Female Football (soccer) Trials
Western Pride Football Club is looking for sport loving girls aged 10 to 13 years to represent the Ipswich region in football (soccer). The club invites girls who have some football experience and were born in 2003, 2004, 2005 or 2006 to try out for Pride’s U10/11 and U12/13 Girls. Please register your interest by sending an email to the club’s Technical Director at td@westernpridefc.com.au and come along to training any time in February to show your skills to our female coaches. Girls who were born in 2003 and 2004 (U12/13) train on Monday and Wednesday at 5:30pm, girls who were born in 2005 and 2006 (U10/11) train on Tuesday and Thursday at 5:00pm. More info about the club: www.westernpridefc.com.au

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members
Welcome to a brand new school year, full of learning and new possibilities. 2015 was a great year at Serviceton South State School, and I’m sure that 2016 will be even better.

We welcome quite a number of new families to our school this year, and it is lovely to see that everyone is happy and settling into the new routines. Friday is Day 8, which is the day when our staffing for 2016 is finalised; at this stage we are hoping that we will not need to make any class changes.

We have welcomed a number of new teaching team members this year as well. Miss Christina Wilton is teaching Prep 2 and Miss Alyssa McDonough is teaching 1B. We have doubled our Guidance Officer time this year, which means that we have also had a change of personnel in this position. Mrs Jenni Scott worked with us while Mr Wayne Scott (no relation) was on leave earlier last year, so is familiar with our school and quickly becoming familiar with how the GO position works at our school. Mrs Lyndall Faragher is our new Instrumental Music Teacher, and she will be at the school two afternoons each week. We also have a new Head of Curriculum, Mrs Gail Kennett, who is currently on leave. Ms Elissa Barsby is acting in the Head of Curriculum role for the first five weeks of the term and we welcome Mrs Margaret Drews in the role of Support Teacher: Literacy and Numeracy during this time. Please join us in welcoming our new families and showing them what a wonderful school we work and learn in.

You will have noticed that construction has begun on the Early Learning Centre, adjacent to the Hall. This work is expected to continue for about six months and, on completion, Kummara will take up residence, which will be a wonderful addition to our school community. In the meantime, we hope to keep disruption to a minimum, but please come and see me if you have any concerns.

You should have received your invitation to our Community Welcome next Wednesday evening. We will commence the afternoon with a short address in the Hall at 4pm. Students are then encouraged to show their parents their classrooms and introduce their families to their teachers. When you meet your children’s teachers you will receive a ticket for a lucky draw. Simply place the ticket in the box when you come to collect your free sausage sizzle dinner from 5pm and you may be the lucky winner of a $50 Woolworths voucher. Drinks will be available for purchase from the tuckshop. Halal sausages will be available. We hope to see everyone there for a wonderful start to our year.

Warm regards
Ms Marni Morrison
Principal
Our Teacher-Librarian
Alan Cockerill has been working at our school as a teacher-librarian since 2010. This year he will be in the library on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Alan believes in life-long learning. He has degrees in Russian language and literature, primary teaching, translatorship, teacher-librarianship and teaching English to speakers of other languages. He has written a book about the Ukrainian educator Vasily Sukhomlinsky, and is also translating some of Sukhomlinsky’s works from Russian to English. As well as running the library, Alan is the ICT coordinator and the chess coordinator.

Library Lessons
All classes attend library lessons for 45 minutes per week. Children from prep to year two need to bring a library bag to these lessons. At library lessons children learn how to use the library, and are encouraged to become independent readers. They listen to stories, borrow books to take home, and discuss books they have read.

In order to become independent readers, children should read at home for about half an hour per day. Parents can encourage their children to read by reading stories to them, by listening to them read, and by making sure they have a quiet time each day when they can read their library books or home readers. Any parents wishing to discuss the library program are welcome to call in to the library after school on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The Computer Lab
Our library also houses a computer lab with 30 computers. Classes can book the lab on a flexible roster for whole-class instruction in keyboarding and computer skills, internet research and netiquette. Students using computers at school agree to use them appropriately for educational purposes, and internet content is filtered to try to ensure that inappropriate content is not made available to children.

