

Ruby Week

Last week it was Ruby Week at Serviceton South. The focus of this week was for students to “Follow instructions immediately without backchat”. The class that received the most Rubies during the week was Miss Clarke’s Prep 1. Congratulations! We hope the class enjoyed the pizza party!! Congratulations also to the 15 students who received a free slushie from the Canteen.



50 Gems

Congratulations to the following students for achieving 50 Gems:

- Nakeshia Prep 2
- Amaan Prep 2
- Roy 3S
- Wendy 3S
- Jason 3P
- Salluwa Prep 2
- Kiana Prep 2
- Jordy Prep 1
- Ryley 5/6N



Gems 2511/2014



PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION
Pencil Pack	Aimee	1C	We Care
Mega Bubbles	B J	1C	We Learn
Coloured Pencils	Madeline	1C	We Learn
Bouncy Balls	Sarah	1C	We Learn
Light Up Pen	Farhia	Prep2	We Learn
Dinosaur Egg	Roni	Prep1	We Learn
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Emily	6H	We Learn



Serviceton South State School

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Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL – Mr Kim Tvede

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – Mrs Wendy Wessling

Dear Parents/Carers

End Of Year Preparations

Teachers have now largely completed **academic assessments** for end-of-year reporting. From this point onwards, we are still working with students and finalising **diagnostic data-gathering**. This is where we look at the tasks students have completed and **analyse errors** in student work so as to inform us of **student needs** and enable hand-over to the 2015 teacher in January.

In this way, teachers can **plan lessons as soon as practicable** based on an understanding of the range of abilities and needs of students in their new class. Students in Year 6 and 7 going off to secondary schools will likewise have such information available to the high schools. Some of our local state high schools are already requesting such information. We anticipate being able to pass on a portfolio of work samples that enable 2015 teachers to have more understanding of student levels of attainment in some critical tasks than simple test scores tell us.

Accordingly, it is still very important that students come to school, be ready to do work, work as team players, for this end-of-year data-gathering, for maintaining their learning before they have a significant break over summer, and to be part of a cooperative team in getting items ready for the end-of-year concert.

2015 Class Placements

Any parent believing their child should have special consideration in class placement for 2015 needs to provide a written request with an explanation. Within our capacity to do so, we will try to work a reasonable solution, but can make no guarantees depending on overall considerations. Requests need to be handed in to the office by Tuesday 2 December.

Excursions

We have had a number of classes attending **key-learning -area excursions** as culminating activities for academic work they have been undertaking in class. Such excursions help students to **better understand and remember** things they have only learned about in school, rather than **experienced** in real life. As part of **risk management**, we need to be assured all students going off-site are able to do so **safely** and in line with the **good order and running** of the event. These considerations form part of planning and follow through with students and families as needed.

Some excursions and activities service **other parts** of the school programs. Our **Positive Behaviour Day**, coming up next Friday 5 December, celebrates the very large number of students who have had no formal lunch-time responsible thinking sessions this term. Such activities, and this includes extra-curricular activities such as **gala days and excursions** (such as the end-of-year *Dreamworld* excursion) are part of **supporting positive behaviour** in the school.

Meeting **behavioural expectations** are part of the requirements for participation in such activities. These events help give students a **target and motivation** to be eligible to participate in these sorts of events. Indications over the past week in dealing with some issues that have arisen are that quite a few students are **very focussed in managing their behaviour appropriately** so as to not jeopardise their permission to participate. Thank you parents for your understanding and support of this **goal**.

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Survival Food

According to psychological frameworks used extensively in schools around the world, **behaviour is goal-directed**. That is, we **choose** to act the way we do because we have a goal we want to achieve. ‘Choice’ theory says the highest goal is for **survival**. That is, we all need basic **food, shelter** and appropriate **clothing**, and feeling **safe** before we can seriously think about our other goals. In school, we often consider whether diet is having an impact on student capacity to **learn** and their **behaviour**.

On a recent excursion, some of our parents also commented that there was a noticeable difference in student behaviours depending on the **type of food** the students ate. Behaviours 20 minutes after eating were sometimes quite different to behaviours prior to eating.

In response, our Canteen people have developed a **survival lunch pack**. It has been put together in consideration of the sorts of food groups that would assist learning and behaviour in an excursion setting. **For \$5.00, it is a simple solution** for families that may not have time to prepare such a meal for students on excursion themselves. The price reflects the cost of the lunch contents very closely.



With students attending excursions in **uniform**, being **safe** and with proper clothing and footwear, following safety rules and expectations, and having a **nutritious** lunch, student can then **choose** behaviours aimed at those other universal goals of **belonging** to a group, achieving **success**, having **fun**, making good **choices**, and being **stimulated** by learning.

Year 6 & 7 High School Enrolments

If your child in year 6 or 7 is not already enrolled in a high school you need to do so NOW. High schools are now forming classes and allocating teachers. If they do not know your child is coming, they may not have a class or teacher for your child. This is most important. Last year one of our local high schools had 20 students present for enrolment on day 1 without any prior enrolment. This means the school was short a whole teacher and classroom at the beginning of the year. Timetabling for secondary schools is a very complex operation. Please help your child and their school get it right.

Year 6 & 7 Graduation

At the moment we have just over half of our year 6 and 7 students confirmed for graduation. We need to advise final numbers to the venue and need all students attending (and up to two family members) to be **confirmed by Monday morning**. Attendance may otherwise be limited. If we cannot make the expected numbers, we may have to arrange for an in-school ceremony during school hours that is more inclusive of our students.



100 Gems Morning Tea

Just a reminder that there will be a special morning tea for students (and their parents) who have received 100 Gems during the last month. This will be held on Thursday 4 December, outside the hall. Congratulations to all the recipients – you are great Serviceton South Sapphires!



