On Thursday October 30, students from Year 4 visited the Queensland Art Gallery and the Gallery of Modern Art.

This excursion provided an excellent opportunity for students to view modern and ancient Indigenous art as well as participate in hands-on activities organised by the gallery.

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Dear Parents/Carers

**See Food**

Congratulations to the P & C and Canteen for the successful change to the new menu. Not only are students continuing to support the ‘healthy foods’ approach to the menu, students are also increasing their interest in eating fruits and vegetables.

Part of the success story is that our Canteen organisers have worked to make the food visually attractive to students. An apple is fairly ordinary, but an apple that looks like a ‘Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle’ – now that is attractive! Clearly food marketers have been right all along – it is not how healthy it is that sells, it is what it looks like! Healthy is a bonus.

**Book Lists**

So that our families have time to plan for the individual student costs around supplies for 2015, we will be releasing our 2015 booklists next week. You may notice changes in some Year levels as we introduce a personal whiteboard for each student for the first time. This is part of our increasing student participation through staff being able to rapidly check student responses, and still keep the pace of a lesson going. To ensure your child has all their stationery requirements for the beginning of the school year including text book, please place your order with Inala Plaza News before the end of the school year.

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**Graduation for Year 6 & 7**

Invitations have gone home with students for the graduation event. The program commences with the awards ceremony. There will be separate and equal awards for both Years 6 and year 7, since both year levels are in their final year of primary school. The meal will follow, and the event will finish with separate performances by the Year 6 and Year 7 student groups. Teachers and students are at various stages of planning and preparation for this event. There is a limit of two adults per student, and no other children are to attend.

The evening is focussed on our graduating students. Adults per student, and no other children are to attend. Teachers and students are at various stages of planning and preparation for this event. There is a limit of two adults per student, and no other children are to attend.

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Lesson of the Week - Staying Calm in the Classroom

What does it mean to be calm? Being calm means that you are steady, at rest, not agitated and chilled out. Just saying the word calm reminds you of how it feels to be calm.

Why do we need to be calm in the classroom?

- So we are focused when completing our work.
- When you are calm you can think more clearly about the activity or task.
- If we are calm we will not distract others.
- If we are calm others around us will be calm.

We need to be calm class mates so we can focus on our learning.

By being calm in the class room shows that we are good learners; because when we are calm we can think about our work rather than acting out on our emotions. We need to show that We Care when we stay calm in the classroom because if we are calm we are not disrupting other students while they learn. We are also Team Players when we stay calm because if we work together as a team so stay calm and we encourage others to keep our classroom as calm as a whole will remain calm.

Earlier this term teachers and teacher aides completed “8 EFFECTIVE CLASSROOM PRACTICES” as part of our whole school approach to improving student outcomes with increased instructional time and improved engagement.

Practices which positively impact on instructional time:
1. Clarifying expectations
2. Classroom procedures and routines
3. Encouraging expected behaviour
4. Discouraging inappropriate behaviour

Practices that positively impact engaged learning time:
5. Active supervision
6. Opportunities to respond
7. Sequencing and choice of activities
8. Task difficulty

When teachers know and use positive and preventative management strategies, many of the commonly reported minor classroom behaviours can be avoided.”

Scheersmann & Hall, 2008

“Effective classroom management is a key component of effective instruction, regardless of grade level, subject, pedagogy or curriculum.”

Sprick, Knight, Reinke & McKale, 2006

Little Lorikeets - Transition Program to Prep

Starting school is an important and exciting time for children and families. A successful transition to school can be a positive life enriching experience for all children and their families and a time for celebration. Over the past 4 weeks our school’s transition program Little Lorikeets has been running in our Prep classrooms. The program is designed as a Prep-prep playgroup that is a fun and enjoyable experience for our new Prep students coming in 2015 promoting early numeracy and literacy skills. The ‘Little Lorikeets’ were able to experience ‘life’ as a Prep student, meet with the teachers, engage with songs and stories, play in the playground and go for a walk around the school grounds to help familliarise them with their new environment.

Being ready for school is more than knowing letters, colours, shapes and numbers. Children who settle easily are able to:
- Share and take turns when playing with other children
- Sit and listen to stories
- Ask questions and follow directions
- Respond to when spoken to
- Separate from parents
- Take care of their belongings
- Go to the toilet independently
- Ask for help when they need it.

By encouraging your child to become more independent, you will be helping them to develop the skills necessary for settling into Prep.

P & C Upcoming Events, Canteen & Uniform News

The P&C’s Term 4 DISCO is on Friday 21st November from 6.00pm to 9.00pm for Prep to Year 2 students. Entry is $2 and the DISCO runs from 3.30pm – 6.00pm. We ask that parents promptly pick their children up by 6pm sharp.

Our fun family LEGO Movie Night fundraiser is on Friday 28th November. Ticket prices will be $2.50 per person or $7.50 for a family of 4 (wow a what a bargain!). Tickets will be available from Canteen. Food will be available for purchase on the night.

Please come along to our last P & C Meeting for 2014. It is on Monday 8th December at 9.00am in the Parent Room.

A reminder that School Banking is every Tuesday at the Canteen from 8.20am – 9.00am, prizes have to be ordered so when your child is up to ten deposits please ask the banking coordinator for an order form.

We welcome our new Canteen Convenir, Michelle Forward. You may have seen Michelle in the Canteen as she has been volunteering for a while now. Michelle has extensive experience and qualifications within the food industry including over 10 years’ experience working in school canteens. We are looking forward to the healthy food journey that Michelle is taking students on. Some of these ideas are excursion survival lunch packs, veggie sticks with dip in a cup, watermelon ice block sticks, small fruit salad tubs (great if you forget the brain food!) and Slushies are back for summer! Volunteers are always welcome in the Canteen and mostly needed from 9.00am-1 pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, if you can assist please let Michelle know. A reminder canteen is open Tuesdays first and second break for over the counter sales. No orders will be taken however students will be able to purchase drinks and ice-blocks. Parents please note that the Canteen does not offer credit so please ensure your child has the correct money when ordering their lunch.

Our uniform shop is located in the Parent Room and is open Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 8.15am – 9.15am. Sorry no credit can be offered and no EFTPOS available. We can do 12 week Lay-bys. There will be a slight increase come January 2015 to the polo shirts due to embroidery price increases.

iSee Care Hampers

Our school has been privilleged to be partnered with iSee Care. We have been receiving some amazing hampers to give out to some much needed families. iSee Care are a not for profit organisation and focus on being a positive voice in our community.

Serviceton South State School, have partnered with iSee Care to help with their Hamper Program. “Food Assist Hampers” are several grocery bags of non-perishable food items that are distributed to those families identified within each school that may need extra support.

We have set up a Mobile Hamper Drive where schools can help support iSee Care by either donating non-perishable food items or loose change to assist some much needed families.

Check our office and see how you can be a part of this amazing project and helping our community.

INTENSIVE HOLIDAY SWIM LESSONS

(prepare your children for Term 1 School Swimming Lessons)

5 LESSONS: $50

DUNLOP PARK MEMORIAL POOL

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

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