



GEMS 3/11/2015

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION
Flower Pen	Tawakal	3/4B	We Are Team Players
Sticky Notes	Eva	3/4C	We Learn
Connect 4	Anab	3/4C	We Care
Pencils	Suzanna	3/4C	We Learn
Foam Dino-saur	Keving	Prep 1	We Are Team Players
Mini Slinkys	Rahma	Prep 2	We Care
Year 5&6 Prize	Holly	5/6A	We Learn
Year 5&6 Prize	Mahshid	5/6B	We Are Team Players



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Pencils	Eva	3/4C	We Learn
Pen	Lorenzo	2A	We Learn
Fruit Erasers	Dakota	1B	We Are Team Players
Monster Erasers	Rihanna	1B	We Care
Year 5&6 Prize	Holly	5/6A	We Care
Year 5&6 Prize	William	5/6A	We Care



Serviceton South State School

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

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EMU GULLY CAMP

The thing I loved about camp was when we had to go and do the Kokoda Track. The track is covered in mud. It was fun and everyone looked funny when they finished.
By Taneshay 5/6B



Camp Emu Gully was awesome. The food was amazing and I didn't expect it to be so good. We were placed into groups called Alpha, Bravo and Charlie. Our activities were fun, physical and needed team work. We swam in mud, got to rock climb and went through tunnels. By Johnny - 5/6B

The things I liked about camp are having fun and making new friends. I liked the tower because it had a slide, 2m jumping board and a 5m jumping board. I liked having fun with

my friends and putting my 100% best into everything. By Jye - 5/6B



The most fun event at camp was the Kokoda Track. It had disgusting, slimy mud but it was fun. It helped us work together.
By Anthony - 5/6B



Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

It's hard to believe that there are only four weeks left of the school year; the time has flown by so quickly and we have done so much. In no time at all it will be holidays, preparing for the new school year and we will be back for the first day of 2016 which will be Wednesday 27 January. Make sure you mark that one on your calendar. The school office will be open during the week prior to the start of school and we will let you know which days and times when it is a little closer.

Thank you to those parents who sent their star with their vision for our school in the next four years. Some of your ideas are quite simple and easy to integrate into our school culture, some take a considerable amount of time and money, and may not be feasible for a school of this size and location, some are about things that we are already working on, and some could give us the starting point for mid length projects for the future. All of your ideas are appreciated and, along with the students and staff ideas, will help build our School Plan for 2016-2019.

I was privileged to spend most of the past two days on camp with our Year 5 and 6 students and had a wonderful time. Emu Gully is an adventure camp so there was plenty of action, water, challenges and mud. The staff at Emu Gully are amazing and the program works on a system of natural consequences, for example, if you take too long cleaning up after lunch, you have less time for an activity. For my part, it was great to be able to spend some good quality time getting to know students in a different setting. We all got to experience new things and for me, belaying students while climbing the rock wall was something I had never done before. I think I had the hardest climb and big congratulations go to Kim and Prinston for making it all the way to the top. Everyone else climbing my wall tried really hard, but it had an overhang and had less hand/foot holds than the other paths, so it was pretty challenging. The food was amazing and everyone had plenty to eat. There is still some lost property from the trip so if you are missing a black jacket, a pillow, a blue or light orange towel or a bag of girls' clothes including a purple swim shirt, they are in the office.

I took my SLR camera on camp and captured hundreds of fantastic photos which I would like to be able to share with parents. I'm not sure yet about the logistics of that but some of the pictures are too fantastic to sit on the computer hard drive without being shared. Of course, we will be able to use

some for the Year 6 Graduation presentation but there are simply too many to sit through in one go.



Thank you to Mrs Middleton for co-ordinating the camp preparation, and to all the staff who helped with bookings and planning. Your efforts were very much appreciated. Thank you also to Mr Lorimer, Chappy Sian, Mrs Wessling, Mrs Egan and Mrs Hurdle who actually spend time at the camp. It's a very big and tiring, 24 hour responsibility and we appreciate your commitment to our students.

