with room for expansion in each class if further enrolments occur. Class sizes range from 19 to 24 students.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

As it has been an unusual start to the year, parent information sessions will be held in week 4. These will run from 2.30pm – 3.00pm with each class being allocated one day of the week. Having these sessions at this time will mean that children are not left unsupervised outside. If you are unable to attend the relevant session/s please make contact with the class teacher at a mutually convenient time. During these sessions topics such as homework, class management and expectations will be discussed. Please keep an eye out next week for a letter regarding classes and days for these sessions.

ADOPT –A-COP

We have invited our Adopt-A-Cop Snr Constable Kevin Woodberry into the school to chat with the children about a variety of issues including bullying, safe behaviours and road safety. When a date has been confirmed we will advise you.

P&C MEETING

The first P&C meeting for 2015 which is also the AGM, will be held on Monday 16th February at 6.45pm at the school. Please come along and support the P&C. This forum enables parents to have input into decisions made regarding students such as excursions, camps and fundraising and its expenditure.

SCHOOL LEADERS SPEECHES

The students in Year 6 will present their leader's speeches next Friday 13th February in the Hall straight after parade. Parents and friends are invited to attend.

FORMS

Emergency contact detail forms will be sent home in the near future. Please check all details and make any necessary changes in red. **All forms must be signed at the bottom as proof of sighting and returned to school.**

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is still being held on Tuesday from 9.00 am to 11.00 am at the Hall. Even though a teacher aide is employed to assist with group activities, parents/carers remain responsible for caring for the children and supporting them throughout these activities. This falls in line with the guidelines of the Playgroup Association Qld. Please contact the school for further information.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Mr Simon Francis attended the school on Wednesday to discuss the Instrumental Music Program for this year. Forms will be sent home to all students in years 4 to 6. If your child is interested in participating in this program please complete the forms and return to school as soon as possible.

RELIGION NOTES

Notes regarding Religious Instruction lessons for students in year 1 to 7 have been attached. Please fill them out and return to school by Tuesday 10th February.

TOYS AT SCHOOL

Please do not allow your children to bring any toys, including hand balls, to school. Toys get lost or broken which causes problems in the playground and children are tempted to play with their toys in class.

This includes sports equipment as there is enough play equipment at school for all the children to share. Toys brought along for "Show and Tell" in the younger grades will be kept in the classroom in a safe place until the end of the day.



SCHOOL ROUTINE

The following points have been included for your information.

8:40 – 8:50 am	Expected arrival time (bell rings at 8:50 am)
8:50 am – 10:45 am	Morning Session
10:45am – 11:00 am	Morning Tea
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Play
11:30 am – 1:15 pm	Middle Session
1.15 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Play
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Afternoon Session
3:00 pm -	School finishes

Children are not to be at school prior to 8.30 am unless further arrangements have been made and all children should be picked up by 3:15 pm.

When unforeseen circumstances occur regarding arrival and departure times, prior arrangements must be made with the Principal.

MEDICATION

Please note that we are only able to administer medications that are accompanied by a doctor's letter. Medications must be officially labelled for the particular student. We cannot administer medication that is not officially labelled or that belongs to another family member. This now includes herbal mixtures as well. A copy of the form has been attached for emergency use by your doctor. If you take your child to the doctor and they prescribe any medication which will need to be administered at school this form must be signed by the doctor. A new form will then need to be obtained from the office for the next time.



LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY DEPARTURES

Please be advised that any student who arrives after 8:50 am MUST be taken to the office by a parent/guardian where they must be signed in. They will collect a late slip for their teacher. Any students picked up before 3:00 pm MUST be signed out at the office also. This is a necessary practice to fit in with our new electronic roll marking system and to ensure we know where students are at all times during school hours.

No direct staff supervision will occur between 8:00 am and 8:50 am.

Students who catch the afternoon bus will be required to report to the front of the school to remain under the supervision of the staff member on duty. At 3:15 pm any students still at school will be supervised in Room C02 (next to Ms Quast's room).

POLICE PATROLS

A reminder that police are often patrolling school areas, particularly at the beginning of the year. Please be aware of the speed zone outside the school (40km/h) and observe the parking rules as indicated on the attached letter.

Please be vigilant in looking out for children as you are driving and parking. It is encouraged that all students should be collected from the gate as they will not be allowed to cross the road unaccompanied.

WORDS THEIR WAY SPELLING PROGRAM

The spelling program we use works on the premise that during testing students must achieve less than 2 errors in each of the strategies, in order for them to progress to a higher level.

After the long break it is possible that students require revision on some aspects of spelling and may be revisiting spelling lists previously completed. They will continue to progress through the levels at their individual pace. If you have any queries regarding spelling please speak with your child's teacher at a mutually convenient time.

