Dear Parents

This will be our last newsletter for 2016. As always, the year seems to have flown by.

The end of the year provides us with a moment to reflect on our wonderful students, teachers, staff and school community.

I am so proud of our students and the work they do in class to be great learners. They are extremely well supported by amazing class teachers, support teachers and teacher aides. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated and committed school staff. They are always helping students and parents in so many ways and working above and beyond the expectations of their job. They continually go the extra mile for each and every child to encourage them to ‘Be their Best’.

I also congratulate our school admin staff. No matter what they are presented with, are polite, helpful and friendly. Our Schools Officer and cleaners have continued to ensure our grounds look their very best and children can play safely. Their work certainly does not go unnoticed in ensuring our school is a beautiful and clean environment for student to learn and play. Our Chappy is always there looking after the well-being of our students, staff and parents and helping out in so many ways.

I’d like to thank all our P & C members and in particular our President, Mrs Kim Herman who leaves us this year with her son going to high school, Parent Group, Tuckshop Convenor, Mentors, Religion Teachers, Breakfast Crew, LCC, Homework Club Tutors, Banking Ladies, TAFE teacher aides and classroom volunteers for the time they so generously give to our students and school. We couldn’t do our job so well without your help.

FAREWELLS

Unfortunately we say goodbye to our awesome Year 1 Teacher, Ms Samantha Bamberry (Tolchard) who takes up a permanent position at Burrows SS for next year. Although we will miss her we are thrilled she has been given a permanent position with the Education Department.

We also say goodbye to our ever smiling Nicki Dobson in the office as she returns to her substantive position at Wellington Point and Carolyn Gordon returns back to her full time position. We appreciate her help and great work this year.

We also say good bye to our amazing speech therapist Mrs Carla Parsons who is taking leave next year. We sincerely hope she will be back in 2018.

We would also like to thank Mr Tony Smith, Guidance Officer, for stepping in for Doirin O’Sullivan while she has been on leave this past 6 months. His help has been very much appreciated.

At this stage Mr Bell, our technology teacher, returns to Alexandra Hills SHS. We have so appreciated his guidance supporting both our teachers and students to get into coding. We feel we have learnt so much.
Last but not least our Year 6 cohort. They have been an interesting bunch to say the least, full of dynamic characters who have provided lots of entertainment this year. Our Student Leaders have done a fantastic job leading their various areas with enthusiasm. We wish them all the best for high school and know that they will take the lessons they have learnt and the skills and knowledge they have developed on to support them through high school.

CLASSES FOR 2017
We have allocated students to classes for 2017. Students will be introduced to their new teacher next Wednesday afternoon.

Classes will be as follows:
Prep: Caitlin Renn
Prep/1L: Lisa Curtis/ Lisa Lynch
1/2P: Laura Powell
2L: Leanne Wilcox
3E: Chantelle Elbadouli
4W: Amanda Wright
4/5P: Clare Plecas
5/6N: Felicity Norton
5/6M: Julie McGuire

DISCO
Special thanks to Felicity Norton and her band of student council helpers for organising the Disco. By all accounts the children had a great time. Massive thanks to my teachers and staff who attended and helped with cooking the BBQ, making spiders, selling glow products and food. Thanks also to the couple of parents who so willingly assisted with tasks. Thanks also to Chappy Carol for her delicious lasagne dinner.

SENIOR/ JUNIOR BAND PERFORMANCE AT NANDEEBIE
Congratulations to our Senior and Junior Bands who performed for the residents at Nandeebie on Friday. They did a fantastic job and it was so rewarding to see the enjoyment the residents of the nursing home showed while tapping along to the music. Thanks to Mr Cipollone for organising and conducting this and the parents who assisted with transporting instruments and stands.

PBL REWARDS DAY
Next Friday, 9 December we have our Rewards Day for Bronze, Silver and Gold students. We have hired a water slide as a very special treat for Silver and Gold Students. Students will need to bring their togs, towel and sunscreen with them on that day.

Please note there will be no assembly on the last day of school.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Our Swimming Carnival for years 4-6 will be held on Monday 5 December at Capalaba College Pool. There is no cost for students to attend. We have serious swimming heats and some fun races so everyone’s capabilities are catered for. It is a fun and active day and we want all children to attend. Please send your permission slip back to the office before Monday.

We have seven more days of school left this year and EVERY DAY COUNTS. Students have 6 weeks holiday coming up so it is important they attend every day up to the holidays.

Jackie Fiedler
Principal

Curriculum Corner

Find ways to read, write, and tell stories together with your child. Always applaud your young reader and beginning story writer! The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader.

