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# Newsletter

**18 June 2020**

# Age Appropriate Pedagogies

As part of our journey into Age Appropriate Pedagogies (AAP), our Year 1 classes have been participating in inquiry based learning activities every Friday. Students have had a lot of fun participating in activities like finding hidden letters in sand to make words, using touch to describe whether different objects are hard, soft, rough or smooth, floating and sinking objects in water, and programming bee bots to find special places on their direction mats. When you walk into the classroom, you will see students actively engaged in these hands on activities, discussing their findings with their friends and getting excited about things that they have discovered for themselves.



-Rayyan 1A

-Nicole 1A

-Navjot 1B

-Arya 1C

- Anthony 1C



## Principals Piece

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This week I have some very exciting news to share. Starting in the holidays, we will be getting a brand new prep building added to our Prep Precinct! This new building will allow our third Prep class to be situated in the same area as the other two classrooms. The new building will be situated behind the Prep B classroom at the edge of the top oval area. It will be fully fenced to enable the whole area to be used by our Prep students and teachers. Between the two buildings will be a fake grass area to enable outdoor learning and will become the new eating area for the students. This area will allow the students to engage in age appropriate learning to build their experiences of the world and investigate learning in a safe way. The new fenced area will also open up the garden area currently at the side of Prep to enable more environmental learning to occur. We are very excited for this new chapter at Serviceton South State School. We believe the building will be ready to use by Week 4 of next term.

This new building will then allow our 4/5D class to move from the library, into the room currently being vacated by Prep C, for the remainder of the year. The 4/5D class and Mr Reidlinger are looking forward to this move. We have also purchased new tidy trays, tables and chairs for our students to use when they move into their new room.

Also over the holidays, a new pick up zone gate will be added to the front of the school to enable the pickup process to be smoother and not as far for the children to be walking to save time.

Regarding pick up in the afternoon, we currently haven't received any advice about when the current model of pick up and parents on school site due to COVID 19 will be relaxed, but are hopeful that after the holidays we will be able to have our parents and community back on school site. We will let the community know, when this information is provided to us. Please follow us on Facebook, as this is the best way for us to communicate this information to you in a timely manner.

Next term, we will be introducing to the community our newsletter in electronic form. It will be emailed out to each family, with some paper copies available from the office if you need one. This format will allow us to not only put photos and written content but also video clips of what is happening around the school. Parents will also be able to select an option to change the text to any language that they may use to understand what is happening in the school. We are looking forward to providing more of our families access to the information about what is happening at school!

Finally, a reminder that report cards will be sent out after the holidays in Week 2 and will be a modified report card only reporting on English, Maths, Science and HASS.

Until next time

**Marie Whitfield**  
PRINCIPAL

## School Opinion Survey

Parents and Caregivers are invited to participate in this year's *School Opinion Survey* and have a say about schooling during the COVID-19 lockdown.

You are also given the opportunity to provide feedback about our school more generally. Participation in the survey is anonymous and you are encouraged to take this opportunity to have your say. The survey form has been designed so that it can easily be completed on a computer or smartphone. The online survey will be available until **Friday, 17 July 2020**, and should take less than five minutes to complete.

To access the survey, please click on the link below or copy and paste it into your web browser:

Parent survey – <https://survey.ged.qld.gov.au/form/Parents-HaveYourSay>

Please contact the school if you have any questions about the survey.



## Acknowledgement of Country

*"We acknowledge the Yuggerah and Jagera people, the traditional owners of the land where our school is located. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. We recognise their connection to Country and their role in caring for and maintaining Country over thousands of years"*



14-20 June	Refugee Week
26 June	ABC Celebration Day
26 June	Last Day of Term 2
13 July	First Day of Term 3
14 August	Public Holiday – <i>In place of Ekka Show day</i>
2 September	School Photos

### Communication: Newsletter is going Online

Please ensure you provide the office with your updated contact details if you have moved house, changed your phone number or you have not yet provided your current email address. As our school continues to move towards online practices, it is imperative that your details remain updated to receive SMS messages on your phone and from Term 3, our school newsletter via email.

Commencing in Term 3, our school newsletter will be published online using the platform, ePublisher by AustNews. Viewing the newsletter online will provide a convenience for families to access the information as it becomes available, and to view a wider range of text, images and video messages from staff. The newsletter can be accessed on any device where you normally access your emails. Moving the newsletter online will also allow us to provide Flash News, reminders and snapshots of school events via this same platform, as well as our school Facebook page. To make sure your kept up to date with the latest school news, ensure that your email address is updated with the school. On each release of the newsletter we will send you a link to view our articles. We will also be posting the link on Facebook for our school community to view.



### Student Records Update

**Moved to a new house?**

**Changed contact numbers?**

**Created a new email address?**

**Does your child have a medical condition?**



The school must be able to contact parents and listed emergency contacts for many reasons such as your child is unwell, parent and teacher discussions, etc.

