



### GEMS 24/3/2015



### GEMS 31/3/2015

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION	PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION
Slap Hands	Kobe	1A	We Learn	Mo-Stash Set	Coby	2A	We Learn
Wallet	Lena	1A	We Are Team Players	Sticky Notes	Ricky	2A	We Learn
Jumbo Cards	Josaiah	1A	We Care	Magic Square	Jordan	2B	We Are Team Players
Pony	Andrea	Prep1	We Learn	Marbles	Maddy	2A	We Learn
Pencils	Jessica	3/4B	We Care	Jumping Frog	Leon	Prep 1	We Care
Stretchy Animals	Ah Funny	Prep 2	We Are Team Players	Hair Accessories	Esther	Prep 2	We Are Team Players
Year 5&6 Prize	Diana	5/6B	We Learn	Year 5&6 Prize	Lin	5/6D	We Are Team Players
Year 5&6 Prize	Mahshid	5/6B	We Are Team Players	Year 5&6 Prize	Nellie	5/6D	We Learn



# Serviceton South State School

We learn; we care; we are team players ....  
We are Serviceton South Sapphires!

## Newsletter

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02 April 2015  
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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – Mrs Wendy Wessling



## Harmony Day

Last Friday, we celebrated Harmony Day - a day to remember that we need to accept and embrace our many different cultures here at Serviceton South. Many students wore traditional dress or orange clothes - the colour of Harmony Day.



At the concert in second session our students showed the results of weeks of practice and performed amazingly. Many thanks to the teachers, teacher aides and parents who gave up time to help the students with their practices.



In the afternoon session the students ate food from around the world, kindly prepared by our wonderful Canteen team and Ms Cusack's class. Fun craft activities followed. We had a wonderful day.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members,

What a wonderful 1st term we have had! My favourite part of being a school principal is being able to work with students in classrooms. Part of being an Instructional Leader is being in classrooms, modelling good practice, providing feedback to teachers on their practice, and working side by side with them. I consider myself a teacher first and foremost and if being a principal meant sitting in the office dealing with paperwork all day, it wouldn't be the job for me. I have spent a large proportion of my time in 3/4 and 5/6 classrooms this term, and this will continue until May, where the focus will shift to Year 2, 4 and 6.

We have had some wonderful events in the last couple of weeks with Harmony Day and our Leaders' Induction. Both events made me very proud to be the Principal of Serviceton South State School and I look forward to many more such days.

It is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to Miss Higginbotham today. Miss Higgers is off on a new adventure, to teach overseas. We thank her for the good work she has done with our students over the past two years, and wish her well. Ms Rebekah Treloar-Makaresz will be teaching 1B in Term 2 and we ask that you join us in welcoming her to our team. Miss Peters will be on leave for the first two weeks of Term 2 and will be replaced by Ms Danielle Jankusik during this time. Mr Nineham has extended his leave until the end of Term 2 and Mr McGregor will continue working with 3/4D until his return. Mrs Egan will continue to work with 5/6B on Wednesdays and Thursdays during Term 2.

We continue our school priorities for 2015 with a focus on Numeracy this week. This year we will be working to ensure consistent school-wide teaching practices for numeracy as well as establishing rigorous data collection and analysis cycles to inform teaching and learning in numeracy.

We will be holding our ANZAC parade on Friday 24 April starting at 9am in the Hall. We have a special guest speaker joining us to commemorate the occasion.

NAPLAN testing occurs across Australia on 12, 13 and 14 May 2015. Parents of Year 3 and 5 students are asked to mark these dates in their calendars and ensure that their children attend school on these days. If you have any concerns with your child participating in the NAPLAN testing please contact

your class teacher. Students with a verified disability are permitted to be exempted or sit the testing with some adjustments and some EALD students are exempt. Mrs Poppie or Mrs Garbelotto will make contact with parents of those students.

Parents continue to park in no standing zones and speed through the 40km school zone, endangering children's lives. These offences can incur penalties from the Brisbane City Council and the police but more importantly, Mrs Kropp and students are at risk of being injured or worse. Please slow down and keep our kids safe.

We wish all families a very happy and safe Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed for Term 2 on Monday 20 April.

Warm regards  
Marni Morrison  
Principal

#### **Student Leader Induction – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015**

Congratulations to Tina, Johnny, Magdalen, Jennifer and Holly on receiving their leadership badges for 2015. Ms Anne Lawson, Principal of Glenala State High School, very kindly filled in for Premier Palaszczuk who was called away for a cyclone briefing meeting. All families were very proud of their children as they joined with Ms Morrison and Mrs Wessling for a special morning tea after the ceremony. The students selected for this important role all thanked their parents for helping them to become the leader they have become. I would also like to acknowledge the work of all the teachers who have worked with these students over the last 7 years as they too have played an important role to help develop these students into being the best leaders they can be.



Our student leaders have already shown great qualities by leading parade each week and Tina and

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Johnny were fantastic presenters at the Harmony Day performances last Friday. After the Easter break, these students will be representing our school and the Student Anzac Day Service to be held in Brisbane city before taking on a role at our school service on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

#### **Keep a watch on our school these holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch program is a partnership between the Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

If you do see something suspicious, please don't attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let's work together to help create a safer school community. If you would like to know more about the School Watch program, please call our Emergency and Security Management Unit on (07) 3034 6013.

#### **Queensland Museum Excursion - Year 2**

This semester as part of the history unit the students in Year 2 will be attending a special interactive programme at Queensland Museum. Here students can examine toys of the past and compare them to present day toys. This excursion will be on Wednesday May 6. The cost is \$5.50 per student. The permission letter will be sent home with students at the beginning of Term 2.

#### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club will start for Term 2 on Tuesday 21 April.

#### **P & C News & AGM**

Our P & C AGM was held on Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to those parents who attended. The P & C would like to welcome all new and returning members.

President: Amy Whiteman  
Vice President: Lisa Cook  
Secretary: Imo Vaelua  
Treasurer: Stacey Noy

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 9am in the Parent Room.

Easter raffle tickets have gone home. Tickets are \$5 per book of 5 and there are 5 Easter egg packs to be won. Please return these to the canteen by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April in the morning as the draw will be happening at 12pm on Thursday. Tickets will be drawn by our Principal, Marni Morrison. Thank you for your support.



#### **School Banking**

School banking is on every Tuesday at the canteen. Please see Mary-Ann at the school banking counter if you'd like to join. It's a great way to teach saving skills whilst earning rewards for students and dollars for your school.

#### **Canteen News**

Thank you for supporting the Canteen in Term 1. Unfortunately due to a lack of volunteers our Canteen will be returning to a three day operation. From Term 2 the Canteen will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's only. We cannot stress enough that the Canteen needs volunteers to continue operating so please see Sam if you can help next Term. Please note although we have tried to keep Canteen prices as low as we can some items on our menu will have a price increase due to increased running costs.



#### **Uniform Shop News**

The Uniform Shop hours have changed. Please check new signage outside Parent Room. If you need jumpers or track pants we have winter stock available to purchase. Please note although we have tried to keep Uniform prices as low as we can some items on our uniform list will have a price increase due to increased purchase costs.

***We respectfully acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners of the land on which this school stands.***

IMPORTANT DATES	
3 April	Good Friday - Public Holiday
6 - 19 April	Easter Vacation
20 April	Term 2 Starts
20 April	P & C Meeting
21 April	Breakfast Club
23 April	Student Leaders-Anzac Square
24 April	District Cross Country
24 April	Anzac Service
6 May	Year 2 Qld Museum Excursion
12-14 May	NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5