



Serviceton South State School

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

Newsletter

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Welcome Back To Serviceton South



We welcome many new faces to the wonderful team at Serviceton South State School this year.

Back – Mr Ned Easton (HPE)

Centre – Mrs Margot Birmingham, Miss Allanna Barnard (HOC), Miss Ainslie Thompson, Mrs Sally Parkinson, Miss Melanie McQueen, Ms Nicole Johns (STLaN), Mrs Gwen Kowalski and Ms Kate Charleton

Front – Mr Blake McGregor

Principal's Piece.....

Welcome to all of our new families and staff and welcome back to all of our familiar faces. You will see the many new staff faces on the front page of this newsletter. We hope to meet you all at the Community Welcome on Wednesday 7 February, from 4pm in the Hall. From 4:15pm you will be able to visit your children's classrooms; followed by a free sausage sizzle at 5pm. Drinks will be available for sale through the P&C during dinner. If you haven't returned your slip letting us know how many are attending, please do so by Monday so that you don't miss out on a sausage.

Day 8 of each new school year is the day when Education Queensland takes a census of the students attending each school, forming the basis for our yearly funding and staffing. This year, we have had many more new enrolments than expected, especially in Prep. This has necessitated a significant shuffle of classes across the school to keep classes under the required size limits. Students who are moving classes will bring home a letter this afternoon, detailing the changes. The class changes have been very carefully considered, but will cause some anxiety for students. We ask that you speak to your student/s about the changes, as they will be made on Monday.

Some students from Prep 1 and Prep 2 will move across to the newly formed Prep/1 class and other students will be in newly formed straight year level and 1/2, 2/3 and 3/4 classes. There will be no changes for 1A, 2A, 3A, 6A and 6B.

All students will line up and move to their current class on Monday morning; from there, members of the Leadership Team will collect and move the students to their new class throughout the morning. It may be an idea to organise with your children to meet at a non-classroom location on Monday afternoon.

It's been wonderful coming back to school and seeing so many students in the new school uniform. While we have a two year phase in period, many people have already made the change. Remember that when you are buying new shoes they should be black, with white socks. Students should all have a blue school bucket hat – caps are not permitted at school. Jumpers may be navy zip or pull over but should not have a hood as this presents a safety hazard in the playground.

There has been quite a bit of the gastro bug going through the school this week. While every day is

a learning day, if your child has vomiting and/or diarrhoea, please keep them at home until all symptoms have passed.

Warm regards
Marni Morrison
Principal

Positive Behaviour for Learning and Attendance

Students have had a great start to the year and there is a positive vibe around the school. In the first two weeks teachers have been establishing expectations, routines and procedures both inside the classroom and across all other areas. The start of the year is a good time to inform our families of our goals and initiatives around our Positive Behaviour for Learning Framework. This year we aim to **save our learning time** by consistently following our **Firm Five**:

1. **Hats off inside: Remove hats when inside any buildings**
2. **Water bottles are inside classrooms**
3. **Pass to leave: all students moving around the school need a pass**
4. **Right Place, Right Time: Be where you need to be, on time**
5. **Be ready to learn: be organised to do learning tasks**

This will ensure we are showing respect, using our learning time wisely and limiting the amount of movement throughout our school during learning. By following the Firm Five, students **will see themselves as learners** and that will reduce the amount of off-task behaviour that can lead to **Major Office Discipline Referrals (ODRs)**. This year we have a **weekly school target of no more than 12 Major ODRs**. Our school will be working closely with parents to support their child/children when they receive Major ODRs to ensure we are doing **our best always** to create *caring, learners who are team players*.

Celebrating Our Learners: ABC Celebration Days

A new addition this year is the introduction of Celebration Days in the middle and at the end of the term. There is a criteria students must meet to participate in these reward events. The three areas are Attendance, Behaviour and Curriculum (ABC).

Remember to get to school every day and on time.

- First Bell: 8:35am
- School Starts: 8:45am
- School Finishes: 2:45pm



WHAT'S NEW?

Breakfast Club

will operate every morning from 8-8:30am

Starts Tuesday Next Week

Dear 2A Parents,

Our first few weeks will be a settling time where the children and I are getting to know each other, our classroom routines and my expectations.

2A Specialist Lessons:

Mondays - Library

Tuesdays – Music

Fridays – PE

In **English** this term, we are exploring poems, including poem structure and how to innovate poems.

In **Maths** this term, we are looking at numbers to 99, calendars and length.

Homework/Home Readers– Homework will commence in week 3 and is due each Friday. Your child will need to complete 1 or 2 pages per week of Maths and/or English. Home reading will commence within the next few weeks. Please listen to your child read (as much as possible) and ask **who, what, when, where** and **why** questions to check their understanding of what they have read.

