

Gems 31/1/2014

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION	WHAT FOR	GIVEN BY
Snake	Zac	2R	We Learn	Great effort in writing	Mrs Ross
Skipping Rope	Amber	1K	We Learn	Speaking well in front of others	Miss Kuzewicz
Frisbee	Skye	1K	We Learn	Working well in class	Miss Kuzewicz
Goggles	Keira	1K		For always having a go	Miss Kuzewicz
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Leteisha	5BM	We Learn	Working well	Mrs Bridger
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Tyrone B	6H	We Learn	Working hard	Mrs Hurdle
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Bree	7FG	We Care	Caring for a fellow student	Mrs O'Brien



6 February 2014
PRINCIPAL – Mr Kim Tvede
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – Mrs Wendy Wessling

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the school year for our new and continuing families in 2014. We started 2013 with 338 students and funded teachers to 14 classes, and we start 2014 with 367 students and are planning to continue funding teachers for 15 classes. This still allows for some growth and stability of classroom programs.

Our challenge this year is to continue the improved results achieved in 2013. To this end, staff worked very intensively during January to have us ready to refine and implement school-wide programs commenced in 2013. This professional development and increased high expectations across the school will continue as we support and challenge our students to be the best that they can be.

Staffing

We welcome to our school, Kayliegh Cowell teaching Year 2C, Bridget McKenzie and Haylee Butterworth teaching Year 6MB.



We also expected to lose our Head of Curriculum, Travis Goulter, at some time during 2014 to a promotional position, and this has already occurred. We congratulate Travis on his hard-won promotion

to Deputy Principal at Ormiston.

Travis has earned much respect for his hard work and dedication to our students, not only as HOC, but also for the sporting and other lunch-time activities he has supported to enrich students' lives and learning. Staff will also miss his drive and enthusiasm for developing professional practices in our school.

Travis is replaced by Lauren Sturges who was successful in gaining the position following a very competitive selection process. Lauren comes to us with a wealth of experience in HOC and Deputy Principal roles. Lauren's experiences that closely align with our school direction and needs won her the position over a other strong applicants.

National Partnership School, funding and school standards

Our school will go through the steps to access the funding available under continuing National Partnership Program. We will also complete the State Government guarantee agreement that all our children will either meet national minimum standards, or have programs in place to assist them to learn as well as they are able.

For our school, this means some changes to our documents, and we are otherwise well-placed with the developments we commenced in 2013 to meet commitments expected of Queensland schools by government in 2014. Part of this process will be community consultation. We will present more information at the *Community Welcome*, and the *P&C meetings*, and encourage those community

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members who are interested to attend.

During 2014 our school will be audited for our teaching and learning programs, and also our school discipline standards. We believe we are well-positioned for this and with our roll-out of our school-wide explicit teaching model, and our School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support program being implemented more rigorously in 2014 expected to deliver exactly what is needed, we will so to a high standard.

Having students understand and participate in school programs with high expectations can be reinforced in many ways. We are strengthening expectations to develop an even stronger school culture. We celebrate and acknowledge our cultural diversity; we also strengthen our common learning goals and expectations with our expectations, 'we learn, we care, we are team players', and 'our best always'.

Our school culture is supported by clear and consistent behavioural expectations, and that we work hard and play well. Consistent team development is supported by our P&C with a refined uniform policy about to be rolled out. The school will then begin to implement this policy in stages. Students are expected to respect their uniforms and keep them in good condition, with only normal wear and tear. Safety issues such as hats and correct secure (not slip-on), closed shoes are a priority.

If planning for times when rain may prevent uniforms drying, students are encouraged to have clothing based on the school colours, so as to fit in as well as possible should their uniforms not be able to be worn for any reason. Why? Because the uniform is designed to fit to our program needs, we are a team, and we have expectations when at school, and those expectations are perhaps different in some ways to those when more casual. Having the right dress can help have the right attitude.

We look forward to a great 2014, supporting and challenging our students to work hard and play well.

Mathletics and Reading Eggs Subscriptions

This year we have included a \$10 subscription for Reading Eggs for students in Prep to Year 7 and a \$10 subscription for Mathletics for students in Year 1 to 7 as per each student's booklist. Parents have been invoiced by the school for these amounts and the invoices were sent home with students on Tuesday. **There are two separate invoices.** These payments are not for books, but for subscriptions to online learning programs. These

programs are accessed by students at school, but can also be accessed at home, if you have an internet connection. Reading Eggs is an online program that helps children learn how to read. It is in two levels: "Reading Eggs" for beginning readers (typically used in prep to year 2), and "Reading Eggspress" for more advanced primary school readers. The Reading Eggs login page is at:

<http://app.readingeggs.com/login>

Mathletics is an online program that helps children develop skills in mathematics. Teachers set work to be completed in the Mathletics program, and students can also work independently on the Mathletics website. Students can also compete with children from all over the world, racing to complete mental arithmetic problems. The Mathletics login page is at:

<http://www.mathletics.com.au/>

Links to both programs are in the "Quicklinks" on our school website, at: <https://servsoutss.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx> Students should memorise their Reading Eggs and Mathletics passwords, and may be encouraged to use both programs at home as well as at school.

