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# VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

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## Be a Learner



## Be Safe



## Be Respectful



### STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Term 4 Week 4

Prep	Arabella
1/2	Charlotte
2/3	Dale
3/4	Maddysen
4/5	Bella
5/6	Samuel
Music	Tiana
Choir	Eloise
P.E.	Kasey
Playground	Eloise
Principal's	Dakota
Science	Mahalia /Samuel

Term 4 Week 5

Prep	Joseph
1/2	Eloise
2/3	James
3/4	Joshua
4/5	Lauren
5/6	Lilli
Music	Paige
Choir	Anabel
P. E.	Avryl

Playground  
Principal's  
Science  
LOTE

Dale  
Joshua  
Rachel  
Arabella

### PRINCIPAL ABSENCE

Mrs Simpson will be absent for two weeks from November 6<sup>th</sup>. Ms Caren Salo from Flagstone will be acting Principal during her absence.

### P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held at 3.30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November in the Year 4/5 classroom. Everyone welcome.

### SCHOOL PICK UP

We would like to thank everyone for their patience with the afternoon pick up procedure. If you would like one of the laminated signs for your dash, please let us know and we will send one home ASAP.

## **YEAR 6 STUDENTS**

The Year 6 students Orientation Day at Beaudesert State High School will be held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

## **LAURA JEAN FUNDRAISING PHOTOS**

The P&C are holding a fundraising photo day on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017. Attached to this newsletter is an Invitation to be a part of this fundraiser. This photo opportunity is a great family gift idea for Christmas. Appointments are expected to fill fast so book early to secure your preferred time. For further information please keep an eye on the school webpage and Facebook page. For sample portraits and ideas on what to wear go to [www.laurajeon.com.au](http://www.laurajeon.com.au). Pets are allowed to be brought along for the photo sessions but must be kept under control. Please let your friends and family know about this event. Extra invitations are available from the office.

## **PREP ORIENTATION DAYS**

Prep students attending Veresdale Scrub SS next year are invited to attend any or all of our five Prep Orientation Days. Dates are displayed in the Dates to Remember section. These sessions all run from 9.00 am to 11.00 am.

It is a requirement by Education Queensland that non-enrolled students must be accompanied by a parent. If you would like your child to attend the sessions and are unable to be here yourself, please organise with another parent to be the carer for your child on that day. A signed note advising of this must be provided to the office. Parents are welcome to assist in the classroom during these sessions. If you do not wish to remain in the class, you are welcome to simply sit and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

## **CURRICULUM**

Over the coming weeks, students will be involved with PM and IPI Reading tests, PAT tests in Maths and Reading Comprehension and Early Start Data Collection.

Prep – In English, we have continued our letter writing. In conjunction with the rule this week, we have been writing to each other expressing kind words about our peers. In Maths, we have been looking at positional words and data. In Geography, we have been looking at special places and what makes these places special. We have continued practicing our Circus performance.

We have also welcomed the new Prep students for 2018 and had a lot of fun showing them how our classroom runs. The Preps have added to their passports with stamps from Thailand and China.

Year 1/2 – The students have been completing Geography and Writing assessments. They have been interviewing people and writing a new event to a known story. Some students have found the amount of work challenging. They have also been practising their song for their presentation on Awards Night. On Friday, Mrs Johnson made a surprise visit with her new daughter, Winter. The children were very excited to see them both.

Year 2 – The students have been writing a new event for the story “Spirit of Hope”. They are then creating photo stories of our events. In Maths, we are learning about money and using our skills to work out the correct money to pay for items.

Year 3/4 – As the weather warms up, please send water bottles each day. This way students can keep hydrated without leaving the classroom during lessons. Please ensure your child brings their hat each day. We are unable to allow sharing of hats and this leads to disappointed children at playtime. Currently we are completing assessments in most subjects. Please ensure your children have had a nutritious breakfast and bring a healthy snack and lunch. It really does make a difference. Our current class novel is “Rowan of Rin”. Students are posting online to our class blog in ‘The Learning Place’. They are posting their own comments and leaving comments on other student’s posts. Please ask your child to retell the story to you. They are loving this fantasy journey to the top of the mountain.

Year 4/5 – Over the last couple of weeks, the students have been completing assessments in most curriculum areas. In Maths, students are learning how to complete problem solving activities and long and short division strategies. In English, we are currently reading “The Lorax” and “Nim’s Island”. In Geography, we have been studying emergency events such as floods, fire and cyclones. Our assessment involved creating an Emergency Plan and interviewing people for their reactions to these events. This week we commenced our Digital Technology and Media Arts units.