Volunteers Morning Tea 2014

To thank our wonderful Volunteers for their contribution to our school we are holding a Volunteers Morning Tea.

When: **Monday 1 December**
Time: **9.15am—10.15am**
Where: **School Hall**



RSVP: Miss Amanda on 3714 0222 or email anium3@eq.edu.au

Wolston House-By Anthony, Jordan and Elijah (5BM)

On the 26 November, 5BM and 5/6N went to Wolston House at Wacol. We saw kangaroos, cows, chickens and an eagle.

Firstly, we learnt information about the history of the house. Then we divided up into three groups and took a tour around the house. The guides took us to the cellar where they showed us olden day tools and showed us how to do laundry the old fashioned way. After we had damper and cordial. We went to the Education Centre and we learnt about the clothes they wore, hooks for your buttons, girdles and hair curlers, tos and their razors. Jordan looked beautiful in his girdle and Laye was handsome in the tuxedo.

Lastly, we went into the house and they showed us the layout and how they ate and entertained themselves during the afternoon.



Ngutana-Lui Excursion-Year 4

On Monday the 24th November, 4H and 4S visited Ngutana-Lui Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Studies Centre as part of our Science, Art and History units. We had an awesome ‘hands on’ day learning about the Aboriginal Culture. We painted our faces and learnt traditional dances as well as how to do dot paintings and how to throw boomerangs. We were taught how to weave out of palm leaves and learnt all about tools and weapons made out of natural materials. The highlight of our day was going on a bush walk and being shown how to find different leaves off trees that can be used for medicinal purposes.

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Launch Into Life At Logan

On Tuesday the Year 6 students and some of their parents, accompanied by Mrs Hurdle, Mrs McKenzie and Mrs Wessling went to University for the day. The staff and students at Griffith University, Logan campus, gave us an opportunity to experience some of the things a university has to offer. We “nursed” babies and discovered where our vital organs are inside our bodies; we participated in science and drama activities, and ran with the “Redbacks” – the university’s own rugby league team. It was a great day and it has inspired many of our students to “dream big” and work towards one day being a real “uni student”.



Girls Chess Tournament

During the past two weeks a girls’ chess tournament has been held in the library at lunchtimes. Sixteen girls participated, the youngest in year 2, and the oldest in year 5. The winner of the tournament was Natasha from 4S, with 5.5 wins from 6 games. Jennifer in 5/6N was second, with 5 wins, and Tina in 5BM was third with 4 wins out of 5 games played. Anjeli (4S), Jessica (2C) and Holly (5BM) were tied in fourth place, with 3.5 wins each. All the girls showed a high level of concentration, played in a good, friendly spirit, and enjoyed the contest.

P & C Upcoming Events/Canteen & Uniform News

Our fun family LEGO Movie Night fundraiser is on this Friday 28th November. Tickets are \$2.50 per person or \$7.50 for a family of 4 or more. Tickets are available to pre-purchase from the Canteen. Food will be available for purchase on the night. It was great to see so many students at the Term 4 Disco.

Please come along to our last P & C Meeting for 2014. It is on Monday 8th December at 9.00am in the Parent Room. A reminder that School Banking is every Tuesday at the Canteen from 8.20am – 9am, prizes have to be ordered so when your child is up to ten deposits please ask the banking coordinator for an order form.

Michelle our Canteen Convenor is continuing to introduce healthy options to the menu. New ideas such as the excursion survival lunch packs, vegie sticks with dip in a cup, watermelon ice block sticks, small fruit salad tubs (great if you

forget the brain food) are all being well received by students. We’ve introduced a menu suggestions box at the front of the Canteen and have seen students suggesting more healthy options such as fruit sticks. AND Slushies are back for summer! Volunteers are always welcome in the Canteen and mostly needed from 9am-11am Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. If you can assist please let Michelle know. A reminder canteen is open Tuesday first and second break for over the counter sales. No orders will be taken however students will be able to purchase drinks and ice-blocks. Michelle is also opening after school on Fridays for students wishing to have an ice-block or slushie on the way home. Parents please note that the Canteen does NOT offer credit so please ensure your child has the correct money when ordering their lunch.

Our Uniform Shop is located in the parent room and open; Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8.15am – 9.15am. Sorry no credit can be offered and no EFTPOS available. We can do 12 week Lay-bys. There will be a slight price increase in January 2015 to the polo shirts due to embroidery price increases.

Transition Day - Forest Lake State High School

I am very pleased to hear that a number of Serviceton South State School students living in our catchment area are planning to join us at Forest Lake State High School in 2015.

We are having two transition days next week to support our incoming Year 7 and Year 8 students. Only students who are currently enrolled for 2015 may attend. Parents please ensure that you enrol your child as a matter of urgency. Our transition day is an important and exciting day for students coming into high school. I would hate for any student to miss out on the opportunity of participating.

Please ring Forest Lake SHS on 3714 2333 to arrange an enrolment interview for your child as soon as possible.

Cheryl Harvey
Deputy Principal-Junior School

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IMPORTANT DATES

28 November	Movie Night - 6.00pm - 9.00pm
28 November	Sciencentre Excursion Prep and Year 2
28 November	Touch Football Competition Years 6 & 7 - Glenala SHS
1 December	Volunteers Morning Tea
2 December	Fame Theatre - Year 3
2 December	Qld Museum - Year 7
4 December	R E Concert
4 December	Qld Art Gallery & GOMA- Year 6
8 December	P & C Meeting
8 December	Year 6 & 7 Graduation Ceremony
9 December	Awards Ceremony
10 December	End Of Year Concert
11 December	Dreamworld Years 6 & 7