



VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

“Caring and Challenging for the Future”

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Newsletter 7

Be a Learner



Be Safe



Be Respectful



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 2

Prep	Charlotte
1/2	Tully
2/3	Daisy
4/5	Rose
Music	Angel /Grace
Choir	Ella
P'ground	Jack
Principal's	Rohan

Week 3

Prep	Daisy
1/2	Dale
2/3	Elliana
4/5	Rachel
5/6	Lilli
Music	Trey /Caitlin
Choir	Charli
Science	Alistair C
P'ground	William S
Principal's	Sammy

ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Last Friday our senior students ran an Anzac Day Service at school. They did an exceptional job, despite sound system issues, and we are very proud of them all. Thank you to the RSL for their involvement and to the parents who were able to join us for this occasion.



Thank you to all of the students who attended the Anzac Day march in Beaudesert on Monday. Thank you also to Mrs Conway for accompanying them and to the parents for giving their time to bring them along.

PARENT- TEACHER MEETINGS

Please remember that parent/teacher meetings continue next week. If you have not yet had the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher please make an appointment using the timetables posted outside of each classroom. If none of the times available suit, please speak with the class teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

MUNCH AND CRUNCH

Munch and Crunch has commenced in all classes. We remind parents that snacks should be in a sealable bag/container which students **must** place on their desk at the beginning of the session. Snacks **MUST** be fresh (not processed), able to be placed on the desk on arrival at school and pre-cut ready to eat. If unsuitable food such as chip and dip snacks, packaged yoghurt, fruit/jelly cups, muesli bars etc are brought to school these will not be allowed to be eaten during snack break. Snack break is not enforced however, if children wish to participate they may do so.

NAPLAN TESTING

Naplan testing for students in Year 3 and Year 5 will occur from 10th – 12th May.

The 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.

It is important that all students have a good night's sleep and a substantial breakfast before any school day. As testing can be quite taxing on students, it is imperative that they are feeling alert and nourished throughout. We ask all parents of Year 3 and 5 students to remind their child/children that this is just another form of school assessment and that there is no need to be anxious. If you have any concerns about your child/children participating in NAPLAN, please see your class teacher.

The tests will be conducted as follows:
Tuesday – Language Conventions, Writing
Wednesday – Reading
Thursday - Numeracy

SCHOOL PERFORMANCES

On Wednesday 4th May at 2pm, the whole school is invited to a school performance of "Great Galaxies". Cost to attend the performance is \$4.00 per child. If you have not yet paid for your child to attend please send the form and money along on Tuesday.

"Part comedy routine, part science lecture, this fast paced commentary with plenty of laughs and audience involvement, is full of fascinating facts about Earth and the Solar System in which we orbit."

SUPER KIDS AWARD - CONGRATULATIONS

For the past four years, Sebastian, 9, has raised money for the Leukaemia Foundation by shaving his head as part of World's Greatest Shave. In that time, Sebastian has raised about \$4500 for the foundation.

Sebastian's dedication was recognised recently when he was chosen as a national finalist in the inaugural Super Kids Award, a program run by The Good Guys.

As well as winning a Samsung tablet, Sebastian goes into the running to win a \$10,000 prize to support his educational growth and development. Sebastian will find out later this week whether he takes out the major prize.

The Good Guys Browns Plains owner Russell Daniels said he was inspired by Sebastian's efforts. "The program honours children who show superhero qualities in their daily lives, making them a role model for their friends, family and local communities."

We all wish Sebastian well and applaud his efforts in raising funds for the foundation.



CONGRATULATIONS

Recently, Sasha competed in a Chess Tournament at Sommerville House, coming 12th in his division, out of 120 competitors. Well done, Sasha.

We wish Sasha success in his next tournament which is being held in May.

BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair will be held from May 24th to May 27th. As always, students will be given an opportunity to peruse the books on offer and bring home a wish list. Proceeds from the Book Fair enable the school to purchase new books for the Library.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

A reminder that the P&C will be holding a Mother's Day stall outside the Hall, before and after school, next Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th and Friday 6th May. This is an opportunity for students to purchase something nice for their mother/grandmother. Gifts normally range from \$2 to \$10. Please remember also that raffle tickets will need to be returned by Thursday as the raffle will be drawn on Friday morning.

BOUNCE 4 KIDS

Mrs Conway has successfully acquired a grant for the school to run gymnastics classes once a week for 4 weeks. The classes will be conducted by staff from Bounce 4 Kids. There will be no cost to parents for these lessons. The first lesson will be held on Wednesday 25th May.

"Bounce 4 Kids has a number of tailor made programs that are '4' the children. All of our programs are run solely for the development of children and to make learning a fun and exciting experience! We serve to promote a positive attitude toward dance, fitness, and nutrition and childhood education. It is aimed at providing programs to children to teach them the importance of health and education while learning in a fun environment."

CURRICULUM NEWS

Prep/1 – We have been measuring everything we can! We measured the length of objects, the capacity of containers and the mass of objects.

The Prep students are constructing a 'house' to fit a classroom toy into.

Year 1/2 – In our classroom we have been focussing on learning strategies. Chunky Monkey, Stretchy Snake and Eagle Eye have been a major focus in English. We have also been having lots of fun with poetry. In Particular we are looking at "The Owl and The Pussycat". We have been concentrating on Rainbow Facts in Maths and parents are asked to encourage their children to practice these at home.

Year 2/3 - We have begun reading the novel – "Matti Forever". We are exploring noun and verb groups to describe character traits. In Maths, both year levels are working on their times tables and how to answer multiplication with two-digit numbers. In History, we are looking at celebrations and commemorations, focussing on Anzac Day.

Year 4/5 - The class have been working hard at fractions in Maths, making fraction strips, working on equivalent fractions and identifying equivalent fractions in context. We have commenced using Study Ladder to support what we are learning in class. During English lessons, we have learnt to create our own 'fantasy' characters continuing work on understanding texts, authors' points of view, writing in third and first person and setting the scene. In Digital Technology, we have used stop motion to create films for our animals and environments.

Year 5/6 - We have completed our English short stories unit and are now beginning to investigate multimedia texts. This week we focussed on words that make us feel different emotions.

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop orders must be handed in by 9 am on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Baking and drinks etc can be purchased over the counter during breaks.

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT

As part of our behaviour review we have constructed a new consequence table. This is attached to the newsletter for you to familiarise yourself with the behaviours and their consequences. We will be using this as a guideline when issuing detentions related to those negative behaviours.

At Veresdale we follow a child centred approach to Behaviour and Learning. Each incident is dealt with confidentially. Outcomes are based on individual circumstances and relevant parents are informed. As a Positive Behaviour and Learning school we understand that many students already display positive behaviours and would like to recognise this, while encouraging all students to display positive behaviours.

To support this initiative we are trialling a number of activities.. As from next week we will commence Board games on Mondays, Free Zone play on Wednesdays and teacher supervised Tiggy on Fridays. These activities will be held during second break and will be of 30 minutes duration. These sessions are a trial only and their continuance is dependent on the behaviours displayed during them. Please speak to your children about their overall behaviour while at school.

WANTED!!

We are requesting donations of board games for our Positive Behaviour initiatives. These must be in good order and have all necessary pieces. Please hand these to your child's class teacher.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May	4 th	Great Galaxies 2pm
	10 th - 12 th	NAPLAN testing
	12 th	P&C Meeting 1.30pm
	13 th	District Cross Country
	17 th	Digital Technologies Competiton
	25 th	Bounce4Kids
	31 st	Science Competition
June	1 st	Bounce4Kids
	8 th	Bounce4Kids
	15 th	Bounce4Kids

Great Galaxies Performance

Must be returned by Tuesday 3rd May

Please find enclosed \$_____ being payment for my child/children

(please print children's names)
to attend the performance of Great Galaxies on Wednesday May 4th.

Signed:_____

Date:_____

