Messages From The Principal

Student Report Cards
The semester 1 student report represents the sum of learning and achievement for each student from the first six months of the 2016 school year. It is a highly valued document and represents a huge investment from students, their families, teachers and the school as a whole. These reports will be distributed electronically to all parents on Wednesday 22 June and I encourage you to make an appointment with your child’s teacher if you wish to discuss your child’s progress. Please ensure that your email address is up to date.

Year 6 Canberra Camp
Our year 6’s are preparing for camp which will be held from 18 – 22 July. Our trip will see us visit the National Capital Exhibition, Mt Ainsley lookout, Embassies, Australian War Memorial, Royal Australian Mint, Australian Institute of Sport, Telstra Tower, National Dinosaur Museum, Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre, National Zoo and Aquarium, National Museum of Australia, CSIRO Discovery Centre, Parliament House, Government House and the Parliamentary Education Office. We will also visit the Sydney Opera House before taking a ferry to Darling Harbour taking in the sights of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Luna Park and the city. As usual, my favourite part will be the tobogganing at Perisher Blue in the crisp weather! Parents are reminded that payment will need to be finalised before 24 June. Mr Diamond, Miss Bagster and I will attend the camp.

Athletics Carnival
Our annual athletics carnival will be held on Friday 26 June on our oval from 9am – 1:10pm for prep – year 3 and from 9am – 2:30pm for years 4-6. You are welcome to take your child home before 3pm on this day after you have informed your child’s teacher. This will be a great opportunity for you to come along and support your house (Wattle, Poinsettia and Jacaranda) and watch our students participate in sprints, tabloid sports, ball games, high jump, long jump, shotput and relays. Wattle won last year’s carnival after a 3 year wait. Can they back up again this year? Students will be able to order a sushi or pizza combo for $7 or $8 - (forms due 21 June) while parents will be able to purchase a range of food from the tuckshop tent from 8am including bacon and egg rolls, pies, sausage rolls, pulled pork rolls, quiches, cakes, tea, coffee and more. A team of athletes will be selected to represent our school to contest the Bramble Bay trials which will be held at Bracken Ridge on August 11 and 12. Come along and watch your child participate in what promises to be another exciting carnival. Go Jacaranda! Go Wattle! Go Poinsettia!

Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage tickets on sale
Creative Generation – State Schools Onstage turns 12 with four glittering arena-style shows at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre featuring more than 1500 state school students from prep – year 12 from across the state including dancers, choristers, symphony orchestra members, a massed string orchestra, the James Morrison Creative Generation Big Band, drumline, featured and backing vocalists, film and stage crew. Tickets for shows on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 July are now available through Ticketek. 39 students from our school are involved in this year’s spectacular (as part of the choir) including Henry Bennett (6B) who will feature as a drumline participant. Come along and watch them perform. Contact Mrs Mac for more information.
Student Leaders 2017
All students from year 5 will be provided with their ‘blue card’ early next term which enables them to apply for a senior leader badge for 2017. Criteria for selection includes high levels of leadership skills; adherence to the Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students; high level of responsibility and willingness to commit to activities associated with the role; well-developed communication and people skills; involvement in community service; high level of personal presentation; willingness to commit to and participate in school activities; and regular school attendance. Students are required to get their blue card endorsed by school staff before returning it to me by the end of term 3. A separate process for the recruitment and selection of school captains and vice captains (school, music and sport) will be communicated to year 5 parents and students next term.

Dance Lessons next term - $20 per student
Footsteps Dance Company will be conducting 8 forty minute dance lessons with all students next term – on Tuesdays. Students will be assessed on their dance skills and this will contribute towards their overall achievement for The Arts. The cost of the program will be $20 per student. It is anticipated that all students will engage in this quality program that is being conducted by dance experts.

