Year 2 Queensland Museum Excursion

On Wednesday the 6th of May, 2A and 2B went to the Queensland Museum. We pretended we were Museum Curators and learnt about categorizing toys. We put them into different groups based on the materials used, their age or what the toys did. We also looked at displays in the museum. The displays of birds, sea creatures and Australian animals were very interesting.

My two favourite parts were when we went to sort out the materials at the discovery room. We were just like museum workers and we got to speak into a microphone. My other favourite part was when we got to a big, grassed area where we raced each other. It was the best day ever. By Larissa 2B
Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Today is the final day of NAPLAN testing and I’m happy to be able to say that it has been a positive experience for our students. All along we have told our Year 3 and 5 students that if they worked hard at their learning each day they would be able to ‘chillax’ when NAPLAN time came and that’s exactly what they did. Our teaching team has worked very hard to prepare students, students have worked hard at their learning, and after the last three days, students have emerged from the test smiling and happy that they have put in their best effort. Late next term we will receive student reports which we will send home with students, and more importantly, we will receive the whole school reports, showing our school results.

Thank you to our wonderful team, who have worked so hard in the lead up to NAPLAN. We have also provided breakfast for our Year 3 and 5 students for the last three days, including muffins baked by our staff.

Congratulations to Selina for making the Inala District Soccer Team. Good luck at your carnival and we hope that you play your best and enjoy the day.

From time to time, students are unwell and parents are unsure of whether they should come to school or not. The Department of Health has published a ‘Time Out’ poster which outlines medical conditions which require exclusions from schools and childcare centres to help prevent the spread of infectious diseases such as school sores, worms, conjunctivitis and ring worms. We have included a copy of the ‘Time Out’ poster for your information; keep it somewhere handy and refer to it the next time your child is unwell.

There have been a number of reports of students being unsafe while travelling home from school. Students should cross the road at the children’s crossing and walk along the footpath, and parents are asked to reinforce this at home. Students should not be running out in front of cars playing chicken, throwing items such as school bags on the road or even walking on the road. It would be awful to lose one of our students through an avoidable accident on the road travelling home from school. If you see students being unsafe when travelling to and from school, please let the office know so that we can follow up with students and their parents.

Students and parents should not enter or exit the school grounds through the staff carpark entrance.

Have a great fortnight,
Marni Morrison
Principal

School Payment Policy
Serviceton South State School is committed to ensuring all students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of extra-curricular activities throughout the year such as incursions, excursions, camps and sporting events based on our belief that these experiences add to the quality of their education. In the past, the school has been able to be very accommodating when receiving late payments for activities. Due to the electronic nature of OneSchool (Education Queensland’s online management system), our school has had to adjust our policy towards accepting late payments. The due date for payments MUST be the due date for payments.

The school will make due dates as close as possible to the activity date. If a payment is received after the specified due date, it will be returned to the child and that child will not be able to participate in the activity. All notes for activities will now include the above sentence to remind parents of this policy. We thank you for your understanding in adhering to this school procedure.

Chocolate Fundraising
What a fantastic job the students are doing selling chocolates. Thank you to the students who have already returned their chocolate money. All money and unsold chocolates are to be returned to the office by Friday 29 May.

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School Photos
School Photos will be taken on Wednesday 17 June. Payment envelopes have been sent home with students. Completed, sealed envelopes containing the correct money may be returned to the office before photo day. Students are to be in school uniform for the photos.

Uniform Shop News
Uniform pre-order forms have been sent home with students. These forms need to be returned to the Uniform Shop by Friday 22 May. Pre-loved uniforms (jumpers, skirts, polos, shorts etc) are happily accepted at the Uniform Shop.

Chappy Week 2015
Come and help celebrate Chappy Week with a Pancake Breakfast on Friday 22 May. Pancakes with maple syrup will be 50c per serve. Special guest will be Chappy Jane.

Looking forward to seeing you there.
Chappy Sian.

Every Day Counts!
At Serviceton South State School, we believe that one of the critical elements for success at school is attendance, including the arrival at school on time every day. Classes start at 8:45am and it is essential that all students are well prepared to start their learning at this time. Our school also believes that EVERY DAY COUNTS! Below is a very explicit overview of what it means to miss some school days:

If your child misses….
That equals….
Which is….
And over 13 years of schooling that’s….
Which means the best your child might perform is….

1 day per fortnight
20 days per year
4 weeks per year
Nearly 1.5 years
Equal to finishing in grade 11

1 day per week
40 days per year
8 weeks per year
Over 2.5 years
Equal to finishing in grade 10

2 day per week
60 days per year
16 weeks per year
Over 5 years
Equal to finishing in grade 9

3 days per week
120 days per year
24 weeks per year
Nearly 8 years
Equal to finishing in grade 4

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

IMPORTANT DATES
15-22 May
Under 8’s Week

18 May
P&C Meeting

18-22 May
Chappy Week

20 May
Durack Fire Station Visit
Year 1

21 May
Interschool Chess Tournament

27 May
Year 5 & 6 State Library Excursion

4 June
Science Incursion- Year 3/4

8 June
Queens Birthday Holiday

22 & 24 June
Sports Days

25 June
Positive Behaviour Day

25 June
Reports go home

26 June
Last day of Term 2

Parent Contact Details
It is very important that parent contact details are current. If you have changed your phone number, address etc, please inform the office.