

What is your child learning?

Curriculum Corner

This term we have students involved in two exciting projects – Solid Pathways and Have Sum Fun Online. Three students have been selected to participate in the Solid Pathways program. The aim of the program is to provide students with critical thinking skills and extend their learning. Solid Pathways program is implemented using an online classroom where students work with other students from around Brisbane. Students interact with their online teacher through the Education Queensland program called iConnect. Solid Pathways will continue till Semester 2, 2014 and we look forward to our students extending their learning in an online environment.

One of our Logan Math Challenge teams has taken up a new challenge. The newly named “Prism Breakers” team, comprising of Johnny, Trent, Thomas and Anthony, are competing in the Have Sum Fun Online Challenge (HSFOL). HSFOL is conducted by the Mathematical Association of Western Australia (MAWA) and is endorsed by the Australian Association of

Mathematics Teachers (AAMT). It is a maths quiz of NAPLAN-type problems for year-level teams of four students. HSFOL is designed to foster mathematical problem solving for students in Australia. The competition consists of three rounds of 10 questions, where student teams have one hour to complete each round of questions. Each round is accessible on the HSFOL website for one week, and rounds are a week apart. The team completed their first round on Wednesday and thoroughly enjoyed the challenge. We wish them luck in the remaining rounds.

Have fun learning,
Travis Goulter
Head of Curriculum

Serviceton South State School:
We Learn
We Care
We are Team Players

A collage of various advertisements including medical services, real estate, news, and local businesses.



31 October 2013
PRINCIPAL – Mr Kim Tvede

Dear Parents/Carers

Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Since advising of Alan Cockerill, our Teacher/Librarian reaching the finals of the national excellence in teaching awards, we can also now announce that both of our Prep teachers, Cathy Kapatana and Vanessa Munker, are also finalists. To those of us who have seen these teachers work, this comes as no surprise. As we track their student performances in English and Mathematics, we are amazed to see how our Prep students demonstrate a wide range of abilities. Many students are simply soaking up their school learning at a rapid rate. Of course, to learn, students need to be at school consistently. Well done, and thank you to parents and school staff for helping recognise our teachers' and students' potential.

2014 Start of School

In 2014, school begins for students on 28 January. Some students have advised already that they will be returning late to school in 2014. Parents need to be very aware that our school staffing of teachers and teacher aides, and our funding are determined by our enrolments at Day 8. If students return to school after this time, we have to absorb the school costs from allocations for fewer numbers. This year, our starting students enrolments were 338. At the beginning of Semester 1 enrolments were 360, and now they are around 373. This made a big difference to our staffing allocation. Had we had these numbers at the beginning of the year, it could have resulted in extra staff.

It is very important that parents who intend returning the children to school after the 28 January

2014 inform the school IN WRITING, with a signed letter showing the return date, so we can present this as evidence for staff allocations. If anyone needs help with this please see our administration staff.



National Standards In Queensland

Those of us following news reports about the poor performance of around 1 in 12 students not reaching national minimum standards can look at our school results with pride. At Serviceton South State School every student assessed in NAPLAN was at national minimum standards. Our school has been congratulated through a visit by our Assistant Regional Director, Mike Kelly, and mentioned in regional communications for our results. A number of schools have expressed interest in our results and how we achieved them. The answers include team work and whole school approaches to effective teaching and learning. We are continuing to develop our practices to improve results as we move forward.

Kim Tvede
Principal

Chess News

Over the weekend of 19th & 20th October our chess team participated in the Queensland State Finals. This was a great learning experience for our players, as every game was recorded, and after each game participants had the opportunity to analyse their moves with a coach. Thirty-two teams played 6



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rounds over the weekend, and we finished in 17th place. This was a good performance, as we had a tough draw (playing 4 of the top 7 teams) and one of our players was ill. Thomas was outstanding, with 5 wins out of 6 games on board 1, and Mohammed won 3.5 games on boards 2 and 3. Izi, Johnny and Kien also made valuable contributions.

On Monday 28 October four students participated in the Brisbane Individual Age Tournament. In the competition for students born in 2001, Thomas finished an outstanding year by coming first, winning all 7 of his games. In the competition for students born in 2003, Johnny came 6th and Kien 9th, both winning 5 of their 7 games. In the same age group Amir came 30th out of 50 students, a good performance in what was only his second tournament.

At the end of this year we will say good-bye to our top three players, Thomas, Mohammed and Izi, who will move on to high school. They have been excellent ambassadors for our school, earning the respect of all their opponents, and taking us to the State Finals. We wish them well in the future, and hope they will continue to enjoy chess for many years to come.



