



Serviceton South State School

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

Newsletter

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Forensic Science



Forensics Presentation

Our 6A and 5/6C classes participated in a fantastic Forensics Presentation by the Inala Police yesterday. Thank you to our adopt-a-cop Belinda along with Senior Constable Matt and Senior Constable Jackson who presented the very interesting information to our students. They participated in practical fingerprinting exercises where they had to use fingerprint powders to develop fingerprints on different surfaces. They also were able to identify the pattern of their fingerprint and take home their own fingerprint inked on a special card.

Our adopt-a-cop Belinda also presented a session to our Year 5 students on Bullying. This presentation was informative and identified what is bullying, different ways people might bully and the impacts it has; consequences in society and also what it means to be a bystander. We look forward to offering both of these presentations to other students in 2018.

Principal's Piece.....

Dear Parents and Caregivers

2017 has flown by and 2018 is just around the corner. I will be on leave from next Wednesday so I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge some of our team members who are heading to other adventures in 2018.

Mrs Lyn Ross, Mr Martin Nineham and Mrs Carol Bridger are either taking some leave, retiring or a combination of both. We wish them all well, and as long term members of the teaching team, acknowledge the difference they have made to the students of Serviceton South State School. Thank them for their hard work and dedication over many years. Mr Michael Baldwin, Mrs Tarryn Stojanovic, Mr David Hamilton and Mr Graham Paull all have contracts ending at the end of this term and we thank them and wish them all the best for 2018 and beyond. Ms Gina Thaiday has been with us for two years, but returns to her base school in 2018. Mrs Emma Kuzewicz and Ms Gillian Peters have both been on contracts this semester and while we say thank you and goodbye at the end of the year, we will see them again. Mrs Candie Kerville also leaves us at the end of this year. Mrs Kerville has worked very hard as our Literacy Coach over the past two years and in 2018 that position will change to a Head of Curriculum position. Mrs Kerville will transfer to the new school opening at Yarrabilba from the beginning of 2018.

I must also extend thanks to the remaining members of the team for such a productive year of learning. Next year is another exciting year, full of new possibilities.

This morning on parade we announced our school leaders for 2018. Congratulations to the following students –

Kimberley Nguyen – School Captain
Cooper Schwede – School Captain
Evon Silao – Vice Captain
Pataliki Fa'atuai – Vice Captain
Isaq Abdi – Pluto House Captain
Azaliah Tarei-Lee – Pluto House Captain
Suzana Miburo – Neptune House Captain
Jessica Nguyen – Neptune House Captain
Idman Ibrahim Mohamed – Mars House Captain
Karen Nguyen – Student Councillor

The Student Leaders' Induction Ceremony will be held in the new year.

Parents will receive a letter with information about their class teacher, location of their classroom and starting times for the first day towards the end of week ten. Please keep in mind that class

allocations are always in draft until Day 8, as there may be changes until the end of week two.

Thank you to everyone for a wonderful year. We have had many wonderful experiences, learned many new things and are looking forward to all that 2018 will hold. Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday.

Warm regards
Marni Morrison
Principal

Reporting for Semester 2

Over the course of this semester, teachers have been using a range of assessment tools with each child to determine their level of achievement within all curriculum areas. These judgements provide the framework for reporting to you about your child's progress on their formal report card. At Serviceton South, assessment of students' achievement is an integral part of our planning, teaching and learning cycle. Assessment is about providing a range of opportunities for students to demonstrate knowledge and skills in line with the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards and making informed judgements on each student's progress.

You will notice some changes to our report cards this semester. All students will continue to receive an achievement and effort rating for all curriculum areas. The report card will also continue to show comments for our core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science, specialist subjects of Music, PE and LOTE (Yrs 5&6) and a Behaviour comment and an Overall Comment. **There will no longer be comments recorded for History/Geography, The Arts, Health and Technology.** With these changes being made, parents and carers will still continue to receive an informed report card of your child's achievement across the semester.

Instrumental Music Performance

This morning our Instrumental Music students performed as one school band on parade. It was an enjoyable performance for our school community and it was exciting to see how far our students have progressed throughout the year. Our current Year 3 students have the opportunity to join our Instrumental Music program in 2018. If they are interested, they need to see Mrs Faragher on Monday.

