25 May 2016

Principal – Jacqueline Fiedler

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

PREP ENROLMENT

It was lovely to meet some of our new Preps for next year last Wednesday. It is so exciting to see the next siblings of a number of our families finally joining us as we have watched them grow from babies.

If you have any friends or family who would also like to join our wonderful school please ask them to contact the school office or look on our website.

We will hold another open day next term.

WINTER UNIFORMS

While the days are still beautiful and warm the mornings are getting a little cooler. A reminder that our Winter Uniform consists of either a green or black plain jumper or jacket. There are to be no logos on the clothing or hoods other than the VWSS logo.

Shirts of varying colours are not to be worn underneath the school shirt.

Students wearing incorrect jumpers will be asked to take them off and put them in their bags.

We have quite a number of jumpers and jackets already in our lost property box and all unnamed. We encourage you to write your child’s name on their jumper so it can be returned when they leave it lying around somewhere.

There are also a number of uniforms for sale at the back of the hall on assembly days for a gold coin if you need to purchase one for your child.
ATTENDANCE

It is essential your child attends school on time every day as we have so much learning to cover in the Australian Curriculum. Research is absolutely clear that your child’s attendance has a direct impact on their success at school. As the teachers complete report cards it is very apparent the effect of missing school days is having on some students.

We recently received the following information from Education Queensland. Analysis of the school attendance data found consistent correlations between attendance and student NAPLAN scores and disciplinary absences. This aligns with findings in the research literature on a much broader range of student outcomes.

The literature suggests that a low level of school attendance may be associated with:

* poor academic achievements including lower levels of achievement on literacy (for example, reading, writing) and numeracy (Simons, Bampton, Findlay & Dempster, 2007)

* reduced opportunities for students to learn and access educational resources e.g. programs, teachers who impact on students’ academic attainment (Bridgeland, Dilulio & Morison, 2006)

* further absenteeism in subsequent grades (Alexander, Entwisle & Horsey, 1997; Barrington & Hendricks, 1989; Kaplan, Peck & Kaplan, 1995; Rumberger, 1987; Rumberger, Ghatak, Poulos, Ritter & Dornbusch, 1990)

* early school leaving (Capps, 2003; Epstein & Sheldon, 2002; Reid, 1999, 2002; Bridgeland, Dilulio & Morison, 2006). Studies of early school leavers show that leaving school is merely the culminating act of a long withdrawal process from school (Finn, 1989; National Center for Education Statistics, 2003; Newmann, Wehlage & Lamborn, 1992)

* leaving school with fewer qualifications (National Audit Office, UK, 2005)

* alcohol, tobacco, and substance use in adolescents (Halefors, Vevea, Iritani, Cho, Khatapoush & Saxe, 2002); attendance is a stronger predictor of youth substance use than academic achievement (Halefors, et al, 2002; Hendricks et al, 2010)

* unemployment and long-term unemployment (Rumberger, 1987)

* labour force status (Rumberger, 1987)

* increased likelihood of poverty (Bell, Rimmer & Rimmer, 1992)

* criminal activity (Harlow, 2003)

* lower level of health/life expectancy (Cohen & Soto, 2002).

We encourage parents to come and speak with the teacher or Principal if there is some aspect of support required to ensure your child attends school every day unless they are ill.

Jackie Fiedler – Principal

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

10-13 May 2016

17-20 May 2016

SCHOOL PHOTO MONEY

Late and final payments for School Photos must be paid no later than Thursday 2 June.
Breakfast Club
Starts this Monday
7:50-8:20am outside
the tuckshop.

Open for all students
of Vienna Woods State School
Thanks to Redlands City Lions Club
& Cornerstone Christian Church

The P & C Meeting will be Tuesday
7 June in the Staffroom.
All welcome to attend to share new ideas.
Kim Herman - President

Under 8’s Meal Deal is on Thursday 26
May at 1st break. No other orders will
be taken at the tuckshop on this day.
Normal over the counter sales will stay
the same. The Tuckshop is open each
Thursday and Friday. Look on the
board outside the Tuckshop for the
special of the day.
Keep an eye on the Vienna Woods
Tuckshop Facebook page for any
changes to the menu.

Chappy’s News
Our first Community Brekkie was a wonderful
morning last week. It was lovely to see so many
families there. I’d like to say a special thanks to my
helpers for getting out of your warm beds to make
this happen. Lyndon, Kathy, Bruce, Vanessa, Kiara,
Alex and Aaliyah – thank you! Our coffee van was a
gift from Cornerstone Christian Church who will be
starting up a weekly breakfast club for our students
in the next week or so.

The next Salvo’s Feast is coming up on Saturday 11th
June. This is a free community event for
families. Quite a few of our school families attend
this regularly – it’s a great opportunity to have a fun
family night out. To RSVP call or txt 0413 294 427
Chappy Carol

PARENT GROUP
Look out on facebook for our
Vienna Woods Parent’s Group
page. All up to date info on
excursions, special days etc. are
up-loaded as they become available.
Katherine Simmonds - President

NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW NEW
After Playgroup, an instructor from
Physi kids
will be joining us for some fun and dance!
12.00 - 12.45 an additional $5.00 per child
Booking Essential! Limited Spaces!
Phone Sharryn 0447 592 742 @HarvestPlaygroup

SCHOOL BANKING DAY –FRIDAYS
This is a great fundraiser for our school. We
receive $5 for every Activated Account via the
School Banking program (i.e. for each student who
banks through the school’s program for the very
first time) and 5% of every deposit made at school
(up to a maximum of $10 commission per
individual deposit). For more information visit
or contact the Office Staff.

Firemen Visit by Year 1B
On Thursday last week, the year 1 classes had the
Cleveland Fire Department visit our school! The
firetruck was huge and we used the big long red fire
hoses. We used the fire hoses to water the garden
for Mr. Stephen and wet Miss Bamberry!
They showed us what
tools and equipment
they use to fight
fires and rescue
people when they
are stuck in a car
accident. They showed
us how to check a smoke
alarm and what to do
when there is a fire.
We got to see how the fireman dress when they are
fighting fires with their masks and oxygen tanks. We
had a lot of fun and can’t wait for them to come back
and visit Vienna Woods State School again!
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