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PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION
Colour Pens	TJ	1B	We Learn
Jumpy Frog	Mir yana	1B	We Care
Sticky Animal	Vai oleti	1B	We Learn
Pencil Case	Lilly Rose	4/5C	We Care
Tiara	Tahlia	Prep1	We Care
Insects	Maleo	Prep2	We Care
Year 5&6 Prize	Mariam	5A	We Are Team Players
Year 5&6 Prize	Jeremiah	6B	We Care

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION
Hot Wheels	Ibrahim	3/4B	We Are Team Players
Colour Pens	Jessica	1B	We Care
Pencil & Eraser Set	Annabelle	1B	We Care
Squishy Ball	Daniel	1B	We Learn
Sticky Warriors	Sharmaka	Prep1	We Are Team Players
Dress Up Set	Dina	Prep2	We Care
Year 5&6 Prize	Farhia	6B	We Learn
Year 5&6 Prize	Henry	6A	We Are Team Players

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Newsletter

1 September 2016
PRINCIPAL - Ms Marni Morrison
D/PRINCIPAL - Mrs Alison Prendergast

Book Week

On Friday 26 August we held a special Book Week Assembly, and children were invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. A big thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped children dress up.

The theme for Book Week this year was 'Australia! Story Country'. Throughout this term students have been reading the picture books short-listed by the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA), and voting on their favourite books at library lessons. During Book Week the CBCA announced the winning books in each category, including the Picture Book of the Year and the Book of the Year: Early Childhood.

In the Early Childhood category, the favourite book amongst our students in years Prep to Two was Aaron Blabey's *Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas*, with Anna Walker's *Mr Huff* coming second in the voting. The CBCA judges chose *Mr Huff* as the winning book, with *Perfect* and *The Cow Tripped Over the Moon* being named as honour books. In the Picture Book of the Year category, our students in years Three to Six also voted for their favourite book. In this category the voting was quite even, but the book with the most votes was *And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda*, based on the well-known song by Eric Bogle, and illustrated by Bruce Whatley. *My Dead Bunny* and *Suri's Wall* came second and third in the student voting. The CBCA judges chose Armin Greder's and Nadia Wheatley's *Flight* as Picture Book of the Year, with *Ride, Ricardo, Ride!* and *One Step at a Time* being named as honour books.



Prep Information Session

This Friday 2/9/2016 at 9.00am in the library. This will be a fantastic opportunity to meet our Prep teachers and find out more about Prep at Serviceton South State School in 2017. Morning tea will be provided.

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

We have had a very busy couple of weeks with many school celebrations. Thank you to everyone who helped make Multicultural Day such a success. Mrs Poppi worked very hard with a band of dedicated parents who came in to teach our students cultural dance. The cultural diversity of our school is one of the things that makes it so special, and is certainly to be celebrated. Last week we celebrated Book Week with our annual Book Week Parade and it was lovely to see students getting into the spirit by dressing up. Thank you to Mr Cockerill for organising the event.

After eight years at Serviceton South, Mrs Danielle Peachman is leaving us for a new adventure at the end of this week. We would like to wish Mrs Peachman all the best at her new school. We will miss her in the office and thank her for her years of making a difference to our students.

We continue with our inclusion of the School Annual Report with the School Profile -

Enrolments

	Total	Girls	Boys	Indigenous	Enrolment Continuity
2013	361	172	189	30	95%
2014	367	177	190	35	94%
2015	320	162	158	27	86%

Characteristics of the student body

Serviceton South State School is a proudly multicultural school. Families represent cultures such as Samoan and other Pacific Islander, including Polynesian and other island groups, Vietnamese, African, Middle-Eastern, Central and South-East Asian, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait island people. We celebrate diversity with Harmony Day, NAIDOC and school performances.

Students come mainly from neighbouring suburbs of Inala, Forest Lake, Doolandella, Richlands and Carole Park. Most students walk to school. Bicycles and scooters are also used by students. Some parents coming from further away use personal vehicles. A council bus service is available in a nearby street.

Classes are a mix of composite and single year level classes. A Special Education Program for students with disabilities and English as an Additional Language/ Dialect program is implemented, supporting students in inclusive classrooms as a preferred approach.

