



# GEMS 24/5/2016

## School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 8 June. Payment envelopes have been sent home with students. Orders can be made online. Online orders are due by 8/6/2016. Details are on the payment envelope. If you are paying by cash please:



- Complete all details on the form
- Return envelope with the correct money enclosed (the school does not handle these orders. The sealed envelopes are given to the photographer on photo day, therefore no change can be given).

**Students are required to be in school uniform on photo day.**

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION
Pencils	Esther	3A	We Are Team Players
Stamps	Larissa	3A	We Learn
Jump Mega	Jack	1A	We Care
Yoyo	Carissa	2B	We Learn
Fairy Craft Kit	Lucian	Prep 2	We Care
Fishing Game	Dil	Prep 1	We Care
Year 5&6 Prize	Nahshon	6B	We Learn
Year 5&6 Prize	Chloe	6A	We Care

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## Newsletter

2 June 2016  
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## Under 8's Day

We had a fabulous Under 8s Day last Friday with lots of fun activities. Kummara joined us for the event and we have a wonderful friendship tree currently displayed in the foyer. We made kites (and wasn't it a wonderfully windy day for them?) and iced biscuits, made crowns, danced and had our faces painted. Thank you to all the teachers and students who planned and ran the day, and especially to Mrs Kennett for coordinating the event.



## Street Science Incursion

On Wednesday the 25<sup>th</sup> May, Street Science came to visit the Year 1s and 2s. We saw water suddenly change from one colour to another, a rainbow on the ceiling, and a mysterious cloud creep slowly over us! But it wasn't magic, it was all SCIENCE! Everyone had a fantastic time and their curiosity for Science was sparked.



Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

This week, we started Morning Moving, and it has been very popular, with much larger than expected numbers of students attending. It seems that students are coming to school earlier, just so they can be involved. The program is designed to supervise students before school, while encouraging them to be active, and not be sitting on the concrete while they are waiting for school to start. The timetable includes -

- Monday—Edor
- Tuesday—Running/Walking
- Wednesday—Skipping
- Thursday and Friday—Dancing

Special thanks to the teachers who have volunteered their time to run these morning activities. They are doing an extra duty to help make a difference to our kids and encourage a healthy lifestyle. If you would prefer that your child/ren not participate, please make sure that they arrive at school after the 8:30am bell.

The cool weather is upon us and we are seeing a lot of children with colourful jumpers at school. While we realise that the late warm weather may have caught people out, **we do expect that students will wear a royal blue jumper to school.** Zip jackets are available from the office for \$22. We ask that if you are buying jumpers from other vendors that you avoid hoodies. Hoodies are not suitable for school. Students try to wear them on their heads during class and they are also a safety hazard when playing; the hood is the easiest thing to grab when you are chasing someone in the playground, whether it be in a footy game or playing tiggy.

This week we start our Friday parades. We hope to start as soon as possible after 8:45am and parents are welcome to attend. Next week, straight after parade, I'd like to invite parents to meet with me to discuss options for the uniform change. I have samples of shirts, shorts and fabrics, plus designs that we can discuss. We will meet in the parent room directly after parade and it would be great to have your input.

Our hearing screening program through Hear and Say has been of great assistance in identifying students whose learning is being affected by hearing

loss. We have been negotiating a similar program to identify vision loss and hope that this will come to fruition before the end of the year. In the meantime, we have been invited to participate in a research project through Children's Health Queensland, which will provide vision screening for our Prep students. The screening will be conducted by a trained nurse, and will consist of photoscreening and a visual acuity test. Children who require further testing will be offered a fast-track appointment at the eye clinic at the Lady Cilento Hospital. Further details will be provided to Prep families when we have negotiated a date for the screening.

Warm Regards  
Marni Morrison  
Principal

### Spotlight on Reading

Read, Read, Read. No matter the age of your child, all children benefit from being read to. It's a great opportunity to spend quality time with your children.



Our latest Word of the Week was angry. Some other words that mean the same – irate, enraged, furious and cranky.

Congratulations to the many students who have been coming down to the office to show us their improvements in using reading strategies.

### Pre Prep

Pre prep classes have started at Serviceton South State School on Wednesdays, from 1.30pm -2.30pm, in the library. This program is for 3 to 5 year olds and their parents. The program is play-based, focussing on speech, oral language, vocabulary and social skills.

This week we learned all about transport. We sang songs, played with playdough, lego, puppets, drew pictures and coloured in.

### P & C News

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, June 6 at 9.00am in the parent room. All welcome.

### School Banking

School Banking has changed days. It will now be held on **Tuesday** mornings, 8.00am - 8.30am at the canteen.

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### Canteen News

A new canteen price list has been sent home today with students.

### Uniform Shop

We have a limited supply of track pants and vests in various sizes for sale at the uniform shop. They are \$10.00 each.

### Camp Tallebudgera

The students in Year 5 & 6 have an opportunity to attend a two night camp from Wednesday 12th -Friday 14th October at Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre on the Gold Coast.



The total cost for the camp is \$140.00. This price includes all meals, instructor led activities, accommodation and bus fares.

The school has received an allocate number of 60 places for this camp. Therefore, due to the limited spaces available a \$50.00 deposit is to be paid by 17th June to secure a place. Once the 60 places have been filled, students will be placed on a waiting list.

### Chappy Week Review

15-21 May was Chappy Week. This is an annual event which is designed to profile the work of Chaplaincy services in Queensland State Schools and encourage people to provide ongoing support for the role.

At Serviceton South State School we had a number of events including the ice-cream day and the launch of a parent lounge. The lounge is located close to where parents gather in the mornings and afternoons at drop off and pick up times. The purpose of the lounge is to provide a place where parents can come to enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee and catch up with the Chaplain.

This years Chappy Week also saw the launch of the inaugural Westside Chaplaincy Dinner. The dinner, held at the Lions Club in Richlands, hosted more than 200 parents, friends, community members and politicians including the Premier Honourable Annastacia Palaszczuk. The night included performances, speeches and a silent auction which raised \$824 for Serviceton South's chaplaincy service. Congratulations to Denzel, Anthony, Mark, Jaylyn and Jerome who demonstrated what they have been learning in the DRUMBEAT program with a 5 minute drumming performance.



Thank you to the SSSS Chaplaincy Committee including Ms Morrison, Mrs Hurdle; Mrs Mackenzie, Mrs Garbellotto and Mr George Wallace who worked hard to gather donations for the auction. Also it was wonderful to be able to share the night with other staff members including Mrs Smith plus P&C representatives Mrs Norma Cause and Mrs Lisa Cook. Chappy Week is usually held in the third week in May. So make sure you mark your calendar 14-21 May 2017 and see how you can show your support for Chaplaincy in Chappy Week and all year round.

## Masters Fundraising BBQ

MASTERS fundraising BBQ on Saturday 18 June 2016, at 9.00am -3.00pm.

Please let Chappy Sian know if you are available to help at MASTERS Richlands with a BBQ to raise funds for Serviceton South State School chaplaincy.



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### IMPORTANT DATES

6 June	P&C Meeting
8 June	School Photos
9 June	Old MacDonald Incursion - Prep
16 June	Interschool Chess Tournament
10 June	Free Dress Day PJs and Onesies
15 June	Cleaners Day
16 June	Interschool Chess Tournament
18 June	MASTERS Fundraising BBQ
21 June	Brisbane Convention Centre - Year 6
22 June	Sports Day
24 June	Last Day for Term 2

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