Year 5/6 – In English, the students are reading, viewing and analysing literary and informative texts on bear bile farming of Sun Bears in Asia. Their task will be to use a variety of language features to write an argument persuading others to a particular point of view. In Maths, the students are working with order of operations. We have been learning the BODMAS method to solve problems. In Digital Technology, the students have been using coding software to create

their own maze game. Although it is challenging, the students are having fun.

### **BIKE SAFETY COMPETITION**

We are conducting a Bike Safety Competition for all students. There will be two prizes – 1 for Prep to Year 3 and 1 for Years 4 to 6. The prize for each age group is one of the pictured Black Kick Scooters and a helmet. These were donated by our Adopt-a-cop for this purpose. Conditions of entry are as below:

Prep to Year 3 – Colouring Competition (supplied)

Years 4 to 6 – Bike Safety Poster Competition – must be done on A4 paper by hand (not computer generated)

All entries must be the child's own work. Names and year level are to be written on the back of entries in pencil. No names to be written on the front of entries.

All entries must be received by the 24<sup>th</sup> November. Judging will take place during week 9 and the prizes will be awarded on parade.



### **CREATIVE WRITING DAY OF EXCELLENCE**

On Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>, the following students attended various schools in our area for a Creative Writing Day of Excellence:

Mackenzie, Mahalia, Zephyr, Elise, Tahlia, Dylan, Nash, Jessie, Brooke, Eli, Lauren, Katia, Mia, Dakota and Zara. Everyone enjoyed their day immensely and created some fantastic stories. Thank you to Amanda Maas, Amanda Melksham, Stacey Jackson and Brook Whiteside for supervising the students on the day.

### **2018 ENROLMENTS**

All families are asked to complete and return the form included in this newsletter advising us if your children will be returning to Veresdale Scrub State School in 2018. Please return these forms as soon as possible so we can commence organising possible class configurations for next year. Please note that it is not necessary for parents of current Year 6 students to return the form.



### **100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF BEERSHEBA**

Last Tuesday morning, the students from Years 5 and 6 attended the special anniversary presentation of this historic battle. We would like to thank the P&C for paying for the bus trip to Outback Spectacular and the Premiers' office for organising the opportunity for schools to attend.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

November 8 – Prep Orientation Day  
November 10 – Swimming Year 1  
November 13 – P&C Meeting 3.30pm  
November 16 – Prep Orientation Day  
November 17 – Swimming Year 1  
November 20 – Prep Orientation Day  
November 24 – Swimming Year 1  
November 26 – Laura Jean Fundraising photos  
November 27 – Prep Orientation Day  
November 27 – Beaudesert High School Orientation Day  
November 30 – Year 6 Graduation  
December 1 – Swimming Year 1  
December 6 – Awards Evening at Beaudesert

### **STOP, DROP AND GO AREA**

Please supply our family with a laminated sign for the Stop, Drop and Go area.

Child's Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

### **TEACHING & LEARNING TEAM**

The article below was recently published in our Teaching and Learning Team newsletter. It is encouraging for staff to know that all of their hard work is recognised. Following on from this, staff are now reviewing assessment pieces in English to ensure that they align with V8 of the Australian Curriculum. Our school will be trialling the implementation of V8 next year. We are pleased to be one of the first schools in our region to reach this point, with implementation not forced until 2020.

Our Assistant Regional Director, Mr Terry Cornish, visited the school last Thursday and met with Mrs Simpson. He also spoke to the teachers to express his encouragement for their hard work in this area.

### **2018 ENROLMENTS**

My child/ren \_\_\_\_\_

will be returning to Veresdale Scrub State School in 2018.

will not be returning to Veresdale Scrub State School in 2018.

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

### **SCHOOL WATCH**

**Your eyes and ears are our security.  
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### **Veresdale Scrub State School makes headway with the Three Levels of Planning**

When I head out Beaudesert way and follow the rolling hills and the one lane roads into Veresdale Scrub, I know I'm getting close when dairy cows nonchalantly crossing the road in front of me, are my only real traffic.

[Veresdale Scrub State School](#) is one of our smaller schools, set away from the busy life in more populated places. It would be a mistake to think that this equates to an easier life for the principal, teachers and students of this school. Far from it!

The school community are on an intentional journey of continuous improvement. Working with members of the Teaching Learning Team, they have relentlessly pursued best practice pedagogies in the area of teaching Reading. Teachers, along with the Teaching Principal, now work collaboratively in observing and giving feedback to each other on a regular basis. All teachers are using the Literacy Continuum effectively as a monitoring tool, tracking student progress and setting goals with the students. They meet to have data conversations to plan for the next teaching/learning cycles. The school has developed their Whole School Reading Framework and are working to collect a bank of supporting documents and resources to support the big ideas and the framework and the pedagogies that are bringing the vision of the framework to fruition.

The Reading focus remains strong as Vivienne and her team are now also working to develop the three levels of planning across all the Learning Areas. All I can say is "GO TEAM!"