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# VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

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**Be a Learner**



**Be Safe**



**Be Respectful**



## Term 3 Week 1

Prep/1	Romeo
1/2	Angus
2/3	Dylan
3/4/5	Jorja
P.E.	Isabella
Playground	Matilda
Principal's	Sophie

## Term 3 Week 2

Prep/1	Tabius
1/2	Daisy
2/3	Emma
3/4/5	Brooke
5/6	Eli
Music	Romeo
Choir	Ericka
P.E.	Eli
Principal's	Matilda
Tuckshop	Mahalia

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August is a holiday for all students and staff for the Brisbane Exhibition. There will not be anyone at school on this day.**

## WELCOME BACK

We welcome everyone back for Term three. We had 3 new families enrol in week one and two families move over the holidays which currently gives us an enrolment of 124 students.

As was outlined in recent parent letters, we have been assigned a sixth classroom teacher for the remainder of this year. We welcome Miss Laura MacBeth who is teaching the Year 3/4 class. This has, of course, meant a reshuffle of all classes and we continue to ask parents for their support during this time of transition for the students.

We also welcome Mrs Jacalyn Rodwell who will be teaching on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Rodwell will be teaching HASS for Year 3, Science for Prep and Health for Year 1/2, 2/3 and 3/4.

These changes have enabled us to group students according to their year level for the subject of HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences). HASS lessons will be taught, in all classes, on Thursdays from 12.00pm until 1.30pm.

Ms Webb is taking Long Service Leave on Fridays throughout Term 3. Ms Andrea Reid will be replacing her on these days.

## ScienTastic

On Wednesday at 9.00am, the whole school will participate in the School Performance Tours presentation of ScienTastic. Invoices for this performance were sent home last week. If you have not yet paid the cost of \$6 per child, please either send in the money, or your receipt number if you pay online, tomorrow. All students are expected to attend this curriculum related performance. Please ensure your children arrive at school on time.

## CURRICULUM ARTICLES

Prep/1 – The Prep/1 class have been settling back into Term 3 and have welcomed two new students. We have been reviewing our letters and sounds and started looking at our blends. We have also been looking at rhyming words and started writing rhyming sentences. In Maths, we have been looking at shapes and their features.

Year 1/2 – During English lessons, we are enjoying reading 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. It is such a funny book! In Maths, we are looking at two-digit and three-digit numbers. We are learning all about drama and can't wait to bring stories to life in our Drama unit.

Year 2/3 – Another Term has begun. We've commenced the Term looking at Dreamtime stories. The children are becoming adept at spotting noun groups and the different types of verbs (doing, saying, thinking, relating). They wrote a retell of a story about goannas which included orientation, complication and resolution. In Maths, we have been investigating multiplication and division. During Health, we are looking at being healthy and active. HASS lessons commenced this week with each year level combining for the lesson on Thursdays. The Year 2 students will all come to the 2/3 classroom with myself. The Year 3 students will all go to Mrs Rodwell.

Year 3/4/5 – Hi. My name is Cara Ellis and I am delighted to have been teaching 3/4/5 for the past two weeks. One of our focuses has been writing narratives from a 1<sup>st</sup> person perspective. The children have already produced some wonderfully creative stories from the perspective of a character, such as fish or dinosaurs. I look forward to the children's future great work.

Year 5/6 – In English, the students are learning about historical concepts, sense of time and place, and exploring personal experiences. In Mathematics, the students are learning about financial plans and budgets. They are learning how percentages, decimals and fractions are related and how they can be applied to calculate amounts.

## LOST PROPERTY

A reminder to parents to check the lost property basket at the office. There are quite a lot of articles of clothing which are unnamed.

## GRADUATION MEETING

A venue has been confirmed for the Graduation Dinner for Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. This will be held at the Beaudesert Golf Club. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am in the Library.

## YEAR 6 CAMP

During the first week of Term, 14 Year 6 students were accompanied by Mrs Simpson, Mrs Christidis and Mr Townsend on a camp travelling to Canberra and Sydney. While in Canberra they visited places of interest such as Old and New Parliament House, Questacon, Royal Australian Mint, Aust. Institute of Sport and the War Memorial. In Sydney, they had a sleep-over at Taronga Zoo and visited Sydney Pylon and the Opera House.

