



# VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

“Caring and Challenging for the Future”

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Newsletter 7

**Be a Learner**



**Be Safe**



**Be Respectful**



## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 2

Prep	Joshua
1/2	Trey
2/3	Tahlia-Belle /Isabella
3/4	Joshua
4/5	Jaxson
5/6	Tiana
Music	Mackenzie
Choir	Katia
P.E.	Georgia
Playground	Brianna
Principal's	Isabella

Week 3

Prep	
1/2	Izac
2/3	Summah
3/4	Daisy
4/5	Rachel
5/6	Adelaide
Choir	Makiya
Playground	Tiana
Principal's	Indie
Science	Samuel
LOTE	Cheyenne /Arabella

## SCHOOL PHOTOS –

School photos were taken last week. As soon as we receive the order forms, they will be sent home. A proof of each class photo will be displayed in each classroom.

## CAMP

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the fundraising for this trip. The Year 6 Parents Committee have been doing a fantastic job with continued fundraising, having raised an additional \$1000 already. Due to this, we now need parents to pay \$650 per student attending (this includes the \$150 deposit already paid). Invoices will be generated next week and sent home.

## CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday, Harrison and Dakota participated in the Pacific District Cross Country at Ormeau High School. Harrison came 5<sup>th</sup> and Dakota came 19<sup>th</sup>. Harrison will progress to the Regional level and we should receive notification regarding Dakota shortly. Congratulations to you both on a great effort.

## PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent teacher meetings will continue during week 4. If you have not yet made a booking for a meeting, please do so as soon as possible. If none of the times available suit, please speak with the class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

## AUDIT

Next Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> May, we will have two visitors from the School Improvement Unit attending our school. They will be reviewing our progress with reading improvement. They will also be talking to teachers and students regarding our journey over the past 12 months.

## CLOTHING

Parents are reminded of the importance of naming your child's clothing clearly. Every day we have lost items of clothing handed in to the office. Without a name, we are unable to return lost clothing to its owner.

## TUCKSHOP

The tuckshop urgently needs helpers to assist with preparing lunches on Friday mornings. This is a huge job for one person on their own, making it difficult to get the lunches out on time. Assistance from two people is needed from 9.00am to 12.30pm each Friday.

The P&C also require volunteers to supply baking (cupcakes, biscuits, etc) for tuckshop on Fridays.

If you are able to help out in either way, please complete the slip below and return to the school.

A reminder also that tickets for the P&C Mother's Day raffle need to be returned by Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**NEXT P&C MEETING - Monday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5.00pm**

## ADOPT-A-COP

Recently, our school had a visit from our Adopt-A-Cop, Snr Constable Richard Ellis, who visited each classroom and spoke with the students. We are looking forward to working closely with Constable Ellis on a range of projects.

## LITERACY PLANET

Students have commenced using Literacy Planet both in class and at home. Parents are asked to check with their children when using Literacy Planet at home, that they are achieving at least 80%. Students can redo activities by clicking on 'completed activities' in their profile.

## CURRICULUM NEWS

**Prep** – The Prep class have been busily working their way through the start of Term 2.

We have started looking at re-tell and sequencing events in order. We will be exploring fairy tales this Term. We started "Goldilocks and the 3 Bears" and began a re-tell of this text as a class. Students will then attempt to re-tell independently. We have also started reading groups, focussing on students' reading knowledge and their use of strategies.

In Maths, we are looking at counting to 100 and recognising the numerals. We have been sorting objects and finding different ways to sort the class. We have continued our sight-words and are exploring 2 vowel sounds (ai, oa, ir) each week through the use of Jolly Phonics. In Art, we have been exploring how colours change when affected by light.

**Year 1/2** – We have been exploring how authors create and develop characters using language features. Students have been identifying the different language that is used in fairy tales to create and develop characters. In Maths, we are about to begin investigating fractions.

**Year 2/3** – In English, we have been reading fairy tales and fractured fairy tales. The fractured fairy tales are funny and we enjoy reading them. We are doing counting patterns in Maths. In Dance, we are learning a dance routine to the "March of the Cards" from Alice in Wonderland. We are having so much fun!

**Year 4/5** – In English, we have been exploring animated films and commenced development of a multimodal text. In Design & Technology, we are looking at the design process and how objects are designed. For their assessment, students need to bring in an old t-shirt that can be re-purposed. They will need to bring this in next week.

**Year 5/6** – In the Year 5/6 class, our English unit focus is on analysing the difference of opinions of writers when reporting the news. We are technically dissecting how news is reported. In Maths, it's all

about measurement. Our focus this week was on capacity, mass and volume.

### **LIFE EDUCATION VAN/COMMONWEALTH BANK VISITS**

Today, the school was visited by representatives from the Commonwealth Bank, who spoke to the students in Years 1 to 6 about saving and money management. We also had the first of our classes visit the Life Education Van. The remaining classes will visit the van on Monday.

Thank you to Mrs Richter for organising both of these visits.

### **NAPLAN**

NAPLAN testing for students in Year 3 and Year 5 will occur from 9th – 11th May. These tests provide an important point-in-time snapshot of your child's results and should be considered along with the range of other performance information collected by each school.

It is important that all students have a good night's sleep and a substantial breakfast before any school day. As testing can be quite taxing on students, it is imperative that they are feeling alert and nourished throughout. We ask all parents of Year 3 and 5 students to remind their child/ren that this is just another form of school assessment and that there is no need to be anxious. If you have any concerns about your child/children participating in NAPLAN, please see your class teacher on Monday.

The P&C have kindly offered weetbix and toast to those students from Years 3 and 5 who require it. This offer is for the mornings that NAPLAN is being held next week (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday). If you do not wish your child to be a part of this, please complete the form below and return on Monday.

### **SCARECROWS**

This afternoon, some of our lovely parents commenced making scarecrows with the students. Thank you to those who parents who came along to help and to those who sent in items to make the scarecrows. A big thank you to Lou for organising this and for all the work she does to make our veggie garden so productive.

### **BEAUDESERT STATE HIGH SCHOOL BAND**

On May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Beaudesert State High School Band will visit our school and perform for the students.

### **VERESDALE STUDENT**

Earlier in the year, Shae applied to ride at the Pony Club Australia National Championships held at Toowoomba in September 2017. Shae has been selected to represent the Qld team in the Sub Jnr Dressage. There were only 12 riders selected from Zone 2, whom Shae represents at State Level.

This is a big achievement and we would all like to say Congratulations Shae!



### **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The proposed dates for our school Athletics Carnival are:

June 7<sup>th</sup> – ½ day Field Events for upper school

June 15<sup>th</sup> – Whole school Athletics – Track Events/Ball Games

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

<b>Week 4</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Interviews</b>
5/8 May	Life Education visit
8 May	P&C Meeting – 5pm
9-11 May	NAPLAN
10/11/12 May	Mother's Day Stall
Week 6	Education Week/Book Fair
7 June	Athletics Field Events (1/2 day)
15 June	Whole school Athletics Track Events

**P&C VOLUNTEERS**

I am able to help out with preparing lunches on Fridays in the Tuckshop.

I am able to assist with baking goods for tuckshop on the following basis.

weekly  fortnightly  monthly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**1000 PAPER CRANES**

Once our Audit and NAPLAN testing is completed, we will commence making our 1000 paper cranes. We are looking forward to beginning this project.

**NAPLAN BREAKFASTS**

I \_\_\_\_\_ do

not wish for my child/ren to participate in the NAPLAN breakfasts from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Child's name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:- \_\_\_\_\_

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