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19 March 2015 PRINCIPAL - Ms Marni Morrison DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - Mrs Wendy Wessling

Timbarra Productions-Dinosaur Show

On Wednesday 18th of March, Prep students had the opportunity to attend a Timbarra Productions performance in the school hall.



The show itself was a 'Dinosaur Show' where children dress up and play the role of different species of dinosaurs. This performance was a fun, interactive and engaging way to educate children about the different needs of animals. which closely aligns with our Science unit 'Staying Alive'.



This performance provided students with an entertaining way to discuss and role play why certain animals have specific needs in order to live a healthy life. All Prep students thoroughly enjoyed this very exciting performance.



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Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

The term is flying by quickly, with only two more weeks until the Easter break. Easter holidays begin on Good Friday, 3 April and school resumes on Monday 13 April. I have really enjoyed my first term at Serviceton South and getting to know all of our students, our wonderful teaching team, and many of our parents. The signature block at the bottom of my email says 'Proud Principal' and I'm certainly proud to lead such a wonderful school.

We welcome a familiar face back to the teaching team this week. Mrs Egan will be teaching 5/6B two days a week until the Easter break.

This week we continue our fortnightly section on the Annual Improvement Plan, focussing on the priority of writing. There are two main strategies to improve writing in the school that we have already begun working on. The first strategy is to mark writing tasks based on standardised criteria, and to provide time to moderate teacher judgements of writing samples. This allows us to collect data on students' strengths and on the areas where they need more learning. For example, the Year 3, Term 1 writing samples show that students need explicit instruction and practice when writing paragraphs. Moderation means that students are marked equally, even if they are marked by different teachers. The second strategy is to develop common editing tools across the school. The benefit of this is that students don't have to relearn new editing marks with each new teacher and can build on the editing skills learnt previously. Once we have finalised our SSSS editing marks we will include them in a newsletter so that you can encourage your child to use the same editing skills at home.

Next Friday 27 March, we celebrate Harmony Day at Serviceton South State School. Students are encouraged to wear either their national costume, orange clothes or their school uniform. There will be a Harmony Concert in the middle session with performances from student groups who have been practising for several weeks. Parents are welcome to join us for the concert with an 11:45am start. After second break, classes will be participating in games or craft activities and sampling food from different countries.

Warm regards Marni Morrison Proud Principal

SWPBS Update

This week we have seen the completion of our new school icon. He will now appear on our newsletter and letterhead as well as around the school. Our lesson of the week has now been made the lesson of the fortnight as it is believed that having 2



weeks enables teachers and students to further delve into the lesson and its message. This fortnight's lesson is "Use polite language". We ask that all members of our school community observe this expectation whenever they are in our school.

Chappy News

Breakfast Club has been doing a roaring trade since it started up again on Tuesday mornings. The students love to come along and have a chat while enjoying cereal, fresh milk, fruit and toast. A



particular favourite is the cheesy toast. If you haven't tried breakfast club yet come along at 8am on Tuesdays to see what it's all about.

Cadbury Fundraising

It is once again time for our upper school students to have their Cadbury
Fundraising chocolate drive to raise funds for our Year 5/6 school camp and end of year activities. Permission notes have been sent home with students. If you would like your child to participate please return the permission form to the office by Friday 27 March. Chocolates will be sent home at the beginning of Term 2.

Chess News

On Thursday 5 March, four of our Year 3 and 4 students represented the school at the Moreton District interschool chess tournament at Fernvale State School. In spite of the fact that they had to compete against older students in years 5 and 6, the boys did extremely well, coming third in the team competition, and only missing out on second place by half a point. Fernvale teams took out the top two places, and will progress to the Premier League. Out of 48 competitors, Lachlan came fifth with six wins out of eight games, Anthony D. came sixth with 5 wins and one draw, and Vincent came eighth with five wins. Anthony N. also made a useful contribution with three wins. The boys all gained valuable experience in a formal competition setting,

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which will stand them in good stead for future contests. In term two Serviceton South will be hosting the Moreton District competition.

We are currently running a lunchtime chess tournament for girls, which has attracted fourteen participants from years three, four and five.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1 April from 3.30pm-6.00pm in the hall. Meeting preference forms have been sent home with students. Please return forms to the classroom teacher by Wednesday the 25 March.

P & C News

Our next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 23rd March at 9am in the Parents' Room, followed by our AGM meeting. Written nominations for positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary can be made to the Principal and dropped at school office. Nominations close Friday 20th of March.

Easter is coming and raffle tickets will be sent home for our raffle this year, we always have a great response to our raffles, all monies raised go back to supporting our school.

School Banking

Welcome to our new bankers this year. Its great to see so many new face including Maryann who has been helping with school banking. Anyone wishing to join school banking can collect forms from Canteen on Tuesday at the school banking window.

Canteen News

What a great week with so many students remembering to say please and thank you. Well done Serviceton, you are super Sapphires. We are still seeking volunteers to help during our peek hours, they are Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9.10 am - 11.00am. A great big thank you to those parents who have helped in the last few weeks, we really do appreciate your time and efforts.

Uniform Shop

Some of you might have noticed our new Uniform Shop convenor Belinda, who has been very busy trying to organise our AWESOME Year 6 shirts. Unfortunately there has been a limited response for these shirts. We have extended the cut off day to Friday the 20th March. If you are having trouble with payment please see Belinda as we do not want students to miss out. We would also like to say what a fantastic response we have had from the Year 6

classes with helping with the design on our shirts. Well done guys; we have a lot of artistic talent in our school.

Winter stock has now arrived . Uniform Shop hours are Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8.15 - 9.15 am and some afternoons, Belinda is also happy to make appointments.

New to our school? Stay in touch with the QSchools app

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GEMS 17/3/2015

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION
Writing Set	Lorenzo	2A	We Learn
Bubbles	Jayden	1A	We Learn
Magic Square	Elijah	3/4A	We Lean
Eagle Force	Cooper	3/4C	We Are Team Players
Cooking Set	Kesanet	Prep1	We Care
Car	Keith	Prep2	We Care
Year 5 & 6	Angela	5/6A	We Learn
Year 5 & 6	Nellie	5/6D	We Learn

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IMPORTANT DATES		
23 March	P & C AGM and Meeting 9am	
25 March	Final Swimming Lesson for Years 3-6	
27 March	Harmony Day	
30 March	Cross Country	
31 March	Parent/Teacher Interviews	
1 April	Parent/Teacher Interviews	
2 April	Positive Behaviour Day	
6 - 19 April	Easter Vacation	
12-14 May	NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5	