



VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

“Caring and Challenging for the Future”

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Newsletter 18

Be a Learner



Be Safe



Be Respectful



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Term 4 Week 2

Prep	Elise Barnard
1/2	Noah Mitchell
2/3	Layne Bryan
4/5	Monique Brown
5/6	Jake Davison
Science	1/2 class
Choir	Rose Crank
Music	Kai Murray/Monique Brown
P'ground	Monique Brown
Principal's	Eloise Bridge
LOTE	Harrison Cash

Term 4 Week 3

Prep	Sophie Hurchalla
1/2	Alex Holmes
2/3	Dakota Fleming
4/5	Isabella Crank
5/6	Hayley Archer
Music	Tatti-Janna Elford/Anabel Cash/ Caitlin Moore
Science	Bella Taylor
P'ground	Trey Jarmey
Principal's	Ellie O'Leary
LOTE	Dakota Ivanisevic

Veresdale Scrub State School

OPEN DAY

This Thursday 27th October 2016

9.00 am – 11.00 am

2017 Enrolments Available Now

Places available in all year levels Prep – 6
Please bring along your child's birth certificate.

Enquiries ph: 5543 1227

This day is for families interested in enrolling their children at Veresdale in 2017. There will be short addresses by the Principal, current Prep teacher and a P&C representative. You will also be able to tour the school and purchase uniforms. Visiting students will need to bring along morning tea, a water bottle and a hat. Morning tea will be provided for parents. Vacancies are available in all classes. Please bring your child's birth certificate.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews have commenced this week and will continue for the next two weeks. If you would like an interview, please write your details against a suitable timeslot on the sheet outside your child's classroom.

WELCOME

Last week we welcomed Mrs Debbie Davey to our school. Mrs Davey has taken on the role of Administration Officer until the end of the year.

This week we also have Mrs Andrea Reid replacing Mrs Archer for this week.

END OF TERM REWARDS

End of Term Rewards will be finalised this week. Below is a reminder of the point system and deductions made for inappropriate behaviours.

Each child starts with 100 points and is on Gold status. The following constitute a loss of points.

Red Wall (class behaviour)	1 point
Principal referral	3 points
Buddy Room	3 points
Detention	5 points
Suspension	10 points

Reward levels are

Gold	96-100 points
Silver	86 – 95 points
Bronze	76 – 85 points
Tin	less than 75 points

Students who have multiple behaviour incidences and fall within the tin level will not receive an organised reward at the end of Term. They may also be exempt from attending school incursions, excursions and camps throughout the Term.

EXCURSIONS

Excursions have been organised for the whole school during November. The Year 4 – 6 students will be travelling by bus and boat to St Helena Island on Wednesday 16th November. The Prep – Year 3 students will be visiting Lone Pine on Wednesday 23rd November. If you have now done so already, please complete the permission slips which have been sent home recently and return to your child's teacher with payment by the due date. More information for both excursions will be sent home closer to the dates.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

The next graduation meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th October at 3.05 pm.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY AT BSHS

All year 6 students are invited to attend a Transition Day at the high school on Monday 28th November.

CURRICULUM

Prep/1 – This week Prep/1 have been learning about numbers. Prep students have been counting along with the Year 1 students and are becoming very good at numbers to 100. In English, we have been learning about different sentences; statements, commands and questions. We are trying to think of lots of 'yucky stuff' to include in our own creation of a disgusting sandwich.

Year 1/2 – The students have been focusing on counting, sequences and place value in mathematics during this 3 week block. They have enjoyed using a variety of materials to represent 2-digit and 3-digit numbers. The whole class had fun learning a new concept of Korean finger counting. Thank you to the parents who have been coming to class to support students' reading. It is wonderful for the students to have someone listening to their reading one on one.

Year 2/3 – The 2/3 class have had an awesome start to Term 4. We have commenced looking at how to read and write procedures in English. In maths, we are developing our knowledge of angles. We have been exploring right angles and how we can measure angles to recognise whether they are a right angle, or bigger or smaller than a right angle. In Geography, we have been looking at significant places within Australia and what makes them significant. We have also been identifying the reasons why people class them as significant and developing an understanding that everyone has a different point of view.

Year 4/5 – In English, we are learning about different types of poetry. The children have been writing their own odes. Ranging from hilarious to serious, the children have learned about text structures, stanzas, rhyming patterns and the types of language used in a poem. In Maths, the students are studying shapes and have been learning about symmetry and mirror

images. See Year 5/6 note on LOTE for our Year 5 students.