Average class size

Phase	Average Class Size		
	2013	2014	2015
Prep – Year 3	23	24	20
Year 4 – Year 7 Primary	23	22	19

School Disciplinary Absences

Disciplinary Absences	Count of Incidents		
	2013	2014*	2015**
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	42	141	20
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	2	0	0
Exclusions	0	0	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

Curriculum Delivery

- The curriculum framework is based on C2C for English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography.
- The Essential Learning Areas of HPE, Technology and The Arts round out the curriculum.
- The long term plan is to move away from C2C and to plan directly from the Australian Curriculum. Teachers undertake planning in cohort groups, with support from the Head of Curriculum to develop the skills to move towards ACARA with integrity and rigour.

Warm Regards

Ms Marni Morrison

Principal

Pre Prep

Pre prep classes are held at Serviceton South State School on Wednesdays, from 1.30pm-2.30pm, in the library. This program is for 3 to 5 year olds and their parents. The program is play-based, focussing on speech, oral language, vocabulary and social skills.



Spotlight on Reading

Premier's Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all students who completed the Premier's Reading Challenge 2016. Mrs Kerville is going through all the entries to see which class won the pizza party. The winning class will be announced on parade this week.

Reading at home

It is an expectation that all Serviceton South State School students read every night. Our younger students are provided with texts at their reading level but may also choose a text that captures his/her interest. When students are independent readers they should be reading anything that interests them eg stories, information texts, instructions for games, cooking and building, lyrics, poetry – the list is endless.

Morning Reading

Every Monday morning this term (from 25/7/16) students arriving between 8:00 and 8:30 will participate in Reading Buddies. Students will pair up and either read or listen to reading. Parents are encouraged to come along and join in.

Parent Lounge

Many parents have been enjoying their early morning coffee, tea or hot chocolate in the PARENT LOUNGE this term. To ensure that the lounge is a place where parents can come to have a chat and ask for information about the school we will be opening on TUESDAY mornings from 8:30-9:30am in term 4. This is to encourage the students to attend the morning movers in the hall and then go straight to their line up area. We look forward to seeing you in term 4.



Food Hampers

We have been very thankful to iSee Care who have been providing us with food hampers on a weekly basis. Unfortunately we will not be receiving these hampers in the same numbers that we did previously. Therefore it will not be possible for families in our school community to receive them on a regular basis. Below are some alternative ways that families can access food if your circumstances require this. Please don't hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher or visit our school Chaplain - Chappy Sian - if you find yourself with a shortage of food because we know how it can be tricky balancing the budget at times, especially when extra bills come in. You can call Chappy Sian on 3714 0235 or email on sianr@chappy.org.au

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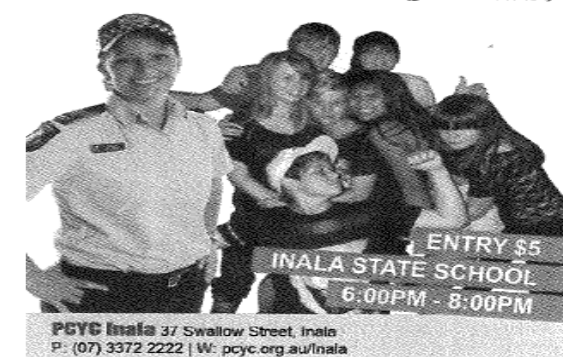
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Blue Light Disco Friday 9, September

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- DJ Playing the latest music
- Jumping Castle
- Glow products for sale
- Face Paint (gold coin donation)



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IMPORTANT DATES

2 September	Prep Information Session
12 September	P&C Meeting
13 September	Planetarium Excursion - Year 1
6&7 September	Parent Teacher Interviews
7 September	Year 2 Incursion— Geography
8 September	Chess Tournament - Stretton College
9 September	Free Dress Day - Theme - Favourite Sports Team
16 September	Teacher Aides' Day
16 September	Positive Behaviour Day
4 October	1st day of term 4
10/11 October	Year 5/6 Camp—Sea World
15 October	Prep Open Day (Saturday)
16 October	Family Portraits (Sunday)