

Vineyard Public School

Term 1 Week 5



23rd February
2017

Grapevine

A message from the Principal

Hello all,

With this being the first official newsletter of the year I would love to take the opportunity once again to express how welcomed the entire school community at Vineyard PS has made me feel. The children have been working extremely hard in what has been some very hot and uncomfortable weather. I have visited classes and have watched the children engage in classroom activities.

I would like to thank all the parents, carers and community members who attended the Meet the Teacher breakfast last Thursday to find out about your child's learning journey this year.

We will be having formal Parent/Teacher interviews later in the term to discuss the academic progress of your child and to learn about data taken with Kindergarten students.

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 sort out any problems or concerns.

Thanks,
Matthew Kean
Relieving Principal





Assembly

This Term, our K - 6 Assemblies will be held on a Tuesday afternoon in weeks 7 and 10 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 7th.

Snakes

As many of you are aware, last week we had a sighting of a snake. At the time, all precautions were taken by staff to ensure the safety of the students and the school community.

WIRES visited the school the following day and were unable to locate the snake.

We will continue to maintain the restricted area around the basketball hoops as often when students are shooting goals the ball goes into the garden / bushes where the snake was sighted and student retrieve the ball from this area.

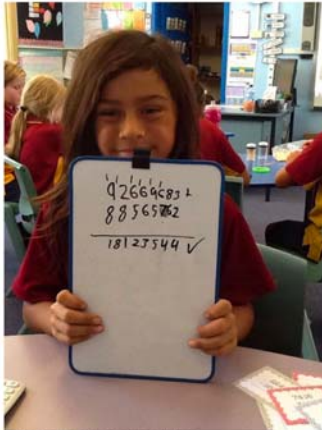
All teachers have discussed with students what to do if a snake is sighted in the school grounds.

Breakfast Club

We are very fortunate to be able to have a Breakfast Club operate at our school. The program operates on Tuesday from 8.40am to 9.00am, manned by volunteers from the Vineyard Church.

Breakfast Club is currently sponsored by The Sisterhood from the Vineyard Church who provides us with donations of food for our nutritious meals.

It would be appreciated, that if you wish your child to attend the Breakfast Club, they 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.



I was doing math and learning how to do longer addition

3-6 News

Seesaw

Seesaw is a simple and exciting way for our class to record and share what's happening in the classroom. Seesaw gives students a place to document their learning, be creative and learn how to use technology safely. When a student is proud of something they have achieved, or completed, they upload it into their folder using a photo, video or text. Students can comment and like others work, providing a place to teach safe and polite online use. At the start of next week, I will send home a note providing a password so that you can log on and see the students work.

I can't wait to share with you some of the fantastic work that your children are producing each and every day in class!

Mr Migibbins and the Secret Door By Kay-Jay

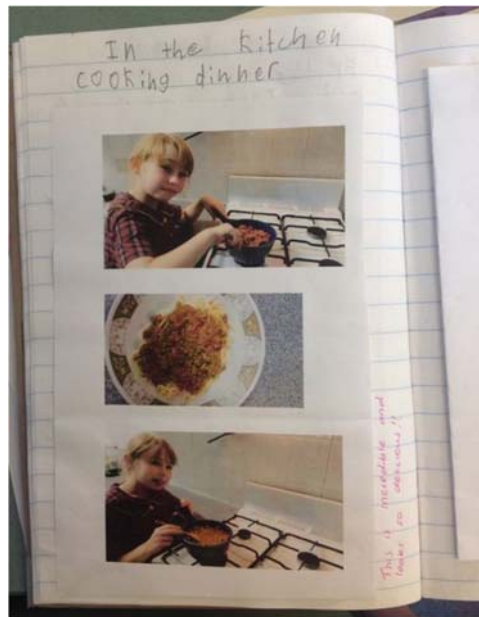
Chapter 1: Mr Migibbins and the ghost

'Knock, knock, knock!' 'Boom smack!'

Mr Migibbins walked to the door. "I'm coming, I'm coming" he said. He opened the door and... Poof! Nobody was there. All there was was a big package laying on the floor. He brought the package inside and opened it slowly.

Whoosh! Mr Migibbins was terrified. It was a ghost inside the package! He zoomed to the door and the ghost flew outside the door and into the darkness. Mr Migibbins slammed the door with a bang so hard that it made the house shake. He couldn't believe his eyes and what he just saw.

That afternoon, he told his mates what had happened but they didn't believe him. They said to Mr Migibbins "If you tell the police, they won't believe you". Mr Migibbins went home with tears dripping down his cheek.



My homework! Cooking dinner with mum

STEAM

This year, our class will be taking part in a STEAM Team Challenge focusing on developing skills using coding and robotics. The STEAM Team Challenge will be a non-competitive, task oriented program aimed at building student capacity around using emerging technologies. Students from our class will be given opportunities to experience using these technologies.



NRL Visit

On Monday, we were fortunate enough to have 3 Penrith Panthers players visit our Year 2-6 students to discuss respect and teamwork. Students enjoyed the opportunity to meet and interact with the players, asking questions and learning how to accept differences on and off the field.

High School Enrolments

High School Enrolments will be handed out on Wednesday 8th March.

There are four steps to enrolling your child in Year 7:

- Deciding which school you would like your child to attend
- Completing an Expression of Interest for placement at the school of your choice
- Completing the Application to Enrol sent to you by the school offering your child a place
- Following consideration of your application by the school principal, you will be advised if your child's application to enrol has been accepted.

The High School Expression of Interest Forms need to be returned to school by Friday 17th March 2017.

Please note, all families must return a form including those who have applied for placement in a non-government school. If this is the case, and you have been guaranteed a place, please complete Section E – Placement not required.

School Photos

Our school photos will be taken on Monday, 3rd April, 2017. Packages will be sent home when available. I would request that students are dressed in their summer uniform with black shoes.

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.

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.



Dates for your diary

- 3rd March – Clean Up Australia
- 7th March – K-6 Assembly
- 8th March – High School enrolments handed out.
- 14th March – Parent Teacher Interviews
- 17th March – High School enrolments due
- 21st March – P&C Meeting and Harmony day
- 31th March – School Cross Country
- 3rd April – School Photos
- 6th April – Easter Celebrations

Cross Country

We will be holding our annual school Cross Country Carnival on Friday, 31st March at 2.00pm. All students from K to 6 will be participating. 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.

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.

As this is the beginning of another school year, we are looking for suggestions of snacks our school canteen could sell. Please see Laticia or the office with any suggestions.

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.

Assembly Awards

Janice – being a hard worker in her class

Jossie – being a math whiz!

Jacob – Random Acts of Kindness Award

Weekly Awards

Sara
Janice
Emily
Ivan
Billie
Bob
Jordan
Beth

2 – 6 STEAM

This term Years 2 – 6 are participating in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) on a Monday afternoon with Miss Barker. During this time, students work cooperatively in multi-age groups to problem solve and construct solutions to real world problems through hands-on activities.

