28 January 2016

Principal – Jacqueline Fiedler

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

Welcome back to Vienna Woods for 2016. It was fabulous to see all the smiling faces returning to school excited about the year ahead. Welcome to our new families both in Prep and across the school. We hope you had a great first day and have settled in already.

We have also welcomed several new teachers to our staff. Mrs Curtis in P/1, Miss Bamberry in Year 1 and Mrs McGuire in Year 5. We trust they will enjoy joining our wonderful school and community.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead. Once again we have strong plans in place to continue to support every child to develop, improve and exceed our expectations. In week three, all classes will have a Parent Information Session. At this time teachers will outline the routines and procedures for their classroom, the learning overviews for the term and how you, as parents, can work with the school to support your child’s learning. We highly value a strong parent/school relationship to ensure your child can reach their potential.

Parents can help their children begin the year in a really positive way by ensuring they have all the books and equipment needed. Learning starts from the minute students walk through the door so it is essential they have the pencils, books and so on to get started. All students are required to wear their school uniform, have enclosed shoes, preferably black, and have a hat every day. PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING. Taking pride in our appearance is important.

We have hats on sale at the office for $10 if your child requires a new one.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2016 Student Leaders

School Captains
Asha Wassell
Ariana Ratana

Technology Captains
Bailea Rylance
Renae Rasmussen

Music Captain
Cara Orendain

Environmental Captain
Jacob Herman

Sports Captains to be announced next week

Bell Times
8.20am – Students move to classrooms
8.30am – Morning Session
10.30am – 1st Break Play
11.00am – 1st Break Eating
11.10am – Finish Eating
11.15am – Middle Session
12.45pm – 2nd Break Play
1.00pm – 2nd Break Eating
1.10pm – Afternoon Session
2.30pm – End of School

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NUT FREE SCHOOL

We have a number of students highly allergic to nuts and one highly allergic to eggs as well. These are conditions that require an epi-pen kept close as they will have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to these foods.

Considering this, we ask parents not to pack nuts or products containing nuts such as peanut butter, some muesli bars and so on, to ensure these children do not come in contact with the foods. We encourage students not to share lunches to avoid any possible allergic reactions. We encourage parents to pack healthy lunchboxes for students. A piece of fruit or vegetables for brain break, a sandwich or wrap, a snack for afternoon tea and a bottle of water.

Healthy lunches are much more affordable to pack and an excellent alternative for brain growth and function then pre packaged chips, biscuits, and other high sugar snacks. There is considerable research to show the impact of foods containing certain preservatives on children’s ability to concentrate and cooperate with others.

We appreciate parent support, as like you, we want to ensure the health and safety of all students in our care.

We are looking forward to another great year at Vienna Woods and sharing the learning and development of our wonderful students.

Jackie Fiedler – Principal

Does Attendance Really Matter?

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A family is seeking assistance to transport their year 6 boy who lives near the corner of School Road and Ney Road. Every morning and afternoon would be ideal, however a few days would help greatly. If you are able to help, please contact the office for more information. Thank you.

PARENT TEACHER INFORMATION EVENING

This evening will be held on Tuesday 9th February, 2016.
Prep to Year 2 classes: 5:30 - 6:00pm in classrooms.
Year 3 to Year 6 classes: 5:00 – 5:30pm in classrooms.

These information sessions are a wonderful opportunity to meet your child’s teacher and find out more about the learning that will take place in the classroom and how you can support your child at home. I encourage all parents to attend. Please note our P&C Meeting will occur in the Staff Room on that evening from 6:00pm. All are very welcome to attend.

Jenni Mann
Head Of Curriculum

School Banking is here at Vienna Woods State School

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program is at Vienna Woods State School every Friday. To get your child involved, representatives from the Commonwealth Bank will visit the school to help complete the application form required to open a Youth Saver account on:

Friday 19 February
From 1.30pm – 2.30pm
At The Hall

- Please ensure you bring along photo identification such as a valid driver’s licence or passport for yourself.
- No identification is required for your child as the school will confirm their identity.
- Siblings are welcome to participate, however you will need to bring along their birth certificate or passport.
- Children with an existing account do not need to open a new one to participate. If you can’t make it to school on the day you are welcome to open an account through your local branch, netbank or telephone banking (132221).
- Children will receive a fun reward once they have made 10 deposits at school.
- On Banking Day (Friday) simply have your child hand in their yellow deposit book to their teacher. There is no minimum amount that can be banked each week – every little bit adds up!!
- This is a great fundraiser for our school. We receive $5 for each student who banks through the school’s program for the very first time and 5% of every deposit made at school.

School Banking will commence on Friday 5 February 2016.

Prep shirts $17.50, school bags $35.00, homework/library bags $6.50 and hats $10.00 are available at the office. We can only accept cash for these items as the money goes to the P&C who do not have EFTPOS facilities.

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The Tuckshop will reopen next Thursday 4 February and will be open each week on Thursdays and Fridays. Parent helpers are needed, so if you would like to volunteer a few hours of your time, please let Nikki or the office know. Keep an eye on the Tuckshop Facebook page for specials and up to date menu for 2016.

Chappy’s News
For all our new families at school, welcome to our wonderful community. A major part of my role here at school is to be a support to students, families and staff in any way they need. Challenges such as behavioural issues with our children, health concerns, relationship breakdowns, financial problems or feeling isolated are things we all struggle with from time to time and it can be helpful to have a chat with someone about these things. If you would like to pop in to see me, I am here Tuesdays and Thursdays and you can call the office to make an appt.

Chappy Club commences next Thursday 4th Feb. This is the only program I run with a religious component and as such students need permission to attend. I have forms in my office for anyone who needs them.

For our senior classes I’m excited that our Heroes mornings will be on again after a years’ break. Our first Hero is a man who used to be a street-kid in Uganda and now helps to rescue other boys from the streets. He’ll be here in a few weeks. We will also be running our Grade 6 Boyz Club and Favoured Girl again and I’ll send more information home in the next week about this.

Chappy Carol
Welcome back to Vienna Woods for 2016. On behalf of the P&C, I would like to welcome all our new families and welcome back to our existing families. 2016 will be a great year for our P&C and Vienna Woods.

Our first meeting for the year is Tuesday 9 February at 6.00pm in the Staffroom. All are welcome.

The date for the AGM will be announced at the meeting and all positions of the P&C will become vacant at that meeting. Now is the time to consider if you would like to become a committee member – President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer.

Angela Arnold - P & C President
**School Events Calendar**

**Tuesday 9 February**
- Parent information evening
- Student Leaders Induction Parade

**Friday 12 February**

**P & C Events Calendar**

**Tuesday 9 February**
- P & C Meeting 6.00pm

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