Our **Community Welcome** is on **Wednesday 7th February** from 4:00pm - 6:00pm. There will be a short meeting in the hall at 4:00pm. Then, you are welcome to come to 2A's classroom for a visit, where I will give you a **raffle ticket** which will get you and your family a **free sausage sizzle** and **an entry** to win a \$50 voucher.

Library News

If you haven't had a chance to visit the 'new look' library yet, please come down and have a peep! Mr Cockerill, our previous Teacher Librarian is now teaching Coding and Robotics, so I have stepped in as Teacher Librarian on Mondays and Tuesdays. During the holidays I rearranged the library and so far the response has been fabulous. Children are enjoying exploring the new space. At play times the library is open for all children from Year 1 to Year 6. The inside is a designated quiet zone where children can enjoy the air-conditioning, read a book, colour in or play

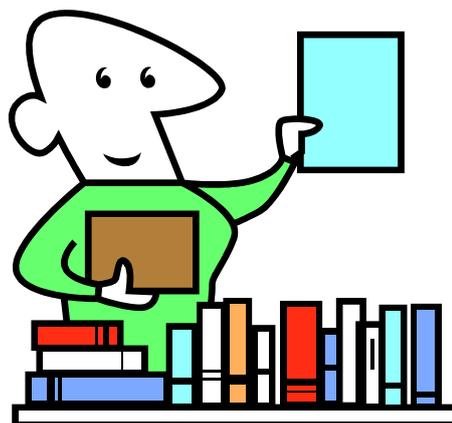
a quiet game with a friend. The outside zone of the library is designated for games that might be a little louder such as Lego, Duplo, large chess set and Uno. This way children have a 'get away' from the heat and noise of the playground and can enjoy some down time and also some time with friends.

In library lessons we are currently learning what areas books belong to within the library and how those areas work. The four areas are Picture Books, Fiction, Non Fiction and Reference. Within each of these areas the books are shelved according to either alphabetical order, The Dewy Decimal System or by Genre (and within Genre, alphabetical).

The younger children are learning Concepts of Print – Title, Author, Front Cover, Back Cover, turning pages, reading from left to right.

The older children are learning about 'Good Fit Books' – how to decide if a book is suitable for them (not reading what their peers are reading and to challenge themselves) by thinking about the strategies of **IPICK**: **I** choose a book, **P**urpose – why do I want to read this book, **I**nterest – does it interest me, **C**omprehend – am I understanding what I am reading, **K**now – do I know most of the words. Within this they use their hand to count how many words on a page they cannot pronounce or understand. If they have one word they cannot pronounce or understand then it's probably a book that is too easy. Two or three words mean it's a 'Good Fit'. Four words and they may need assistance with reading the book, so it's one to read with mum/dad/brother/aunty etc. Five words and the book is deemed too hard. You should try it yourself sometime. It's a great system that really works.

Mel Kroeger
Teacher Librarian





The Chaplaincy Service at SSSS

Hello everyone. My name is Sian and I am the Chaplain here at SSSS. I have been in this role since 2015 and I love being part of this school community. My job here is to help provide social, emotional and spiritual support for all students, staff and family. I do this in conjunction with the support services which are already provided by the teaching and administrative staff at the school. I work on TUESDAY, THURSDAY this term. My role includes lunchtime activities, classroom support and one to one chats with students, parents and staff as needed. You can contact me on 3714 0205 or sianr@chappy.org.au or drop into my office in A block. I look forward to meeting you.

Cheers Chappy Sian

P & C News

Welcome back to 2018, The next P&C meeting will be held on the 12th February at 9.00am in the Parent Room, we would like to welcome back existing parent and would love to see some new faces.

Canteen News

The canteen is currently closed due to Sam O'Brien's resignation. We would like to thank Sam for all her hard work and dedication, providing nutritious lunches for our staff and students. Wishing her all the best in her new employment.

Student Details

The Administration staff are currently updating student files, please inform the office of any changes e.g. phone numbers and addresses.

Mobile Phones

Students, who bring their mobile phones to school, will have to check them in at the office every morning.

School Zones

Please follow road rules around school zones and parking areas, as your child and our students are precious to ALL of us.



Dates To Remember

7 February	Community Welcome BBQ
27 February	Daniel Morcombe Safety Visit
8 March	Oral Health Visit Year 5 & 6
21 March	Harmony Day

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



WE CELEBRATE *OUR BEST ALWAYS*



Celebration Days occur at the end of every term. Only students who demonstrate appropriate behaviour of a *learner* can participate. The three criteria are:

Attendance

A

- Student *must* have an attendance rate of at least 95% for the term.
 - No more than 2 ½ days absent.
- *Considerations can be made for medical reasons
*Late arrival and early departure can affect attendance rate

Behaviour

B

Students *cannot* have more than 2 Major behaviour referrals in the term.

Curriculum

C

Student needs to achieve a C or higher for effort in *English and Maths*.

A RECORD OF ELIGIBILITY WILL BE KEPT IN STUDENT COMMUNICATION BOOKS