




Gems 27/5/2014

PRIZE	NAME	CLASS	EXPECTATION	GIVEN BY
Modelling Clay	Neveah	1H	We Learn	Mrs Higginbotham
Erasers	Prue	2R	We Are Team Players	Mrs Ross
Garden Figures	Fartun	3S	We Learn	Mrs Poppi
Book Light	Ramadan	1H	We Are Team Players	Mrs Higginbotham
Crayons	T I	Prep1	We Learn	Mrs Munker
Pet Pals	Lily	Prep2	We Are Team Players	Miss Bolton
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Brandon	6H	We Learn	Mrs Hurdle
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Andrew	6H	We Are Team Players	Mrs Hurdle
Year 5, 6 & 7 Prize	Magdalen	5BM	We Are Team Players	Mrs Bridger



Serviceton South State School

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Newsletter

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29 May 2014
 PRINCIPAL – Mr Kim Tvede
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Dear Parents/Carers

National Reconciliation Week

A number of our Aboriginal students have been working with Miss Amanda to complete our school's portion of a multiple piece artwork for presentation to our local council of elders. We appreciate the artistic support provided by indigenous colleagues from our education community.

This year's *National Reconciliation Week*, themed 'Let's walk the talk', celebrates the historical dates of 27 May and 2 June respectively, marking the 1967 referendum where our first Australians were finally recognised as citizens of modern Australia, and the 1992 Mabo Vs Queensland High Court judgement establishing legal recognition of land rights options for our first Australians.

In 2006, 31% of Indigenous people in Australia lived in major cities; 22% lived in inner regional Australia; 23% in outer regional Australia; 8% in remote Australia and 16% in very remote Australia. It is important to remember that a person does not stop being Aboriginal because they have a western lifestyle; the two cultures do not cancel each other out.

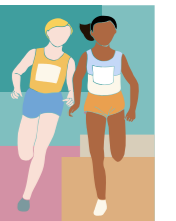
In Australia we're fortunate enough to have one of the oldest continuing cultures in the world. This is something we should all be proud of and celebrate. It is sometimes useful to look at where education has taken some of Indigenous students who have gone on to successful careers.

There have been, and continue to be, Indigenous heroes in science, law, the creative arts and medicine, just to name a few. For example, Stephen Page is the internationally acclaimed choreographer and artistic director of Bangarra Dance Theatre. Dr John Moriarty AM is a successful businessman and chairman of the Jumbana Group. Bob Bellear was the first Indigenous Australian Judge and Dr Kelvin Kong is an accomplished surgeon. More such stories can be found on the *National Reconciliation Council* website, where this information was also sourced.

These are just a few of the many Indigenous Australians who have excelled in their own way through a diverse range of careers. We often only hear of sports people and should take time to recognise opportunities and successes exist in a number of areas. One just has to 'live the dream' and chase one's goals.

Sports Day

Please note we have responded to a request from our P & C and changed the date for this event to **Monday 23 June**. Our Year 4 to 7 students will be on the lower field, while our lower school students will compete on the upper oval. Leading up to this event we have scheduled Friday afternoons for practices in the events. Students will practice in House groups, and classes will also be covering such practice in their physical education lessons.



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Explicit Teaching

Our staff are continuing to work out of contact hours on exploring the various techniques designed to improve our skills in explicit teaching, and also in dealing with disabilities. Our students, too, are responding to these enhancements. One effect is that students are generally optimizing productive time engaged in active learning with their classmates.

Late Arrivals

Parents are reminded that lessons are scheduled to commence at 9am. Coming late on rare occasions is something that sometimes happens. Coming late frequently can mean a student is regularly missing important teaching sessions. Catching up is possible, not having to do so is much better and less stressful.

School Wide Positive Behaviour

Next week we will be delivering two information sessions for parents on our SWPBS processes and procedures. The first session will be held on Tuesday 3rd June from 9:00am-10:00. The second session will be held on Thursday 5th June from 2:00pm-3:00pm. These meetings will be held in the hall. Please come along to learn more about how our "Sapphire" system works.



Green Team

Each Tuesday and Thursday morning, at first break, the "Green Team" is hard at work in our school garden. During the last term the students have been weeding, watering, fertilizing and tending our crops. Last week we harvested 12 cobs of corn which we then cooked and ate on the cob. We also made fried rice and added some of the corn into the mix. It was delicious!!