97th anniversary Family Fun Day—June 3 2017
We are pleased to advise that our school will be hosting a family fun day next year. Our last one was held in June 2015 and it raised more than $18 000 which went towards the air conditioning of classrooms. Our experienced convenors, Kerri Brand, John Collins, Cathy Collins, Imogen Brown and Toni Pattie will organise this event and they look forward to your support. If you would like to provide sponsorship (for amusement rides or fireworks) please contact the convenors at familyfunday@virginiass.eq.edu.au

Every Day Counts
The holidays are fast approaching. While it may be tempting to let your child stay home for the last day, or even the last week of term, our school would prefer to see every child on every day of every term. We strongly believe children need to attend school every day to receive the most benefits from their education. Did you realise that skipping the last day of every term adds up to more than a whole term of schooling missed throughout a child’s education? Skipping a whole week of school each term means your child will miss more than 15 months of their education! For further information on the importance of regular school attendance, please visit www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

From The Deputy’s Desk
Disco
As our disco this term will be held on State Of Origin night the students have elected for a sports team themed night. Students can wear their favourite sporting team’s jersey, colours or anything that represents a sport. Of course students may choose not to wear a costume of any kind. A reminder that students must be collected from the hall at the end of their disco time:

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As usual we will be selling pizzas and poppers as well as finger lights. Tickets will be on sale the week of the disco.

Winter Clothing
It is now very much winter and a number of students have already lost their jumpers and jackets. Please ensure all clothing has your child’s name clearly written so that it can be returned to them. At this time of year children regularly take off layers and forget them, if we know who the item belongs to it can be returned to them.

Signing In
Also a reminder to everyone that it is important that you always sign in whenever you are staying on school site. If you are assisting with reading, tuckshop, sport library or any other activity we very much appreciate your assistance however it is very important that you have signed on in the office. This additionally protects you in the event you have an accident or we have an emergency evacuation to ensure we can account for everyone on site.

Moderation
Our teachers are working hard to prepare your child’s report card for Semester One. All of our classroom and specialist teachers engaged in an internal and external moderation involving teachers from Wavell Heights State School, as well as a number of principals from other schools and our Assistant Regional Director. This ensures that the results children receive at Virginia State School are consistent with the Australian Curriculum standards. Teachers are also currently engaged in data analysis discussions to identify who to provide the best support and or extension for each child. Report cards will be emailed to parents during week 11 of this term. Please ensure you have completed the yellow information update form and returned it to school to ensure we have the correct contact information.
Support A Reader Parent Training Session
A Support A Reader training session for parents will be held on **Friday 17 June 2-3 pm** in the hall. We use this program to support our junior school students to enhance their learning in reading however as a parent the skills are beneficial in assisting your child to learn to read. All parents are welcome to attend however please RSVP to admin@virginiass.eq.edu.au or phone the office on 3621 6222 to enable us to have sufficient resources prepared for this information session.

Free Dress Day
Our free dress day this term (Gold coin donation) will be held on Thursday 23 June as our athletics carnival is on the last day. The funds from our free dress day will be donated to Compassion. This charity works with children in poverty and sponsors them to assist them to achieve.

Regards
Pam Coyle
Deputy Principal

**Important Dates**

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**Around The School**

**Under 8’s Day Friday 16 September**
Planning is underway for this year's Under 8s Day. Each year we aim to offer a range of activities for the children's education and enjoyment. We are looking for contributions from our school community. Have you seen an excellent performer? Do you have any contacts with organisations who might be interested in attending? Please send any ideas to Helen Holleran at hholl1@eq.edu.au.

**Student Resource Scheme**
Term 2 instalment payments now due

**Yr 6 Canberra Camp**
$207.50 Final Payment – due 10 June

**Instrumental Music fees**
own overdue

**Shake ‘n’ Stir - Year 2 & 3**
payment due by 17 June

**Year 5 Camp**
deposit due by 17 June

**Footsteps Dance**
deposit due by 22 June

**Year 6 Canberra Camp**
A reminder that the final payment for Yr 6 Canberra Camp is due 10 June

**STUDENT ABSENCES**
Phone: (07) 3621 6260
Email: absences@virginiass.eq.edu.au

Office hours are Monday to Friday
8.15am – 3.45pm
Music Keynotes

**Reporting**
As children move through the sequential school music program, they focus on developing different skills. In Prep, children start learning the difference between singing and speaking voices and musical concepts of high and low, fast and slow, loud and soft. They learn the difference between beat and rhythm. It is a play-based program where children sing songs, chant rhymes, play instruments and participate in a variety of movement activities. When they get to Year 1, they start learning about musical concepts in a more concrete way, and how we write and read music by using 'stick notation' - remember ti-ti ta from when you were at school? In Year 2, they are learning about how notes sit on the staff, and are learning more about melody and rhythm. By the time they are in Year 3, children are expanding their skills, and are learning not only to read and write stick notation, but are writing and playing 'real music' from a staff.

