An exciting and interactive Forensic Science Workshop was at our school this Friday May 6th. A crime scene was presented for the students from years 3 to 6 to solve. Students heard the case background and were able to examine the evidence found at the crime scene. They experienced the real science that is carried out in the Forensic Laboratories and helped to solve the crime just like a real Forensic Scientist. They conduct their own investigation with their class to crack the case!

**Students were able to**

- Take their own fingerprints;
- Explore with a Digital Microscope;
- Identify animal tracks and scats;
- Learn the basics of separation science;
- Hunt for hidden UV clues;
- Dress up in Crime Scene Gear and much more!

When the circus packs up and leaves town, a diabetic 12 year old boy goes missing. Has he been kidnapped? Where is he now? Can he be found in time?

Forensic Science has the answers!
Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

What a busy couple of weeks it has been; we enjoy the long weekends but five days of work still seems to need to be done in the four remaining days. Reporting is just around the corner and NAPLAN is next week so we are all working very hard.

NAPLAN is a point in time test, which gives us some very good information, but doesn’t need to rule our school days. We have intentionally had a very low key approach this year, instead concentrating on good solid teaching, and I’m sure we will see good results. It’s important that our Year 3 and 5 students have a good night’s sleep each evening next week, and that they have a healthy breakfast, but we will be providing a snack for those students on those mornings.

Warm wishes to our Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and everyone else who mothers our students for Mothers’ Day on Sunday. Our Mothers’ Day Stall was a sell out so I hope you are all well spoilt on Monday.

Warm regards
Marni Morrison
Principal

Spotlight on Reading
Last week our work of the week was NOISY. Here are the synonyms that students offered: rowdy, loud, raucous, booming, boisterous, deafening, piercing.

Practice Makes Perfect
Your child should be aiming to read for 10-30 minutes every night. Encourage them to share his/her opinions about:
- What the book is about
- What the characters do/what they say
- The words the author has used

Pre Prep
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 3/5 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.

Safety
It has come to our attention that some of our Serviceton South students are not being safe and responsible as they walk to and from school. Please remind your children that they need to stay safe on the footpath until they cross the road with our crossing supervisor.

A reminder that Lorikeet Street is a school zone and the speed limit is 40km/hours during designated times. Speeding past the school is endangering lives.

P & C News
The next P&C meeting will be held on 9th May at 9.00am in the parent room. All welcome.

Book Club
Book Club orders will be given out to students on Tuesday 10th May.

Chappy Week
Chappy Week is a time to highlight the role of school chaplains, acknowledge those who support them and raise funds to assist the ongoing work of chaplains.

This year we will be running a number of events to celebrate Chappy Week 2016.

Launch of Parent Lounge-Tuesday 17 May
Parents and carers are invited to come to parent room to enjoy a free cup of tea or coffee before 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 life of the school.

Westside Chaplaincy Dinner-Wednesday 18 May
The Lions Club at Richlands will be the venue for the first Westside Chaplaincy Dinner. The dinner is a chance for people who support the chaplaincy services in the local area to meet with chaplains and hear about what is happening in each school. It is also an opportunity to raise funds for Serviceton South State School through a silent auction.

Silent Auction
Business owners of Serviceton South State School. We are looking for items to auction at Westside Chaplaincy Dinner on Tuesday 18 May. Please contact Chappy Sian on siann@chappy.org.au or 3714 0222 if you are able to donate items for the auction. Proceeds go directly to the Serviceton South chaplaincy service. Your business will be advertised and highlighted at the dinner. Thanks in advance. Chappy Sian.

Ice Creams-Monday 16 May
Chappy Sian and her helpers will be serving yummy chocolate and vanilla ice creams in a cone in 1st and 2nd break. Ice cream will cost $1.00 each.

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

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing begins next week. The testing will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week with catch up testing on the Friday. Please ensure your children have a good night’s sleep and eat a healthy breakfast. Eggs and tuna are a great type of brain food. Below is the NAPLAN timetable.

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Writing
Year 5-  40 minutes
Year 3-  40 minutes
11:30-12:10

6:00PM TO 8:00PM
$5 PER CHILD
PREP TO YEAR 6

Sponsered by

Blue Light Disco
Freaky Friday 13th May 2016
Ipsala State School Multi-Purpose Hall
(next to car park)

Pricos the closest customers can come along dressed as nearby to terrify and frighten. Whether it’s a witch, vampire or even a werewolf, the choice is up to you.

Jumping castles, food and drink galore, face painting and cuddles of Glow in the Dark stuff to buy.

important dates

- 6 May  Incursion Years 3—6 A Case Of Emergency
- 9 May  P&C Meeting
- 10 - 12 May  NAPLAN
- 6 June  P&C Meeting
- 9 June  Old MacDonald Incursion - Prep
- 16 June  Interschool Chess Tournament
- 25 May  Street Science Incursion - Years 1, 2 & 4/5C
- 8 June  School Photos
- 10 June  Free Dress Day PJs and Onesies

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