Recorders
All year 3-6 students will be learning how play the recorder in Music. Recorders are available at the office for $8.50 each.

Chappy News
Welcome back for the new school year of 2016. This year promises to be full of fantastic learning opportunities for our school as well as some great community events. Please remember that I am available to chat face to face or on the phone in relation to the social, spiritual and emotional wellbeing of all students and their families. I work every Tuesday and Thursday and every 2nd Monday. Come and find me at the front office or you can call me directly on 3714 0235. Chappy New Year.

Sian Routley

P&C News
Our next P&C meeting is our AGM. This will be held on Monday the 7 of March, at 9.00am in the parent room. Our P&C supports the school and we need your help. Come along and meet new people, have a cuppa ask questions and find out what is happening at our school. Let’s make Serviceton South the best little school we can!

School Banking
Our new school banking day will be MONDAY. We welcome our new school banking co-ordinator Susana Williams. Come along and sign up if you haven’t already, there are awesome benefits to teaching our children how to save and there are great incentives for the students (after every 10 deposits they receive a reward). School banking will start this MONDAY 8 February.

Canteen News
Our canteen is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. A reminder that the lunch orders are to be placed in the classroom boxes in the students CLASSROOM in the mornings. We are always looking for volunteers to help out! If you can spare a few hours, please see Samantha at the canteen.

Crazy Hair Day
Our free dress days will happen once a term. Money collected is going to support either the P&C or selected charities. Our first crazy dress day is Friday 19 February. Our first theme is CRAZY HAIR! Come with your craziest hair (and in free dress) with a gold coin donation. Our student leaders will collect the money.

Disco - Beach Party
We are hoping to hold our first DISCO on Thursday 25 February, it will be a beach party disco. We can’t run this without parent helpers! Please see any of the P&C members to offer your support.

Pre Loved Uniforms
We will be selling pre-loved uniforms and left over stock from the P&C uniform shop (including many, many jumpers). More information will be sent home shortly.

Loading Zones – Drop off/Pick Up areas
The success of loading zones requires cooperation from all motorists using it to ensure quick movement of vehicles through the area.

Please observe any time frames on the sign (see example) and only stay in the loading area for as long as it takes to get children in to or out of the car within a two minute timeframe. The driver must not park the car in these signed areas and go into the school with the children or to pick up their children.

This area is designed to keep the vehicles moving. It is there for the convenience of ALL motorists.

Please do
Plan your trip to avoid arrival at peak times.
Pick-up or drop-off children via the car’s kerb doors
Drive out safely
Talk to your children about what time to be there and not to stray or wander away

If your children are not at your arranged spot, go around the block and try again

Do not
Get out of your vehicle
Double park
Stay more than 2 minutes
Arrive early in the afternoon and sit in the zone
Use staff parking areas

Road Safety is Everyone’s Responsibility. If you would like more information on this or any other road/child/bike safety or other transport issue, please phone your local Road Safety Office on 1500 360 135.

Canteen News
Opening on 21 February, our new canteen will be open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Here’s a list of the things you can expect to see in our canteen:

- Hot School Lunches
- Healthy Snacks
- Healthy Water
- Breakfast Club every Thursday at 8.25am
- 1st Breakfast Club for 2016, held on the 3rd March

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Contact David Smit, your local School Save Plus Worker: (07) 3115 6202 / 0417 436 183 or david.smit@thesmithfamily.com.au

IMPORTANT DATES
4 Feb 1st Breakfast Club for 2016
8.00am - 8.25am
10 February Breaky Club every Thursday
17 February Community Welcome
19 February Free Dress Day - Crazy Hair
24 February Swimming Years 3-6
25 February School Disco - Beach Party
2 March Swimming Years 3-6
7 March P & C Meeting
9 March Swimming Years 3-6
10 March Moroten Region Chess
11 March Qld Museum - Year 6
16 March Swimming Years 3-6
21 March Harmony Day
23 March School Cross Country
24 March Positive Behaviour Day
25 March Good Friday

We respectfully acknowledge the Jagara people, the Traditional Owners of the land on which this school stands.