

From the Principal Tim Farrell

4 November, 2009

**Band Tour**

One of the most rewarding experiences you can have at school is the opportunity to perform for an audience and celebrate what you learnt during the school year. One of the highlights of the Virginia State School calendar is the annual music tour where the instrumental music students get to showcase their musical talents for other schools. Starting yesterday, students, parents, grandparents and teachers embarked on a tour of the Somerset Dam region that will include visits to 8 schools. During a whirlwind of 3 days, the Virginia SS concert band will travel, unload the instruments, set up at venues, and perform a range of musical pieces that will showcase the talents of our woodwind, brass, percussion and vocalist sections of our band, which includes our intrepid Year 7 ensemble playing their musical broomsticks! Thanks to our talented music teacher, Mrs Mac for bringing it all together, our instrumental music support group, accompanying staff, parents and helpers who joined the tour to support the students. I have had positive reports to date about the conduct of the students and the quality of their performances. Virginia spirit is on show and they continue to represent our school proudly. Well done to all students, staff, parents and community members involved.

**Showcase Award for Excellence - 2009 Gala Dinner**

Last Thursday we enjoyed a great evening at the Convention Centre for Showcase 2009. Almost 700 guests were in attendance and great entertainment was a feature of the event. Our school was well represented with 20 parents and staff at 2 tables. We were very proud of school's presentation and we certainly thought it was the best in the category for Innovation! Parkhurst State School were the winners with their submission 'Maintaining Innovation in a 21st century digital learning community'. To be short listed into the top 24 from 166 entries was an outstanding achievement. My thanks to Mrs Mac, Mrs Ritchie and to other staff and parents who made contributions to our school's submission, 'Music the Virginia way'.

**Interschool Sport 2010**

Interschool sport will change from Fridays to Thursdays next year and this will have implications for our school. I would like to convene a special meeting for parents on Wednesday 11 November from 4:30pm in the staffroom about our school's involvement in the 2010 Interschool Sport competition. If you are unable to make this meeting and would like to provide input, please email me at [tfarr21@eq.edu.au](mailto:tfarr21@eq.edu.au)

**Awards Night**

Our annual Awards Night will be celebrated on Thursday 26 November at The Tavernetta, 144 Dorville Rd, Carseldine. Our bands and choirs will perform and awards will be presented to students for academic, sporting, cultural and community achievements. The night promises to be an exciting one and will be topped off with the announcement of our School Captains for 2010.

**Take the low carbon diet**

Everyone has a part to play in addressing climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The Queensland Government's *Toward Q2: Tomorrow's Queensland* has set a target to reduce the State's household carbon footprint by a third by 2020. One way that Queenslanders can reduce their individual carbon footprint is by participating in the Low Carbon Diet program. The program provides information and resources to encourage Queenslanders to work together to reduce their carbon emissions and contribute to the global climate change solution. The 30-day program helps people save money, energy and our environment by challenging households to reduce their carbon emissions by 2000 kilos a year. Some simple actions that households can take include:

- only using the dishwasher when it's full;
- washing your clothes in a cold water wash;
- hang washing on the line rather than using a dryer;
- turning off the lights;
- changing to energy saving light globes (CFLs); and
- encouraging others to live ClimateSmart.

• If your household is serious about wanting to address the impacts of climate change in Queensland, now is the time to take action – register your interest for the Low Carbon Diet by visiting the ClimateSmart website at [www.climate-smart.qld.gov.au](http://www.climate-smart.qld.gov.au)

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE MONTH OF: November**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> -Music Tour  
 7<sup>th</sup> KLM Shield  
 10<sup>th</sup> -Australian Youth Choir Auditions  
 11<sup>th</sup> -7.30pm IMSC Meeting  
 12<sup>th</sup> -5.30-6.30pm Twilight Concert  
 18<sup>th</sup> -Prep Puppet Show  
 -2TA to Twelfth Night Theatre  
 19<sup>th</sup> -2/3H to Twelfth Night Theatre  
 -Yr 6&7 Family Planning

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**The Q150 Shed is coming to town**

Queensland's newest touring entertainment venue, the Q150 Shed will visit Blackall, Augathella, Cherbourg, Warwick, Brisbane and the Gold Coast during November and December as part of its second tour of the state. The Q150 Shed gives local talent the opportunity to perform live on stage in front of their local communities. There are free dance workshops at 3.30pm at each location with young urban dance company Raw Dance, and the Bank of Queensland will be hosting 'Funny Money' workshops for the kids. Each day the Q150 Shed is in town will also be a great opportunity to take in the 'where we from' banners project exhibition. This visual arts program depicts the Indigenous relationships between land, identity and culture. The touring entertainment is one way the Queensland Government is ensuring all parts of the state are touched by Queensland's 150th birthday celebrations. Visit the Q150 website at [www.q150.qld.gov.au](http://www.q150.qld.gov.au) for the full entertainment lineup and venue information.

**FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL**



## SENIOR BADGE 2010

Awarded to Year 6 students

*Congratulations to:*  
Ethan Cameron  
Shani Borlase  
Annabel Maloney

These students received their badges on Friday's assembly

Those students wishing to be considered for a leadership position in 2010 need to have completed their cards by the end of this month.

*The school leaders for 2010 will be announced on Awards Night*

Lorelle Holcroft  
A/Deputy Principal

**MUSIC NEWS**

Music Tour – The Concert Band and Stage Band are currently travelling South-East Queensland on their annual Music Tour. Over the three days the students will play at 8 schools. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to spread the word of how good music is. Twilight Concert - Our Instrumental music students showcase their skills to family and friends on Thursday 12 November, 5.30-6.30pm. Come and see our tour performance and farewell our year 7 music students. Family and friends welcome. Gold coin entry. Multi- draw.

**REMINDER**

Please use "Stuck On You" for your labelling needs and help us raise funds to improve resources at our school. Simply place orders at: [www.stuckonyou.biz](http://www.stuckonyou.biz) (mention Virginia State School) or phone 1800 645 849 (mention Virginia State School). Brochures are available at the office and uniform shop or check out products online at: [www.stuckonyou.biz](http://www.stuckonyou.biz). Any queries contact Leanne on 0447710726

**Excursions**

For those students in classes that are about to go on excursions please remember the cost of these have been included on your Term 4 invoices and are due now.

<b>Rule Reminders</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No playing in out of bounds areas                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carparks</li> <li>- Behind the pool</li> <li>- The lower oval</li> <li>- Behind the demountables</li> <li>- In the pick up area</li> <li>- Under the staff room at first and second breaks</li> <li>- Behind the shed at first and second breaks</li> <li>- Toilets</li> <li>- Verandahs</li> <li>- Any area that is not supervised at lunchtimes</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER**

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
		<b>6 November</b> Steve De Rooy Debbie Lumsden Christine Coleman
<b>9 November</b> Louise Doherty	<b>11 November</b> Kathy Eastlake Eiko Nakamata Julie Melton	<b>13 November</b> Veronica Ramsden Julianne Mathison Emily Bielefeld
<b>16 November</b> Iona Broadley	<b>18 November</b> Julie Melton Rebecca Bignami Awhina Forbes	<b>20 November</b> Annabel Florence Steve DeRooy Debbie Lumsden

*Tuckshop Volunteer Prize*  
Would you like to win a box of the famous Chocolate Cookies from the Tuckshop? This fantastic prize includes a baking tray and a large box of cookie dough, enough to make 125 Double Chocolate Chip yummy cookies at home. To be in the draw ask Mum or Dad if they could spare a few hours to help in our school tuckshop. We need helpers on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They can volunteer just once or as many times as they can. Each shift earns them an entry into the prize which will be drawn at assembly at the end of the year.

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW**

Past student William Campbell has been elected as a prefect for 2010 at Nudgee College. This is great recognition of your hard work. Congratulations!  
Lucy Agnew has been elected school captain at Wavell State High School, Well done Lucy!

**SWIMMING CLUB NEWS**

**Eric Salisbury Cup Fundraiser**  
The Virginia State School Swimming Club is having a 'goggle' fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to get your children's goggles for the swimming season and help out your school club at the same time. We will be sending orders on the following dates, so please get your orders in prior to this: 20 November

and 11 December. If you have lost your order form please see the office.


**Learn to Swim classes for Under 4's**

Did you know the Swim Club is offering Learn to Swim classes for children under 4?

These classes provide the opportunity for children to become familiar with the water and learn water confidence. Classes aimed at children aged 2.5 or younger are now being offered each **Friday from 2.15pm – 2.45pm** and for those aged 2.5–4 years each **Saturday from 8.30am-9.00am** in the Virginia school pool.

