

Vineyard Public School

Term 1 Week 8

16th March
2017



Grapevine

A message from the Principal

Hello all,

I am consistently amazed with the students at Vineyard. Each day I see happy children engaged in meaningful learning in our classrooms. They are always challenging themselves to do their best and improve in all areas of their schooling. Keep up the hard work we are very proud of all of you!

Please remember if you have any concerns about your child at school, do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or myself. I am sure we will sort out any problems or concerns.

Thanks,
Matthew Kean
Relieving Principal





New Bell Times

Please note that school will still begin at 9:10 and end at 3:10 but we are making some small changes to times throughout the day. We are making these changes in order to maximise learning time for the children and to help maintain concentration throughout the day.

Times will be as follows:

Start	9:10
Lunch eating	11:10 – 11:20
Lunch Play	11:20- 11:50
Recess Eating	1:40 – 1:45
Recess Play	1:45- 2:10
Home time	3:10

Term 2

First day of Term 2 for the students is Wednesday 26th April. Monday 24th April is a pupil free day and the staff at Vineyard will be working to implement quality programs for your children.

Assembly

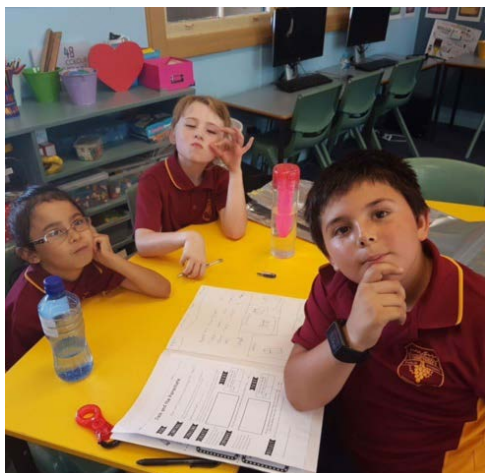
K - 6 Assemblies will be held on a Tuesday afternoon at 2.45pm in the School Library. We invite all community members to our assembly to celebrate the success and achievements of our students. We look forward to seeing you at our next assembly on March 28th.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club program on Tuesday from 8.40am to 9.00am.

We are very lucky to have this program, run by the Vineyard Church who provides us with donations of food for our nutritious meals.

If you wish your child to attend the Breakfast Club, could they please arrive at school with enough time to eat their breakfast prior to the 9.10 starting bell to avoid disruption to the student's learning programs.



Cross Country

On Friday, 31st March at 2.00pm we will be holding our annual school Cross Country Carnival. All students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate. Students from Years 3 – 6 and Year 2 students, who turn 8 years of age this year, may have the opportunity to participate in the Small School's Cross Country.

All students should wear their sports uniform on the day, which includes appropriate sports shoes for running. We look forward to seeing you there. Come along and support your child.

Easter Raffle

As part of our Easter celebrations the P&C are having an Easter Raffle. We are asking for donations of Easter eggs and bunnies for the Easter Raffle. Please take these donations to Mrs Bevan in the office as soon as possible. Raffle tickets will be sent home shortly and the raffle will be drawn on Thursday 6th April, 2017, at our Easter Hat Parade and BBQ.

P&C

Our next Parents & Citizens Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21st March, 2017 in the school library at 9.10am. Please come and be part of our P & C and become actively involved in our school community. We always look forward to seeing new faces at the beginning of every school year. So far this year, the P & C have the following events planned for this year:

- Easter Raffle to be drawn on Thursday 6th April, 2017
- Mothers' Day Stall
- Bunnings BBQ at McGraths Hill Saturday 13th May 2017
- Father's Day Stall
- Bunnings BBQ at Rouse Hill Saturday 11th November, 2017

If you are able to assist with any of these events, the P & C would be very grateful.



It's a Wormy World!

On Thursday, 16th March, our students were fortunate enough to have an environmental education visit from Blacktown Council. During the visit, students learned about caring for worms in our school worm farm.

What did you learn?

"Worms don't like sunlight"

- David

"Worms don't have noses or eyes!"

- Jossie

"I learnt what worms eat. They like banana peels and apple cores."

- Richard

What was your favourite part of the visit?

"I liked the relay. I put the food that is good for worms, like apples, in the green box and food that is bad for worms in the red box."

- Seth

"I got to hold some worms!"

- Annabelle



Check for more information online!

Miss Barker and Miss Brickley have been working really hard to update our school website. On the website you can find the latest newsletters and some fantastic photos of events happening around the school.

School Fees

The provision of quality education relies not only on the quality of the teaching staff, but also on the quality of resources which we use to educate the students.

The school fees for each student for 2017 will be \$45 each. Whilst this fee is not compulsory we would encourage you to pay this fee in order for us to provide quality ICT programs for your child. This fee includes providing each student with a Licence for the online computer programs 'Literacy Planet', 'Mathletics' and 'Reading Eggs'.

Once a year we also ask that each family make a voluntary contribution to our school of \$40.00 per student or \$60.00 per family for a paper levy.

This funding assists the school in maintaining quality education for your child/ren. The staff and students thank you for your contribution.

Please try to finalise these payments as soon as possible. See Mr Kean or Mrs Bevan in the office if you wish to discuss this. There is a note with the information regarding contributions in this newsletter.

Canteen

The school canteen will be open on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week. Students will be able to order their lunch on these days.

The school canteen committee are seeking parents, caregivers and community members who are interested in volunteering their time to work in the canteen particularly on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you are able to assist, could you please speak to Laticia or let the school office know of your availability.



Dates for your Diary

- 17th March – High School enrolments due
- 21st March – P&C Meeting and Harmony day
- 24th March – backyard League program begins and final week of gymnastics
- 28th March – K/6 Assembly
- 31th March – School Cross Country
- 3rd April – School Photos
- 6th April – Easter Celebrations hat parade and BBQ
- 7th April – Last Day Term 1

Gymnastics

We are very lucky to be participating in the Sporting Schools program again this year. This term we are doing Gymnastics with Kachan School of Tumbling and Performance.



Assembly Awards

Kay-Jay – interesting and imaginative writing

Diamond – fantastic behaviour

Richard – Random Acts of Kindness Award

Weekly Awards

Richard

Seth

Ronald

Billy

Weekly Winners

Beth

Luka

