



# VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

“Caring and Challenging for the Future”

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Principal – Mrs Vivienne Simpson

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Newsletter 1

**Be a Learner**



**Be Safe**



**Be Respectful**



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 1

Prep	Coopah
1/2	Charlotte
2/3	Dylan
4/5	Kyra
5/6	Dakota
PE	Jaxson
Playground	Charlize

### Rule of the Week:

Week 1: Reviewing classroom rules

Week 2: Reviewing school rules

## WELCOME

On behalf of all staff members of Veresdale Scrub State School I would like to welcome everyone back to our school for the 2017 school year. A special welcome goes out to all of the new families that we have joining us this year. We hope that you will have an enjoyable year and become involved in some of the many activities that will be held during 2017. All parents are invited to attend the P&C meetings and provide input across a range of topics prior to final decisions being made.

We would like to welcome the following staff members to our school. Mrs Stephanie Johnson will be teaching the Year 1/2 class. Mr Glenn Walton will be teaching music for Years 1 to 6 on Wednesday afternoons. We hope they both enjoy their time with us at Veresdale. Ms Quast will be teaching PE, with lessons being held on Wednesdays. Please ensure that your children wear their 'house' colours on this day.

Mrs Heidi Porter has been seconded to work with the Education Departments' Solid Pathways programme involving Indigenous students. This is a 12 month contract. We wish Mrs Porter every success in her new role. A replacement teacher for Mrs Porter is still being finalised.

## P&C - Notice of AGM

Monday 13th February, 6.45pm in the Library. All committee positions are declared vacant. Children are welcome but not supervised. For further information regarding positions, please speak to Rachel Nicholson or Crystal Hollis.

Immediately following the AGM will be the first general meeting of the year. Please come along and support the P&C. This forum enables parents to have input into decisions made regarding excursions, camps, fundraising and purchasing of resources.

### **SCHOOL PARKING**

As a safety measure, when dropping your child/ren off in the morning or picking them up from school in the afternoon, you are required to park in the designated areas. U turns are not permitted in front of the school. A turn around area is provided approximately 50 metres past the school. A drop off zone is provided for dropping off / picking up children. Please see the attached map outlining "parking" and "no parking" areas. Parents are advised that they are not ever permitted to park in the Bus Zone, regardless of the amount of time they will be there.

Please also be aware that the 40km per hour speed zone is in effect from 7.00am -9.00am and 2.00pm – 4.00pm. In previous years, spot checks were carried out by the police and we envisage that this will continue this year. The safety of all students and their families is paramount and we ask that all families abide by road rules to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

### **CLASS SIZES**

As advised at the end of 2016, classes are close to maximum capacity. We are currently 1 student below required numbers for attaining a 6<sup>th</sup> classroom teacher. We are endeavouring to obtain a 6<sup>TH</sup> teacher. This will alleviate some of the overcrowding which is currently occurring. A decision on this will not be made by the Department until the end of Week 2. As classes are quite full with students, all teachers are trying hard to accommodate requests made by parents. Please be aware that not all requests can be actioned immediately and some may not be possible at all. Final student numbers will be submitted to the Department next Thursday. These numbers will be used to ascertain whether a sixth teacher will be provided or not. Please be aware that in the event that we do receive permission for a sixth teacher, students will be moved within classes accordingly.

Current class sizes are:

Prep	18	Miss McGrath
Yr 1/2	28	Mrs Johnson
Yr 2/3	26	Mrs Conway
Yr 4/5	27	To be advised
Yr 5/6	28	Mrs Christidis

As our school was deemed close to the required number necessary for 6 teachers we have been allocated a 6<sup>th</sup> teacher until Day 8 (February 2nd).

### **EARLY START TESTING**

Students from Prep will be undertaking Early Start testing over the next several weeks. 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 One School program. This data is then collated and viewed by Regional staff.

