



Gems 14/2/2014

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION	WHAT FOR	GIVEN BY
Binoculars	Sam	1K	We Learn	Great writing	Mrs Kuzewicz
Spring	Bella	3P	We Care	Being a caring and helping person	Mrs Baker
Hair Clips	Shirlyn	1K	We Care	Neat book work	Mrs Kuzewicz
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Leone	7FG	We Learn	Staying on the best sapphire	Mrs Finney
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Magdalen	5BM	We Learn	On task	Mrs Middleton
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Mishen	7FG	We Are Team Players	Great sports	Mrs Finney



Gems 21/2/2014

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION	WHAT FOR	GIVEN BY
Snakes	Anthony	2R	We Are Team Players	Respectful Class member	Mrs Ross
Sticky Hand	Tusitala	2R	We Learn	Making good choices	Mrs Ross
Aqua Grow	Lachlan	2C	We Care	Helpful friend	Miss Cowell
Playing Cards	Hanna	1K	We Learn	Being a great independent learner	Mrs Kuzewicz
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Samson	6H	We Are Team Players	Fantastic group work	Mrs Hurdle
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Bree	7FG	We Learn	Staying on the super sapphire	Miss Finney
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Otto	6H	We Are Team Players	Enjoy company	Mr Nineham

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

Dear Parents/Carers

School Leaders

Last week saw our special parade for presentation of student *School Captains* and *House Captains* with their badges. They spoke their pledges, and received badges and certificates. The certificates were prepared by our Federal Parliamentary Member, Bernie Ripoll. Brisbane City Councillor, Milton Dick, assisted in the badge presentations and gave a reminder to our student leaders that their role is more than simply wearing a badge. It is about *listening*, and then helping work towards a *solution*. Our P&C President, Teena Zeitsch was also a special guest and badge presenter in the ceremony.

As well as our student leaders, badges were presented to *Flag Masters*, who take responsibilities around flag and ceremonial protocols, and a new group who assist with technology behind the scenes, our student *Tech Crew*. All of our students in these roles have shown keen interest, and we expect they will develop their skills as we work through activities to assist their development.

We thank everyone who took part in the proceeding, including students, staff and community members who helped make the event memorable.



Mathletics and Reading Eggs/Reading Eggspress

These items are on-line computer software to enable students to work at their computer-based mathematics and reading programs. We have replaced text books with these licenced programs. They enable students to work at their own level rather than be held back by having to focus only on a year-level program as happens with text work books.



Most families have been very prompt to pay for these items and we encourage you to contact the office to arrange payment if you have not already done so.

Pick-Up and Set-Down

It is inevitable that we have traffic congestion around pick-up and drop-off times. Arranging with your children to come a little earlier or pick up a little later is a simple way to avoid unnecessary stress.

We have some difficult-to-see students dodging through cars to get to parents' cars still in traffic. We have some parents parking too close to the crossing. Experience of many schools is that such behaviour in students is difficult to change without parent support, and driver behaviour is difficult to change without police support.

Police have indicated they are concerned about driver behaviour around schools and are looking at patrols around pick-up and set-down times to see how they can encourage proper driver behaviour. Please be aware



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we are advised that the Crossing Supervisors have legal authority to do their job and can give direction to drivers parking around the safety zones they supervise.

Harmony Day

This major event on our school calendar is coming up on **Wednesday 2 April**. Students have begun practice for the various items in the program. Harmony Day at our school is somewhat special. Our multicultural community helps remind us how diverse we are and what a rich range of cultures make up our school community. We welcome your attendance to help celebrate this event with us.



Swimming

A number of students have not yet provided us with their permissions and payment for transport for this activity. In our warm climate in Australia, with so many folk living on or visiting coastal beaches, water-holes and swimming pools, there is a strong need for everyone to be able to swim. The school provides funds for instruction, parents for transport. We strongly encourage parents to ensure their children attend swimming lessons. If there are issues or concerns, please contact the school so we can come to a mutual understanding of what is affecting swimming participation.



Head Lice

These troublesome creatures are a problem across schools, and mostly relate to students in lower school. It is important, when school advice is sent home to parents, that parents know what to look for and how to treat infestations of these little insects (head hair lice) and their eggs (nits).

As well as chemical options from the pharmacy, simply regular use of a specialised fine-tooth comb and hair conditioner to help find and remove the lice and nits can work. Whatever the option used, it takes time, involves the family being checked for cross infestation, and items such as bedding being washed and aired. If one family does not do this, the infestation cycle may continue and families will get frustrated at the continual treatment needed.