It is also a requirement that all medical conditions such as asthma, chronic conditions, anaphylaxis and allergic reactions require a:

# Medical Action Plan - this is obtained by your medical practitioner

# Medication within the expiry date (*if any*) that has a pharmacy label

Simply contact the school office by phone (07 3714 0222) or email ([admin@servicetonsouthss.eq.edu.au](mailto:admin@servicetonsouthss.eq.edu.au)) to update us on this important information



## New Dates Have Been Announced

### School Camp Update

As previously advised in our last newsletter, our Years 5 and 6 camp from this year has unfortunately been cancelled. A new booking has been made for **2021** at Gold Coast Recreation Centre, Tallebudgera. The camp has been booked for Wednesday 21 – Friday 23 April. This will be available for students who are currently in Years 4 and 5 and a maximum of 70 students will be able to attend. Information regarding total cost, deposit required to secure your child's place, activities etc will be sent home early in Term 3.



### National NAIDOC Week 2020

New dates have now been announced for the National NAIDOC week celebrations. This will be held from the 8-15 November.

**Always Was,  
Always Will Be.**

8 - 15 NOV 2020

#NAIDOC2020



### CBCA Book Week 2020 will now be held 17-23 October.

These later dates will apply in 2020 only, recognising the exceptional circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. From 2021, the CBCA expects that the annual Book of the Year Awards and CBCA Book Week will revert to their normal schedule of the Awards announced on the third Friday in August, with CBCA Book Week commencing the following day.

Events will be held across the school for both of these events, with further information provided later in the year.

### Refugee Week: 14 – 20h June 2020

This year's theme for Refugee Week is 'Celebrating the Year of Welcome'. Our school is so fortunate to have families from many different parts of the world, including those from refugee backgrounds. We

welcome you all to our school. But what exactly is a 'refugee'? According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), refugees are 'people who have fled war, violence, conflict or persecution and have crossed an international border to find safety in another country.' There are 25.9 million refugees in the world, 57% of whom come from just three countries: Syria, Afghanistan and South Sudan. Most refugees go to neighbouring countries, with millions living in substandard housing or camps in such countries as Turkey, Pakistan and Uganda. Sadly, around 52% of refugees are children. Australia took in around 18,750 refugees in 2018-19.

Refugee week is a time to reflect on the fact that for most of us, peace is a part of everyday life. It is certainly something to be thankful for! Please see our Facebook page for more information about refugees.





## PE & Sports News with Mr McGregor

### Week 9 of Serviceton South School Sport.

Next term we are commencing *Thursday Afternoon Sport* for our students in Years 4-6. This will occur every Thursday from 1:25pm-2:45pm for the remainder of the year. Students will rotate to a new sport every three weeks and will participate in class groups, with teams then formed based on Sport Houses. This model will give students an opportunity to learn new skills, build team skills and participate in a variety of different sports. The Intra-school sport competition will commence on Thursday 16 July, the first week back.

### Sports cycle:

- Weeks 1 & 2 Skill base learning of sport
- Week 3 House competition in class group with points awarded for placings

Points will be awarded to the placement of teams during the competition. At the end of each term, the House with the highest overall points will win the House Cup. Parents and students will be informed about the competition and placings on Parade each week and in the newsletter.

### Term 3 – Thursday Intra-school Sport Roster below;

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Class	Weeks 1 -3	Weeks 4-6	Weeks 7-9
6A	Cricket	Ball Games	Golf
6B	Basketball	Cricket	Ball Games
5A	Netball	Basketball	Cricket
5B	Touch Football	Netball	Basketball
4/5D	Soccer	Touch Football	Netball
4A	Golf	Soccer	Touch Football
3/4C	Ball Games	Golf	Soccer

Teacher	Sport
Mrs Allen	Cricket
Miss Birmingham	Basketball
Miss Henry	Netball
Miss Cusack / Mr Reidlinger	Soccer
Miss Hoang	Golf
Miss Thomas	Ball games

## Learning Around our School



### Japanese Language with Miss Collins

The grade 5 and 6 students know the first Japanese cooking foray did not go quite to plan. As they say in Japan, "even monkeys fall from trees" and Miss Collins made a mistake with the sauce. Thanks goodness for the Inala shops! Much thanks to my able kitchen hands: Lena, Dakota and Andy from 6B.

Congratulations to Danae for winning the free serve.

We'll do it all again next Tuesday so if you missed out don't forget your \$1 or try to win a free serve by answering this question:

**In which country did Japanese curry originate?**  
**Send you answer to Miss Collins at**  
[tcoll78@eq.edu.au](mailto:tcoll78@eq.edu.au)







Year 6 takes the spotlight for this newsletter. Let's take a look at what our fabulous and focussed senior students have been up to.

