



VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL

“Caring and Challenging for the Future”

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Term 4 Week 4

Prep/1	Hudson B
1/2	Gracie A, Charlie B
3/4	Lucas A
5/6	Nicolas G
P.E.	Oliver T
Playground	Coopah I
Principal's	Willow T, Charlotte C

Term 4 Week 5

P/1	Aurora W
1/2	Oliver E
3/4	Peyton W
5/6	Miah-Rose J
P.E.	Jaziah B-L
Playground	Winter J
Principal's	Jacob W, Ericka H
Curriculum	Ell-Jay A

Term 4 Week 6

P/1	Oliver H
1/2	Levi M
3/4	Diamond-Rose A
P.E.	Karac B
Playground	Oliver E
Principal's	Hailee J, Trent B
Curriculum	Harlow B

WAYS TO BE HELPFUL

T4 Week 7: We are polite and use our manners.

SCHOOL NEWS

CAMP – Our Year 4/5/6 students sailed off to Stradbroke Island for camp this week. Year 4/5 students stayed for two nights and the Year 6 students for four nights. This camp was the perfect highlight of our Amazing Oceans integrated unit and brought many understandings to life for our students.

The camp has been a mixture of adventurous activities such as boogie boarding at Cylinder Beach, swimming and kayaking at Brown Lake, fishing off the jetty and knowledge activities such as museum tour, didgeridoo and artefacts demonstration, pottery workshop and trivia quiz. These wonderful experiences provide so many opportunities for learning in different ways and allow students to shine in new areas. There might be quite a few requests for boogie boards for Christmas!

Travel requires stamina, resilience and problem solving. For example, we negotiated a bus ride with camp luggage, exited a bus and loaded a boat with camp luggage, exited a boat and loaded a 4WD with camp luggage and then walked 800m to our camp (thankfully without luggage). Every part of this required students to be active listeners, work as a team and maintain a positive attitude. They also read many things along the way to get information. Obviously reading for meaning in context is the ultimate “guided reading” lesson.

We also used this opportunity to help forge new bonds for 2024. Our Year 4 and 5s had the opportunity to spend quality time together in preparation for being our senior class. They are going to be a great team and we're really excited to plan a wonderful year for them. Our year 6s also got to savour some special moments with their classmates before they're off to high school.

A big thank you to our families for making the effort to send your children to camp. We know times are tough and that every dollar counts. Next year, we will endeavour to keep costs down and give plenty of notice, while also providing rich and valuable experiences for our young people.

None of this could happen without our dedicated, caring, professional staff and cheerful, helpful adult helpers. Thank you Mrs Di Christidis, Miss Laura MacBeth, Mrs Suzanne Ducie and Ms Sharon Ritchie for giving up time with your families and working very long days to provide this beautiful experience for our students. Thank you Carly Dabelstein, Ang Boesten, Matt Jepson and Troy Holcombe for taking time from work and home to support this amazing experience. You didn't know what you were getting yourself in for but shone with your upbeat spirits and have a go attitude.

SEA WORLD - On Tuesday, the students in Prep to Year 3 went on an excursion to Sea World. They had an amazing day exploring the park and seeing lots of animals they had been discussing in class. Students got to see the penguins, jellyfish, polar bears (for those who were lucky enough), sting rays, sharks, a variety of fish and the dolphins. The dolphins soon became everyone's favourite after attending the Affinity Dolphin Presentation. Students got to see what amazing animals dolphins are. They did some amazing tricks and flips before we had the opportunity to have a Q and A session with one of the dolphin trainers (a marine mammal specialist). The students were excited to have lots of their questions answered by an expert in the field! Overall, it was a wonderful, fun filled day where we were able to immerse ourselves in everything 'Under the Sea'. There are some photos at the end of this newsletter.

GRANDPARENT'S DAY – Thank you to the people who were able to attend our special afternoon session to celebrate grandparents. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon with the students.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS - Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend Parent/Teacher interviews recently. We hope that you have a clearer understanding of how your child is managing with their schoolwork and any questions you had were answered.

