



Gems 22/72014

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION	GIVEN BY
Swimming Goggles	Jotoa	1H	We Learn	Miss Higginbotham
Bubbles	Fartun	3S	We Are Team Players	Mrs Poppi
Barbie Glitter Glue	Fiona	1H	We Are Team Players	Mrs Smith
Star Wars Art Set	Jamshed	3S	We Are Team Players	Mrs Nguyen
Jump Mega	Lily	Prep1	We Are Team Players	Miss Hopkins
Hot Wheels Car	Cordell	Prep2	We Are Team Players	Miss Bolton
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Otto	6H	We Learn	Mrs Hurdle
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Hannah	6H	We Learn	Mrs Hurdle
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Emily	6H	We Learn	Mrs Hurdle



Serviceton South State School

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Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Learning Starts With The Senses And Learning Meanings Of Words

We are now into the latter part of the year and are increasing our rate of teaching and learning. This term we have a number of excursions. Our excursions are part of our enriched offerings to help students connect their learning to the community. When students can see, touch, smell and hear what they are learning about, they have a richer understanding of what the words to describe the experience actually mean.

Learning begins with stimulating our senses. That is why we have demonstrations and experiences in our lessons at times. With that we need to learn the words to describe and understand how to think about what is going on. Everyday use common words are simpler to learn. More complex words often have more complex ideas behind them. As we move through levels of reading, these words and ideas form part of learning. Excursions help, social understanding helps. Conversations with adults to explain what is going on helps. Parents and families can help.

Ekka Excursion

Our annual Ekka excursion is focussed on enriching student understanding through experiencing what is going on. The learning experiences as part of the Ekka excursion are being planned for this to occur. When talking about this trip at home with students who are going, families can assist learning by talking about the various displays and information students can experience on the excursion.

If the focus is only on sample bags, student interest can become very focused on only this small part of the trip. Time for sample bag purchasing is very limited and should be as this is not the main focus of the excursion. Parents can help support the learning by focussing on the many other areas students can experience, and help build words and a sense of what they mean in anticipation, and in discussion after the trip.

Year 6 & 7 Camp

The camp this year is focussed on students having practical experience of group learning and learning more about each other and how to work through experiences as part of a group. While in camp, developing strong links with other students, and how to work with other students for an extended day, as they get ready to transition to secondary school may be the strongest experience they have to see them through the move to a larger school in 2015.

Learning is usually a social experience. We have a need to achieve what others achieve. We have a need to be part of a group, We have a need to be recognised for what we do, and we often learn very quickly from seeing, hearing, feeling and experiencing what we see others doing. Camps are one way of intensifying such learning. If you have not yet nominated for camp, please do so, and we can then refine our planning.

Cultural Group Meeting

On Wednesday this week, we took the opportunity to invite input from our Indigenous community families into our NAIDOC (National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Day Observance Committee) preparations and school curriculum planning around Indigenous perspectives, as well as school operations. It was productive, and we anticipate we may continue with such meetings on a term-by-term basis so long as interest in participation is maintained. Students bring 50% of what they need for school learning with them from home. What happens at school is the other 50%, and 40% of that is what happens in classrooms. Families can have a big effect on student school learning.

Disco and 'Serviceton South's Got Talent'

The disco at the end of last term was successful in many ways, with many students displaying skills in modern dance they do not often get the opportunity to demonstrate. Our music teacher, Della Martin with Chappy Jane, Miss Amanda and one of our parents Belinda Bryant have organised a competition for students to demonstrate various skills. Many students are now practicing in their breaks in readiness for this event.

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School Opinion Survey

On Tuesday details on how to complete the School Opinion Survey were sent home with students.

If you are either **unable to access the internet** at home or would **prefer your survey to be translated** into Samoan, Vietnamese or Arabic we can assist you with this. **Our library will be open** for parent access at the times noted below. We will also have **staff members available** at this time to assist in the translation and completion of the survey. The completion of this survey should take between 5-15minutes. If you have misplaced your survey, please contact the office for a replacement.

Library opening times are;

Thursday 24 th July	8:30am-9:15am	2:30pm-3:30pm
Tuesday 29 th July	8:30am-9:15am	2:30pm-4:00pm
Thursday 31 st July	8:30am-9:15am	2:30pm-3:30pm

Congratulations To Our 100 Gem Students! Super Sapphires!!

This week the students who have been the **first in the school to receive 100 Gems** are having a very special reward! On Friday, Anthony 2R, Kimberley 2R, Taneshay 4S, Cooper 2C, Lachlan 2C, and Alex P 2C, will accompany Mrs Wessling to Southbank Parklands. They will catch the train into Southbank and take in all that the area has to offer as well as watch a movie before having lunch and returning to school. Well done to all these students and we hope to have many more recipients this Term.



NAIDOC Week

This Term we will commemorate NAIDOC week with a special assembly and class workshops along with Indigenous games and interactive learning activities during lunch breaks. We are hoping to have a lot of parent/community involvement this year, more information about NAIDOC will be available soon.

