



Serviceton South State School

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

Newsletter

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Cross Country Prep – Year 3



On Monday afternoon we held our Junior Cross Country Carnival for all students in Prep – Year 3. It was wonderful to see our students have a go and really demonstrate persistence, determination and definitely having a lot of fun. All students sat in their house tents of either Mars, Neptune or Pluto and our Year 6 Sports Captains led their house in cheers. Thank you to the large number of parents and carers who came along to cheer the students on as they raced. We appreciate you supporting the students at our school events. The points tally will be announced on parade this Frid

Principal's Piece

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This week, I travelled to Murgon for three days to conduct a Whole School Review, in the capacity of Peer Reviewer. Some of you may remember that we had our own review at the end of 2015, and a team of three reviewers came to Serviceton South for three days. The School Review process is part of a school's quadrennial planning and review cycle, and the data gathered informs the strategic direction of the school for the following four years. Participating in a school review is a great learning experience for me as the leader of Serviceton South State School; it's always great to visit other schools and see new and different ways of doing things that might transfer to our context.

You will notice that this newsletter is in a slightly different format to previous editions. We have moved from the pre-printed, sponsored stationary so that we can make the newsletter as big or little as we need. There are many fortnights that we aren't able to fit everything in, and in each newsletter we would like to provide our school community with some celebrations of the wonderful things happening at our school, some information about future events, and also some information about how you can help your children at school.

Last Friday was Walk Safely to School Day, and to celebrate, we met students at a few different locations to walk to school with them and reinforce the message of walking safely to school.

Unfortunately, the wet weather

put a bit of a dampener on our plans but we still walked to school and had a bit of fun on the way. If you were at school on Friday you would have seen staff dressed up as superheroes to add a little fun to the day.



Tomorrow (26 May) is a Free Dress Day for students, with a gold coin donation, which goes toward P&C fundraising for the year.

The new uniform is still being developed and I'm hoping that the concept design will arrive at school very soon. The concept design is one set of each uniform piece which for us to look at in terms of whether any final changes are required before production. In the meantime, stock of the old uniform is dwindling and some items will not be re-ordered. Remember, if you are purchasing new jumpers or track pants, purchase them in **navy** so that they will match the new shirts when they arrive. Also, remember that hoodies should not be worn to school. They aren't safe attire when children are running around and being active; it's far too easy to grab a hood, with the wearer of the hoodie ending up with an injury.

Warm regards
Marni Morrison
Principal

Sports Day: Prep-Year 6

Our school sports day will be held on Wednesday 7 June for all students in Prep-Year 6. Students will participate in running activities along with field events, ball games and tabloid sports. All students will be invited to wear a shirt in their house colour – Mars (red), Neptune (green) or Pluto (yellow). We invite parents and carers to join us on this day to cheer on our students.

Reading at Home

When you read with your child each night, it is important that to remember what good readers do before reading. They:

- Look at the text, deciding what type of text it is and why it was written (for entertainment or information).
- From the title and cover page, predict what might happen.
- Have a look through the text, discussing illustrations and continue to talk about what is happening and what might still happen. Find any words that might be tricky and work them out first.

Cluster Moderation

Next Wednesday 31 May, all teachers at Serviceton South State School will participate in a Cluster Moderation session with other primary schools in the Inala area. As a school we already moderate our English student samples to ensure an on balanced judgement is made against the Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards. This Cluster Moderation session allows teachers in the same year levels at different schools to moderate student assessment samples together to ensure what our school awards as an "A" achievement is consistent with other schools in the area.



National Reconciliation Week

Next week we will acknowledge National Reconciliation Week (NRW) which runs

from May 27 to June 3. This year, we mark two important milestones in the journey of reconciliation – the 50th anniversary of the 1967 referendum recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the 25th anniversary of the High court of Australia's recognition of native title in the Mabo case. This year's theme is Let's Take the Next Steps. Students will be engaged in activities during the week to acknowledge the rich history of Indigenous culture. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of us all as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples. This Friday at parade, we will recognise "Sorry Day".

CHAPPY WEEK

Last week we celebrated Chappy Week at SSSS. Chappy Week is about raising the profile of chaplaincy in state schools, raising funds to support the role and having fun

At SSSS we enjoyed ice creams on Tuesday, Pancakes on Wednesday, breakfast on

Thursday and hamburgers on Friday. Did I also mention Chappy Week is also about food!

Thank you to all the students who helped out serving ice creams and pancakes. It was also wonderful to have member of the Chaplaincy Committee Mrs Kroeger and Mr George Wallace joining in the fun and cooking up a storm.

The role of Chaplain at Serviceton South State School is funded by the federal and the state governments. Over the past few years the cost of providing a chaplaincy service has increased while the funding has remained the same. This means by the end of 2017 there will be a shortfall of money to support the role of chaplain for 2.5 days per week. Without finding additional financial support 2018 will see a reduction in the service. If you are interesting in finding out more please come along to the Chaplaincy Committee meeting on Tuesday 30 May at 3pm in the administration building.



P & C

On Friday 26 June the students will have the opportunity to have a free dress day. Students are encouraged to donate a gold coin for fundraising for the air conditioners in the Prep rooms. The next P& C meeting will be held in the Parent room on the 12 June @ 9.00am. **All Parents and Carers are welcome to attend.**

Parents and Caregivers Afternoon Tea

All **Somali parents** are invited to attend an information sharing session from 2pm-2:45pm on Monday 29th May in the Parent Room/Breakfast Club Room. Our Somali Teacher Aides, Farhiya Mahamud and Roble Abdulahi will be translating.

All **Vietnamese parents** are also invited to attend an information sharing session from 2pm-2:45pm on Monday 5th June in the Parent Room/Breakfast Club Room.

These sessions will be held fortnightly throughout the year.

We would like to learn more about your home countries and your culture. You will have an opportunity to ask questions about topics which you would like to know more about.

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

We look forward to seeing you then,

Claire Armstrong and Kay McNamara

English as an Additional Language or Dialect (EAL/D) Teachers

Biggest Morning Tea

All staff enjoyed a beautiful morning tea organised by Melissa Kroeger for the Biggest Morning Tea, Thank you to all the generous staff that kindly donated money to this very important cause.



Dates To Remember	
26 May	National Sorry Day
26 May	Free Dress Day
29 May	Reconciliation Week
30 May	Interschool Chess SSSS
1 June	International Children's Day
2 June	Ngutana Lui Excursion Year 3/4C & 4A
6 June	Qld Symphony Orchestra Visit Prep - 6
7 June	Sports day Prep - 6
8 June	Year 1 & 2 Incursion Street Science
13 June	Prep Timbarra Pirate Show
15 June	Cleaner's Day
16 June	RACQ Helicopter lands on the school oval
20 June	Under 8's Day Prep - 2
23 June	Excursion Science Centre Year 5/6 C & 6A
23 June	End of Term

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