Year 5/6 - On Tuesday, the 5/6 students conducted a science experiment in groups. The focus was on testing different materials to see if they conduct or insulate electricity. Everyone enjoyed this experiment. In English, students are still developing their skills in identifying and analysing bias in a range of texts. This will be continued next week. In History, students are learning about life on the Goldfields in Australia in the 1850's. We are focusing on the social, political and economic impacts brought about by changes as a result of the gold rush. We are honing our inquiry questioning (who, what, where, when, why and how) to prepare for assessment. The project will be commenced next week and students will have a number of weeks to complete the project for assessment, both in class and at home.

LOTE – The students in years 5 and 6 are learning basic grammar, practising their knowledge of basic hiragana and using their oral language skills. The students are learning to communicate with each other in order to hold a basic conversation in Japanese.

SWIMMING

Thank you to all of the parents who have generously given donations toward the cost of running the bus for swimming lessons. We remind parents of Year 1 students that each Friday from November 18 to December 2, parents will be required to transport their children to and from the pool.

P.A.C.E

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 2nd at 2.00 pm in the Hall.

P&C HALLOWEEN DISCO

The P&C will be running a Disco for Halloween this Friday night (October 28th) from 5.30 until 8pm. Volunteers are being sought for helping in the canteen, toilet transfers and general supervision. If you are able to assist, please contact Crystal or Emma. We look forward to seeing some wonderful costumes again this year. Please see flyer attached.

Due to recent news articles regarding people dressed in clown costumes, it has been decided

to request that no-one dresses as a clown for this event.

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.

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 assist the P&C with gardening or other tasks, or simply sit and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

YEAR 6 CAMP 2017

I am currently in the process of organising a camp to Canberra in July 2017. It is envisaged that only Year 6 students will be invited to attend. This camp is being jointly organised between Gleneagle, Woodhill and ourselves. We will also be at some of the same venues as Jimboomba SS. This camp runs for about 9 days and will be at an approximate cost of \$900 (this includes hire of snow gear etc.). As this is a significant camp and venues book out quickly, we need definite student attendance numbers as soon as possible. We need approximately 10-15 students to make this camp viable. Students who are considered a behaviour risk will not be invited to attend the camp. Current year 5 students will have an additional bright orange note (further details and expression of interest) in relation to camp attached to this newsletter.

2017 ENROLMENTS

Attached to this newsletter is a note indicating projected enrolment for 2017. As we need to submit projected numbers within the next week, please complete and return the attached form by Friday 28th October.



KINGFISHER CUP - NETBALL

The girls who competed at Kingfisher Cup Netball last term were presented with their certificates and medallions on parade on Friday.

NEW STAFF MEMBER 2017

At this stage we have been allocated an additional staff member for the commencement of 2017. Ms Stephanie Hansen has been advised that she will commence teaching at our school next year. We are hopeful of having 6 classes. This will decrease the number of children in each class and therefore further support learning by all children. We are currently looking at class configurations and staffing for next year. As you are aware these are always dependent on a range of issues. Finalisation cannot be completed fully until we have an indication of student numbers for 2017.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 27th – OPEN DAY
- October 28th – World Teachers Day
Day for Daniel
whole school swimming
- November 3rd – Prep Orientation 9-10.30am
- November 4th – whole school swimming
- November 9th – Prep Orientation 9-10.30am
- November 11th – whole school swimming
- November 15th – Prep Orientation 9-10.30am
- November 16th – Year 4-6 Excursion to St. Helena Island

- November 18th – Year 1 swimming ONLY
- November 21st – Prep Orientation 9-10.30am
- November 23rd – Prep – Year 3 Excursion
to Lone Pine
- November 25th – Year 1 swimming ONLY
- November 28th – Prep Orientation 9-10.30am
- November 30th – Year 6 Graduation
- December 2nd – Year 1 swimming ONLY
- December 7th – Awards Evening

HOST FAMILIES

Are you interested in becoming a host family for overseas exchange students?

WEP Australia are looking for volunteer host families for students arriving in Australia in February 2017.

Please see the flyer on our notice board near the Uniform shop or ask at the office for a copy.

2017 ENROLMENTS

My child/children _____

will / will not be returning to Veresdale Scrub State School in 2017.

Family Name: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

(To be returned by Friday 28th October)

