FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Hello everybody and thank you for the warm welcome I have received here at Vienna Woods. I will be here until the end of the first week of Term 4 while Mrs Fiedler is on leave.

I spent my first morning visiting classes, meeting our teachers, students, teacher aides and parent volunteers. I was very impressed with the range of wonderful learning spaces and how quickly each and every class were engaging with their learning, especially their reading activities. My mantra throughout my teaching career has been “Kids Who Read Succeed” so I was excited to see this emphasis as well as having arrived here just in time for Book Week!

To celebrate Book Week this week, we have our Book Fair, Indigenous storytelling, book and story sharing and our Book Character Parade. Come along dressed up as a favourite book character to join in the fun this Friday morning at 8.45am.

I am looking forward to learning more about this wonderful school and school community across the next few weeks as you are quite well known in education circles for your ongoing high levels of student achievement. With learning to read being given such attention, I’m not surprised.

Love your reading, love your learning!
Last week during Science Week "Drones, Droids and Robots", students engaged in lots of exciting Science activities. On Monday we had a visit from the ‘Dream Factory’ and students actively explored a range of robots and technology. Then on Thursday we had our Science Day. Students worked with high school teachers from Alexandra Hills SHS and explored the technology and circuitry of ‘little bits’. They also engaged in a range of interesting science investigations in buddy classes. We had lava lamps, balloon races, goop, palaeontology and investigating shadows and surface tension just to mention a few of the activities. The older students all worked with a lower school class. It was amazing watching how interested, motivated and engaged students were in the activities. In every single class students were having a fabulous time experimenting.

After school we showcased some of the work students are doing with coding and robotics. Once again we had the support of our high school teachers and Mr Bell our technology teacher. Mrs Flexman and Mr Powell (AHSHS) were able to show the students some of the exciting robotics that lies ahead for them in high school. Thank you to the parents that were able to come along. I could see by your children’s faces how thrilled they were to show off what they had been learning.

The Design a Robot competition was absolutely amazing and students and families put so much effort into their designs. I know Mrs Wakefield had an incredibly difficult time deciding on some winners. All students should be commended for their creativity and interesting designs to help make their life easier. I certainly wished I could take some home to make cleaning my house a breeze!

I must also commend my amazing band of teachers for all their extra work on top of their normal class planning to prepare science activities and investigations that engaged the students so brilliantly. I would like to particularly thank Ms Norton and Mrs Powell who coordinated the week. Technology is the way of the future and we have a responsibility to prepare students. It is estimated that:

- 75% of the fastest growing occupations require science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) related skills and knowledge
- 60% of new jobs require skills held by 20 per cent of the workforce
- 50% of the world’s entrepreneurs are between the ages of 25 and 44

Jackie Fiedler - Principal

BOOK WEEK 2016

AUGUST 22 - 26

Which book character will your child be?

Each year, across Australia, The Children’s Book Council of Australia brings children and books together celebrating Children's Book Week. We have an exciting week of celebrating planned here at school.

Last week your child brought home a note with all the exciting events we have planned to celebrate Book Week this week. We have some great prizes for the competitions and the book character parade.

Prep and Year 1 students were very excited to have a visit from the Redlands Mobile Library and a storyteller on Monday. Some students were able to borrow a book. The library is open to all to join and the mobile library parks in Cumberland Drive Alexandra Hills every Wednesday afternoon between 1.30 and 4pm. There are several other locations as well as the permanent libraries in the Redlands. Visit www.redland.qld.gov.au for more information and the many other activities they offer.

Reminders for this week:

- Don’t forget to return your family quiz on Thursday morning
- Book Fair in the Discovery Centre
- Our Book Character Parade on Friday morning.

Wendy Wakefield - HOC

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
8-12 August 2016
Quinley, Ruby, Connor, Seth, Kaitlin, Ryder, Yasmine, Mark, Rhylee, Starr, Emmerson, Kelly, Ava, Ka-Lia, Shayla, Skye, Shannon, Calian, Cayley, Bailea.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
15-19 August 2016
Bonnie, Ryan, Angus, Flynn, Keely, Anjali, Aiden, Laurel, Noah, Cooper, Aiyana, Mia, Thomas, Zoe, Jake, Tayla, Jackson, Ellie, Blake, Sam.

SCHOOL BANKING
WE NEED YOUR HELP
We are seeking a Voluntary School Banking Co-ordinator for approx. 1 hour every Friday morning to process the school banking. If you are interested or would like to know more, please feel free to pop into the school office.
**TUCKSHOP NEWS**

A **MASSIVE** thank you must go out to Nikki and Jill for assisting with the Science Meal Deals last Thursday on our Science Day. Our tuckshop could not operate as well as it does without the support and help from our school community. The day was a success once again and we trust that all students enjoyed their meal deals.

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**CHAPPY NEWS**

Vienna Woods State School community

**We need you!**

Join a **team** on Saturday 22nd October in a 30 minute spin bike challenge and raise funds for our Chaplaincy Program. If you are in grade 5 or 6, a parent, a teacher, or a member of our school community you can be involved.

**Great prizes** to be won including Penny Skateboards for the **top two student fundraisers** from our school.

Contact **Chappy Carol** if you’re interested. [www.spinoff.org.au](http://www.spinoff.org.au)

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**MORE CHAPPY NEWS**

**Men of Vienna Woods State School**

you are invited to a

**Father’s Day Big Brekkie**

On Thursday 1st September 7am – 8am in the **Staff Room**. Come along for a feed and meet Bill Hunter who is chaplain to the Broncos.

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**BOOK WEEK**

*Australia: Story Country*

1. **Book Fair**
   - **Come in and buy a book.**
   - **Wednesday 24 August to Monday 29 August** in the Discovery Centre
   - **Times:**
     - 8.00-8.30am
     - Lunch break
     - 2:30-3:30
     - Closed Friday

2. **Book Character parade**
   - **Friday 26 August at 8:45 in Hall.**

Students are invited to dress up as their favourite character from any book:
- e.g. a pirate, Harry Potter, a fairy/princess, farmer, Cat in The Hat, any animal, characters from a Nursery Rhyme.

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**FEAST**

Taste flavours of the world and enjoy African drumming

**SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER**

5:30PM to 8PM @ BAYSIDE SALVATION ARMY

1 MACARTHUR STREET, ALEXANDRA HILLS

**Kindy RSVP by 9 September**

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...will be broadcasting live from our school on Wednesday 5th October....

Come along and have breakfast with us and join in the fun activities.

**CHAPPY CAROL**

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*Angela Arnold*