



VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

“Caring and Challenging for the Future”

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Principal – Mrs Viviene Simpson

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Newsletter 16



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Term 3

Week 9

AJ
Daisy
Arabella
Grace
Lilly
Allira /Brooke /Charlize
Brooklyn
Ellie
Isabella
Abbey
Kai /Blake
Mia

Music

Choir

P.E.

P'ground

Principal's

Science

LOTE

Week 10

Tilly-Rose
Alex
Elliana
Brianna
Maria
Kai /Elliana /Cassie
Tiana
Harrison
Qrat ul Ayeen

Music

Choir

P'ground

Principal's

WELCOME BACK

This year has flown by so quickly and now we find ourselves in the final term for the year. We hope that you all managed to find some precious moments to spend with your child/children during the recent school holidays. This term is always jam packed with events (Prep orientation and transition, Yr 6 transition to high school, camp and much more) so keep an eye out for details as they come to hand.

THANK YOU

A very big thank you goes to Mrs Sharon Conway for taking on the role of Acting Principal in my absence. I know this could not have been an easy task as many events unfold throughout 'normal' school days which need to be dealt with, not to mention maintaining a high level of teaching standard within your own classroom. Thank you, Mrs Conway.



RULE OF THE WEEK

Week 2- Be an active participant during lessons

Week 3- Use and care for equipment properly.

STAFF CHANGES FOR TERM 4

Mrs Barbara Houghton will increase her time at Veresdale this term. She will work on both Mondays and Fridays with our SWD students.

Mrs Heidi Porter will be working for 5 consecutive Mondays beginning on the Pupil Free Day (October 19th). On these days, Mrs Porter will take on a Learning Support role, and work across a variety of classrooms.

During term 4, Ms Cathy Lindemann will be joining our school on Thursday's, as a volunteer Teacher Aide. She will be working across all year levels to support students with in class activities. Ms Lindemann is studying to become a teacher aide and has completed practicums at several schools within the area. We welcome her into our school.

Ms Ashleigh Mexon, who joined our school for several days last term, will once again be joining us this term. She will be in attendance for 3 days per week (Mon, Wed & Thurs) and will solely work with students in a learning support role. We welcome Ms Mexon back to our school.

OPEN DAY

Our Open Day for students wishing to enrol at Veresdale in 2016, will be held on Thursday 12th November.

All families with students starting in Prep as well as other classes are invited to attend. There will be a tour of the school and an information session for parents. Enrolment packs will be handed out on the day. Enrolment forms can be completed and handed in to the office before departing or can be returned at your earliest convenience. Please bring along your child's birth certificate for photocopying. There will also be the opportunity to buy/order uniforms for 2016.

PREP TRANSITION MORNINGS

Students who will be enrolling in Prep for 2016 are invited to a series of transition mornings to help them become familiar with the school in readiness for next year. Dates for these transition mornings are: Tuesday 17th November, Tuesday 24th November and Monday 30th November from 9.00 – 11.15 am. Please be aware that there has been some changes made to the dates previously advertised.

YEAR 6 INTO YEAR 7 TRANSITION BEAUDESERT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Today our Year 6 students were visited by Mr Tyrrell (HOD of Professional Practices) and Ms Martin (HOD of Teaching & Learning) from Beaudesert High School. They shared with the students about curriculum choices, extra curricula activities, support systems, transport, and uniform requirements at Beaudesert High School. Students were also given enrolment packs and scholarship request forms. Enrolment forms are due on/before Friday 23rd October. These can be posted, emailed or handed directly to the BSHS office.

An information evening for prospective students and their parents will be held on Wednesday 21st October at 6.00pm, in the Performing Arts Centre at Beaudesert High School.

Our Year 6 students who intend to enrol at Beaudesert High, are invited to attend an Orientation Day on Monday 30th November. Further details will be sent home as they are received.

CATCHMENT AREAS

Please find below a link to school catchment area maps. It is advised that you visit this site to check which high schools your child may attend in relation to where you reside.

<http://www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/>

P&C MEETING

Next Friday, 16th October, the P&C will be holding a morning meeting to enable parents who cannot attend in the evenings, an opportunity to attend. This meeting will be held in the Hall directly after parade and is expected to commence around 9.20 – 9.30 am. We encourage more parents to attend these meetings and hope that the proposed time is more suitable.

UNIFORM POLICY

A DRAFT school dress code (uniform policy) is currently being written. It is envisaged that it will be completed within the upcoming week. When completed, this document will be available for perusal in the school office prior to its endorsement at a P&C meeting. Please take the time to review this document and have your input into the operations of the school. Suggestions for changes will be considered and may occur to the document if they are seen as being in the best interest of the school and students alike.

