



Serviceton South State School

*We learn; we care; we are team players
We are Serviceton South Sapphires!*

Newsletter

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Special Thanks to Parent Volunteers who came to school to teach us about their cultures.

3B - Mohamed Mum, Nimo, made Somali samosas (sambus)

Prep C- Kahleesi Mabel-Kate's mum Kaylah Coghill did aboriginal dot painting

3B- Salina dad Bikash shared some facts about Nepal, answered student's questions, wrote some of the script and helped Salina sing a song.

Principal's Piece

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have had a super busy term, culminating in Book Fair, Parent/Teacher Interviews and Celebration Days this week. Thank you to everyone for their hard work this term; holidays will be well deserved. A special thank you to Mrs Kroeger for a mammoth effort with Book Fair. What a great opportunity to add to students' home libraries.

Mr McGregor, Mrs Parkinson and Mrs Prince will be on leave for the first week of Term Four. Mr McGregor will be replaced by Mr Pye. Mrs Parkinson will be replaced by Mrs Banerjee and Ms Johns will be working from the office and supporting Year 1-3 students with behaviour in Mrs Prince's absence.

The Tuckshop has been running at a loss since last year, with the operating costs more than the money taken in. At the end of last year, the P&C Association contracted QAST (Queensland Association of School Tuckshops) to do a review and you will have noticed that changes were made based on the recommendations. The days were reduced, we ceased trading before school, prices went up and the menu changed. Unfortunately these changes have not stopped the tuckshop from running at a loss and Tuckshop operating costs have been cutting into the funds held by the P&C Association, which is no longer sustainable.

This week, a special meeting of the P&C Association moved and unanimously agreed to close the Tuckshop immediately and indefinitely. There will be no Tuckshop this Thursday and Friday while stocktaking and cleaning are undertaken.

The school will be considering alternatives such as increased Subway days run by Chaplaincy and the P&C and icy cup days run by the Student Council, and we will let parents know early next term what we have planned. If you have other ideas for fundraising or for alternatives to running a Tuckshop, the next P&C Meeting will be held on Monday 8 October at 9am. New parents are always welcome!

The School Annual Report for 2017 has now been published on the school website and is available for viewing. This week we have included sections concerning Parent and Community Engagement and Respectful Relationships Programs.

Parent and community engagement

All new enrolments meet with the Principal prior to enrolment. This enables us to get to know students and place them in the most appropriate class, as well as provide information to parents and caregivers, and answer any questions about the school. Vietnamese, Samoan and African language Teacher Aides are available to interpret during these conversations and a tele-interpreter is available for other languages.

Parents and caregivers are invited to attend the Community Welcome, in Term 1 of each year which includes an address by the Principal about the school priorities for the coming year, a visit to classrooms, and a free barbeque dinner. Thereafter parents are invited to meet with teachers twice per year to focus on the strengths and future needs of their child during Parent/Teacher Meetings. There are also opportunities for informal discussions about the anecdotal progress and needs of students. Parents are invited to attend special days and school events. Parents are informed about issues as and when they arise so as to have a coordinated approach to student education. School signs, a newsletter, school events and telephone communication enhance communication with the school community. Parents are also invited to become involved in various extra-curricular activities, celebrations, and community events, including award presentations. The Parents and Citizen's association is involved in the school and is a consultative group for school development.

The Special Education Program teacher meets with AVTs, parents and caregivers, and teaching staff to negotiate adjustments for students with disabilities. Case meetings are also held regularly for students requiring interagency support.

Respectful relationships programs

The school has developed and implemented programs that focus on appropriate, respectful and healthy relationships.

Positive Behavior for Learning lessons include personal safety and bullying foci at different times of the year. Anti-bullying lessons occur during the lead up to the National Day of Action Against Violence and Bullying and at other times according to monthly data analysis by the PBL Team. The Daniel Morcombe personal safety lessons have also been incorporated into the PBL lessons and a selection are implemented during the school year.

Serviceton South State School also has an active relationship with the QPS through the Adopt-a-Cop program, with cyber-safety, forensics and

One Punch Can Kill presentations delivered throughout 2017.

This is the final newsletter for the term, with holidays starting on Friday afternoon. On behalf of the school team, I wish you all a happy and safe holidays and we will see you back at school on Monday 8 October.