PEANUT & SEAFOOD ALLERGY

We have students at our school who have a reaction to peanuts, tree nuts, and seafood. In the past, parents have thoughtfully restricted foods which do, or may, contain traces of these products (e.g. peanut butter, nutella, some snack bars, some biscuits and cakes etc) It would be appreciated if parents would continue to refrain from including these items in lunch boxes as even small amounts can cause a severe reaction. Thank you for your past consideration. For further information visit www.allergyfacts.org.au

There is a peanut butter substitute available from Woolworths and Coles that is made from sunflower seeds.

Eska! brand - FreeNut Butter



SNAKES

Parents are advised that as snakes are out and about at the moment, your children may come home and tell you one was seen at school. Every care is taken in these instances for both the children and the snake.

DATES OF INTEREST

- Feb 13 School leader's speeches
Apr. 23 School Anzac Service 10.45am

Kingscliff TRIATHLON MULTI-FUN WEEKEND
A MULTI FUN weekend for all!
14th -15th of Feb 2015.
Tweed Coast HOLIDAY PARKS
Get Involved, Register Now!
www.kingsclifftri.com.au

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DARE2Tri
mantra on salt beach
veloshatz.com
eyeline
TWEED CLUB
destination tweed
PURE SPORT
COATES HIRE
ATC

PARK RIDGE FOOTBALL CLUB SIGN ON 2015

Hubner Park Hubner Road Park Ridge
Self registration via My Football Club
(you will still need to confirm with the Club before you are fully registered)

Sign on: Information and confirmation of registration
Every Training Night: 6pm to 8pm and Saturday
31st January 9am to 2pm

Enquires to Lenette 0427 301 319 or
Mick 0411 864 937

mick@parkridgesoccer.net

Beaudesert District Junior Rugby League
2015 Sign on day

Saturday 7th February 9-2pm at
Willis Park (Petersen Street, Beaudesert)
Come and try clinic from 10am – 12 noon
New Players please bring a copy of birth certificate or
passport

AGE GROUPS:

Kingy Kids 3-5 yrs
Juniors – Under 6s – Under 17s
Senior Rugby League – U19 and A Grade

Meet our Titan Ambassadors Tuesday February 10th
4-6pm

Get Started Vouchers accepted

<http://nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/getstarted.html>

Mates Rates: Introduce a NEW player and you and your mate can play for \$150 each, introduce two or more and play for \$130 each. Fees are to be paid in full upon sign on by all parties to be eligible for this deal.

Alternatively you can sign on Online:

http://www.foxsportspulse.com/club_info.cgi?c=1-2249-20357-0-0&sID=274389

For any queries or information please contact: Melissa Frazer 0412 040 418

Hi Friends and Wild mountaineers!

There is fun to be shared, mountains to be climbed, chia to be supped on, plants to be cared for, walls to be rendered and you can be a part of it all!

We warmly invite you to our next VW (Volunteer Weekend), which will be FEB 7~8 arriving on the Friday evening 6th. We are hoping to make it another memorable occasion.

There will also be a range of tasks to suit just about everyone, from indoors to outdoors, in the gardens, building, kitchen or the jungles... games, good food and with some luck great music.

No particular skills needed, just lots of enthusiasm.

Most of our volunteers arrive Friday night for dinner and leave Sunday afternoon. Please let us know if you are driving up and have room in your car to car share or need a lift with someone in a car.

What to Bring: Walking shoes, warm clothes & jacket, sleeping gear if you can (we provide the place and a mattress) changes of clothes, torch, water bottle and toiletries.

Looking forward to having you up, drop us a line with questions, comments, transport details etc on 5544 1377 or email info@wildmoutnains.org



Experience The Magic Of Hosting 

“ In July our exchange student, Toon, joined our family. And when I say joined he literally did that. He has become my teenage son. Our experience as a family has been amazing and unforgettable.

Toon is leaving this week and I feel like my son is grown up and leaving home. There is nothing negative that I can say about our time with Toon. Toon has been through all sorts of things with our family. Through good times, like the birth of our new daughter, and not so good times (but nothing bad).

I would like to say my respects to Toon's parents. They have done a wonderful job raising such a courteous, well mannered, well balanced son. We have so many fantastic stories from this exchange experience. We have enjoyed it so much that we are hosting again next July. We will have a friend for life and will never forget Toon.

Thank you WEP for the chance to meet Toon. It wouldn't have been possible without the WEP team. Only a quick few words to show my appreciation in meeting Toon and to WEP.

Enrich your home with a curious exchange student in July 2015

Request student profiles now to find out more!

www.wep.org.au **1300 884 733** info@wep.org.au