Awards Day

Our Awards Day is a time to celebrate the wonderful learning and achievements that has been happening in our classrooms. Teachers have been asked to nominate students from their class to receive the following awards. Excellent achievement in English, Maths and Science along with an Overall Academic Excellence Award and a Citizenship Award. The Junior awards ceremony for Prep – Year 2 will commence at 9am followed by the Senior awards ceremony for Years 3-6 at 9:45am. Please join us in the hall to celebrate the achievements of our students. Invitations will be sent home next week if your child is receiving an award.

Our Inala Police awards for Term 4 will also be presented on this day by our adopt-a-cop.

End of Year Concert

The end of year is fast approaching and all classes are currently preparing for their year level item to perform at our End of Year Concert. This will be held in the last week of school on Thursday 7 December commencing at 9am in the hall. Please come along and support our students and celebrate the end of the year.

Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 students are coming towards the end of their primary school journey. This is a momentous occasion for our students and their families, as they embark on the transition to high school and the next phase of life. Our Year 6 Graduation will be held on Tuesday 5 December commencing at 5:30pm in the school hall. Invitations were sent home recently with students so please RSVP to the office by the due date. Accurate numbers for the event will assist us as we prepare and organise requirements for the night.



Attendance

Highlights of Attendance for Weeks 5 and 6

WEEK 5

- 1A, 3B and 3/4C had one 100% day
- Prep 1 achieved their highest weekly % this term = 91%

WEEK 6

- 2A had one 100% day
- 2B had two 100% days
- 5/6C had three 100% days
- Prep 1 achieved their highest % for the year = 95%

WEEKLY WINNERS: These classes won our Weekly Attendance Awards at Parade in Week 5 and Week 6



Why is it great to come to school every day in 2B?

"We create lots of cool things in Art. We do fun things in science like the watch mealworms turn into darkling beetles."

Week 5 Senior Winners: 4A with 93% attendance

Why is it great to come to school every day in 4A?

"We love coming in each day to hear Miss Finney's funny stories. She makes our work and life really fun."



**WEEK 6:
Senior Winners: 5/6C with 99%**



Why is it great to come to school every day in 5/6C?

"We think school is a great experience because we get to learn and have fun."

The following is our attendance percentage for our 2017 Year Levels:

Position	Year Level	Attendance
1st	4	92.5%
2nd	6	92.4%
3rd	2	91.3%
4th	3	90.8%
5th	5	88.8%
6th	1	86.5%
7th	Prep	86.3%

Remember to get to school every day and on time.

- First Bell: 8:35am
- School Starts: 8:45am
- School Finishes: 2:45pm

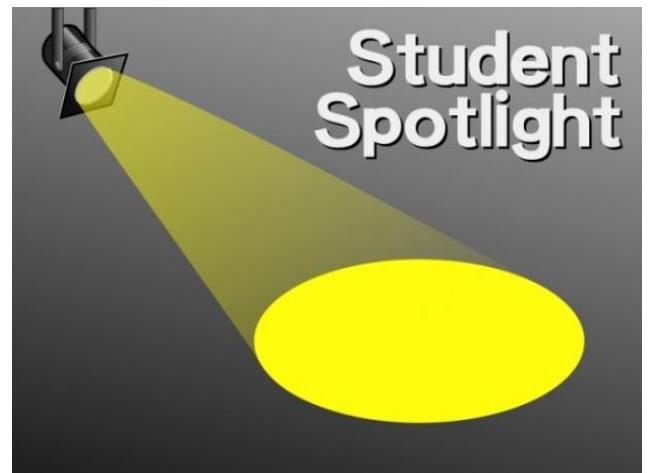
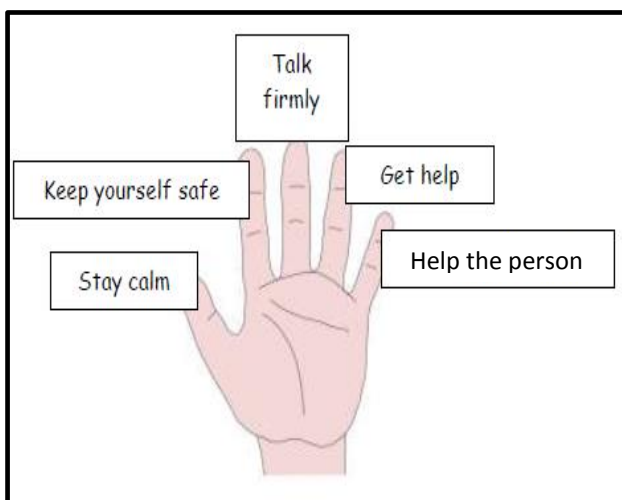
Positive Behaviour for Learning

