FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

I am so pleased with how well the majority of students have settled into classrooms. As I visit classrooms I see students engaged and excited about their learning and certainly very proud to show off how they are progressing.

I am really keeping track of students in terms of attendance and also late arrivals to school at the moment as the research clearly shows the impact this has on student progress. As per the new legislation we have instigated a program that provides same day notification for any absences. Thank you very much to the parents who are using the absence line 3820 0766 or responding promptly by text.

School starts promptly at 8:30am. The ‘get ready’ bell goes at 8:20am to allow ten minutes for students to enter the classroom and organise their belongings ready to start the day. Learning begins at 8:30am. It is extremely disruptive to the other students learning when a student comes late, let alone the learning they have missed. We appreciate parents organising their morning so students can be on time for school and ready to learn. Every day counts.

Update Details

It is essential that we have correct contact details for parents/guardians particularly in the case of an emergency. If you have changed your mobile number, address or emergency contacts please advise the school office asap.
Student Induction
On Friday we induct our new student leaders at 9.00am in the Hall. This means there will be no afternoon assembly. All parents and friends welcome.

Parent Information Evening
Thank you to the parents who attended our class information evenings. We value a strong partnership with parents as we share a desire to see every child succeed. Students enjoy sharing their learning progress with parents. Parents can support their child’s learning particularly in the lower grades by reading with their child every night and practising sight words.

UNIFORMS
Thank you parents for ensuring your child has the correct school uniform each day. We are proud of our school and our students. Please ensure your child has a named hat in their bag for every day. Our school rule is “No hat, No play” as we need to be sunsafe in the Queensland weather.

Jackie Fiedler Principal

Student of the Week
Week 1 Term 1 2017

Student of the Week
Week 2 Term 1 2017
Bill, Monika-May, Laleisha, Liam, Loleini, Maddi, Jordan, Georgia, Kaenin, Cooper, Hoani, Zoe, Harry, Cameron, Kavarnah, Abbie, Zane, Aiyana.

School Lunches
In our busy lifestyles, many children are skipping school lunch or not getting the nutrients they need to sustain their learning. Like breakfast, lunch gives your kids the energy they need to concentrate in school and participate in after-school activities. It also helps make sure they don't gorge on unhealthy snacks when they come home from school. It's important that you provide your kids with nutritious options at lunch so they get the nutrients they need for continued growth and development. Too much sugar leads to poor concentration and poor behaviour choices. It is surprising that some foods we think are “healthy” eg muesli bars, fruit juice are very high in sugar. Many packaged foods eg potato chips have little nutritional value and do not provide the energy our students need to sustain concentration and learning. Don’t forget that teachers provide time in our busy morning for ‘brain break’ so students need fruit or vegies. These need to be quick and easy for students to eat while continuing with their learning. Some ideas are berries, grapes, chopped melon in small containers, small or cut up apples, bananas, carrot sticks, cherry tomatoes etc etc. Please ask your child’s teacher if you are stuck for ideas.

The six key parts to a healthy lunchbox include:

- fresh fruit
- fresh crunchy vegetables
- milk, yoghurt or cheese (you can use reduced-fat options for children over the age of two years). For children who cannot tolerate milk products, offer appropriate alternatives like calcium fortified soy or rice drunk or soy yoghurt
- a meat or meat alternative food like some lean meat (e.g. chicken strips). If your school has a nut-free policy, peanut butter and other nuts should not be included in your child’s lunchbox
- a grain or cereal food like bread, a roll, flat bread, fruit bread or crackers (wholegrain or wholemeal choices are best)
- tap water.

SCHOOL PAYMENTS
Payments for Voluntary Contribution, Music Fees, Senior Shirts, Excursions, etc. can be made at the School Office on Wednesday and Friday mornings. If money is handed into the office on other days, receipts will not be issued until school payment days. If sending money in an envelope, please write child’s name and what payment is for. Thank you.

ATTENTION: PARENTS/GUARDIANS
It is imperative that you advise the office of any changes to addresses, mobile numbers and emergency contacts so we can update our records for 2017. We are commencing SMS mobile messages for student absences.
I am here at the school Tuesdays and Thursdays each week should you need any assistance or just want to pop in for a coffee. My room is open at break times for students to come and hang out. Our weekly God Squad is held on a Thursday. During the Easter holidays we take a group of grade 5 and 6 students on a SU camp to Peregian Waters on the Sunshine Coast. In the next few weeks I will send a flyer home with students that are interested in going. It’s an action packed week of fun and friendships.

The AGM for P & C will be held Tuesday 7 March. All positions will become vacant and we welcome new and old parents to come along. Please join and support our wonderful school and suggest new ideas we can do this year. All money raised by the P & C and Parent Group go towards resources for the students and school.

The bi-annual Country Fair will be held on Saturday 2nd September 2017. If you would like to be involved in our committee in any way let me know. Our first meeting will be held next Monday at 1:30pm in the staff room.

We are currently preparing for our Mothers’ Day Stall and would greatly appreciate any donations. All the profit from this stall goes to our students resources. Also don’t forget to join our Facebook page ‘Vienna Woods Parents Group’ to help keep you up to date with all things happening in the school. See you all around the school.

Voluntary Contribution

If Voluntary Contributions are paid prior to 3 March, discount applies.

- Prep $60.00 - discount amount $50.00
- Year 1 – 6 Students $25.00 – discount $20.00
- Family 3 or more students $50.00 - discount $40.00

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