### **PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

Our Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. This evening is an opportunity for parents to meet with the class teacher and hear about how they will be running their class, classroom rules and expectations, and homework. It will also be an opportunity to ask questions and clarify any concerns.

As the classes are yet to be finalised, a timetable will be sent home following Day 8. It is envisaged these sessions will run consecutively for 15-20 minutes in each classroom commencing at 3.15 pm.

### **PLAYGROUP**

Playgroup is operating on Tuesdays from 9.00 am to 11.00 am at the Hall. To support pre prep students within our area, the school is providing a teacher aide to work alongside Playgroup mums and carers. Mrs Amanda Maas will be working with playgroup mums and children every Tuesday. She will be implementing mini thematic units to engage the 3 – 4 year old children in preparation for school.

Activities will also be available for younger children which can be operated by parents/carers. Parents/carers will still be responsible for behaviour management of all children attending and are expected to support Mrs Maas in her efforts to provide pre-prep children with activities that afford them the very best opportunity for transition into prep. Please come along on Tuesday mornings from 9.00 am to 11.00 am at the school hall to join this group. Alternatively you can ring the school for more information.

### **LABELLING EQUIPMENT**

Parents are reminded that it is important that all school items (equipment and clothing) must be named clearly.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Parent volunteers are welcome in classrooms to assist with reading and small group work. If you would be interested in assisting in a classroom, please see the relevant class teacher to organise a time. Please remember that if you attend the school to assist in any way you must sign in at the office on arrival and out on departure.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Social media has become an everyday way of communicating for many people. We strongly encourage that any communication involving students of Veresdale Scrub State School is done in a positive light. Negative comments, although they may appear harmless or trivial to some, can have an adverse effect on children, the school and the community at large. Please carefully consider all postings you make on social media.

### **ABSENCES**

Due to Departmental Regulations, it is now mandated that schools collect information regarding Same Day Absences. Names of all students absent will be collected daily cross checked with prior contact from parents. If no prior contact has been made, staff will telephone parents/carers requesting information regarding the absence. Should we be unable to contact the parent/carer, the absence will be recorded on One School stating that no reason has been given. Parents are advised that they can inform the office in person or via telephone prior to known absences, such as medical appointments or holidays etc.

### **TEACHER CONTACT BEFORE SCHOOL**

Please be aware that before school our teachers are extremely busy preparing for the day. If you wish to discuss an issue with them that is not of an urgent nature, please be considerate of the time needed and perhaps arrange a suitable time after school.

Mrs Simpson is unavailable for parent meetings before school on Fridays. If you wish to have a meeting with Mrs Simpson please contact the office and make a suitable time.

### **CONSTRUCTION**

Unfortunately, our renovations were not fully completed over the school holiday period. These will continue for the next couple of weeks however every effort will be made to reduce any impact on students.

### **ADVERTISING**

From time to time, we receive requests for advertising to be placed in our school newsletter. This is not always possible due to available space in the newsletter or the nature of the ad. We encourage parents to regularly check our noticeboard outside the uniform shop for any advertising we have received.

### **SCHOOL LEADERS**

Year 6 students will be given an opportunity to nominate for leadership positions at the commencement of week 3. A note will be sent home with these students next week.

