



GEMS 1/12/2015

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION
Hilighter	Esther	2A	We Care
Fox Sharpener	Kyra	2A	We Are Team Players
Big Pen	Rihanna	1B	We Learn
Handball	Ladonian	3/4C	We Are Team Players
Stickers	Venuste	Prep1	We Care
Colouring Book	Sumeya	Prep 2	We Learn
Year 5&6 Prize	Clodine	5/6A	We Care
Year 5&6 Prize	Henry	5/6D	We Learn

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop in the administration block will be open

Monday 18 January , Tuesday 19 January and Friday 22 January from 10.00am -1.00pm.



Serviceton South State School

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

Newsletter

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Lego Education Learning Centre Excursion – Year 1

Last Wednesday the Year One students visited the Lego Education Learning Centre in Southbank as part of their Technology unit. Students were able to work in teams, using Lego to build scenes from a story and then using digital technology to manipulate the scenes. Students then enjoyed lunch along the river, a visit to the Southbank adventure playground and finally a stroll through the rainforest walk to the temple before heading back to school.



musical “Bah Humbug”. Here are some retells from the day.

Brrrooom! went the bus all the way to the university. We went to a picnic spot. We walked to the Schonell Theatre and it was very big. They showed how Christmas is important. At the end the people were running across giving high fives. My favourite part was the songs. By Aaron

Tap, click, tap, tap! The university actors were dancing. Sliding and twisting on the stage in a colourful, big room. Their costumes were fabulous especially the girls costumes because they were colourful and stripy. The boys were dressed up neatly, they were handsome. By Larissa

Flash! went the lights at the beginning of the theatre, all around the room. They lights were very bright. They lit up people’s faces and the stage. We were on our Year 2 excursion. We went to see the theatre. The songs were the best songs I’ve ever heard. By Thomas

Schonell Theatre Excursion - Year 2

Last Thursday, Year 2A and 2B went on an excursion to the Schonell Theatre to see the

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

As 2015 winds down we will soon be saying goodbye and good luck to some of our students and some of our team.

Mrs Wessling has been a core part of the Admin team since 2010 and we will certainly miss her when she leaves to go to Ferny Hills State School on the north side of Brisbane. Mrs Wessling has been a great help and support to me in my first year at Serviceton South, as I have learnt about our school procedures and customs. We wish her all the best for her new adventures.

Mrs Munker has been a fabulous Head of Curriculum and prior to that a favourite Prep teacher at Serviceton South. She has been instrumental in developing partnerships with local early childhood providers and will be a fabulous asset to Logan Village State School. We wish Mrs Munker, Max and Kobe all the best for their new adventure.

Mrs Martin has been with us since 2009, first as our Music teacher and Instrumental Music teacher, and for the past year has been our Instrumental Music teacher only. Mrs Martin's circuit of schools has changed for 2016 and we will have a new Instrumental Music teacher from next year. We thank Mrs Martin for her hard work over the years and wish her well at her new schools. Maybe we will see her back here some time in the future; she will always be welcome.

Miss Sophie also leaves us to complete her teaching degree and study full time next year. Miss Sophie has worked with our prep students and with our MiniLit students this year and we wish her all the best for her studies. Maybe one day she will be back as Miss Hopkins, Prep teacher.

Mr McGregor has been our 'Jack of all trades' this year. He has taught year 3/4D, 5/6A, 5/6B and 1A as well as filling in for teacher relief between contracts. He has also been the Chairperson of our PBL team and part of many other teams. We will certainly miss Mr McGregor's energy and enthusiasm but we thank him for his hard work and wish him well for the future.

Miss Makaresz joined us at the beginning of term two and has become an important member of our teaching team. Miss Makaresz leaves us for a school closer to her home and we wish her all the best for a great 2016 at her new school.

Of course, as people leave, we also have people arriving to join our team for 2016 and we welcome Mrs Kennett, who will be our Head of Curriculum on 2016, and Miss McDonough who will be our new Year 1 teacher. Mrs Faragher will be joining us as

our new Instrumental Music teacher. Unfortunately, as our student numbers have decreased, we will not have a Deputy Principal in 2016 and the leadership team will be comprised of myself, Mrs Kerville our Literacy Coach, and Mrs Kennett.

Our P&C have done a wonderful job this year and I would like to thank Belinda and Haina in particular, but also the rest of our wonderful P&C for all their hard work throughout the year. Over the holidays, two of the playgrounds will be resurfaced with soft fall, thanks to the grant the previous executive applied for and the current P&C completed. We look forward to a bright 2016 and continuing to make a difference to our kids.



Today we announced our school leaders for 2016 and I'd like to congratulate Paul, Mahshid, Angela, Taneshay and Anjeli on their new leadership positions. The Student Leader Induction will occur at our regular Tuesday parade on 23 February.

In 2016 we hope to improve how we communicate with parents and have a number of ideas of how we can do this. We have already prepared the school calendar for the 2016 year and you will see some of the important dates for Term 1 in this newsletter. In conjunction with the P&C we have planned a free dress day each term and a disco each semester which will make the students very happy. We have Communication Books for all students in the pipeline, and a Facebook page being developed. The Facebook page will provide the opportunity for us to provide 'as it happens' information to parents and community members and to showcase Serviceton

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South as the great school it is. It will not be a forum for complaints and parents are asked to contact me in the office rather than air grievances on the Facebook page. Negative comments will be deleted. We also plan to have a Homework Club after school, and to open the Parent Room before school in the morning for a catch up and a cup of tea. I'm open to other ideas if you have them, but I would also encourage you to join the P&C to help make our school the best little school in Inala.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday. We will see everyone back here for the start of the 2016 school year on Wednesday 27th January.

Warm wishes
Ms Marni Morrison
Principal

On Tuesday, 24 November our Year 6 students participated in the Launch into Life Program run by Griffith University at the Logan Campus. The Launch into Life at Logan program promotes tertiary education and post-school options. Our Year 6 students were able to explore their career options on the back of research which shows that children make vital decisions about their future while still in primary school. Our students participated in various health, physical and science activities and were supported throughout the day by student mentors and members from the Logan Redbacks University Union team. They also listened to John Danalis a children's author talk about listening to the hero inside of themselves and how they should aspire to achieve their dreams and to never give up.



Hear and Say

If your child was flagged for a full hearing assessment, please don't forget to visit your G.P. for a referral to the Hear & Say Audiologist. If you have a referral, this testing will be offered free of charge. A group of students have already been

transported to their clinic by our staff. However the Hear & Say clinic will also be open over the school holidays if you choose to take your child to the centre yourself. Hearing loss can affect your child's social interactions, emotional development and academic performance. Let's ensure your child gets the most from their education and life opportunities.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

11 December	Last Day of School for 2015
27 January	First Day of Term 1, 2016
2016	
18 January	Uniform Shop Open 10.00am - 1.00pm
18 January	Administration Open
19 January	Uniform Shop Open 10.00am - 1.00pm
19 January	Administration Open
21 January	Administration Open from 11.00am
22 January	Uniform Shop Open 10.00am - 1.00pm
22 January	Administration Open
27 January	First Day of Term 1
10 February	Community Welcome
17 February	1st Swimming Lesson Yrs 3-5
19 February	Free Dress Day - Crazy Hair
23 February	Student Leader Induction
25 February	School Disco - Beach Party
4 March	Clean Up the School Day
10 March	Moreton Region Chess