GRADUATION – The Year 6 Graduation dinner is being held on Wednesday 29th November at the The Club in Beaudesert. RSVP and payments were due by today.

AWARDS NIGHT – On Monday the 4th December we will be celebrating the end of 2023 with a special night at school. A BBQ will be served from 5-6pm and the formal part of the evening will be from 6.30pm. Academic, Citizenship and Industry awards are given for each year level (P-6). Other awards presented are: Performing Arts, LOTE, School Spirit, Sportsperson of the Year, Kobi Stubbs Junior Sportsmanship Award and Champion Sports House. There will also be presentations by each class and the choir.

HEAD LICE

A letter was emailed home yesterday regarding head lice. Please ensure you have read it thoroughly and followed the advice. (see below)

If you do find head lice, commence treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. Remember to keep checking your family member's heads every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days.

For further information regarding treating head lice, refer to the Department of Health's Head Lice fact sheet. Your local pharmacist can provide advice regarding head lice treatment options and head lice combs.

To reduce your child's risk of getting head lice, make sure that long hair is tied up and that all children remember to bring their own hats to school.

Remember, anyone can get head lice – they have no preferences for cleanliness, hair colour, hair type, ethnicity or age.

CURRICULUM ARTICLES

Prep/1 – Over the last few weeks in the P/1 room, we have been continuing our poetry unit by continuing our study of the song 'Under the Sea' from the Little Mermaid. Students are really loving listening to the song and identifying the rhyming words as well as discussing the rhythm (syllables/beats). In Maths, we have been looking at numbers to 20. We have been counting to and from 20, writing the numbers in the right order and representing numbers on a thinkboard. Thinkboards allow students to show their understanding of a number by using ten frames, drawing a picture to represent their number and connect the number to real life situations. We also had a great time at our Life Education visit. Healthy Harold came to talk to the class about recognising the

importance of friendships and helped them to practice strategies to help manage their feelings and emotions.



1/2 – We have been finalising our unit on money in Maths. We are now embarking on a two week learning journey to discover fractions. This will include finding fractions of a collection, creating fractions and representing fractions including whole, half, quarters and eighths. This will finalise our assessable elements for mathematics for the year which is very exciting. Students will continue with further work in number. We are still deconstructing the song “under the Sea” for our poetry unit. We now know, and understand, nouns, rhyme, repetition and alliteration. There is still work to be done in understanding syllables in words and replacing them, keeping the syllable count the same, and also having them rhyme. For little minds this is a complex task but we are understanding more and more each day and can’t wait to hear our friend’s final creations. We are all very much enjoying creating art pieces of our favourite sea animals to help decorate our room for the final weeks of the school year.

3/4 – We have been learning about more poetic devices, including onomatopoeia, puns and neologisms. Students have also been practising their poetry writing skills. In Maths, the Year 3s have been representing fractions and learning about equivalent fractions. The Year 4s have been practising their equivalent fractions too, as well as mixed numbers and an introduction to decimals. We have finished off our HASS and Digital Technology assessments. The Year 4’s went off to Stradbroke Island from Monday to Wednesday for camp, with the Year 3’s attending the SeaWorld excursion on Tuesday.

5/6 – It has been an exciting time in the 5/6 class with students commencing their adaptation of a poem as part of our Amazing Oceans Unit. In Maths, students have been working on their assessment “All about Measurement” before they move on to our financial unit of work when we get back from camp! In Science, students are conducting experiments about reversible and irreversible change with Mrs Street. This week the Year 5s and 6s were attending Stradbroke Island for camp. The Year 5’s returned on Wednesday and the Year 6’s today.

VERESDALE PARENTS FACEBOOK GROUP

The Veresdale Parents Association Facebook Group will be utilised for alerts, together with emails, until we have our SMS alert system set up. This will include alerts for instances such as fire, floods etc. It is imperative that we have updated phone numbers and email addresses at all times for these systems to work. If you change any of your details, please notify the school by email or in person straight away.

