



Gems 7/2/2014

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION	FOR	GIVEN BY
Marbles	Kasey	2R	We Learn	Terrific problem solving skills	Mrs Ross
Swimming Goggles	Esther	1K	We Care	Always being respectful	Mrs Kuzewicz
Magic Cube	Evon	2R	We Are Team Players	Being on the right time	Mrs Kropp
Super Yoyo	Lesina	1K	We Learn	Being an active listener	Mrs Kuzewicz
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Tyrone	6H	We Learn	A focused effort	Mrs Hurdle
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Paul G	7FG	We Care	Staying on the best sapphire	Miss Finney
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Andrew	6H	We Learn	Completing Chinese New Year drawing	Mrs Hurdle

Would you like your family to live a healthier lifestyle?

Raising healthy children is an important aspect to positive parenting. Your child's physical health can affect their growth and development, their ability to participate in school, sport and other activities, and how they get along with other children. Children who eat well and stay active are more likely to develop into healthy adults. Researchers at the University of Queensland are currently offering a **FREE** Triple P parenting program to parents of children 3 to 10 years in exchange for participation in research. Across three seminars you will learn strategies for...

- ✓ Managing both general and lifestyle-specific child problem behaviours
- ✓ Helping your child eat a healthy balance of nutritious foods
- ✓ Motivating your child to be more active
- ✓ Limiting screen time

The program is run at St Lucia and Ipswich, with free childcare available for families. To register visit our website: www.exp.psy.uq.edu.au/life



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Yeronga State High School Enrolment Information Sessions

We have Y-Tours coming up in March – book in now!

Wednesday, 12 March from 12.00 – 1.30pm

Tuesday, 18 March from 6.00 – 7.00pm

Tuesday, 25 March from 9.00 – 10.30am

Come along to tour the school, chat with senior administration staff and students, have questions answered.



20 February 2014

PRINCIPAL – Mr Kim Tvede

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – Mrs Wendy Wessling

Dear Parents/Carers

We are now fully into the school term. Last year we were very successful in getting a significant increase in student performances on NAPLAN. We plan towards achieving optimum results in 2014 as well. We need to be mindful that each year we are writing the school history again, and with different students. NAPLAN year levels have been assessed and programs based on this data set up to optimise student learning in 2014.

Throughout the school, teachers are working with students to develop a current understanding of how individual students in their classes learn, and what their needs may be. Generally, 40% of the effect of teaching is a result of what happens with teachers, around 10% is a result of other school activities, and around 50% is affected by what children and their families bring to the school learning of our students.

Under the Great Results Guarantee (GRG) that brings the new funding to the school, our current understanding is that our funding is similar to that we had under the National Partnership agreement. During 2013 we took steps to prepare our school programs to align with the anticipated expectations, and as such, we have only some fine-tuning to do in our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) in order to comply with the GRG expectations. Such fine tuning will continue as we receive further information and funds are released to the school.

There are three main parts to our AIP. Continuing to roll-out our whole school teaching and learning framework, and we can see the basic form of that in

the posters displayed in every classroom. We have also taken steps to increase student vocabulary development, specifically targeting that area as one our data tells us our students have significant needs. We are also strengthening our mathematics program in our lower school, and following research, anticipate rolling this through the upper school. Our prioritised focus on reading and mathematics continues.

We also are implementing our School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support framework. This goes hand-in-hand with strengthening school-wide expectations in learning, and increasing expectations as we improve. Parents are asked to discuss the classroom system of 'sapphires' with their children so as to share understanding of this 'language of schooling'. If you have any issues or concerns, please take it up with your child's teacher. While we acknowledge and celebrate the various cultures in our community, our unifying culture needs to be that of the school, and for everyone to know and understand how to work within the expectations of 'we learn, we care, we are team players'.

To develop higher expectations with students and involve our community and families is to develop the other 50% of influence on our students – families and students themselves. We will be looking for varied ways to enhance our communication with parents and community to better improve attendance and learning for our students, parents also supporting and challenging students to develop responsible behaviour.



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Our P&C have indicated they are wanting to strengthen their commitment to supporting our school programs, and we encourage parents to participate in the P&C to be truly representative of the school community.

The level of uniform dress is currently very good. Please be aware that, in the interests of safety, we will be following up with students who are not wearing secure, enclosed shoes (not slip-ons) that are safe for students and those they play with (so steel-capped BMX sports shoes are not acceptable), and being worn appropriately.

We will also be pursuing hats in the same way. In our climate, hats are an essential part of sun-safety, and also part of our uniform expectations. We will follow up on shoes and hats until we have every student wearing these parts of their uniform appropriately.

Our *high expectations* are all aimed at strengthening student performance as part of our core business of enhancing teaching and student learning – *we work hard and play well.*

Swimming Years 4 -7

Swimming is an essential part of our Health and Physical Education Program (HPE). Children in Years 4 – 7 will be taking part in swimming lessons during Term 1. Children will be placed in small groups to cater for their swimming ability.