Week 6 – We Care by Being an Active

Bystander: A bystander is someone who sees or knows that there is a problem occurring between other students. The expectation for being an active bystander is to use the Bystander 5 Strategy. When a student is in the position where there is conflict between other students around them they need to ensure they:

1. Stay calm
2. Keep yourself safe
3. Talk firmly
4. Get help
5. Help the person in trouble

At Serviceton South State School we encourage students to report incidents to teachers and other adults on duty, their classroom teacher or seeing someone in the office at the time of the incident.



Prep 1 & 2 Railway Museum

Yesterday the Prep students, along with the teachers and some parents, went to the Ipswich Train Museum to discover how things move as part of our science curriculum for term four. We had a wonderful time walking around and even saw a steam train that was almost 100 years old. We compared the old trains to our modern day trains and discovered what trains could carry. The students enjoyed looking at the model train and were able to pretend that they were the train drivers in a train simulator. We had a yummy lunch and then got to play in the playground, which was an imaginary city. Some of us fell asleep on the bus ride back to school because we were so tired from our great day.

Ngutana-Lui 3A & 3B



On Friday the 9th November I travelled with my class year 3B and year 3A to Ngutana Lui Indigenous Education Centre. I really enjoyed this excursion because I was able to participate in many fun activities that helped me learn more about early Australian indigenous people.

I was part of small learning groups. We experienced a range of activities that included learning to make small fish out of palm fronds. Boomerang throwing, listening to indigenous music and dance, and also learning about bush tucker. Now when I look at the Australia bush I notice things that I didn't notice before.

I would like to thank my teacher Mr Hamilton, and 3A teacher Mr Nineham for planning this activity and all the staff at Ngutana Lui for lots of fun learning experiences.

Chappy News

REMINDER: SUBWAY Lunch will be on Tuesday 28 November. Orders are to be placed in the box in Admin by today, Thursday 23 November.

Special Community Events Coming up - don't miss out!

1. Christmas 4 Kids. Saturday 2 December 10am-2pm. Unidus Community Centre 204 Sherbrooke Rd, Willawong. Lots of free fun activities and food.

2. Inala Community Christmas Celebration. Sunday 24 December. From 5pm. Free food, music, craft, games and more. Everyone welcome. Inala Church of the Nazarene. 22 Sittella St. Call/SMS 0424 673 223 for more information.

Breakfast Club - Is now on TUESDAYS and Thursdays. It is free and all students are welcome. Start the day in a healthy way. The final breakfast club for 2017 will be on Tuesday 5 December.

P & C News

The canteen will be closed the last week of school 6 – 8 December.

There will be a new canteen menu issued for 2018.

BBQ Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 25th November. While the hall is being used for voting we will be raising money for the air conditioners in the Prep rooms, so feel free to come on down and support our P& C, help out or grab a snag....

Volunteers Needed

We would appreciate if anyone could offer a couple of hours of their free time in the tuckshop.

Christmas for Kids

C4K or Christmas 4 Kids Features a free jumping castle, rock climbing, face painting, food and much more. This is a family event hosted by the

Hope Church in Willawong and supported by Brisbane City Council. The event runs from 10am-2pm, bring the whole family, guaranteed to be lots of fun.

What: Christmas 4 Kids

When: Saturday 2nd December

Time: 10am-2pm

Where: Unidus Community Centre, 204 Sherbrooke Rd, Willawong.

Somali Parent Meeting

There will be no Somali Parent Meeting in week 10. Thank you to all the parents who participated in the meetings this year. These meetings are designed to get Somali parents involved in the education of their children and to have any questions or concerns addressed. The meetings also keep parents updated on everything that's going on in the school. The meetings will resume in 2018.

Dates to Remember	
5 Dec	Awards Day
5 Dec	Year 6 Graduation
6 Dec	Year 6 Dreamworld Trip
7 Dec	End of Year Concert
8 Dec	Last day of school



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