



Our school photos will be taken on the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

For the convenience of our school community advancedlife have now introduced Online Ordering. School photos can now be ordered and paid for using a secure online Web Portal. *Please note:* Photos can still be purchased using an envelope.

The preference of our school is that Orders and Payments be made through the Web Portal as this reduces the administration and associated order issues related to the return of cash & envelopes on photo day.

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1. All Online Orders should be placed on or before our day of photography. Please Note: Once orders are closed a LATE FEE will apply.
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# Serviceton South State School

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

## Newsletter

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29 April 2015  
PRINCIPAL – Ms Marni Morrison  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL – Mrs Wendy Wessling



### 19th Students ANZAC Day

On Thursday 23rd of April our school leaders and Mrs Wessling went to ANZAC Square. The school leaders really enjoyed their time in the city. They got to see lots of interesting buildings and statues, and also got to see beautiful, colourful flowers on the wreaths.



train into the city and would like to thank Mrs Wessling for taking them.

By: Tina, Johnny, Holly, Magdalen and Jennifer.



The leaders and Mrs Wessling enjoyed listening to Paul de Jersey (Governor of Qld), Mrs Kaye de Jersey (chair of ANZAC Day commemoration committee) and Premier of Queensland, Annastacia Palaszczuk. The leaders loved taking the

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break. It's great to see everyone back and ready for learning. Welcome to Miss Makaresz in 1B and to our new Serviceton South families. I'm sure you will enjoy your time with us.

Last week we commemorated ANZAC Day with a lovely ceremony. It was a shame that our guest speaker, Mrs Lenise Schloss was unwell and unable to join us, but we hope to have her back at another time, possibly for NAIDOC Week. Thanks to Mrs Hurdle and Miss Cusack for organising the ceremony, and to all of the students who took part. I was very proud to be a part of Serviceton South State School.

In the lead up to ANZAC Day, Daniel and Elijah, from 5/6C wrote the following poem, which they presented as part of the ceremony -

ANZAC POEM  
By Daniel and Elijah

Courage, bravery and determination,  
These qualities kept Australia safe.  
We should pay respectful attention,  
To those who kept Australia safe.

I watched the parades—how do I feel?  
Suddenly to see soldiers marching bravely.  
As we watch them pass by carefully,  
To those who kept Australia safe.

Close our eyes to share a tear,  
They stood their ground and showed no fear.  
Let us ponder when the time is near,  
To those who kept Australia safe.

The mateship we need to stay,  
We wish they never went away.  
We honour them for a day,  
To those who kept Australia safe.

The P&C is a vital part of our school community, working together with the school to provide advice, keep parents informed and raise funds for resources. Our President, Ms Amy Whiteman, and our Treasurer, Mrs Stacey Tommerup, have resigned from their positions and while we will miss their contribution to our P&C, we thank them for the hard work they have done to make a difference for our students and our school while they have been in these positions. The next meeting is at 9am on 18 May and I would like to encourage parents to come along and help to make our P&C one that works together to make a difference for our students. The next priority from our Annual Improvement Plan is Attendance, Engagement and Transition. The strategies for improvement in these areas are -

- Increase attendance rate
- Develop relationships with stakeholder groups from the school community
- Provide inclusive transition to school information and opportunities and
- Increase the positive profile of the school in the community.

With the colder weather and flu season just around the corner, all classrooms have been equipped with a large bottle of Aqium gel. We hope that encouraging students to 'Catch it, bin it, kill it', (blow their nose, put the tissue in the bin and kill the germs with the hand sanitiser), we will be able to decrease colds and flu in our classrooms this winter. The sunscreen is to assist students in being sun safe when they go to sport, the playground, or excursions. If your child has sensitivities to sunscreen or Aqium, please let their teacher know so and provide an alternative.

This week, the Deadly Choices program kicked off in our school. Deadly Choices is a leadership, health and physical activity program for Indigenous students, and we are currently, our Year 3—6 students are participating in the program. Students will also be taught some traditional dances and I hope to be able to extend this after the program concludes.

