



VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

“Caring and Challenging for the Future”

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Newsletter 11

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Term 2 Week 10

Prep	Zephyr
1/2	Avryl
2/3	Makiya
3/4	Chloe
5/6	Hayley
P.E.	Tiana

3/4	Eli
4/5	Lilli-Belle
5/6	Harrison
Choir	Eveyn
P.E.	Zephyr
Playground	Allie
Principal's	Harrison
Science	Arabella
LOTE	Katia /Zara

Term 3 Week 1

Prep	Joseph
1/2	Mica
2/3	Isabella
3/4	Georgia
4/5	Arabella
Music	Hugh
P. E.	Ellie
Playground	Jessie
Principal's	Courtney
Science	Indie

Term 3 Week 2

Prep	Coopah
1/2	Charli
2/3	Indie

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back for Term 3. We hope everyone had a relaxing and refreshing holiday. A special welcome to our new student Ivie Vorrias and her family.

As notified in our last newsletter, some changes have had to be implemented this Term. Mrs Del Lee will be taking on our Learning Support teacher role this Term on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. On Wednesday, Mrs Lee will cover Mrs Ducie's Long Service Leave day. The 4/5 class will be taught by Mrs Simpson on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Ducie on Thursday and Friday. Music lessons (half hour) will now be held every Wednesday for all classes instead of the previous one hour lesson every second week. Ms Webb will be taking Long Service Leave on Thursdays this Term and will be replaced by Mrs Maas from Week 3.

Due to increased enrolments in the lower school, changes have also had to be made to our classes. Following discussion with parents, students involved have been moved to their new classes.

EXCURSIONS

Last week, all students who did not attend the Year 6 camp were taken on an excursion.

The Year 3/4, 4/5 and 5/6 classes visited The Eureka Gold Rush at Bahrs Scrub. Everyone had a very enjoyable day, learning loads of information and seeing how people lived back in the days of the gold rush era. The following are accounts written by two of the students in Mrs Richter's class.

Gold Rush Excursion

by Maddysen

On Tuesday, students from Veresdale Scrub State School went on a gold rush excursion. We went on a bus to Beenleigh. It took 40 minutes to get there. Our class learnt about the gold rush era in Australian History.

Then, when we all hopped off the bus, we were greeted by a trooper called Mr K and a bushranger called Mrs P and she stole Eli's apple and we were all on the ground. It was wet.

After that we watched Kyra, Rachel and Cheyenne knead the damper and they cooked it in camp ovens and put coal on top of it. It was hot coal.

After all that we did two role-plays. One was a shop and the other one was panning for gold. I got to pan for gold and rock the cradle.

My favourite part of the day was hunting for the gold even though I only found one piece of gold. I still got two lollies.

I really liked the whole day.



Gold Rush Excursion

by Cruz

Yesterday, students from Veresdale Scrub State School went on a gold rush excursion. We went on a bus to Beenleigh, it took 40 minutes to get there. Our class learnt about the gold rush era in Australian History.

My best part of the day was the gold rush game. We got to run around and find big pieces of gold and trade it for money and then we went back to school.

Last Thursday, the Prep, 1/2 and 2/3 classes visited the Beenleigh Historical Village. We saw an old fire truck and some students got to hit 3 targets with the fire hose. We sat in an old classroom and wrote on slates. Everybody had a turn at washing a flannel and winding the handle to put it through a mangle. We worked in pairs to use the 'two-man saw' to cut wood. We all had a fantastic time.

Thank you to Mrs Richter for organising these two excursions.



ILLNESS

Parents are asked to keep their children at home if they are sick. This will help to reduce the spread of illnesses across the school. Parents are reminded of the importance of notifying the school when students will be absent for any reason. This can be done by phone or through the dedicated email address – absentees@verescruss.eq.edu.au As per Departmental regulations, we are required to contact parents of any student not at school without a known reason.

HEAD LICE

Parents are asked to check their child's hair for signs of head lice. Students with any sign of lice or eggs should have their hair treated before returning to school.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE TOURS

The Mathy Matt Show will be held at school on Thursday 10th August at 1.50pm. As this show is a part of the curriculum all students are expected to attend. The cost is \$5.00 per child payable as soon as possible.