Please be vigilant and know what to do if an infestation is advised to you, or you find the lice or nits yourself.

P&C President

Teena Zeitsch has been *P&C President* for seven years and has indicated she feels it is time for a change. We thank Teena for her excellent service to our community for so many years, and we look forward to her continuing in her role as *Uniform Shop convenor*.

School Wide Positive Behaviour – SWPBS

This last week has seen students reach 25 “Gems” enabling them to receive a \$5.00 canteen voucher. The first of these students was Magdalen 5BM, Leone 7FG, Anthony 5BM, Holly 5BM, Brianna 5BM & Amir 5BM. These students were awarded their “Gems” for following our Serviceton South school’s 3 expectations of “We Learn, We Care and We Are Team Players.” Congratulations to all the students who have worked hard and followed our expectations to receive their “Gems”. When students reach the target of 50 “Gems” they will receive a blue “Serviceton South Sapphires” wristband. This wristband may be worn with their school uniform and it is hoped that many students will acquire this before the end of term.



Attendance News

At the end of term 1 the class with the best attendance will win a Pool Party at Carole Park. Make sure you are here every day to help your class win this great prize! Special thank you to the P&C for funding our bus and entry to the pool. Every day counts at Serviceton South.

Cám ơn

Chúng tôi thành thật cảm ơn quý phụ huynh đã quyết góp cho nhà trường những bộ quần áo và nón truyền thống của sắc tộc Việt Nam.

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Curriculum Corner

Since arriving at SSSS, I have been fortunate enough to work with some of the Year Five and Seven students during Reading Groups. So far this term, we have unpacked some of the comprehension strategies used by effective readers. We have looked at; Inferring, Author’s Purpose, Cause and Effect and Main Ideas.

Good readers, who comprehend well, are often those who read frequently. By asking your child to read for 20 minutes each school day they will accumulate 4000 minutes of home reading within a year. Imagine how empowering that could be! Take a look at [http://www.thedailycafe.com/20%20minutes%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.thedailycafe.com/20%20minutes%20(1).pdf) for some interesting statistics around reading for 20 minutes each day. Until next time, Lauren Sturges Head of Curriculum

Grip Leadership Conference

On Thursday 27th February all 10 student leaders attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Sleeman Sports Complex. The conference was great and we learnt what it means to be a super hero in our school.

Helper

Encourager

Role Model

Organiser

My favourite part was watching the movie clips and picking out which character was being a leader and what leadership skill they were using. We all had a fun day. Ateriano 5/6N (School Captain).



P&C News

The P & C's AGM is on Monday 10 March at 9.10am in the Parent Room. If you wish to nominate for one of the following positions:- President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary, forms can be collected from the Uniform Shop. All nominations are to be handed into office by 3pm Friday 7 March 2014. After the AGM there will be a regular P & C meeting. All are welcome. Come and see what is happening in our school.

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop has moved to 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

Canteen News

The Canteen opens Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 8.20am. From 8.20am - 8.40am only parents are served.



When the first bell goes at 8.40am we then serve the children. If you need to get away quickly please write your bags at home, place correct money inside the bag and pass bag to one of the Canteen helpers.

New for the Prep Menu

Plain Milk 200ml - \$1.00.
Jo Martinez
Canteen Convenor

Would you like your family to live a healthier lifestyle?

Raising healthy children is an important aspect to positive parenting. Your child's physical health can affect their growth and development, their ability to participate in school, sport and other activities, and how they get along with other children. Children who eat well and stay active are more likely to develop into healthy adults. Researchers at the University of Queensland are currently offering a FREE Triple P parenting program to parents of children 3 to 10 years in exchange for participation in research. Across three seminars you will learn strategies for...

- ✓ Managing both general and lifestyle-specific child problem behaviours
- ✓ Helping your child eat a healthy balance of nutritious foods
- ✓ Motivating your child to be more active
- ✓ Limiting screen time

The program is run at St Lucia and Ipswich, with free childcare available for families. To register visit our website: www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/life



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**We Learn
We Care
We are Team Players**

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

IMPORTANT DATES

6 March	Moreton District Chess Tournament
7 March	BCC Graffiti Session Years 5, 6 & 7
10 March	P & C AGM
12 March	Swimming Years 4 - 7
19 March	Swimming Years 4 - 7
2 April	Harmony Day

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