The skills that are assessed from year to year are also different. For example, in Year 1, the emphasis is on children pitch-matching their singing voices and displaying accurate beat and rhythm skills. A report card grade would reflect your child's competency within that skill-set. But in older grades, your child is being assessed on more complex skills, and may receive a different grade. Please understand that your child is imply learning new skills that may take a while to learn as different areas of the brain are being used to engage with music in a more complex way. The important thing is to keep the love of music going in your homes - sing together, listen to a wide range of music styles, play whatever instruments you have, dance in the lounge room - while at school, we will continue to teach your children the skills to enhance their musical awareness.

Mrs McLennan and Mrs Hugo

**Instrumental Music**
On Thursday 2 June, all of our new beginner instrumental students attended band rehearsal for the first time. Our numbers in the music room swelled to 111 members - we just fit in the music room! What a great first rehearsal! We followed up our rehearsal with our band photo and it will look great! I will pass on the photo information to IM families when the photographers send it through to the office. It does take a while, so be patient!

Next IMSC meeting (Music Committee)- Wed 15 June at 6.00pm.

**OLD Day Celebration**
When: Saturday 11 June, Banyo Memorial Park and Bandstand
Meeting time (near Band stand): 12.40pm
Performance time: 1.00pm-1.30pm
Who: Junior and Senior choirs
What to wear: school uniform

Our local community will be celebrating Queensland Day, on June 11, in the Banyo Memorial park and Bandstand. The Banyo District Community Group are keen to involve local schools and in particular a musical presentation from our talented musicians (apparently apparently we have a high reputation).

The celebrations will include stalls, food and entertainment as well as entertainment for the kids. They are very proud to also include a citizenship ceremony in the proceedings this year. They have an opening in the current timetable for our students to perform. The event will run between 11am and 3pm. Queensland Day is an opportunity for the whole community to come together and celebrate our state and friendly lifestyle.

**Creative Generation**
When: Sun 19 Jun
Where: Sleeman Sports Complex
Meet at: Virginia SS Pick up area - 8.00am meet Mrs Mc
Depart: departing at 8.15am by bus
Uniform: School uniform
Bring: hat, morning tea, lunch, water bottle, music book, pencil, manners.

**Return: Virginia SS pick up area- approx. 5.30pm**

**Chocolate Drive**
It’s that time of year again - the ever-popular Chocolate Drive! This is an annual fund-raiser run by the Instrumental Music Committee to help with the cost of Band Tour as our musicians travel and perform at schools in South-East Queensland. This year they are going be touring the hinterland of the Sunshine Coast. A form will be sent home soon explaining the Chocolate Drive, and giving families the opportunity to opt out of selling chocolates. If you would prefer not to receive a box, please consider making a donation instead. **Please return your intention to opt out by Friday 24 June 2016** (last day of Term 2). Students will receive their chocolates in the third week of Term 3.
P&C News
A very busy term 2 has been had by all members of the P and C, I would like to thank all our volunteers that have donated their time to our fundraising activities this term. Our Mother’s Day stall in May raised over $1300. Our state of origin night last week raised over $500 for the P&C through both raffle tickets and door sales. Congratulations to the following raffle winners, and many thanks to the generous prize donors.