### **CURRICULUM NEWS**

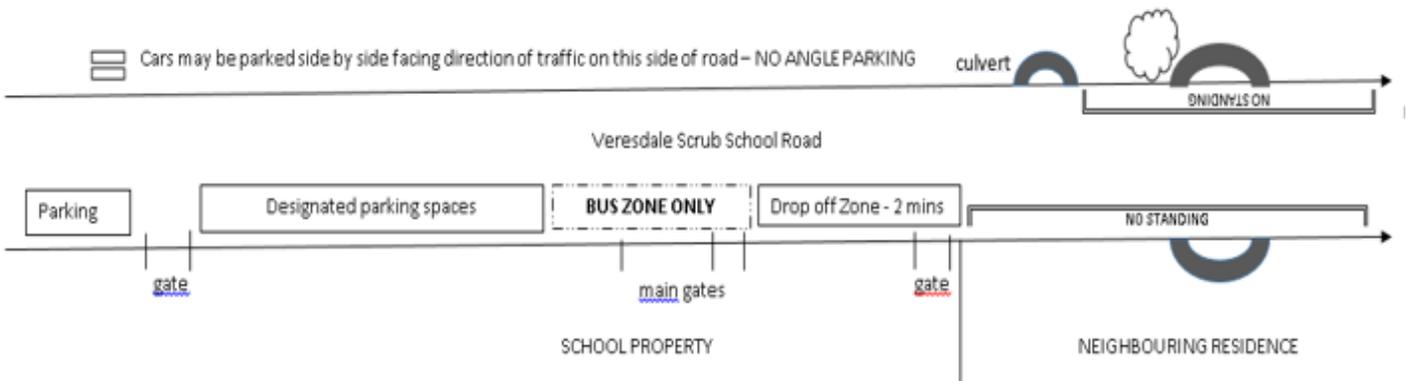
Our focus for this year will continue to be on Reading. Students will also select their target/goals in the areas of spelling and number facts. This is a way of challenging our children to improve within their knowledge and understanding in these areas. All staff will wear their purple shirt on Target Days (Week 5 and Week 10 of each term). Please talk to your children about their goals.

### **TUCKSHOP**

Beginning Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, tuckshop will be held on Fridays at first break. Tuckshop is now operating out of the Hall. Please ensure all orders are placed in the Tuckshop box, in the Office, prior to 9.00 am Friday. Menus will be sent home next week.

Please do not park on the grass outside the farm house across the road.

U turns are only permitted at the far turn-around area – they must not be performed anywhere else outside the school.



## Jimboomba Redbacks AFC

**Sign on day Sunday 5th Feb**  
**10am–2pm**  
**Corner of Henderson Road and Cusack Lane Jimboomba**



Do you enjoy playing team sports? Would you like to make lifelong friendships?  
**Then we are the club for you!!!**

Come on down and be apart of a family orientated club, all skill levels welcome

**2017 TEAMS**

- Mixed Juniors from Under 6 to Under 11
- Youth Boys Under 12 to Under 16
- Youth Girls Under 13 to Under 15
- Seniors from 16 years of age +
- Masters (Over 35S)

Sign on and pay in full on day. Get in the Game Vouchers Accepted.

New players please bring along birth certificate.

**For further information follow us on Facebook or call 0477 207 529**

## Are you interested in Volunteering?



Do you love meeting new people and interacting with children?  
 Are you looking for?

- Give something back to the community?
- Use existing skills or learn new skills?
- Build experience for your resume or help in care or transition?
- Meet new people, build new networks, be around like minded people?

If this sounds like you we have exciting opportunities with:

- **Mozz Preparation** at our long Day Care Centre?
- **Home work Club?**
- **Drivers** (transporting families to our programs)?
- **Playgroups?**
- **Reading program?**
- **Event assistant?**
- **Other** based on your skills or passion that fits with our programs?

**Locations:**

- Acacia Ridge Early Years Centre and Kindergarten
- 67 Mayes St Acacia Ridge
- Browns Plains Early Years Centre
- 64 Wineglass Drive & Middle Rd, Hillcrest
- Beaudesert Early Years Centre and Kindergarten
- 4 Sutherland Drive Beaudesert

**For more information please Contact: Alisha Kelly**  
**Volunteer Coordinator**  
 Phone: 3320 8400  
 Mobile: 0428 662 875



## FAD Cheer and Dance

Beaudesert and Jimboomba Recreational Classes

Jazz, Cheer and Tumble, Hip Hop  
**PAY AS YOU GO – ALL AGES WELCOME**  
[JODIE@FADCHEERANDDANCE.COM.AU](mailto:JODIE@FADCHEERANDDANCE.COM.AU)  
 Call Jodie for more information 0429 400 657