24th February 2015

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Week 2
Dylan
Layney
Arabella
Harrison
Lilly
P.E.
Emily
Choir
Arabella
P’ground
Jack
Principal’s
Luke
Science
Audrey /Katia
LOTE
Lilly

Week 3
Faith
Tyson
Caleb
Matti
Charlie
Choir
Brooklyn
P.E.
Oliver
P’ground
Ellie
Principal
Courtney
Science
Layney /Caitlin

RULE OF THE WEEK

Week 5 Complete set tasks.
Week 6 Ask permission to leave the room.

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup is still being held on Tuesday from 9.00 am to 11.00 am at the Hall.
To support pre prep students within our area, the school is providing a teacher aide to work alongside Playgroup mums and carers. Mrs Amanda Maas will be working with playgroup mums and children every Tuesday. She will be implementing mini thematic units to engage the 3 – 4 year old children in preparation for school. Activities will also be available for younger children which can be operated by parents/carers. Parents/carers will still be responsible for behaviour management of all children attending and are expected to support Mrs Maas in her efforts to provide pre-prep children with activities that afford them the very best opportunity for transition into prep. Please come along on Tuesday mornings from 9.00 am to 11.00 am at the school hall to join this group. Alternatively you can ring the school for more information.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS

Thank you to all of the parents who have attended our class information sessions. Staff were able to provide information and answer questions about the operations of their class. Throughout the year, if you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher. If the matter is of a more serious nature, raise the issue with the teacher and if necessary make an
appointment at a mutually convenient time to discuss the matter further.

SCHOOL LEADERS BADGE CEREMONY

Congratulations to the following students who were elected to positions in our recent school elections.

School captains: Jack & Ruby
Vice Captains: Liam & April
Sports Captains: Faith (Grevillea) & Courtney (Melaleuca)

Student Council:
President: Jarrad
Secretary: April
Treasurer: Liam
Choir Captain: Lucy
Activities Manager: Cameron

Badges have been ordered and a date for the badge ceremony will be advised as soon as possible.

P&C MEETING

The first P&C meeting for 2015 was held on Monday 16th February.

Elections were held for the committee with the following parents being elected to positions –

President – Mel Cash
Vice President - John Holland
Secretary – Sandy Millar
Treasurer – Lisa Plotzki
Uniform Convenor – Narelle Terry
Uniform assistant – Athena Ivanisevic
Banking Convenor – Sandy Millar
Bookclub – Sharon Conway

We thank the above parents for their willingness to take on these roles and the past committee for their hard work and commitment to the students of our school.

We also thank the P&C for their generous donation for the recent purchase of 10 iPads for student use.

Since the meeting Mrs Marie McClurg has kindly offered to be our Tuckshop Convenor. Thank you Marie for taking on this role. The first tuckshop day for the year will be this Friday (27th February) at first break only. There will be a limited menu as per below. Please clearly write your child’s order on a paper bag, enclose the money and return to your child’s teacher no later than 9am Friday.

LIL SCRUBBERS CAFÉ

MEAL DEALS for Friday 27th February
1. Hot Dog with cheese, Popper and Zooper Dooper
2. Ham, Cheese and Pineapple Pizza, Zooper Dooper and Packet of Chips

$5.50 per meal

BEHAVIOUR

Congratulations to all students on their exemplary behaviour to start the school year.

As you are aware from recent parent information sessions, our behaviour code follows STAR rules and the Traffic Light System, whereby children commence each day on green and if inappropriate behaviour occurs, progress through yellow then red. If this behaviour continues they may be sent to Buddy Class. Two Buddy Class sessions per day is an automatic detention. Immediate detention is at the discretion of the teacher and is dependent on disruption, safety etc. Remember:
Every child has the right to learn in a suitable environment.
No child has the right to disrupt the learning of others.
INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Mr Francis has tested all interested students and letters are being sent home regarding instruments. If you are hiring a school instrument there will also be a hire form to be completed and returned. Lessons will be held on Wednesdays between 12.00pm and 1.00pm.

If your child did not get their chosen instrument they will be put with the percussion group for the time being until we are able to purchase some more instruments.

“I WANT TO BE” DAY

On Friday we will be holding a Free Dress Day for “I Want To Be Day” to support kids with cancer. This day encourages children 12 and under to dress up, dream and visualise what they aspire to be when they grow up. At the same time it reminds them and their parents that whilst they can dream about their future there are kids who are not so fortunate. Please come to school in casual clothes and bring along a gold coin donation for The Kids Cancer Project. Remember singlet style tops and thongs must not be worn. School shoes and hats are still required.

CLASS GOALS

Every student at Veresdale Scrub State School has a class goal. Currently, the goal to start in Week 6 relates to number facts. Goals are assessed and revisited at five weekly intervals. Students are encouraged to strive to achieve all of their goals. We will also be creating goals in relation to reading and spelling.

NO HAT, NO PLAY!!!

We wish to remind parents and students that we are a NO HAT, NO PLAY school. Each student should have a black school hat with logo with their name clearly marked on it. Students will not be able to loan hats from the school or from other children at play time. Arrangements are made for students without a hat to sit undercover or at second break go to the Library.

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORMS

Emergency contact detail forms have been attached to this newsletter. Please check all details and make any necessary changes in red. All forms must be signed at the bottom as proof of sighting and returned to school.

PIANO LESSONS

Piano lessons are available before school and into the first session on a Tuesday morning, with Mrs Coral Antcliff. We are extremely fortunate to have the opportunity for students to learn the piano at a very reasonable cost. If you would like your child/ren to participate in piano lessons, please ring Coral on 55 412 148.

DATES OF INTEREST

March 19 School photos 9.00 am
Apr. 23 School Anzac Service 10.45am