It is expected that every child participate for the full program. They will have one swimming lesson per week each Wednesday for five weeks starting on Wednesday, 26 February. The final lesson will be on Wednesday, 26 March. The cost for the five week swimming program is \$35.00. Permission forms have been sent home with students.

Early Arrival At School

No student should be at school **before 8am**. Students are supervised in the undercover area near the canteen from 8.00am to 8.40am. PCYC provides before and after school care.

Gardens In The School Grounds

If you would like to volunteer some time we welcome parents to help out with weeding and clipping hedges, etc. We would appreciate your help to keep our gardens and grounds looking nice. Please contact the office.



EFTPOS, Credit Card or Direct Credit Facilities Available

We encourage the use of Eftpos, Credit Card and Direct Credit Facilities at our school. This prevents children bringing cash to school and sometimes loss of money.

Curriculum Corner

Hello! Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself; my name is Lauren Sturges and I have recently joined the Serviceton South team as Head of Curriculum. Previously, I was posted at Pallara State School where I was also working in the HOC role.



I have been made feel very welcome at Serviceton South and would like to extend my thanks to all of the staff and families who have contributed to this.

Thus far I have been thoroughly impressed by the way all staff have committed to engaging with our explicit teaching framework and the data-driven planning sessions of the Years 3, 5 and 7 teachers. I am very much looking forward to working within the school and getting to know the families of our fantastic students.

Every Day Counts

We are very excited to re-launch our Attendance Rewards for 2014. This week on assembly Team Respect will present one class from the junior school and one class from the junior school with the fortnightly attendance reward. On Monday 24 February at 2nd break the winning classes will receive a sausage sizzle in the Undercover Area. This week Team Respect will also announce our End of Term Attendance reward for the class with the best attendance. Make sure your child is attending school every day, and if they are **absent because of illness or extenuating** circumstances please contact the office. **Every Day Counts at Serviceton South.**



Team Respect

This will be the 5th year of Team Respect and because there has been so much interest from the senior school we have decided to rotate students in Team Respect throughout the year. We have a Team Respect for Term 1 who have already started work on an introduction video, and ideas for future videos. Jessiah, Ateriano, Samson, Charlize, Jacob, Paul, Ismalia, Willow and Jeryle will be our Team Respect members this term.

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Bus Transport Assistance Scheme

The Brisbane City Council has a Bus Transport Assistance Scheme to help families with a special student card that will entitle students to free Bus travel.

To be eligible:

- primary school students must live 3.2 km† or less from the nearest state primary school
- secondary school students must live 4.8 km† or less from the nearest state secondary school
- non-state school students must live the required distances or less from either the nearest state or non-state school of the type attended.

Safety-net bus travel assistance is available for financially disadvantaged students who live close to their nearest school. It is available to students travelling on either kilometre-based or fares-based school bus services. To be eligible for safety-net assistance, students must meet the distance criteria, as well as the safety-net eligibility criteria stated below.

To be eligible for safety-net assistance the student must be listed as a dependant on the applicant's:

- Health Care Card issued by Centrelink
- Pensioner Concession Card issued by Centrelink
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card.

If you would like an application form please see Miss Amanda in the office.

Chappy Corner

It is exciting to be back for my second year as "Chappy" at Serviceton South. I love this school and being a part of the greater school community. My role here is to provide pastoral care for students, parents and staff. Please feel free to come and have a chat with me. If you don't see me around the school on Monday, Tuesdays and Fridays, you can phone me through the school office. I hope that everyone has settled in quickly into their new classes and the challenges of a new year. Change is okay if it is managed well. Let me know if I can help in anyway.



SU Easter Camps

Nanobyte is a school holiday camp for grades 5-7. It is a fantastic week of learning technology, playing multiplayer strategy games on computers and some epic outdoor activities, as well as asking big questions

about God. This is a week you don't want to miss! Camp will be from 13th - 17th of April For more information please see Chappy Jane or go on the website <http://www.sucamps.org.au/nanobyte>

Canteen News

Volunteers Needed



If you are able to volunteer some time to help in the canteen please contact Jo. All help would be greatly appreciated. Handballs available for \$2.00.

P&C News

The P & C's AGM is on Monday 10 March at 9.10am in the Parent Room. If you wish to nominate for one of the following positions:- President, Vice President, Treasurer & Secretary, forms can be collected from the Uniform Shop. All nominations are to be handed into office by 3pm Friday 7 March 2014. After the AGM there will be a regular P & C meeting. All are welcome. Come and see what is happening in our school.

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop has moved to the Parent Room, opening hours are;

Monday CLOSED
 Tuesday 8.45am - 9.45am
 Wednesday 8.30am 9.30am
 Thursday 8.30am - 9.30am
 Friday 8.30am - 9.30am

This year the years 6 & 7 can purchase a school senior shirt. The cost of the shirts this year are \$40.00 each, if you wish to order a shirt please have your forms and deposit in as soon as possible. Once we have all payments and orders, we can place the order. All payments to be made at the Uniform Shop.

*We Learn
 We Care
 We are Team Players*

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

IMPORTANT DATES	
26 February	Swimming Years 4 - 7
28 February	Investiture Ceremony
10 March	P & C AGM
21 March	Harmony Day