Camp Tallebugera - Years 5, 6 & 7

This year's camp will be held at Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre from Monday 25 November to Wednesday 27 November. The cost for camp is \$115.00, which includes all adventure package activities, meals and travel by bus. There are a few places left. Final payment for camp is due by Friday 8 November.



Prep Orientation Sessions

We are holding two Prep Orientation Sessions. The first is on Tuesday 5 November from 9.15am - 10.15am and the second on Thursday 7 November from 2.00pm - 3.00pm. Please contact the office if you wish to attend.

Brisbane Band Festival

The South East Brisbane Band (combination of Inala, Pallara, Durack, Richlands East and Serviceton South State Schools) competed and was awarded Silver at the Brisbane Band Festival competition last weekend. Well done to Phoebe in 5BM who represented our school.

Grandparents Day

Last Friday we celebrated Grandparents Day with a special assembly. We had a great group of students who sang, played piano, danced and performed a special drama in honour of our Grandparents and special friends. We received great feedback from our guests who enjoyed the ceremony and morning tea. Special thank you to Mrs Martin, Mr Simons, Mrs Ross and Ms Higgers for organising the poems and performances.



The Green Team

Our garden is growing very well and our keen gardeners, from Years 1- 6, are harvesting tomatoes and zucchinis every week. Our zucchini crop has been exceptional—we think they like the fertilizer we feed them! Several students have made the zucchini slice at home with their families and loved the result. Next we will try zucchini cake. Our cucumbers and lettuce have established themselves and we should see them ready for harvest in another 4 weeks. Please walk down and have a look next time you are at school.



Hats – Sun Safe

Currently we have many students who have lost their hats or their hats are torn or no longer fit. Every day all students are required to have a hat to enable them to play. We ask that all parents check their child has a hat and that the condition is



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satisfactory. Students who do not have a hat will be sat out until such as time as they provide one. New school hats can be purchased from the uniform shop for \$6.00.

Remembrance Day

We will be holding a Remembrance Day parade on Monday 11 November to commemorate fallen soldiers and all those who have suffered as a result of war.

Remembrance Day commemorates the event that occurred at 11am on 11 November 1918 when the guns of the Western Front fell silent after more than four years continuous warfare. This day has been proclaimed as the day we remember those who died on or suffered for Australia's cause in all wars and armed conflict. On this day we observe a minute's silence at 11am. This silence will be observed in all of our classrooms at this time on Remembrance Day. All welcome.



Possies for Sale

Students can purchase a poppy flower from in front of administration next week. They sell for \$1.00 each.

P & C News

Come and join us at our next P & C meeting on Tuesday 19 November at 9.15am in the Parent Room. All welcome.

P & C Colouring Competition

Last week we handed out colouring competition pictures to students. Completed entries can be placed in the box in the office or handed in at the canteen by 22 November. There is a boys first prize and a girls first prize in each class. On the 28 November Councillor Milton Dick is coming the school to judge the competition. Winners will be announced soon after. Good luck.



Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop hours are Tuesday to Friday 8.30am - 9.30am. Sorry NO EFTPOS available, cash only. Credit is not available. We do offer a 12 week layby plan. It is essential that your child has a school bucket hat. These can be purchased from the uniform shop for \$6.00.

School Banking

School Banking is every Tuesday before school at the Canteen. If you would like your child to participate in school banking please contact Jo or Amy at the canteen.

Measles Health Alert

Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. Measles is a highly infectious disease that begins with symptoms such as fever, tiredness, cough, runny nose and/or red inflamed eyes. Measles can lead to complications such as middle ear infections, pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Measles can spread very easily. Vaccination is the only way to prevent measles. Queensland Health encourages anyone who has not had two measles-containing vaccinations, or who is not sure about their vaccination status, to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The measles vaccine is free from your local doctor for anyone born from 1966 onwards.

If parents think their child might have measles, they are advised to keep them away from school and make an appointment with a doctor or phone 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) to organise medical assessment.

More information is available from http://access.health.qld.gov.au/hid/InfectionsandParasites/ViralInfections/measles_fs.asp

IMPORTANT DATES

1 November	Little Lorikeets (Pre Prep Program)
5 November	Prep Orientation (9.15am-10.15am)
6 November	Years 1 - 3 Swimming
7 November	Prep Orientation (2.00pm-3.00pm)
8 November	Little Lorikeets (Pre Prep Program)
11 November	Remembrance Day
12 November	Volunteers Morning Tea
13 November	Years 1 - 3 Swimming
20 November	Years 1—3 Swimming
22 November	Year 6 Griffith University
25 – 27 November	Camp Tallebudgera
5 December	R E Concert
6 December	Awards Ceremony
9 December	Year 7 Graduation
11 December	End Of Year Concert
15 December	Last Day of Term 4