



## GEMS 9/2/2016



## GEMS 16/2/2016

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION
Flower Pen	Chloe	2A	We Learn
Fruit Eraser	Annabelle	1B	We Learn
Sticky Hands	Yasin	1A	We Learn
Gingerbread Man Book	Lusia	1A	We Learn
Year 5&6 Prize	Bond	6A	We Learn
Year 5&6 Prize	Denzel	6B	We Learn

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION
Grip Pencil	Francis	4A	We Learn
Bubbles	Robert	4/5C	We Learn
Drink Bottle	Meriem	4/5C	We Learn
Air Glider	Lachlan	4/5C	We Are Team Players
Year 5&6 Prize	Jeremiah	6B	We Learn
Year 5&6 Prize	Jezebel	6A	We Learn



# Serviceton South State School

We learn; we care; we are team players ....  
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## Newsletter

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Thank you to the  
P&C for our  
playground  
upgrade

During the holidays, our two junior playgrounds were upgraded with a new surface, thanks to the work of the P&C Association. A grant, which was received in 2014, was modified to include the upgrade of these facilities rather than the purchase of a barbecue trailer. The new playgrounds look fabulous and we're sure parents and carers are enjoying a reduction in the amount of sand being bought home in shoes. The senior playground is also scheduled to have the surface upgraded through school based maintenance funding sometime soon. We do believe that children need some sand to play in—it's great fun—so we have plans to construct additional sand play areas as well. Thank you to both the previous and current P&C Executives. For making this upgrade possible. The previous Executive applied for and successfully won the original grant, and the current Executive submitted the necessary paperwork to modify the specifications, with fabulous results!



**REMINDER**  
**FREE DRESS DAY ON FRIDAY**  
**GOLD COIN DONATION**  
**CRAZY HAIR OR SPECIAL HIJAB**  
**MAKE SURE CLOTHES ARE SUNSAFE, SANDSHOES**  
**ARE ON FEET AND HATS CAN BE WORN**

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

With Day 8 behind us, and no changes to classes, we are well into the school year and its shaping up to be a great one.

We had a great roll up to the Community Welcome last week with 78 students going into the lucky draw. Theodore, in 1A was the lucky draw winner, taking home a \$50 voucher to the Woolworths company. I took some time to outline the school priorities for the year, which include Reading, Student Support, the Curiosity and Powerful Learning project and the Australian Curriculum. These priority areas will be featured in newsletters this year so look out for the regular updates.

Student Support is an area that has undergone significant reform over the past few months, with full implementation this year. I met with every teacher yesterday to go through class lists and make sure that I am aware of all concerns about students' academic, social and emotional learning. It is my view that all children must receive the support they require to help them learn. One of our actions has been to develop the role of Student Support Connect person for each year level. This person is part of the Student Support team who meet fortnightly. Their role is to work with class teachers to ensure timely identification of students with learning needs, and to develop support plans and guide referrals in consultation with teachers. They can also speak with parents who have concerns about their child. If you have concerns about your child's learning these are several people you can talk to.

**Always, in the first instance, speak with your child's class teacher about any concerns.**

If your child is verified with a disability you can also speak with Mrs Garbellotto.

If your child is a recent arrival (2 years) in Australia and has English as an additional language - Mrs Poppi. We have Teacher Aides who speak Vietnamese, Somali, Samoan and Kirundi to assist with communication.

Student Support Connect people are based on year levels -

- Prep - Mrs Candie Kerville
- Year 1 and 2 - Ms Elissa Barsby
- Year 3 and 4 - Ms Leisa Garbellotto
- Year 5 and 6 - Mrs Debbie Poppi

If one of these Connect teachers calls you to discuss concerns about your child's learning, it will be in the capacity of supporting the class teacher through the referral process.

Our Leaders' induction was scheduled for next Tuesday at Parade. Unfortunately Premier Palaszczuk is unable to make this date so we are attempting to reschedule to a time when she is available. We will let parents know as soon as we have a new date.