Qld Maroons Cap and Scarf (signed by Cameron Smith) donated by Leanne Linard MP - Joanna P
Panda Pearls Nundah, gift pack and voucher - Toni P
Jill’s Jive, Nundah dance lesson voucher - Martin B
All Inn Brewery Banyo, drinks voucher - Peter M
Banyo Aussie and Thai, dinner voucher - Josh M
Banyo Aussie and Thai, dinner voucher - Kathy C
Tiddlywinks Dance café Nundah, family pass - Graham R
Tiddlywinks Dance café Nundah, family pass - Camilla B
Tiddlywinks Dance café Nundah, family pass - Lee H
Tiddlywinks Dance café Nundah, family pass - Lyndal V
Grocery hamper donated by Wayne Swan MP - Bruce R

Also lookout for some new Friday Night Meal choices - great for you to take home on a busy Friday night.

Sports Day is approaching and once again we’ll be serving breakfast and lunch from the oval for parents and spectators- look forward to seeing you all there.

Remember if you would ever like to volunteer but feel a little apprehensive- there’s no need just give pop in and say hi. We love to see new faces and meet new people.

Trudi and Leah
Tuckshop Convenors

Community News

Tuck-Inn News
Pizza/sushi combo forms have been distributed this week please return by Monday 20 June.

Look out for Term 3 menu coming soon - Leah and I have been working on some new yummy winter warmer options.
Sandgate District State High School would like to invite families who are yet to enrol their child in Year 7 in 2017, to contact the Enrolment officer on 3869 9888 to arrange an interview time as places are filling fast.

Did you know?

**Did you know?** Each year, a theme is chosen to reflect the important issues and events for NAIDOC Week, all of which have been remembered through posters. The National NAIDOC Theme for 2016 is –

**Songlines: The living narrative of our nation**

For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the Dreamtime describes a time when the earth, people and animals were created by our ancestral spiritual beings. They created the rivers, lakes, plants, land formations and living creatures.

Dreaming tracks crisscross Australia and trace the journeys of our ancestral spirits as they created the land, animals and lores. These dreaming tracks are sometimes called ‘Songlines’ as they record the travels of these ancestral spirits who ‘sung’ the land into life.


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**Mr David Munn, Principal of Aviation High School, extends an invitation to parents of year 6 students and other interested community members to attend one of our Information Open Evenings for year 7 in 2017:**

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- Time: 6.00 pm
- Venue: Library

- Parents will gain an overview of our exciting plans for Year 7s for their first year of high school in 2017.
- There will be a guided tour of the school, followed by light refreshments.
- Parents will have the opportunity to speak to the Principal Mr David Munn, Deputy Principal Mrs Mandy Forbes and key teachers during this time.

**RSVP or Enquiries:** vienvl@eq.edu.au
**PHONE:** 3637 0111
**SCHOOL WEBSITE:** [https://aviationhigh.eq.edu.au](https://aviationhigh.eq.edu.au)
Enrol your child in Prep for 2017 at Virginia State School

"Many different learners - one Virginia Spirit"

**Prep Information Night**
**Wednesday 15 June**
**6:30 pm**
**In the Virginia SS library**

Please come along to our Information Night to find out about Virginia Prep.

If your child was born between 1 **July 2011** and 30 **June 2012**, they are eligible to start the Prep year in 2017.

Contact the office on 3621 6222 for an enrolment form.
Please enrol early to help our school finalise numbers, classes and resources for next year in order to provide the best outcome for your child.

You are also welcome to join us for under 8s celebrations on Friday 16 September from 9:00-11:00 in the prep precinct at school.

Find out more information about Prep at Virginia State School on our website at [www.virginiass.eq.edu.au](http://www.virginiass.eq.edu.au)
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We have a number of pre-prep events at Virginia in 2016

- Wednesday 15 June – parent info session 6:30pm (in library)
- Friday 17 June 9:00-10:00 am - Learning Day (in classrooms)
- Wednesday 17 August – parent info session 6:30pm (in library)
- Tuesday 23 August 9:00-10:00 am – Learning Day (in classrooms)
- Friday 16 September 9:00-11:00 am – Under 8s Day (prep precinct)
  - Tuesday 18 October 9:00-11:00 – Open Day (in classrooms)
  - Thursday 20 October 9:00-11:00 – Open Day (in classrooms)

Learning Days – a chance to familiarise your child with prep.
Under 8s – hands on learning fun with our prep – year 3s
Open Days – experience a morning as a prep student

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