

# What is your child learning?

## Curriculum Corner

During the last two weeks of school, students in Years 2-7 have participated in PAT tests. PAT stands for Progressive Achievement Tests with the aim of the tests to be used to assist teachers in their assessment of students' knowledge and skills in target areas. The tests have been developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) for use in Australian schools and align with the Australian Curriculum. At Serviceton South we conduct PAT tests for reading, Mathematics and Science. The tests provide an estimate of a students' level of knowledge and understating in the curriculum area. For each of the tests there is a Norm Table. The Norm Table allows teachers to compare the achievement of their students with the achievement of representative samples of Australian students from Prep to Year 10.

In Term 4, teachers will analyse the PAT data to assist in differentiating the curriculum to ensure all students' learning needs are met. If you would like more information on your child's achievement in the PAT tests please make a time to meet with your class teacher.

**Have fun learning,  
Travis Goulter  
Head of Curriculum**

## Tell Us What You Think About Parenting

Complete a 15 minute survey and you could be in with a chance to win one of twenty \$20 Coles-Myer gift cards! The Parenting and Family Support Centre at the University of Queensland is interested in parents' thoughts about parenting and parenting programs. If you have a child between 2 and 12 years, we would love to hear about your parenting experiences and views on the services that are available to you as a parent. To find out more or to participate please visit <https://exp.psy.uq.edu.au/ips/aus>.

### IMPORTANT DATES

20 September	Last Day Term 3
7 October	Public Holiday
8 October	First Day of Term 4
15 October	P & C Meeting
18 October	Pre Prep Program
21 October	Pupil Free Day
23 October	Swimming Years 1- 3



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Dear Parents/Carers

### Inspirational Educator

Congratulations to Alan Cockerill who is named as a finalist in the 2013 NEiTA Awards for Inspirational Educators. In this nation-wide program, Alan has met all the criteria for excellence and is additionally in the final round of selection of winners. This process will finish with an announcement of the winners on 25 October. We wish Alan all the best in this competition and are pleased his efforts are being recognised, not just locally with the many activities he undertakes on our behalf, but also nationally. Well done, and thank you, Alan Cockerill.

### NAPLAN

The school has received notification of our interim NAPLAN results. We are pleased to note that our school average results for Years 3, 5 and 7 this year managed to achieve comparable ratings for like schools in every learning area.

We were above average in Writing and Spelling in Years 3 and 5. Our year 7 students also managed to improve their relative performance in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, and Numeracy to a very significant extent.

Our biggest effect in NAPLAN has been an increase in the numbers of our student achieving results that are nationally above average and in the 'upper two bands'. We note from the media that Queensland results against the nation have improved. This means that in order to keep pace with other Queensland schools, we needed to improve on 2012 results, just to stay the same relative to other Queensland schools. We not only achieved that, but improved our overall performance significantly. This year we significantly changed the way we teach reading. We also put a focus more directly onto improving teaching and learning across the school. We

are tracking student performance to assess our progress. The results for NAPLAN are an indication we made good decisions for improving student outcomes. During next term, we anticipate working further for students to better understand what they are learning, how they are going, and what they themselves need to work on next to keep on learning. Please encourage your children to think about their learning in these ways.

Parents have contributed to our results with their support of student learning and school programs. Thank you everyone who worked hard to ensure their children maximised school attendance, listened to their children read and also read to them, encouraged them in demonstrating responsible behaviours, and simply talked with them about world affairs and general knowledge, and explained the meaning of words and ideas. The Queensland Studies Authority have advised they had difficulties in printing individual student reports, and reports are now expected to be available for families later in Term 4.

### Positive Behaviour

This week we have celebrated the success of so many of our students who have simply done what is expected of them in being learners, caring and being team players. Accompanying this newsletter is a table showing revisions to our *Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students*. Please take the time to consider this plan and if you have any issues or concerns, please contact the school so we can clarify.

### Swimming Term 4

Students in Years 1 - 3 will be taking part in swimming lessons during Term 4. They will have one swimming lesson per week each Wednesday for five weeks starting 23 October. The final lesson will be on Wednesday 20

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November. The cost for the five week swimming program is \$30.00. Permission forms will be sent home with students at the beginning of Term 4.

### Serviceton South Subscribes to Online Library

Our school has subscribed to an online eBook library provided by OverDrive, a leading multichannel digital distributor of eBooks, digital audiobooks, music and video. OverDrive provides a lending platform for 22,000 libraries, schools and retailers worldwide. This week students will be supplied with a web address and library card number, allowing them to log in to the Overdrive site. The easiest way to view books is in a browser, but you can also download some books in ePub format and read them on iPads and eBook readers. At this early stage we have not purchased many titles, but there is unlimited access to titles from the Gutenberg Project. From 16<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> September there is also unlimited access to the Big Library Read title "Nancy Clancy, Super Sleuth". Please see Mr Cockerill in the library if you have any questions about accessing the online library. The web address is: <http://idtl.lib.overdrive.com>.

### Story Arts Festival Ipswich

On Tuesday 10 September students from Years 3 -7 attended the Literature Festival at Ipswich. Some of our wonderful Year 3 students have written about their day.

### Natasha 3B

On Tuesday we went to the Book Writers Festival at Ipswich. First we saw Lucas Proudfoot at the Civic Centre. Lucas was Aboriginal and he was a really good musician. Lucas played the didgeridoo, the stomp box and the guitar at the same time.

After that we saw Briony Stewart at the Metro Hotel. Briony played Mr. Squiggle with Aleece in 3S and Briony turned the squiggle in to a sheep. Briony said she used her family members as characters in the book. Last of all we went to the Community Gallery to see Martin Chatterton. Martin is an illustrator and an author. He drew caricatures of students from Redbank State School and 3B. Martin drew Junior as a ballerina Koala and Juranda as a chicken. He also drew himself as Frankenstein.