Curriculum Corner

It is with a heavy heart that I write this week's Curriculum Corner. Today I am finishing up at Serviceton South. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at this amazing school. I have had the wonderful opportunity to work with teachers eager to refine and improve their practice, students who are willing to take on any challenge and a parent community who support their children's learning.

Another highlight of my time at Serviceton South was the opportunity to attend excursions, gala days and camps. It is great to see our students always represent our school with pride and excel in extracurricular endeavours. I wish the school community all the best for the future and hope you have a wonderful 2014.

All the best,

Travis Goulter

Community Welcome Evening

You are invited to attend a special evening at our school on Wednesday 12th February 2014.

Hall

In the hall, from 4:30-4:45pm there will be a short welcome by Mr Kim Tvede, our Principal. Mr Tvede will outline our school's direction for 2014.

Classrooms

From 4:45pm - 5:15pm you are invited to move around the school to visit your child's classroom, find out from their teachers what they will be learning during the term, as well as speak informally to the teachers.

Undercovered Area

From 5:15pm - 6:30pm there will be a **free sausage sizzle** provided by the school. Drinks may be purchased from the Canteen. All students must be accompanied by a responsible adult for this event.



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Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts on Tuesday 11 February 8.00 - 8.30am. Come along and have a yummy breakfast.



Skateboards at School

Students are not to ride skateboards to school. Scooters and push bikes are to be stored in the bike cage. No scooters or bicycles are to be ridden in the school grounds.



Early Arrival At School

No student should be at school **before 8am**. Students are supervised in the undercover area near the canteen from 8.00am to 8.40am. PCYC provides before and after school care.

P & C News

Welcome back everyone, hope you all had a great holiday.

The next P&C meeting is on Monday 10th February 2014 at 9.10am in the Parent Room, all welcome. Please come along and hear what is happening in our school.

Next month on the 10th March 2014 is the P&C's AGM. If you wish to nominate for a position on the committee, nominations are to be handed into the school reception by 3.00pm Friday 7th March 2014.

Positions are President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary. Nomination forms can be collected from the Uniform Shop.

Uniform Shop

The uniform shop has moved into the Parent Room opening hours are:-

Monday CLOSED
Tuesday 8.45am - 9.45am
Wednesday 8.30am - 9.30am
Thursday 8.30am - 9.30am
Friday 8.30am - 9.30am

This year the Year 6 & 7 students can get a school senior shirt. You can place a \$10 deposit on senior shirts. The cost of the shirts this year are \$40.00 each, a letter will be going home this week. All payments to be made at the Uniform Shop.

Teena Zeitsch
P & C President

Canteen News

Welcome back to school everyone. Canteen Menus have gone home with students, if you have not received your menu just ask at the Canteen.

The Halal menu will be ready next week, sorry for the inconvenience.- Halal food is still available.

Please add to your menus - Slushys (Yr1-7 only) \$1.60 & Garlic Bread 50cents.



Volunteers Needed

If you are able to volunteer some time to help in the canteen please contact Jo. All help would be greatly appreciated.

School Banking

Information packs will be out soon. If you would like an application form, please ask at the canteen.

School Banking is on Tuesday mornings before school.

Jo Martinez

Canteen Convenor

Hearing Clinic

Aboriginal Hearing Health Worker Whitney Tatten (Deadly Ears Program) will be performing ear and hearing checks on children from 0-17 years old.

The hearing clinics will be run between 8.30am—11.45 am, at 64 Wirraway Parade Inala. The clinic dates are below. Please call Vikki Hall on 3275 533 to make an appointment.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Hearing Health Clinic (Monthly)

28/1/2014	24/2/2014	31/3/2014
22/4/2014	20/5/2014	30/6/2014
28/7/2014	25/8/2014	29/9/2014
27/10/2014	24/11/2014	8/12/2014

WEST BRISBANE FALCONS BASKETBALL CLUB DID YOU MISS OUR SIGN ON DAY???

If you missed our Sign On Day, you still have an opportunity to sign up to play junior basketball (U8-U18).

Please contact the club on 0450 105 252, westbrisbanebasketball@hotmail.com or www.westbrisbane.basketball.net.au ASAP to become a basketballer at Falcons.

JOIN THE FALCONS NEST AND SOAR ABOVE THE REST!!!

Serviceton South State School:

We Learn

We Care

We are Team Players

We acknowledge the Jagera people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our school stands.

IMPORTANT DATES

10 February	P & C Meeting
12 February	Community Welcome
10 March	P & C AGM