Ipswich Little Theatre

The Prep children are going on an excursion to Ipswich Little Theatre to watch the production of 'Trouble In Storyland' on Tuesday 29th July, 2014. As the theatre is right next door to Queen's Park, we will take the opportunity to visit the animal enclosure and get a close look at the wombats, dingoes, lizards and snakes. We will have a picnic morning tea and lunch in the park and there will be an opportunity for the children to play in the fantastic playground. The cost for this excursion is \$7.00 per student and payment is due by Friday 25 July.

Transition to High School

During Semester 2, our Year 6 & 7 students have been invited to participate in some 'Transition to High School' activities at Glenala State High School. **Our first visit will be on Wednesday 30th July.** A free bus will pick up our students at 1:00pm and they will be returned to the school by 2:45pm. Our students will participate in special lessons given by staff members from the Science, English and Arts departments at Glenala State High School. In previous years, our Year 7

students have found these days to be fun and informative. Whether or not you intend to send your child to Glenala State High next year, the visits are a good opportunity for our students to see the sorts of activities they can expect to take part in next year. Students will also be encouraged to ask staff members any questions they have about what high school will be like for them next year.

Chappy Corner

Term 3 is under way and its time to start preparing for a massive Term. Every Friday we will be having a different dress up theme to get us ready for the Mad Hatters Disco at the end of the Term. This Friday's theme is "Scarves" Students are encouraged to wear their favourite scarf to school on Friday. However correct school uniform is still to be worn.

Get ready for Friday Dress up day!

P & C News

Thank you to those parents who attended our last meeting, it's always great to see new faces. Our next meeting will be held on Monday August 18th at 9.10am in the Parent Room. We have organised family portraits for this Saturday 26th July. You receive a portrait photo and keyring and the cost is \$15. All money raised goes back into our school. Booking times are filling fast so please see Amy in either the Parent Room or Canteen to secure your spot.



School Banking

Just a friendly reminder, school banking is every Tuesday. Please see Kayla for an application form. For every 10 deposits your student will be rewarded with a fantastic prize, there are loads of fun prizes this year. We ask for patience as the Commonwealth Bank has changed the process for ordering prizes and this new process means prizes come after students have already made 10 deposits.

Canteen News

As you will be aware we have a new team of volunteers in the Canteen. Due to this we have made a number of changes to daily operations and the menu. Linda is assisting the P & C in the role as Canteen Convenor and we are currently asking for applications from those interested in applying for the position of Canteen Convenor. The position is partially paid 12hrs per week @ \$23.21 per/hour, applicants must hold a blue card and must have a food handling certificate and/or equivalent. Applications can be emailed to pc.executives.ssss@gmail.com to apply you will need to address the below five points in a cover letter attached to your resume and email or drop off to the Parent Room.

- Desirable demonstrated skills/knowledge:
- Food Handlers Certificate and/or equivalent
- Understanding of Smart Choices Healthy Food & Drink Strategy for Qld Schools
- High level organisational, interpersonal and communication skills
- Demonstrated Team player
- Understanding of Workplace Health and Safety Standards

Please be patient with the new team in the Canteen without their assistance we would not be able to operate a Canteen at Serviceton South. Sorry no credit is available at the Canteen.

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Uniform Shop News

The uniform shop is located in the Parent Room . The Uniform Shop is open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8.15am - 9.15am. Winter uniforms are in stock. 12 week Lay by is available.

Teena Zeitsch
Uniform Shop Manager

Upcoming Children's Social Skills Group for 5-6 Year Olds

Accoras is running a partially-subsidised **Stop. Think. Do.** social skills group for children aged 5 to 6 years in Term 3, 2014.

Stop. Think. Do. is a social skills program designed to empower children by teaching them to develop self-control, decision making, responsibility, leadership and friendship-making skills. The program aims to improve children's social and friendship abilities, develop cooperative classrooms, schools and homes, and support children to develop strong emotional intelligence and self-esteem.

This Stop. Think. Do. group will run on Mondays for seven weeks in Salisbury (South Brisbane), from 3:30pm to 5:00pm each week - commencing on Monday 04 August and finishing on Monday 15 September.

If you would like more information please contact Margaret McIntosh by calling 3274 1886 or emailing mmcintosh@accoras.com.au.



Partners in Education Study (PIES)

Parents have your say – Does your relationship with your child's school benefit their outcomes? University of Queensland researchers are seeking parents of primary school children to tell us about the partnership with your child's school. The survey takes around 20 minutes and all responses are anonymous. Participating could win you one of two \$50 vouchers. To complete the survey, go to: exp.psy.uq.edu.au/pies

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

IMPORTANT DATES	
29 July	Ipswich Little Theatre - Prep 1 & 2
30 July	Transition To High School - Glenala State High School
6 & 7 August	Inala District Athletics Carnival Glenala State High School
8 August	EKKA Excursion
13 August	EKKA Show Day
18 August	P & C Meeting