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VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

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Newsletter 1

Be a Learner



Be Safe



Be Respectful



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Term 1 Week 1

Prep	Aiden
1/2	Zephyr
2/3	Isabella
3/4/5	Dylan
5/6	William
P.E.	Tully
Playground	Matilda
Principal's	Coopah
LOTE	Hugh

WELCOME

On behalf of all staff members of Veresdale Scrub State School I would like to welcome everyone back to our school for the 2018 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 2018. 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. Ms Jennie Newton will be teaching music fortnightly for all classes on Tuesdays. Ms Carol Schultz will be our visiting Guidance Officer for the year. We hope they both enjoy their time with us at Veresdale.

Mrs Heidi Porter has been transferred to Flagstone State School. We wish her all the best for the future.

SCHOOL WATCH

**Your eyes and ears are our security.
LOOK, LISTEN, REPORT Phone 13 17 88**

SCHOOL LEADERS

Year 6 students are in the process of nominating for leadership positions. Campaigning has already started and speeches will be held in week 3. A letter will be sent home shortly inviting parents to attend.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

As tomorrow is a public holiday, there will be NO SCHOOL.

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.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our 'Pick up and Drop Off' zone. Students will only be allowed out of the gate when your car is in one of the three '2 minute parks', or if you are at the gate to collect them. Please remember, if you need to speak with a teacher or another parent, to move to the designated parking areas on the other side of the gate. This way the zone runs as it should and traffic is kept moving. Anyone requiring a dashboard sign with their student's surname, should complete the form below and return it to school. These signs make it much easier for staff who are unfamiliar with all parents and their cars.

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.

SUNSCREEN USE

A permission form is attached regarding the use of sunscreen for students. Please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Our Parent Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 7th 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.

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.

PREP 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.

The Prep students will also undertake Speech and Vision screening in the coming weeks.

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 and 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. Unexplained absences are included in report cards. 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. We also have a dedicated email address for absences –

absentees@verescruss.eq.edu.au

Thank you for your ongoing support in this area.

SENIOR SHIRTS

An order form has been sent home with Year 6 students for the Senior Shirts. Please complete the form and return it to school with payment by Friday 9th February.

YEAR 6 CAMP

Parents of Year 6 students are encouraged to begin making payments towards the cost of our camp to Sydney and Canberra. For our new parents, if you would like any information regarding camp, please see Mrs Christdis or Mrs Simpson. An update letter will be sent home to all Year 6 parents soon.