



VIRGINIA PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Week 5

Friday 1st June
Pupil Free Day
'Reading focus'

RECONCILIATION WEEK

Week 6

Friday 8th June
CUA Fun RUN

MAJOR SCHOOL FUNDRAISER!!!!!!!

Casual Clothes Day & Assembly

Week 7

Monday 11th June
PUBLIC HOLIDAY
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY
NO OSHC

Tuesday 12th June

Room 5 & 6 Excursion to Parliament House

Week 8

Tuesday 19th June
SCHOOL PHOTOS

Wednesday 20th June

Governing Council Meeting 7pm



Entertainment Books and app available at
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Walk Safely to School Day & National Sorry Day



Last Friday we participated in "Walk Safely to School Day" as well as acknowledging National Sorry Day at our assembly. It was a very busy morning with families, students and staff meeting at Woolworths to walk to school together. There was also some extra breakfast available on our arrival at school. A great way to start

the morning. Shortly after entering class we moved to the Community Centre to participate in the National Sorry Day event which since 1998 is held annually in Australia on the 26th of May.

There were some fantastic examples of learning presented at the assembly from counting backwards, life-cycles, research into Ancient Egypt, Autumn Art as well as school values award winners and children presented with times tables medals. A huge thank you to all the families who were able to join us for the walk to school and also to those who attended our morning assembly.



PUPIL FREE DAY TOMORROW!!!!!!!

Tomorrow is the second Pupil Free day for this term. On our last Pupil Free day staff worked closely together scaling and analysing student writing samples to identify growth points for learning and highlight our next teaching points. This is a HUGE process, one piece of writing can take up to 30 minutes to mark.



Tomorrow (Friday 1st of June) we will be working with an International expert in literacy, Stephen Graham, on our Reading priority. He will be working through the elements of a balanced reader with us and we will be further 'unpacking' reading levels/ abilities and teaching strategies to support readers. Stephen will then also be joining us next Tuesday to model these strategies in classrooms. As well as being Principal

of our school, one of the other roles I hold is as Chairperson of our Partnership of schools, *The Orion Partnership*. Earlier this week I was off-site on Monday and Tuesday working with Stephen and Dr. Simon Breakspear and leaders from partnership school sites on the very same work (reading). I know tomorrow and Tuesday will be an amazing learning experience for our staff and our learning will have a positive impact on student learning.



School Photos – Yes it's nearly that time again

You will already have received an envelope from MSP photography. Each envelope has an individual barcode assigned to each student with their personal details on it.

The date scheduled for photos is Tuesday 19th June. Payment needs to be correct cash in envelope, cheque or money order (written out to MSP Photography)

Credit card payments are only accepted online at

www.msp.com.au



Say cheese!!!!



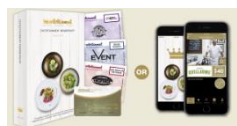
Major School Fundraiser

We're excited to be participating in the CUA School Fun-Run this year! Our Fun-Run date will be held in week 6, **Friday the 8th of June.**

Information for this event should have already come home with your children. We hope you'll support our school and students in fundraising for our Kitchen Garden Program and Fountas and Pinnell Classroom reading kits. If you have any further questions about the event, please come to the front office.



Entertainment Books and app (school fundraising)



Spread the word and support our fundraising by purchasing the Entertainment Book or Digital app through our school. Memberships are \$70, 20% of this goes back to our fundraising needs!

Books are available to purchase from the front office, if you would like one to be placed on hold, please do not hesitate to let us know. Alternatively, you can order the 'app online version' using the link below!

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/162562>

SAPSASA News



Last Friday was busy, as well as Walk to School Safely and our school assembly, our SAPSASA boys and girls soccer teams also competed. Our boys unfortunately lost and didn't progress to the next round. Our girls' team however was dominant from start to finish winning by a big margin. They will now progress to the next round. A

big shout out to Mr Yates who never seems to get any

lunch as he is always out practising with sports teams or running engaging activities for students to be part of during lunch times! Thanks Mr Yates!!!!

Staffing update

Mrs Pounendis, our Deputy Principal will be taking some very well-earned leave from mid-way week seven until the end of term. We are working through a process to backfill her role internally. When we know who will be stepping into her role we will let you know.

Ms De Silva (Sabrina) will also be taking leave from Weeks 8 – 10, and like Mrs Pounendis is travelling overseas. We are thrilled that she will be replaced by Mrs Pauline Ferguson as she is highly experienced and taught many of the students when they were in the Junior Primary.

Grounds

There has been a great deal of work happening to grounds and facilities over the past few weeks. To fill you in on some of the works that have already happened, and some that are to happen, please see below;

Carpeting/ Lino

New lino was laid in the previous holidays and the remaining rooms/ buildings with old carpet will be completed in the coming holidays. This will be a HUGE job but once complete will mean all classrooms have now had new furniture, painting and carpeting within the last 4 years.

New Lighting

Our existing fluro lighting within classrooms will be replaced in the coming holidays with new LED lighting.

Painting to yellow unit

The yellow unit exterior has now received a fresh coat of paint. The interior was completed just over 18 months ago as well as new furniture and cabinetry to Rooms 12, 13 and 14. With the new carpeting to be installed as mentioned above, it will mean that these rooms have been totally refurbished.

Simon will also be painting the entrances to the blue and red units as well as the Performing Arts room in the coming weeks.

Paving

The pathway near the library has now been paved and some of the 'uneven' spots near the playground have been levelled.

Bike/ Trike track

If you have ever been at Virginia during lunch break you would know the basketball court can be a very busy place with tennis, basketball, handball, netball and also bike and trikes roaring around. We are hoping our bike track is painted and completed tomorrow.