Students have been learning about Poetry and the United Nations Conventions on the Rights of the Child. The students chose a "Right" to inform their poem. Student's engaged in writing and drafting after learning about a number of Figurative language and Sound devices. The year 6 teachers have been very impressed with the quality of poems, especially given the shorter amount of at school learning time this term.



### ***Raised and Loved***

*Every child needs a home  
No matter if it's a he or she  
A family that would care for you  
I wonder who that person could be.*

*They will give you love  
They will give you care  
They will always protect you  
And treat you fair.*

*They will love you to death  
And give you the best hugs  
You'll be as warm as a fire  
And you'll be running like a bunch of pugs.*

*They will give you what you need  
They will love you so you don't lie  
They will sacrifice everything for you  
And now it's time to say goodbye.*

-LENA

### ***Every Child has a Right***

*Every Child has a right for the knowledge to stay well.  
Every Child has a right to Health care.  
We shouldn't be disadvantaged.  
Everything should be fair.*

*Every child has a right for their essential needs.  
Safe water and nutritious food.  
We shouldn't be left here dying of starvation.  
Then we'll all be in a marvellous mood.*

*Every child has a right to an exceeding and excellent  
environment.  
We need a safe place to stay.  
Some clothes as soft as velvet.  
With shoes and socks so we can play.*

-DARLENE

### **PBL News with Mrs Parkinson**

#### **Lesson of the Week**

**Term 2 | Week 9:** I use the toilet during break times. **Week 10:** Celebrate Success.

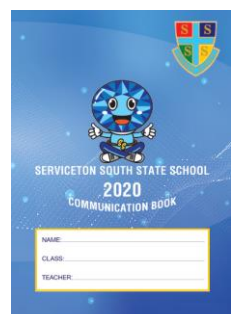
**Term 3 | Week 1:** Setting up for Success

**ABC Celebration Day:** Students who meet our ABC criteria for weeks 6 -10 that have Attendance- 95% or above Behaviour – no more than 2 Major Behaviours recorded Curriculum- 'C' or above for *effort* in Mathematics and English) will be eligible to attend the ABC Celebration Day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Each class will offer a movie and treat (popcorn, popper, ice block etc).

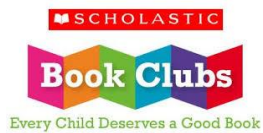
Have you contacted the school or sent in a note in the Communication Book to explain any absences?

### **Communication Books**

Communication Books are a wonderful tool to build home and school connections as well as send and receive important messages. Sadly, many Communication Books are currently missing. Please have a good look around home and put them back to use again.



## Curriculum Corner with Mrs Thomas



We had such an overwhelming response to our most recent Book Club issue. Thank you to our school community so much! Not only do you get access to a range of amazing books at great prices for your home library, but every order you place get us points as a school that we can redeem in resources. This time around we have been able to order some books to support the teaching and learning happening in Year 1 and Year 5 next term, but we have also replaced some worn copies of popular novels and bought some more sets of books for the boys of the school. So again, thank you so much! These wonderful additions would not have been possible without your support.



### Home Reading

I would like to remind you all of the wonderful home reading prizes on offer at SSSS. It's now even easier to record your home reading as there is a special place for it in your communication book.



If you would like to record it on a separate sheet to be handed in to me that is also fine. Don't forget your Premier's Reading Challenge records also count so get reading! There's lots of prizes I'd love to give away and lots of space on the Home Reading Hall of Fame in the office for the faces of our famous readers.

### Holiday Reading Challenge

These school holidays we are kicking off our first reading challenge! Every child will be bringing a challenge board home with them to read over the holidays. There are lots of fun and new ways to try reading on the Monopoly style game board. I encourage you to look at the 'Bookopoly Board' as it's known and see if you have the resources at home to complete the challenge. If not, encourage your child to borrow some books from our library before school ends to support this. Every child

who returns the challenge completed will receive a bookmark of their choice. We will also do one or two lucky dip draws and these special winners will receive a book pack. (Don't forget to include all your reading on your Premiers Reading Challenge log for your chance to win even more goodies!)

## Helpful Information from our Guidance Officer - Anne Chapman

### Domestic and family violence services

Challenging times can unfortunately result in relationship strain and abuse. Families and young people are encouraged to reach out for support. Domestic and family violence services are continuing to operate.



kidshelpline  
Anytime Any Reason

1800 55 1800 | kidshelpline.com.au

**In an emergency, always call the Police on triple zero (000).**

[DVConnect](#) provides crisis support for domestic and family violence issues.

[1800RESPECT](#) is available for 24/7 web and telephone counselling.

[Kids Helpline](#) is available 24/7 for children and young people seeking counselling and support.

[Domestic and Family Violence](#) portal established by the Queensland Government provides useful information on local domestic and family violence services.