



Smoke Signals . . .

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Victoria Plantation State School

The mission of this school is to achieve individual excellence throughout the school

From The Principal

Victoria Plantation Diary

Our year 6 students have had to put on their academic hats to engage in our weekly STEM program. We have had a few hitches with the new computers, but students are on the way to engaging in some amazing sessions.

During Monday's QVSA lesson, the students built their empathy for the STEM challenge and learnt about new sustainable features for houses from the expert researchers.

Dr George Vamvounis (Senior lecturer of chemical engineering from the College of Science and Engineering, JCU) talked to the students about the latest innovations in solar cells including paint and 3D cells.



John Doolan (Director and Business Development Manager of the Cyclone testing station at JCU), outlined the features needed for our houses to withstand tropical cyclones.

The in-depth knowledge and research undertaken from our JCU partners will now be used by the students to innovate their own solutions.

Parents, please talk to your student about these sessions. It is important that they engage in conversations with you about the sessions. This helps them to revisit knowledge and to check for their own understandings. How wonderful to be talking about the latest research on sustainable applications to building design. I also think it is amazing that our students get to engage with such amazing academics from JCU.

Our year 4's looked at digital skills and explored the use of sharing and opening documents using iSee drive. We had to cut our session short this week due to the server being upgraded, however, our students will be back on track for next week.

 This week we are very lucky to have Jessica Blake run two choir sessions with the entire school cohort in preparation for the 125 year celebration. The students already sound amazing and are all very excited to be engaged in this project. As much as we can, we are keeping this a surprise (I did say, 'as much as we can')

Speaking of the 125 years, can you please text me if you were a past pupil of VPSS. Thank you.

Our prep to year 2 students are enjoying school-life. Every day is a major learning experience whether it be about social lessons, learning to write, work out sounds, count numbers, speaking with confidence and listening with understanding, these are all huge learning experiences for our students.

Our cupcake fundraiser was a delicious success and I would like to personally thank parents, staff and family for supporting this morning tea by sending in the loveliest cakes. Thank you also to parents who gave their children a little loose change so that they could buy a treat and make a donation to a good cause- the RSPCA!



Kindest Regards,
Adriana Hering
Acting Principal

SEPTEMBER

Free Dress	10
Term ends	20

OCTOBER

Queen's Birthday	7
Term starts	8
Free dress	8



We humbly and respectfully acknowledge the Bandjin, Warrgamay and Nywaigi people; the traditional owners of the land upon which we learn and play and pay our respects to elders past, present and future.




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STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Year P-2

Leonardo

For his amazing knowledge and abilities with his writing. He has an awesome vocabulary that he is able to use when he speaks and writes. He should be proud of the learner that he is!

Year 3-6

Serena, Stephen

Serena: For demonstrating continuous perseverance towards learning to achieve her best. Well done, Serena!

Stephen: for demonstrating resilience and a willingness to learn and for not giving up when completing his maths task. Well done, Stephen!

School Captains' Award

Olyvia

For being very brave when she injured her lip!

Principal's Award

William

For his thoughtful and considerate nature. He saw Mrs Kelley carrying a huge load of boxes and he rushed straight over and offered to carry them for her, which he did admirably!



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SBS National Languages Competition
26 Aug - 27 Sept



Flash LOTE news!



The online SBS National Language Competition is open!

Primary school students between the ages of 8 and 12 can upload a **drawing and include a caption of up to 30 words in Italian.** (one entry per student)!

The competition closes on Friday 27th of September 2019

If you get your entry in early, you have more chances of winning the weekly prize, of an Apple Watch.

The theme of your drawing and the caption must answer the question:

"How does learning a language make a world of difference to you?"

Brainstorm ideas with your friends and your LOTE teacher. Your teacher can also check your Italian sentences before you type them online (Remember 30 words in total).

- Step 1: Go to sbs.com.au/nlc19 (or simply google SBS National Language Competition)
- Step 2: Fill in your entry form. You will need adult (parent/carer) consent.
- Step 3: Upload your drawing and type in your caption in Italian (include the English translation).
- Step 4: Submit your entry

Here are some hints:

- Why did you decide to learn this language?
- What do you like about the language that you are learning?
- Has learning a language opened you up to new opportunities?
- Get creative: Use humour, be playful, find a unique angle, etc.

There are amazing prizes! Give it a go!

Tuck Shop

Please remember that tuck shop orders need to be placed in the box in the office on Tuesdays.



9	9/09/19	Chicken chippies or Dino nuggets with chips and popper or flavoured milk	\$ 6.00
10	23/09/19	Sausage rolls (3) with sauce and a popper or flavoured milk	\$ 6.00



CHAPPY'S CHALLENGE with Pastor Pete - VPSS Chaplain

Pastor Pete will give a prize to the first person who does one of the following:

1. Explain the meaning of the "Think about it" section, or
2. Solve the joke / riddle for your age group.

Think about it: *The rain falls on all the fields, but crops grow only on those that have been tilled and sown.*

Prep-3

What flies around all day but never goes anywhere?

Year 4-7

What can clap without any hands?

Previous correct answers:

Think About It: Nobody

1. Nobody got it!!
2. A bottle (Jack B & Linkon R)

Think about it: *Until you try, you don't know what you can't do.*

Are you one of those people who look at something and say 'Oh, I can't do that!'?

How do you know? Until you have a go at something you really don't know if you can do it or not. Take a chance, take a risk, what do you have to lose? You will learn something from the experience of having a go! It might be that you learn that you were right and it is something you cannot do, or you might discover a whole different result! Don't be afraid to have a go just because you are scared that you might fail, because failing is not the worst thing that can happen. The worst thing that can happen is that you don't live your life, experiencing many different and wonderful things.

JUMBLE SALE

AND CAFE

Proceeds to help meet commitment to support local Chaplaincy in State Schools

Open Thursday 5 September, Friday 6 September and Saturday 7 September

Donations of acceptable goods can be dropped at the Uniting Church Hall on Wednesday mornings or in the foyer area



**FREE
ENTRY**

**Hinchinbrook
Aquatic
Centre**

**SWIMMING
OPEN DAY**

Saturday 14th September 12 to 3PM

Sign up for Term 4 swimming

FREE TESTING ON DAY FOR:

- Learn to swim
- Stroke Classes
- Squad



Guess how many jelly beans in the jar and win a SWIMPACK



Herbert River Swim Club



- Sausage Sizzle
- Icy Cups
- Cup Cakes



Surf club displays

Enquires: Phone 4776 6555



**Experience
a day at**

**C&K Ingham Community
Kindergarten & Preschool**

3 - 6 SEPTEMBER

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