We would like to acknowledge the funding and support of the Australian Government through the PACER contribution of \$60 per student.

We would also like to thank the following people for their assistance and contributions towards making this camp possible:

- Mr Townsend for volunteering to drive the bus and assisting with supervision during the camp. Without his generosity, we would not have been able to have the camp we did. The cost of employing a bus driver would have made the camp too expensive for some families to participate.
- P&C for subsidising the cost of the camp to a tune of \$150 per child
- Year 6 parents for running fundraisers to subsidise the cost of additional food required while travelling to and from camp
- Our wider school community for their support of those fundraising activities

## RESTA REPTILE PROGRAM

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August, there will be two workshops presented by Reptile Education Safety Training Aust. (RESTA). The students in P/1, 1/2 and 2/3 will be involved with the 'Up Close and Personal' workshop which contains age appropriate safety information. They will see non-venomous reptiles only.

Students in 3/4, 4/5 and year 6, will undertake the 'Reptile Awareness and Safety' workshop. This covers basic identification, personal safety plans, legislative requirements and First Aid etc. The cost of this incursion is \$8.00 per student. Please wait until you receive an invoice before paying.

## EXCURSIONS

During Week 1, while the Year 6 students were on camp, the remainder of the students went on excursions.

Planetarium – On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, students from Year 3/4/5 and 5/6 visited the Sir Thomas Brisbane Planetarium. They explored the various displays and completed worksheets before entering the Cosmic Skydome. Inside the Skydome, the night sky and Universe were recreated with digital systems, enabling students to understand the relationships between Earth, Sun, Moon and planets. Students also learned about star formation, galaxies and the structure and evolution of the Universe. Following this, lunch, and a walk through the beautiful surrounding gardens was enjoyed before heading back to school.

Workshops Rail Museum – On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July, students in Prep to Year 3 visited the Workshops Rail Museum. We completed activities and saw lots of old equipment. There were many old train engines and carriages. We played in the play area for a while and watched the little model trains go around the track. Following this, we went to Queen's Park for lunch. After that, we walked through the Ipswich Nature Centre. We saw many animals including kangaroos, sheep, water dragons, a wombat, princess parrots and a big bull. We had loads of fun!!

Thank you to all of the parents who volunteered to attend these excursions to assist the teachers with supervision.

## ICAS COMPETITIONS

The following students were presented with certificates for the ICAS Science Competition on parade last Friday.

Angus MacKenzie – Participation

Elise Barnard – Merit

Makiya Gebbie – Participation

Benji Appleton – Merit

Congratulations to you all!!

The ICAS English Competition will be held tomorrow morning.

## BEAUDESERT ZONE ATHLETICS

Last Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July, seven students from our school joined with students from Gleneagle and Hills to make up the Townsvale team for the Beaudesert Zone Athletics. Congratulations to Tahlia Seymour, Olivia Hurchalla, Rosie Jacobs, Rachel Tucker, Jorja Mihulka, Georgia Devine and Cruz Steele who attended to compete in various events.

Jorja wrote: *"I was excited to attend the Athletics Day but I was also nervous. I tried my best and was pleased with my efforts. I had a good time."*

## STEM DAY OF EXCELLENCE

In Week 5, a STEM Day of Excellence will be held at various schools in the district. Invited students have been given a permission note and medical form today. Please complete the forms and return it to your child's teacher tomorrow.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

31<sup>st</sup> July – ICAS English

1<sup>st</sup> August – ScienTastic 9.00am

13<sup>th</sup> August – Ekka Show holiday

14<sup>th</sup> August – ICAS Maths

20<sup>th</sup> August – RESTA Reptile Show

20 – 24<sup>th</sup> August - BOOKWEEK

23<sup>rd</sup> August – Open Day

## SCHOOL WATCH

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Veresdale Scrub State School

# OPEN DAY

**Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**9.00am to 11.00am**

An information session will be held for all parents interested in enrolling their children at Veresdale in 2019.

This will be followed by an opportunity to tour the school, speak to staff and parents, and order/purchase uniforms.

Your children are welcome to attend and will join students of the relevant year level for 2019 in class.

Please bring your child's birth certificate, some morning tea and a hat.

Morning tea will be provided for attending parents.