CANBERRA/SYDNEY CAMP



The Year 6 class from our school recently undertook an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributed funding of \$60 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

All the Year 6 students who attended the camp had a thoroughly enjoyable time visiting our national capital. We visited Questacon, National Australian Museum, the Australian War Memorial and Telstra Tower. We had guided tours of the Royal Australian Mint, new Parliament House and the Museum of Australian Democracy (old Parliament House). We also visited Perisher (tobogganing) while in Canberra. In Sydney, we had a guided tour of the Opera House, went on a jet boat ride and visited the Sydney Eye before catching a ferry to Taronga Zoo where we spent the night. After our visit to the zoo, we scaled approximately 200 stairs to the top of the pylon at Sydney Harbour Bridge.

MEETINGS WITH MRS SIMPSON

As Mrs Simpson will now be teaching the Year 4/5 class from Monday to Wednesday, all meetings with her will need to be scheduled for Thursdays or Fridays. Thank you for your support in making appointments on these days.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN PROGRAM

We are excited to be taking part in the 2017 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.

During the previous campaign, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From July 26th until September 19th 2017, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every \$10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card. Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local Woolworths collection box in Beaudesert or Jimboomba stores.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 10,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at School.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

This year's School Opinion Survey will be available for completion online during Week 4. Full details and log in codes will be sent home at the end of next week. This survey is an opportunity for parents to put forward their opinion on topics such as school management, curriculum, staff etc. Staff and students will also complete online surveys during Week 4 or 5.

SPORTS DAYS

Wow! What an incredibly windy day on Wednesday. It was fantastic to see everyone trying their best despite the weather. A huge thank you to all of the parents who helped out on the day with the events and running the food stalls. Thank you also to the parents for coming along and supporting their children.

Congratulations to Melaleuca, this year's winners with 688 points. Well done to Grevillea who scored 521 points. The following students broke records in these events:

11yr boys high jump Harrison 126cm
10yr girls 800 metres Georgia 3:40:35
10yr girls discus Rachel 14.86 m

P&C WORKING BEE

The P&C will be holding a working bee on Sunday 6th August from 9.00am. Please come along to help out on the day, even if it is only for an hour.

FIRE BRIGADE VISIT

On Tuesday, members of the Beaudesert Fire Brigade visited our school. The Year 1/2 students listened to a talk about fire safety and what to do in the event of a fire. They were also given a tour of the fire truck and experienced holding the hose. Playgroup joined them for the tour of the truck.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) DAY OF EXCELLENCE

On Tuesday 15th August, there will be a STEM Day of Excellence held at four different schools in our district. Twenty-five students have been chosen from our school to attend. Those children will have brought home a permission form today. Please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible.

UNDER 8's DAY

Last Tuesday, the Prep, 1/2 and 2/3 classes participated in Under 8's Day. The kids had a great day joining in lots of fun activities. They got to go on an obstacle course, play parachute games and go for a jump on the jumping castle. They were also able to do painting, biscuit decorating, bubble blowing, chalk drawing and a number of other fun activities. We were very lucky to be joined by the local fire brigade, giving the students a tour of their fire truck and Veresdale's adopt-a-cop who showed the students inside his police car. Thanks to all those parents who came along and helped make the day a wonderful one!

FREE BREAKFAST

The P&C are providing free breakfast for students every Wednesday between 8.30am and 8.50 am. Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the breakfasts and to Yaz Hinton and her team of volunteers for providing this service.

BEAUDESERT SHOW

There have been a few enquiries this week regarding the Beaudesert Show. As a school, we only take the

students every second year and go on an excursion the alternate year. Last year we attended the Show and this year, the students went on excursions last week. We will visit the Beaudesert Show again in 2018.

All students will however be completing something for entry into the Education Section of the Show. Lou Maag will also be entering our vegie garden into the Gardening Section.

LOST PROPERTY

We currently have a full laundry basket of lost property at school. Please call in to the office and ask to check through the basket if your child has lost any items of clothing. After next week, we will be passing the clothing that is still left on to charity.