SOCCER

Mrs Conway applied for a sporting grant to have soccer lessons taught at our school during the next 4 to 5 weeks. Lessons will occur on Wednesday's and will be 45 minutes in duration for each class.

STUDENT POPULATION

We are currently ascertaining whether we will retain our five teachers for next year. Student population currently stands at 115. If you intend to relocate to another school next year please advise the office as soon as practical. Expected enrolment of students is required by Regional Office in the very near future.

YEAR 4-6 CAMP

School camp is fast approaching for the year 4 to 6 students. Camp will be held from November 25th to 27th. We anticipate sending home invoices next week but remind parents that part payments can be made at any time, either at the office or by internet banking.

SWIMMING – YEAR ONE STUDENTS

Swimming lessons begin on Friday 16th October from 1.40 pm to 2.40 pm at the Beaudesert Public Swimming Pool for all Year One students. One hour lessons will occur every Friday for a total of 8 lessons finishing on Friday the 4th of December. Parents will be required to transport students to the pool and need to pick up students from school at 1.15 pm SHARP to start lessons at 1.40 pm. If you are unable to transport your child yourself, we ask that you please organise with another parent to transport your child. After swimming lessons the children can be taken home, however if you are transporting another child they may need to be brought back to the school by 3.00 pm.

The school will fund the cost for the qualified swimming instructors and admission to the pool. As swimming is an integral part of your child's education, it is expected that all Year One students participate.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Wednesday 11th November Mrs Simpson and the school captains will be attending a Remembrance Day Service in Beaudesert starting at 10.40 am. This service will be held at the Beaudesert Cenotaph at the corner of Brisbane and William Streets.

Prior to morning tea on this day, the students at school will participate in a minute's silence in memory of the fallen.

QUOCKA READING PROGRAM

Once again this year we will be participating in the QuoCKa Reading Program for students in our Prep class. This is a combined initiative of the Quota Club and the Police Service. Members of both organisations will come along to the school to read books with our Prep students. Each student will be given a book to bring home at the end of the program and a copy of the same book will be donated to our school Library. We thank both Quota and the police for their donation, as well as their time and interest in the education of students in our district.

ROAD WORKS

The Council will begin road works at the intersection of Worendo Street and Mt Lindesay Highway from October 19th until early 2016. This is for the purpose of pavement widening and installation of a right turn lane for traffic heading north.

LINE MARKING ON ROAD

During the holidays the lines on the road outside the school were repainted. Please ensure you are not parking in inappropriate areas (marked by yellow lines). We take this opportunity to again remind everyone to be vigilant when driving in the vicinity of the school – watch out for children, keep to the speed limit and collect your children from inside the gate.

BEAUDESERT COACHES

Beaudesert Coaches have received several enquiries regarding the possibility of a bus run to transport students from Beaudesert to Veresdale Scrub State School. The bus would travel along Mt. Lindesay Highway and be able to pick up students at Gleneagle along the way. If this is a service you would be interested in using please fill in the attached form and return it to school as soon as possible.

STUDENT FREE DAY

There is a student free day being held on Monday 19th October.

AWARDS EVENING

Awards evening will be held during the last week of term on Wednesday the 9th of December. Please note this date in your diaries.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct	20	Injury Free Day
	21	BSHS Information Evening
	23	BSHS enrolment forms due
	30	Halloween Disco
Nov	11	Remembrance Day
	12	Open Day
	17	Prep transition morning
	24	Prep transition morning
	25 – 27	Yr 4-6 Camp
	30	Y7 Orientation Day at BSHS Prep transition morning
Dec	4	Year 6 Graduation Night
	9	Awards Evening

Children's Crayon Recall

The Australian Government has issued an alert regarding the sale of crayons within Australia that have been found to contain trace amounts of asbestos.

Trace amounts of asbestos have been detected in some brands of children's crayons that have been imported into Australia. The crayon products in which asbestos has been identified are as follows:

- Dora the Explorer Personalized 32 pack crayons
- Dora the Explorer Jumbo crayons
- Arti Crafti 16 piece crayons
- Peppa Pig 8 wax crayons
- Disney 'Frozen' Jumbo crayons
- Disney 'Mickey Mouse and Friends' crayons

Information regarding these products and what to do if you have purchased them can be found at

https://asbestossafety.gov.au/sites/asbestossafety.gov.au/files/Consumer_and_Retailer_Alert-Asbestos_in_Crayons-Sept2015.pdf

PROPOSED BUS RUN FROM BEAUDESERT

We would be interested in using a bus service from Beaudesert to Veresdale Scrub State School should one eventuate.

Family Name: _____

Number of students: _____

We would anticipate using the service:
(please tick appropriate box)

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