Class sizes are limited to a maximum of 8 children per class and parents are requested to participate in these classes with their children.

If you are interested in classes for your young child, or any of the Clubs' Learn to Swim program, spaces are still available by contacting Tracey Armour on [vsssc@optusnet.com.au](mailto:vsssc@optusnet.com.au).



## WAVELL STATE HIGH SCHOOL

### *Orientation Day for students in Year 8 2010*

**Monday 7 December 2009**  
**Assembly Hall**  
**Telopia Avenue, Wavell Heights**  
**8.30am for 8.45am start**  
**3.00pm finish**  
**(Morning Tea provided for parents at 10.00am)**

**Students to bring/wear:**  
Primary School Uniform  
Notepad & pens  
Morning Tea & Lunch

**Shop Hours – Monday 7 December**  
Stationery 2.00pm – 7.00pm  
Clothing 3.00pm – 7.00pm  
Used Clothing (D Block) 3.00pm – 7.00pm

**Applications still welcome.**  
**Enrolment Enquiries: Contact : Jane Bedewi,**  
**Enrolment Officer on 3350 0328**


**FREE PROGRAM SUPPORTS FAMILIES FOLLOWING DIVORCE**

The University of Queensland in is offering a free 12-week parenting program designed to improve outcomes for children following divorce. The program targets separated and divorced parents who have children aged 2-14 years, who have separated or divorced within the past 24 months, and who are having difficulty managing conflict with their ex-partner, coping with feelings, or managing child behaviour problems. For details, contact Family Transitions Triple P on 07 3365 7303 or email [ftemail@psy.uq.edu.au](mailto:ftemail@psy.uq.edu.au)

**BILLABONG SURF CAMP**


The camp will run during the school holidays across Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> & Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.  
AT: the Dicky Beach SLSC  
FROM: 9am – 5pm day camp only – no sleep over  
REGISTER: online at Web [www.supersurfcamps.com](http://www.supersurfcamps.com).

YMCA  
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**OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE NEWS**



Playing Safe and Having Fun!

<p><b>IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM THE COORDINATOR...</b> OUR PROGRAM IS FOR THE CHILDREN IS DONE IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CHILDREN. 2010 ENROLMENT FORMS ARE OUT NOW FOR NEXT YEAR ALL FAMILIES NEED TO REENROL FOR THE NEW YEAR</p>	<p><b>COMING UP AT OSHC...</b> VACATION CARE IS COMING UP IN THE FUTURE</p>	<p><b>JOIN US FOR:</b> 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER DUSTER HOCHEY AND PLAYDOUGH 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER CRICKET AND FINGER KNITTING 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER TOUCH AND HARMA BEADING 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER SOCCER AND PAPER CRAFT 13<sup>TH</sup> AFL AND BREAD CLAY</p>
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**We build strong PEOPLE strong FAMILIES strong COMMUNITIES**

**Tuckshop Convenor**

An exciting opportunity exists for a suitably qualified and highly motivated Tuckshop Convenor to work at Virginia State School, located at 1678 Sandgate Rd Virginia, Qld.

**KEY SELECTION CRITERIA**

- Proven ability to work and manage a team of volunteers,
- Demonstrated organisational ability,
- Proven working understanding of Quality Assurance, Workplace Health and Safety, and
- Demonstrated history of both purchasing and bookkeeping.
- A proven understanding of food handling. Certificate 3 or equivalent
- Ability to be flexible and multi skilled
- Good experience in dealing with Children of various ages

**DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- \* To actively plan for and maintain high standards of management and administration of the equipment & Tuckshop at all times.
- \* To manage the staffing of the Tuckshop.
- \* Ensuring accurate records of all income and expenditure, adherence to P&C policies, procedures and Operations requirements,
- \* Ensure that correct food hygiene practices are observed
- \* To ensure compliance with all Government Regulations, legislation, standards and Education Queensland requirements at all times and assist the P&C Association in completing any necessary forms or returns.

**CONDITIONS:**

All applicants are asked to address each of the Key Selection Criteria in their response. The successful applicant will be based at Virginia State School, located at 1678 Sandgate Rd, Qld Wages and conditions will be subject to Award Conditions. For a full application package, please contact the school on 3621 6222. Applications are required by close of business, 13 November 2009 and should be addressed to:  
The P&C President  
Virginia State School  
PO Box 64  
Northgate 4013  
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