Crochet Club With Chappy Sian

At crochet club students are learning to crochet squares which they can choose to keep or contribute towards a crochet club blanket.

When: Thursdays 1st Break
Where: In the Science Room
Cost: $4.00 (this covers the cost of materials)

Please let Chappy Sian know if you would like to join crochet club.

Chappy Week 2016

On Tuesday 17th May we had our parent lounge launch. The parent lounge is a place where parents and friends of the school can come to socialise and find out more about what is happening in the school.

The parent lounge will be open every Tuesday from 8am serving free tea and coffee.

On Monday the 16th May, Chappy Sian and her helpers sold yummy chocolate and vanilla ice cream cones to students at 1st and 2nd break.
Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

NAPLAN is behind us for another year and now we wait for the school results, which will probably be out next term. We deliberately down played NAPLAN this year, instead concentrating on good teaching in every classroom as our key strategy. Thank you to everyone who helped out providing breakfasts and assisting with supervision, especially Mrs Kennett who organised security, distribution and collection of the tests each day.

We’ve had a wonderful Chappy Week with an ice-cream day, the launching of the Parent Lounge, the Westside chaplaincy Dinner and Breakfast Club. Thank you to all those who support Chaplaincy, which is a wonderful resource for our students. If you drop your children at school on a Tuesday morning, make sure you drop in for a proper coffee or tea with Chappy Sian. The room is looking very inviting.

Attendance started really well this term, but has dropped somewhat over the past few weeks. Last week’s attendance was the lowest yet this term, at 92.41%. At the beginning of the term we were achieving over 94% so let’s see if we can make it to school every day, unless we are really sick.

This week’s PBL lesson is about Active Listening on parade. We are discussing changing parade to a Friday morning to alleviate the problems created by 300+ students trying to find their school bags and get out the school gate at 2:45pm each Tuesday afternoon. A Friday morning parade would also allow us to hold parent information sessions directly after parade, while parents are already at the school. We will let you know when this change will occur.

We have been talking about changing the school uniform for some time now and it was suggested during the School Review last year. At the last P&C meeting a motion was passed to set the wheels in motion. The primary reason for changing the uniform is that the light blue always looks dirty, no matter how many times it is washed. We are very proud of our school and want our students to look clean and tidy and uphold the school uniform policy. My vision is for the front of the uniform to be a darker blue, maybe more like the current Year 6 shirts. They look very smart, and don’t show up the breakfast and lunch that has been spilt on them. Now, a change of uniform doesn’t occur overnight. There is a great deal of consultation that needs to occur. We need to choose a design. We need to choose a fabric. We need to consider the colours that we will add to the light blue, and most importantly, we need to keep an eye on costs so that if there needs to be a price increase, that it is very small. All being well, I would hope that we could have the new uniform in place by the end of the year, so that new students and Preps are starting with the new version. Of course, it would not be expected that everyone would throw their old uniforms away and suddenly buy new ones. There would be a phase out period where both the old and new uniform could be worn. We would also be tightening up the colour of shoes and socks, although I have to say that the wearing of school hats is the best I have ever seen at Serviceton South State School. Watch for displays and samples in the parent room.

School photos are just around the corner and we would like parents and guardians to know that we will be using preferred names on the photographs, rather than legal names. If you would like to check or change your child’s preferred name, please see Mrs Peachman in the office by Wednesday 25th May.

Warm regards
Marni Morrison
Principal

Pre Prep Class

We are excited to announce that a pre prep class will be starting at Serviceton South State School on Wednesday, 25th May from 1.30 -2.30pm. This program is for 3 to 5 year olds and their parents. The program is play-based, focussing on speech, oral language, vocabulary and social skills. We hope to see you there.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Serviceton South State School students will participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. It runs from the 16th May until the 26th August. Students have a record form to write down all the books they read during this time. Prep - Year 4 students are expected to read or listen to 20 books and Years 5 & 6 need to read 15 books. Home readers and library books can be included in this. For more information please see Mrs Kervelle.

Spotlight on Reading

Word of the Week - Funny - We came up with lots of synonyms for funny, witty, comical, amusing, humorous, silly, laughable, hilarious, nonsensical, side splitting, farcical and jocular. A special congratulation to 3/4B for many contributions this week.

Camp Tallebudgera

The students in Year 5 & 6 have an opportunity to attend a two night camp from Wednesday 12th -Friday 14th October at Tallebudgera Active Recreation Centre on the Gold Coast. The total cost for the camp is $140.00. This price includes all meals, instructor led activities, accommodation and bus fares. The school has received an allocate number of 60 places for this camp. Therefore, due to the limited spaces available a $50.00 deposit is to be paid by 27th June to secure a place. Once the 60 places have been filled, students will be placed on a waiting list.

P & C News

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday, June 6 at 9.00am in the parent room. All welcome.

School Banking

School Banking has changed days. It will now be held on Tuesday mornings, 8.00am - 8.30am at the canteen.

Uniform Shop

We have a limited supply of track pants and hoodies in various sizes for sale at the uniform shop. They are $10.00 each.

Under 8’s Week

Serviceton South State School will be celebrating Under 8’s week on Friday the 27 of May from 11.45 to 12.45.

The children will be celebrating by participating in activities such as: icing biscuits, making paper bag kites, exploring an obstacle course, making paper crowns and playing with rainbow soap foam and playdough.

These activities will be held on our top oval and in the school hall. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Student Late or Early Departure

If students arrive at school after 9.00am they are to go to the office to get a late slip. If students leave early parents/carers are to sign students out at the office where they will be given an early departure slip. This is to be given to the classroom teacher and they can then collect the student from his/her classroom.

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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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We are looking forward to another great year and thank you for your ongoing support.

Warm regards
Principal

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IMPORTANT DATES

25 May       Street Science Incursion - Years 1 & 2
27 May       Under 8’s Day Activities
15 June      Interschool Chess Tournament
16 June      Street Science Incursion - Years 1 & 2
3 June       P&C Meeting
8 June       School Photos
9 June       Old MacDonald Incursion - Prep
10 June      Interschool Chess Tournament
16 June      Last Day for Term 2