Our school procedures require an enrolment interview prior to starting school. This will always be at least a day prior to starting school. This allows us to find out about your child so that we can place them in the best possible situation considering their needs. It also means that we can let the teacher know that your child is starting school, prepare a desk and be prepared to welcome your child to the class. It gives you time to purchase uniforms and any materials your child may need to have a great start to their schooling at Serviceton South State School. A birth certificate or passport will be requested on enrolment. There are legal requirements around names used for enrolment and compulsory attendance that can only be fulfilled by sighting a birth certificate. We also ask to see immunisation records. We do not refuse enrolment if a child is not immunised, but we do inform the parents when there is an outbreak of a communicable disease so they can choose whether or not to send their un-immunised child to school. For children who are not born in Australia or New Zealand, a passport and visas must be provided to the school. Different class and sub-classes of visa have different enrolment criteria and sometimes families will be referred to EQI (Education Queensland International).

Don't forget to enrol for Prep **if your child was**

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born between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011. We would love all of our Prep students to begin on the very first day of the year so that they don't miss out on making new friends and learning the new routines. We are currently contacting parents to make a time for a prep enrolment interview in Week 8. Our new Prep students should come along to the interview so that Ms Bolton can meet them.

In terms of preparation for 2016, I would like to be able to inform parents of class and teacher allocations before the end of the year, possibly when reports are sent home on the 8 December. This is done with the understanding that classes may change up until the end of the second week of the 2016 school year, so you should not write class and teacher names on books until after this time. To enable this to happen, we need to have as accurate as possible a list of students who will be at Serviceton South State School next year. If you think your child will be going to another school in 2016, please let Mrs Peachman in the office know as soon as that decision is made. If you have other children who may be joining us at Serviceton South in the new year, we also ask that you come to the office to collect an enrolment form as soon as possible. The number of teachers that are employed at the school is determined by the number of students enrolled and the more accurate our prediction of student numbers, the less movement between classes in the first two weeks of school. No one likes to settle into a new class and then have to move to another class with different friends because the number of classes changed over the holidays.

Warm regards
Ms Marni Morrison
Principal

P&C News

The next P&C meeting is on Monday 16 November at 9.00am in the parent room. All welcome.

Rural Aid

The student's donations that have been collected at the canteen for Rural Aid raised \$119.80. The donation has been gratefully accepted by the Buy a Bale charity in Qld. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Book Club

Book Club orders have closed. This was the last Book Club for 2015. Thank you for your support.

School Banking

We are still looking for any interested parents who are willing to help with the running of School Banking. Please come and see Belinda or Maryanne if you can help.

Uniforms

Shortly we will be sending home a flyer regarding the sale of old uniform stock. The Uniform Shop is now run by the school and not by the P&C. Old stock that is remaining will be on sale before the end of the year. Some of the sale items include track pants, long sleeve polo shirts, vests etc. These items will be sold at dramatically reduced prices.

Hear And Say

A letter has gone home this week to remind all parents/carers of students requiring further audiological testing to please follow-up with a GP appointment. It is recommended you ask for a referral to the Hear and Say Audiologists. The school is offering transport to the Hear and Say clinic in Ashgrove for students who return their permission slip and referral to our office.

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

IMPORTANT DATES

16 November	P & C Meeting
18 November	Swimming Prep - Yr2 - Final Lesson
18 November	Ngutana Lui - Years 3 & 4
25 November	Lego Education Learning Centre -Year 1
2 December	Qld Museum - Prep 1 & 2
3 December	Schonell Theatre - Year 2
3 December	R E Concert
7 December	P&C Meeting
8 December	Year 6 Dreamworld Excursion
9 December	Awards Day Prep -Year 5 Year 6 Graduation
9 December	Report Cards Sent Home
10 December	End of Year Concert