Student cards will be going home shortly. Please make sure you update your contact details and return them as soon as possible.

*Warm regards*  
Marni Morrison  
Principal

**Reading**

What is your child's favourite book? Reading is a priority area for Serviceton South SS and we are implementing quite a few initiatives to help students improve their ability to, and attitude towards reading. All staff will participate in ongoing professional development in teaching reading. Students who are identified 'at risk' are receiving targeted support. This could be reading with an adult for 15 minutes/day or through small group intervention, focussing on phonics. Our high achieving students will also receive additional support to further extend their comprehension skills.

**P&C AGM**

Our P&C AGM is Monday 7th March at 9am in the parent room. A reminder that all our positions are vacated at the AGM and new nominations for the roles of President, Secretary or Treasurer will all be welcomed. Please come along, everyone is welcome.

**School Banking**

We had our account opening information on Monday and the Commonwealth Bank mascot "Cred" came to visit. Thank you to those families who signed up. If you missed out we will be holding another account opening day in term 2. School banking is MONDAY morning at the canteen.



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**Canteen**

Canteen volunteer forms have been handed out. If you are able to help out and didn't receive a form please see Sammy in the canteen. We can only operate with your support and we appreciate ANY time you can give.

**Disco**

The School Disco is Thursday 25th February. Our theme is "Beach Party". Food and drinks will be available at the hall canteen for purchase. Door entry will be \$3.00 per student and times are:



Preps - Year 2	5.00pm - 6.15pm
Years 3 - 6	6.30pm - 8.00pm

Although there will be no sign-in required, parents **must** pick up students from the hall, not on the street. Parent volunteers are ungently needed. We **CAN NOT** go ahead with out support. We are looking for helpers from:

Session 1	4.30pm - 6.30pm
Session 2	6.30pm - 8.30pm

If you can assist at both sessions, that would be fantastic. If you can only make one session, we would really appreciate your time. Please see Belinda or any of the P&C members if you are available. (There is also a sign-up sheet in the office).

**Garden Working Bee**

Parent help is needed please **NEXT Thursday 25 February from 9am** to clear the our veggie garden beds. This is so the students can start planting again. Parents are welcome to take clippings from of any of the plants that will be removed, strawberries, tomatoes, rosemary, mint and zucchini. The garden is located near the tennis courts.



**Free Morning Tea & Information Session**

For all parents/ carers Tuesday 1 March 9am in the Parent Room. Find out about the **Saver Plus Program** and how you can get financial assistance to save for the cost of your child's schooling. For more information see Chappy Sian. Call 3714 0235.



**Parent Lounge - New and Improved**

Hi Everyone. We have a plan to make our parent

room a comfortable, welcoming drop in space for all of our parents. A place where parents can talk to each other and meet school staff. We would like some parent input into how this space is designed and how it will be utilised. If you are interesting in contributing to this discussion please let Chappy Sian on 3714 0235 or [sianr@chappy.org.au](mailto:sianr@chappy.org.au)

Serviceton South State School would like to thank the following people and organisations who have recently helped out school in a number of ways.



Debbie Flemming for providing the apples which sit at the front desk.

Blue Fin Fishing Club who have donated \$500 to help keep our breakfast club running.

Sharon Smith for sewing up a storm to raise money for the Chaplaincy program.

**Breakfast Club**

Breakfast Club is every Thursday morning 8.00am-8.25am. Come and have a yummy breakfast with your friends for only 20cents.



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

IMPORTANT DATES	
19 February	Free Dress Day- Crazy Hair
24 February	Swimming Years 3- 6
25 February	School Disco - Beach Party
2 March	Swimming Years 3- 6
3 March	Mt Coot-tha Botanical Gardens
4 March	Walkabout Creek -Year 1
7 March	P & C Meeting
9 March	Swimming Years 3- 6
10 March	Moreton Region Chess
11 March	Qld Museum -Year 6
16 March	Swimming Years 3- 6
21 March	Harmony Day
23 March	School Cross Country
24 March	Positive Behaviour Day
25 March	Good Friday