Warm regards  
Marni Morrison  
Principal

**NAPLAN**

The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2015. All students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 in schools across Australia undertake the same tests on the same days. Students have their skills assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), and Numeracy. National test results provide information on how students are progressing and support improvements in teaching and learning. At Serviceton South our teachers, teacher aides and support teachers have been assisting students in both test preparation and in small group targeted learning. A NAPLAN report will be issued later in the year. The same report format is issued to all students across Australia and you will be informed when these reports arrive at our school. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test. Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale for each test. Each test band has ten scales and all year levels are reported on the same scale. Six bands are reported for each year level for each test. One of these bands will represent the national minimum standard for students at each year level. A result at the national minimum standard indicates that the student demonstrated the basis literacy and numeracy skills needed to participate fully in that year level. The

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performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia. If your student is absent for any of the NAPLAN test please inform the school and "catch up" tests can be arranged on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

**School Photos**

School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 17 June. Payment envelopes have been sent home with students today. **Completed envelopes containing the correct money** may be returned to the office before photo day. **Students are to be in school uniform for the photos.**



**P & C News**

The Mother's Day Stall is back again this year with gifts for mum all under \$5. The stall will operate before school in front of the canteen Wednesday, Thursday and Friday up until Mother's Day, or until sold out.



**P&C Executive Officers Needed**

Our current President and Treasurer have announced their resignation from their roles and the P & C will look to fill these positions shortly. If you are interested please speak with Marni, our school Principal.

**School Banking**

School banking is on every Tuesday at the canteen. Please see Mary-Ann at the school banking counter if you'd like to join. It's a great way to teach saving skills whilst earning rewards for students and dollars for your school.

**Canteen News**

As announced in the last newsletter the Canteen has returned to operating Wednesday, Thursday and Friday's only this term due to a lack of volunteers. We cannot stress enough that the canteen needs volunteers to continue operating so please see Sam our Canteen Convenor if you can help. Prices are subject to change.



**Uniform Shop News**

The Uniform Shop hours have changed. Please check new signage outside Parent Room. If you need jumpers or track pants we have winter stock available to purchase. Prices are subject to change.

**Book Club**

Book Club forms have been sent home with students. The closing date is the 8th May.



**Year 6 Shirts**

The Year 6 shirts have arrived, and they look fantastic. Students will be given their shirt once the final payment has been made.



**GEMS 21/4/2015**

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION
Colouring Pencils	Winnie	1B	We Learn
Colouring Kit	Chloe	1A	We Are Team Players
Connect 4	Kiana	1A	We Are Team Players
Skateboard	Marie	1A	We Care
Pony	Lucia	Prep 2	We Learn
Car	Tausinga	Prep 1	We Care
Year 5 & 6 Prize	Jye	5/6B	We Learn
Year 5 & 6 Prize	Juranda	5/6A	We Learn



**GEMS 29/4/2015**

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION
Game	Herston	1A	We Are Team Players
Slinky	Andy	1B	We Learn
Mechanical Pen	Jimmy	3/4C	We Learn
Air Glider	Said	1A	We Learn
Stickers	Maiga-Faye	Prep 1	We Care
Sport Balls	Ti'Cari	Prep 2	We Learn
Year 5 & 6 Prize	Tina	5/6A	We Care
Year 5 & 6 Prize	Georgia	5/6D	We Are Team Players

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

6 May	Year 2 Qld Museum Excursion
6-8 May	Mothers' Day Stall
12-14 May	NAPLAN - Years 3 & 5
18 May	P&C Meeting
18-22 May	Chappy Week
20 May	Durack Fire Station Visit Year 1
21 May	Interschool Chess Tournament
27 May	Year 5 & 6 State Library Excursion
4 June	Science Incursion- Year 3/4
22 & 24 June	Sports Days
25 June	Positive Behaviour Day
25 June	Reports go home
26 June	Last day of Term 2