Planetarium Excursion—5BM

This Term the students in 5BM are studying Our Solar System. To assist in understanding this concept on Thursday 5 June, students are going to the Planetarium, at Mt Coot-tha. The benefits of this excursion are



significant because technology at the Planetarium takes children on a journey through the Solar System and the night sky. Children will also have an educational walk through the Gardens. The cost for this excursion is \$6.50 per student.

School Photos

School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 18 June. Details and payment envelopes have been sent home with students. 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.



Chappy Corner

What a fantastic Chappy Week, filled with Pancakes, Basketball and Lip Syncing! Thank you to everyone that participated in the activities, it was great fun. The week started off with an epic Basketball showdown between Students and Teachers. After a close and intense match, the students came out on top defeating our teachers team 18-14. Well done Students.



Tuesday brought a special Pancake breakfast with over 300 pancakes cooked and eaten. Thank you to Moore Park Baptist Church for donating all the mix and volunteers to help make it a special morning.



"Do you think you can Lip Sync?" was a new event that brought talented students together and for the best lip sync performance ever. Congratulations to Samson Fuli and Donna Smith for winning the contest they have received a \$20 iTunes Voucher.

Thank you for making it a fantastic Chappy Week. Chappy Jane



P & C News

All welcome to the next P & C meeting on Monday 16th June, 9.10am in the Parent Room. Thanks for supporting our recent Jelly Cup sale and Raffles. We are currently fundraising for Sport Sponsorships for

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those students who represent in State Sports. Just like the P&C sponsor the Chess Club tournaments and end of term attendance awards it's another way the P&C can support your children and in turn Serviceton South State School. Since the beginning of the year the P & C has committed to financially supporting classroom excursions in Term 1, sponsor the end of term attendance award and contribute to the school camp in term 3, our aim in doing this is to help reduce the cost for parents.

P & C - Upcoming Events

Sports day Monday 23rd June we will host a BBQ for families
Disco 3-7 (night) Thursday 26th June and Preps – Year 2 (during the day)
The P&C June event Calender will be sent home soon. Term 3 will have a Crazy Mad Hatters theme so the P&C have lots of fun things coming to celebrate this. Any parents who wish to assist at any of our events please see our President, Amy Whiteman in the Parent Room, Wednesday – Friday from 8.15am. We are always grateful for the help and your children will love seeing you participate.
Amy Whiteman
P&C President



School Banking

School banking is every Tuesday. Please see Kayla or Nikki 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. Kayla Morgan & Nikki Nowlan
School Banking Co-ordinators

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is located in the Parent Room. Winter uniforms are available now. We also offer a 12 week layby.

Uniform Shop Hours

Monday & Tuesday CLOSED
Wednesday Thursday and Friday 8.15am - 9.15am.
Teena Zeitsch
Uniform Shop Manager

Canteen News

APPLE SLINKY is Back!!!!
Bring your apple, or pear to the canteen 1st break and we will slinky it for you. Fresh fruit is now available at the Canteen for 50c a piece.
Hot Milo, Cheese & Bacon rolls, & Hotcakes available before school. Supply is limited each day - so be early. Thank you for your support.



Book Club

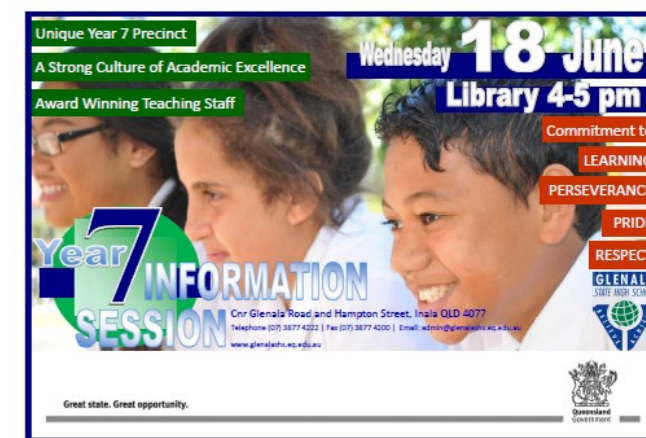
Issue 3 is back - come and collect your order at the Canteen. Issue 4 will be going home soon. Please return Orders & Money to the Canteen by 13th June. ***Every order helps to buy books for our Library**



Jo Martinez
Canteen Convenor

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IMPORTANT DATES

3 June	SWPBS Information Session 9.00-10.00am
5 June	SWPBS Information Session 2.00-3.00pm
5 June	Planetarium Excursion - 5BM
9 June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday
11 June	Old MacDonald's Farm - Prep and Year 3
18 June	School Photos
23 June	Sports Day