Many children, especially struggling readers, forget some of what they’ve learned or slip out of practice during the summer months. Try these strategies to help your reader improve reading during the summer and beyond:

1. Six books to summer success: Research shows that reading just six books during the summer may keep a struggling reader from regressing. When choosing the six, be sure that they are just right — not too hard and not too easy. Take advantage of your local library. Ask for help selecting books that match your child’s age, interests, and abilities. Libraries often run summer reading programs that motivate kids to read, so find out what’s available in your area. Also check our book lists for recommendations. Books also make great Christmas gifts.

2. Read something every day: Encourage your child to take advantage of every opportunity to read. Find them throughout the day: Morning: The newspaper — even if it is just the comics or today’s weather. Daytime: Schedules, TV guides, magazines, online resources, etc. For example, if your daughter likes the food channel, help her look for a recipe on the network’s Web site — then cook it together for more reading practice. Evening: End the day by having your child read to you from the book he is currently reading (one of the six books, above). Have him rehearse a paragraph, page, or chapter before reading to you. Rereading will help him to more fluent — able to read at an appropriate speed, correctly, and with nice expression. 3. Keep reading aloud: Reading aloud benefits all children and teens, especially those who struggle. One benefit is that you can read books your child can’t, so he/she will build listening comprehension skills with grade-level and above books. This will increase his/her knowledge and expand experiences with text, so that she will do better when reading independently. It’s hard to keep up a reading routine in a season packed with distractions and diversions. These suggestions will fit into a busy schedule and make reading fun!

Lots more ideas at www.ReadingRockets.org

Wendy Wakefield - HOC

P&C NEWS

On behalf of the P & C Committee I would like to thank everyone who attended P & C Meetings and volunteering for various fundraising activities. Thank you to all volunteers who helped at the Carols last night.

As many of you are aware, this is my last year with P & C with Jacob graduating to high school next year. It has been a pleasure working on the P & C and with many of the volunteers, teachers and staff I have associated with over the last 8 years.

Don’t forget new executive members will be needed for 2017.

Wishing all families and staff of Vienna Woods State School a safe and happy Christmas holiday break and good luck to all of you for 2017.

Kim Herman - President
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
14 November – 18 November 2016
Amiko, Maddi, Kalais, Jake, Honey, Jack, Lewis, Tyson, Ezekial, Kristian, Mia, Corey, Ka-ila, Kristen, Cypress, Ester, Daniel, Zachary, Ky, Emily

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
21 November – 25 November 2016
Charlotte, Ruby, Seth, Harmanie, Kaitlin, Cohen, Kalani, Kai, Tyler, William, Barambah, Jaxan, Micaiah, Kaydan, Aaliyah, Skye, Hanna, Shannon, Brendan, Justine

PARENT GROUP
CHRISTMAS STALL WILL BE ON TUESDAY 6TH OF DEC.
Gifts will range from 50c to $5. Parent helpers needed to help run the stall.
Thank you to all the parents who have dedicated their time to help run stalls, make gifts, book pack and everything else. All your help and donations are greatly appreciated.
Also thank you to every family who has donated items or bought raffle tickets for the Christmas raffle. Winners can collect their prizes from the office on presentation of their winning ticket.
Christmas Raffle: 1st Mrs Bullock
2nd Mrs Melanie Cook
Merry Christmas and a happy new year to all our wonderful families.
I look forward to seeing you all back next year.
Kat Simmonds

CHAPPY NEWS
I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas.
For some of us it’s going to be tough as life has not been easy this year.
If there’s any way we can support you over this season please let me know.
I look forward to seeing you all again next year with some exciting new Opportunities coming for our school community.
May the shalom (peace) of God be with you.

ATTENTION: PARENTS/GUARDIANS
If your child is not returning back to Vienna Woods next year, it is imperative that you advise the office so we can update our records for 2017.
We thank you for your attention to this matter.

UNIFORMS 2017
Uniform order forms for 2017 can be collected from the school office.
Please note that the school office is now the sole provider of our uniforms from Prep – Year 6.
PAYMENT CAN BE MADE VIA INTERNET BANKING OR CASH.
NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE.
Uniforms can be collected on these dates:
8 December, 2016 (from tuckshop 8.30-9.30am)
16-20 January, 2017 (from office 8.30am -3pm)

School Events Calendar
23 Nov – 2 Dec Swimming Lessons begin
29 Nov Christmas Carols
5 Dec Swimming Carnival @ Capalaba College Pool
6 Dec Christmas Stall
7 Dec Year 6 Graduation evening
8 Dec Year 6 Plantation Day
9 Dec Term 4 Ends

Events Calendar
8 Dec Tuckshop open to purchase uniforms - 8.30am-9.30am
16 Jan School office open to purchase uniforms – 8.30am to 3.00pm.
23 Jan Monday - School Starts today