My favourite part was Lucas because he is interesting and funny.

### Alice 3B

On Tuesday 10th of September at 9 o'clock on the dot we went to the Story Book Writers Festival to see Lucas Proudfoot. It was really surprising because he played the didgeridoo which is traditionally called Iraki and he played the stomp box and guitar all at the same time. Then he asked some people to play some instruments. Tamara and Natasha played the egg shaker and clap sticks. One interesting fact is that you have to breathe from your diaphragm when you play the didgeridoo

which is called circular breathing.

Then we went to the Metro Hotel to see the author of Kumiko and the Dragon, Briony Stewart. She played Mr. Squiggle with Aleece. Aleece drew shapes and Briony changed it to animals. Then she told us that she used family members for her characters in her books. She also spoke about her new book it is based on true characters because it's about her husband and her pet rabbit.

To finish of the day, we went to the Community Gallery and saw Martin Chatterton. He drew caricatures of students from Redbank and Serviceton South. From 3B he drew Junior as a dancing ballerina koala and Juranda as a chicken, and himself as Frankenstein.

My Favourite part of the day was when Matrín Chatterton drew people because I found it, along with Redbank and Serviceton South very funny.

### Jezebel 3B

On Tuesday 10th September we went to the Literature Festival and first we saw Lucas Proudfoot. He played the didgeridoo, the stomp box and the guitar. He told us a fact that only one Aboriginal tribe makes and plays the didgeridoo as a tradition.

After that 3B and 3S went to see Briony Stewart. Aleece played Mr. Squiggle with Briony and Aleece drew some squiggles and Briony made the squiggles in to sheep.

After she spoke about her new book 'In the Garden' she said she used her husband as the boy from when he was little.

We also went to the Community Gallery to see Martin Chatterton. He drew Junior as a cute Koala bear ballerina and he drew Juranda as a chicken. He also drew himself as Frankenstein.

The person I liked the most was Lucas Proudfoot. He is really funny and he tells a lot of jokes.



### Chappy Corner

Last week I had the awesome opportunity to go to a VITAL Projex training course. It gave me awesome information on how to run a safe and small group. It was a fantastic course and it will definitely come in handy around the school with my chaplaincy service.

At the school Disco we had a Chappy Photo booth. It was a lot of fun playing around with some costumes and props. The children got to take photos with their friends, teachers and parents and got to purchase them as a fundraiser for chaplaincy.

Thank you to everyone that participated  
Have a wonderful and safe holiday! See you in Term 4.

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### Breakfast Club

Brekky Club will resume on the FIRST Week back in Term 4. Please remember to bring 20c and be there between 8:00-8:30am in the parent room.

Thanks again to all who have supported this program.



### Joke of the Fortnight

Q: Why do bananas use sunscreen?

A: Because they peel.

### Green Team

The Green Team have been working hard in the garden. It is looking fantastic with so many beautiful plants getting bigger and bigger. We have been seeing some strawberries and tomatoes coming. The zucchini flowers are starting and it won't be long till we see many more fruits and vegetables.

I'm excited to see what our garden will look like after the break.

### 4/5H's Cultural Party By Jessica & Michelle

On Thursday 5th September, 4/5H had a cultural party. We had to bring in different food from our culture. We had this because during the past few weeks we have been bringing in healthy lunches to school. We have a marble jar outside our class, and if someone brings in healthy food, then they get to put one marble in the jar. There was a lot of food including pizza, sushi, fried rice, spring rolls and much more delicious food. We all had a great time and plan on having more rewards. We would like to thank Miss Hickey for organising this.



### P & C News

Come and join us at our next P & C meeting on Tuesday 15 October at 9.15am in the Parent Room.

### School Disco

Prep to Year 2 Disco was held last Thursday. Everyone had a great time. The Year 3 to 7 Disco was a great night. The winners of the door prizes were:-

Girls Prize - Sara Gebreysus 4/5H

Boys Prize - Dylan Binnie Robson 4/5H

### Uniform Shop News

Uniform shop hours are Tuesday 8.30am – 10am (Every second Tuesday of the month the Uniform shop will be closed due to P & C meetings.). Wednesday 9am-10am, Thursdays 9am-10am and Friday 8am-9am.

Sorry NO EFTPOS available, cash only. We apologise however credit is not available. We do offer a 12 week layby plan.

It is essential that your child has a school bucket hat. These can be purchased from the uniform shop for \$6.00.

### Canteen News

**The Canteen will be closed Friday 20th September for second break.**

The canteen is open Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays every week. Look out for our menu with exciting lunch options.



### School Banking

School Banking is every Tuesday before school at the Canteen. If you would like your child to participate in school banking please contact Jo or Amy at the canteen.

### Relief Casual Cleaner

If you are interested in doing relief casual cleaning, please provide a copy of your resume to the office.

### Possies - 6 September

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|---------------|------------------|
| Rhiannon-5/6P | Playing Cards    |
| Caricia-1CH   | Pencil Set       |
| Evon-1R       | Pencil Set       |
| Vincent-2YK   | Dinosaur Egg Set |
| Sophie-1R     | Tiny Pet Pal     |
| Ricky-Prep1   | Frisbee Set      |
| Gisela-Prep1  | Frisbee Set      |



### Possies - 13 September

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| Winta-2S      | Wind Up Teeth |
| Alana-2S      | Rainbow Clay  |
| Jake-4FG      | Binoculars    |
| Max-1R        | Frisbee       |
| Jessica-1R    | Pattern Maker |
| Matthew-Prep1 | View Finder   |
| Shirlyn-Prep1 | Erasers       |