ABSENCES

Parents/Carers are reminded of the importance of notifying the school each day if your children are absent. This can be done via phone call (5548 9444) or by email - absentees@veresdalescrubss.eq.edu.au

FINANCES

As the year draws to a close, could all outstanding debts to the office please be paid so that Ms Neville is able to finalise the school accounts. It is a requirement that this is done by the end of November each year.

P&C NEWS

Santa Letters - A decorated box will be outside the old Principal’s Office during weeks 7 to 9. This will be for students to post their letters to Santa.

Christmas Stall – A Christmas gift stall will be run before and after school from Monday to Wednesday of Week 10. This is an opportunity for students to purchase gifts for family members. Prices will range from \$2 to \$10.

Raffle – The Christmas raffle will be drawn at our final parade on Thursday 7th December.

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is held in the school hall each Tuesday from 9am – 10.30am. Mrs Katie Prince is coordinating the Playgroup, organising activities for each session. All children under school age are welcome to attend. This is free for everyone.

SECRET SANTA/CLASS PARTIES

Secret Santa and class party notes will be sent home shortly.

VERESDALE SCRUB STATE SCHOOL CHAPLAIN –

Tish Harris

E tishh@chappy.org.au



Breakfast Club continues on Thursday mornings from 8:30am. This is a free service, with food donated by the YMCA. All students, staff, and families are welcome to come along for toast or cereal.

Food Hampers - Christmas is fast approaching, bringing extra expenses along with it. I have received some amazing food hampers from the YMCA and Food Bank, and have TWO left for any families who could benefit from one. Please email me at latishna.harris@suchaplaincy.org.au or contact the office if you'd like a hamper.

LOST PROPERTY BIN

A clearly labelled red bin has been set up for Lost Property outside the Year 5/6 classroom. If your child is missing any items, please look there. All lost items found will be put in this bin. Named items can be easily returned to their owner so we ask that all removable items of clothing such as jumpers and hats, drink bottles and lunch boxes be clearly named.



TRANSITION MORNINGS FOR 2024 PREP STUDENTS

Prep students enrolled for 2024 are invited to attend a series of Transition mornings during Term 4 of 2023. These will be held on the following Thursday mornings from 9.00am to 11.00am.

November 16th, 23rd and 30th

A parent/carer must remain onsite for these sessions. You may help out in the classroom or just sit and have a quiet cup of tea in the hall. Please ensure your child brings along a hat, water bottle and some morning tea.

DATES TO REMEMBER



Mondays – even weeks – Music
Lessons – all classes + choir

Mondays – Instrumental Music

Mondays – odd weeks – Guidance
Officer on site

Tuesdays – Playgroup

Tuesdays – even weeks – Psychologist
on site

Wednesdays – PE day

Thursdays – Chappy Tish on site

Thursdays – Art classes for all year levels

Nov 21- Yr 5 speeches

Nov 29 – Yr 6 Graduation

Nov 30 – Class transitions

Dec 4 – Awards Night

Dec 7 – Free dress day – class parties

Dec 8 – Last day of Term 4 – clean up day

2024

Sat Apr 27 – 125th Anniversary Celebrations

PAYMENTS INTO SCHOOL/P&C ACCOUNTS

School Account –

BSB 064-400 Acc # 00090154 payment of invoices for camps, excursions and the like – you should always receive an invoice prior to payment.

P&C Account –

BSB 064-400 Acc # 00900348 - payments for uniforms, tuckshop, any P&C fundraising etc

Year 6 Fundraising - BSB 064-400 Acc#10354231 - payments for Year 6 related fundraising activities to help fund Camp and Graduation



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13 17 88



HELPLINES

Family Connect and Intensive Family Support – 13 32 64

Lifeline - 13 11 14

Kids Helpline – 1800 551 800

School Guidance Officer – Ms Kellie Moore is at Veresdale on Mondays of odd numbered weeks. If you would like your child to visit with Ms Moore, please contact the office.

School Chaplain – Tish Harris is available on Thursdays between 8.30am and 12.30pm.

School Psychologist – Samantha Archer will be at school every second Tuesday (even weeks)

Stradbroke Island Camp – a complete set of photos will be on display in the library by the end of next week.



Sea World