*Warm Regards
Ms Marni Morrison*

Australian Reading Hour

On Wednesday 19 September we celebrated Australian Reading Hour. During morning tea time students were invited to enjoy the glorious weather under shade tents with a comfy cushion and a good book. What a way to spend some time. It was absolute bliss!



Book Fair

There's one more afternoon left to buy books from the Book Fair! Come down on Thursday from 3-5pm to buy some fabulous books. EFTPOS welcome. You may even run into Thea Stilton from the Geronimo Stilton series!! See you at the Library!



Debating Team

Congratulations to our debating team who competed in the district debating competition, held at Grand Avenue State School on Wednesday 12th September. Two teams represented Serviceton South in the debating tournament and distinguished themselves with their teamwork and rebuttal. The students have worked diligently to research the topics and were complimented on their breadth of knowledge during the debates. The topics were 'Sports stars are good role models' and 'We live in a better world than our grandparents.'

Debating is an excellent opportunity for students to apply the skills developed at school. It develops the students' composition and speaking skills and challenges them to work outside their comfort zone.

The debating tournament is an annual competition and we will continue to develop our debating skills to challenge for the cup next year.



Alex, Michael, Boyd, William, Kyra, Fiona, Jasmin, Kimberley



Swimming Prep – Year 2

Next term students in Prep – Year 2 will participate in a structured swimming program for their HPE lessons. Swimming instruction will be at Dunlop Pool, Corinda with trained instructors and all lessons will be completed in small ability groups. The swimming program will take place on Fridays for 5 weeks commencing on 26 October and concluding on 23 November. Permission forms were sent home recently and provided information on what the student needs to bring and cost of the program.

The full payment of \$40 must be made at the office **no later than 19 October**.

If you are experiencing difficulty making this payment please see the office.



DREAM TEAM DAY CAMP

All students from Serviceton are invited to attend this day camp run by Chappy Sian and other chaplains from the local area.

When: Wednesday 3rd October - Friday 5th October

Where: Hope Church Willawong,
204 Sherbrooke Rd.

Time: 9am-3pm

What: Sports, games, laser tag, bible stories and craft activities.

Age range: Prep- Year 6

What to bring: Lunch, Hat and Water Bottle (morning tea provided)

Cost: \$15/day or \$30 for 3 days

Register Online @ <https://sucamps.org.au/dream-team-day-camp-2018> or Chappy Sian



Attention Somali Parents

You are invited to attend information sharing sessions in the Parent Room in Week 2 on the 15 October. The purpose of these meetings is to build better home school partnerships as a way of improving outcomes for your children. Come and find out what's happening at school, and meet other parents.

The first session will be on Monday 15 October from **2:00pm - 2:45pm**.

Light refreshments will be served. Younger children are welcome to attend and we will provide toys for them to use.

Smoking Laws Qld

From 1 January 2015, **smoking** is banned at all **Queensland** state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries. **The law applies at all times-during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays.** ... It includes the use of **all smoking products**, including electronic cigarettes.



Dates to Remember

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Every Friday	Indigenous Games Yrs 4 - 6
19 & 20 September	Parent Teacher Interviews 3.00pm – 6.00pm
21 September	Final camp payments due
21 September	End of Term
8 October	P & C Meeting
8 October	School resumes
19 October	Swimming money due



It's time for your children to have a dental check-up?

Would you like FREE dental care for your children?

Dental appointments are available now.

Come and visit us at our one of our family dental clinics.

Simply call **1300 300 850** to book an appointment for a FREE dental check-up.

Our Clinics include:

- Inala Oral Health Centre which is located 64 Wirraway Parade Inala;
- Inala School Dental Clinic which is located in the grounds of Inala State School Glenala Road Inala;
- Richlands East Oral Health Centre which is located at the back of the school in Columba Street, Richlands East.

At any of these clinics there are excellent public transport options available as well as plenty of on-site parking.

Free children's dental care is available from Metro South Oral Health for:

- all children aged 4 to grade 10 who are eligible for Medicare

For more information on Metro South Oral Health Services
Visit – www.health.qld.gov.au/metrosouth/oralhealth

