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VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

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Be a Learner



Be Safe



Be Respectful



Term 2 Week 2

Prep/1	Semen
1/2	Dante
2/3	Elijah
3/4/5	Mia
5/6	Violetta
Choir	Coopah
Playground	Tyler
Principal's	Jasper
Science	Ellie
LOTE	Rachel

Term 2 Week 3

Prep/1	Tyler
1/2	Charli /Maddison
2/3	Makiya
3/4/5	Cruz
5/6	Sammy
Choir	Daisy
P.E.	Arabella
Playground	Daisy
Principal's	Isabella
Science	Jorja
LOTE	Eli

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

On Monday 23rd April, our school held an ANZAC Service. The following members of the Beaudesert RSL attended – Noel Parker, Peter Higgins, and John Middendorp along with an army officer from Canungra Land Warfare Centre. The service was run by our Year 6 students who did an excellent job. Thanks to Mrs Christidis for assisting the children in all their preparations.

We also had about 30 students participate in the ANZAC Day march in Beaudesert. Thank you to those students for representing our school and to the parents for bringing them along.

BEAUDESERT ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to Brianna who participated in the Beaudesert Zone Cross Country and progressed on to the next stage.

YEAR 6 CANBERRA CAMP

A reminder to parents of the Year 6 students attending the Canberra/Sydney camp in July, to continue making their payments and to complete, and return, relevant paperwork from the pack sent home on Monday.

STAFF CHANGES

This week we welcomed Mrs Leigh Fletcher to our teaching staff. Mrs Fletcher will be teaching the Year 1/2 class on a Friday and supporting the other classes on Thursdays.

DAY OF EXCELLENCE

The next Day of Excellence, for creative and critical thinking in Maths, will be held on the 23rd May.

Prep and Year 1 students – Woodhill State School
9.00am – 2.15pm

Year 2 and Year 3 students – Flagstone State School
9.00am – 2.15pm

Year 4 and Year 5 students – Veresdale Scrub State School
9.00am – 2.15pm

Year 6,7,8 students – Flagstone State Community College
9.30am – 2.15pm

Students who are selected to attend will bring home a permission form on Tuesday.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

On Monday and Tuesday the Life Education van visited our school. Each class attended a session based on a particular topic e.g. making friends, healthy eating, medicines and the need for parental supervision, how to speak with an assertive voice etc. All of the students enjoyed their programs and we look forward to the van visiting again next year. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Parent Information session on Tuesday morning. We hope you found it interesting and helpful.

CURRICULUM ARTICLES

Prep/1 – The Prep/1 class have been very busy over the last few weeks. In English, we have been exploring adjectives, nouns and verbs. We have been developing our own descriptive sentences and finding adjectives within texts. During Maths lessons, we have been completing our sorting assessment and have continued our skip counting activities. In Health, we have been looking at how our body changes and what we can do now that we couldn't do in the past. We also visited the Life Ed van which was a fantastic consolidation of the children's understanding of healthy and unhealthy foods.

Year 1/2 – Year 1/2 have been enjoying reading fairy tales and folk tales. The students really enjoyed 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'. We are learning how to write to voice our opinions and personal

preferences. During dance lessons, we had lots of fun learning some locomotor and non-locomotor moves. In Maths, we are consolidating our skip-counting and patterning skills.

Year 2/3 – Last week, in Science, we used a ball and playdough to demonstrate water, land and ice caps on Earth. We all enjoyed working in groups. In Maths, we have been learning about the strategies we can use to add and subtract. This week we explored algorithms with carrying and trading to complete vertical addition and subtraction. We wrote a procedure for "How to make a sandwich" using verbs to begin each step. This is in preparation for an assessment task. Each Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Ducie takes the class for Design and Technology. We will be constructing our own pinball machines. On Monday at the Life Education van, we met Emily and Harold who taught us about keeping safe while camping, healthy food we should eat and that we shouldn't go with strangers. In Week 5, the year three students will undertake NAPLAN testing. Next week, they will be completing practice tests in preparation.

Year 3/4/5 – Our class has now completed their Arts – Dance unit. They have learnt a 'Welcome' dance, have choreographed their own small group dance, and have responded to the performances of their peers. Maths assessment has commenced for Year 3 and Year 4 and 5 will commence next week. Our class visited the Life Education van for a "Mind your Medicine" presentation. The class's interest in the presentation, and their behaviour, was outstanding. Thank you to those parents who have booked/attended interviews so far. Please assist your child to submit their homework, and return their home readers and library books each Friday.

Year 5/6 – In English, the students have learnt about the persuasiveness of advertising campaigns. They created their own logo and will soon create an advertisement. In Maths, we are learning about decimals, place value and percentages.

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from May 23rd to May 25th. Students and parents will be able to browse and purchase before and after school on these days. The proceeds from the Book Fair will be used to purchase new books for the Library. A colouring competition is being held in conjunction with the Book Fair, with one winner from each class receiving a

\$10 book voucher to spend. There will also be one lucky door prize of a \$10 book voucher.



NAPLAN TESTING

NAPLAN testing for students in Year 3 and Year 5 will occur from 14th to 17th 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. Toast and healthy snacks will be provided for these students on the three NAPLAN days. Thank you to the P&C for providing this for our students. If you have any concerns about your child participating in NAPLAN, please contact the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photo orders will be delivered to the school next Friday, 11th May and will be sent home with your child/ren. The Senior photo will be taken at the same time. After today, anyone who has not ordered their school photos will need to deal directly with the photographer. A proof of the whole school photo will also be delivered next week. Anyone wishing to order a copy will need to speak directly to the photographer.

GARDEN COMPETITION

The Garden convenors are running a Garden competition for students in Prep to Year 2. The competition is for the most decorative painted rock. The students have been busy painting their rocks. Once all the classes have completed their painting, the judging will be held.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all of the parents who have attended a Parent/Teacher interview this week. Interviews are still available for next week.

REPTILE VISIT

On Friday 18th May, 'Snake Boss Reptile Shows' will be visiting our school to talk with the students about

snake awareness and how to react if you see one. They will also have various reptiles with them to show the children. This will be a whole school session, with the school covering the costs involved.

LIBRARY SHELVING

Our new library shelving has arrived!! Thank you to all of the parents who have generously given of their time to help to reorganise all the books etc. We look forward to this becoming a more user friendly space.

CALLING ALL STUDENTS !!!!

The Year 5/6 students are attempting to break a record! They have commenced finger knitting for the Guinness World Record. They would like any interested students who would like to be involved to meet them at the tables in front of Mrs Richter's room at second breaks. If you don't know how to finger knit, the girls will be available to teach you.



PUBLIC HOLIDAY

A reminder that Monday 7th May is a public holiday for Labour Day. There will be no school.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 7 – Labour Day Holiday
May 11 – Senior Photo 10am
May 14 – 17 – NAPLAN Testing Year 3 and 5
May 14 – P&C Meeting
May 23 – Day of Excellence
May 21 – 25 – Education Week/Under 8's Week
May 23 – 25 – Book Fair
June 13 - Athletics Field Events (1/2 day)
June 20 - Whole school Athletics Track Events

SCHOOL WATCH

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