CURRICULUM

Prep - The Prep class have been working incredibly hard over the past 2 weeks. We have had a very busy 2 weeks including under 8's day, our excursion, the fairy-tale picnic and sports day. The fairy-tale picnic was fantastic, we would like to thank all the parents for getting our beautiful outfits and donating some yummy foods.☺ In English, we have been exploring rhyming and looking at different word families. The children have already started writing their own rhymes and they have been amazing! In Maths, we have been revisiting our numbers and ordering them forwards and backwards. We have started looking at numbers written in different forms. We will begin to look at important family events next week. I could not be more proud of the Prep class with everything that has been happening.☺

Year 1/2 - In English, we have started our unit on character descriptions. In this unit, students listen to, read, view and interpret texts with animal characters to explore how they reflect human qualities. Students will then create their own character to add to a familiar story. In maths we have been representing and solving simple addition and subtraction problems using a range of strategies.

Year 2/3 – We are completing an animal unit this Term. Our classroom currently looks like a rainforest. In English, we are learning about informative texts. In Maths, we are exploring 3 digit numbers.

Year 3/4 – We have been learning how to sew basic stitches on a sampler. This is so we can design and make a wall hanging or placemat for display on the Fun Day. We will then enter them into the Beaudesert

Show Education section. Maths time is focusing on multiplication facts adding money amounts and giving change. We start our English writing unit next week. We will be looking at Traditional Asian stories. Students used rolled oats to add texture to their 'cane toad' art works.

Year 4/5 – In English, we have commenced studying Poetry. We have been looking at alliteration, assonance, rhyme, repetition and the different structures of poetry. Next week, we will be looking at onomatopoeia, similes and metaphors. In Drama, we have been investigating object transformations and the use of masks to create a dramatic scene. Children are working in groups to create a performance to perform to the class next week. In Mathematics, we are investigating geometry, making nets and investigating properties of shapes.

Year 5/6 – In English, the students are looking at stories that have captured parts of history. They have learned that everyone is part of history and every place has a story to tell. These stories are generally as old as the Earth. In Maths, students are problem solving and have been challenged to plan a holiday on a small budget. They have been organising data and using calculations to stay within their budget. They have had to make compromises to meet their budget restrictions.

BEAUDESERT STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Staff from Beaudesert High will be visiting during week 6 of this term to speak to the Year 6 students about studying at Beaudesert in 2018. A letter confirming all details will be sent home as soon as we receive it. There will also be an Information Evening for prospective students and their parents at 6.00pm on Wednesday 30th August in the Performing Arts Centre of the High School.

The Year 6 Orientation Day will be held on Monday 27th November 2017.

FIDGET SPINNERS

No Fidget spinners are to be brought to school without direct permission from Mrs Simpson. If children are found with these at school they will be confiscated and parents will be contacted. If permission has been given and students are found with them in the playground, permission will be revoked.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- July 26 – Woolies Earn & Learn commences
- August 1 – ICAS English Competition
- August 6 – Working Bee 9.00am
- August 7 – P&C Meeting 3.30pm
- August 10 – Mathy Matt Show 1.50pm
- August 14 – Family Fun Day
Public Holiday
- August 15 – STEM Day of Excellence
- August 30 – Information Evening at Beaudesert SHS
- November 27 – Beaudesert High School Orientation Day





Pieces of the Puzzle Group

Are you a parent of a child with autism and looking for some support for your family?
 POTP is an empowering peer support group for families with children who have or are undergoing testing for ASD. We aim to connect families, share information, network & have fun. Let us know if there are barriers to attending such as child care so we can work with you to enable you to attend wherever possible.
 Please contact the team on 1300 114 397 if you are interested or would like more information.

When:	Monday's 24 July -11 September 17
Where:	Beaucare Community Centre, 44 Tina Street
Time:	12.00 pm - 2.30 pm
Cost:	Free. Light lunch provided 12.00pm - 12:30pm



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 1300 610 610: anglicaresq.org.au

THE MATHY MATT SHOW

Family Name: _____

Please find enclosed \$..... being payment of \$5 per child for the Mathy Matt Show being held at school on August 10th.

I made payment of \$..... via internet

banking on(date)

Receipt Number

Signed :.....