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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

23 October – Year 6 & 7 swimming carnival	30 October – Free Dress Day "SPOOKY"
24 October – Working Bee from 8.30am	6 November – Year 4 & 5 swimming carnival
26 October – 5 November – Year 4 & 5 swimming	9 – 20 November – Year 2 & 3 swimming
30 October – Teacher's Day	11 November – Remembrance Day

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

PREP ORIENTATION DAY

On Monday we hosted an Open Morning for children who are due to begin Prep with us in 2010. It was a very successful morning with more than 30 children coming along with their parents. It gave the children a chance to check out the school and it gave our teachers a chance to check out the children.

ENROLMENTS

Anyone who knows any families that want to enroll for 2010 (Prep to Year 7) would you please let them know we are taking enrolments now! Please either ring the office on 3820 5666 or come into the office to obtain all the necessary paperwork.

SINGLE GENDER CLASSES

Each year we offer parents of Year 5 students the opportunity to have their child placed in a single gender class. Forms and information regarding this will be sent home today with this newsletter. If you are interested in having your child considered to participate in a single gender class in 2010 (Year 6) you will need to complete the form and return it to the office as soon as possible. Please note that if there is insufficient parental interest then we will not be able to offer the classes in 2010.

CLASS PREFERENCES FOR 2010

Each year we give parents an opportunity to provide the school with their preferences for class allocations for their child based on educational reasons. If you would like to make us aware of your educational reason for a preference for 2010, please collect a form from the office, complete it and return it to us by Friday, 6 November.

NO HAT NO PLAY

Just a reminder that students require a hat (not a cap) in order for them to play during lunch breaks at school. Those students without hats will be required to sit in the covered eating areas and will not be able to engage in games outside of these areas. Hats are available from the Uniform Shop for \$6. It's a small price to pay to protect your child's skin from skin cancer.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please note the Student Councillors are starting to collect donations of non-perishable items for the Christmas Raffle. When donating, please remember to take note of the use by dates. Homemade food donations cannot be accepted due to health regulations.

VICTORIA POINT STATE HIGH ENROLMENTS FOR 2010

All Year 7 students intending to enroll at the High School need to book an interview time on either a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon between 2.30pm – 3.30pm. This may be made through the office staff on 3820 5888 or online through the website www.vpshs.eq.edu.au

BOOKLISTS

The 2010 booklists will be sent home with students in the coming weeks. The "Lucky Charm" Newsagency have once again supported our school by offering a commission on every booklist filled at their newsagency. They will also provide a layby facility should parents require it.

LEAVING AT THE END OF THE YEAR

If any families know they will not be returning to Victoria Point State School to begin 2010 (apart from Year 7 students) please notify the office as soon as possible.

YEAR 7 GRADUATION BEAR

A Graduation Bear is available for all Year 7 students to purchase. These are available at a cost of \$20. **Order and payment are required by Friday, 6 November.** SAMPLE BEAR CAN BE VIEWED AT THE OFFICE.



SPARE UNIFORMS

If any student/s has borrowed uniforms (including underwear) at home, would they please return them (washed) to the office before the end of the year.

YCDI! News

HABITS OF THE MIND (HOM'S)

I would like to take you back to the habits of the mind. Habits of the mind or HOM's are simply 'mind-sets', these are what children bring with them to life's experiences and can learn. The YCDI! Program has identified 12 positive HOM's & 12 negative HOM's. I have included these below in a table.

NEGATIVE		POSITIVE
Social Irresponsibility	<p>Habits of the Mind</p>	Social Responsibility
Being intolerant of limits and rules		Playing by the Rules
Acting without thinking		Thinking First
Being intolerant of others		Being tolerant of others
Planning time poorly		Planning my time
Having No Goals		Setting my Goals
Giving Up		Giving Effort
I can't be Bothered		Working Tough
Needing Approval		Being Independent
Needing to be Perfect		Taking Risks
Self-Downing		Accepting Myself
I Can't Do It		I Can Do It



I look at these now and can see how I have some of the negatives myself as does everyone, and I must point out that it is not wrong to have negative HOM's but it is certainly right to challenge them in order to have a better view of oneself and better social emotional capabilities.

I wonder with what you and your children have learnt at home, if you could select the habits of the mind that go with both Confidence and Organisation.

Let's call it a little test!

Organisation 1.
2.

Confidence 1.
2.
3.
4.

SNACK SHACK ROSTER

Friday 23 October	Monday 26 October	Wednesday 28 October
Tracey Ross	Lisa Garrett	Megan Harvey
Renee Johnson		Martina Gildner
Dianna Tetley		Lisa Turner

SNACK SHACK NEWS

Exciting New Product – Available 'MACARONI & CHEESE'

PLEASE NOTE – Chocolate & Strawberry Mooves have been replaced with BIG M. These are \$1.80.

We do not sell Coffee flavoured milk.



BLUE MOON THEATRE COMPANY

Is now taking bookings for their
after school drama classes
for 2010.

Primary and Teenage classes.
Ph Donna 0432 535 041

*'What lies behind us
and what lies before us
are tiny matters
compared to what lies within us'*

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DISCO

A huge thanks to our helpers - we obviously had a busy night selling out of drinks, food and glow products. We couldn't have done it without Shannon Kent, Katherine Triandis, Nancy Sixsmith, Sue Schoenfisch, Kristie Jones, Shayli Sellers, Carol Curry, Debbie Garratt, Marlene Sudmalis, Dianna Tetley, Carolyn Felmingham, Michelle Peters, Megan Harvey, Kylie Purdie, Robert Mogg, Tanya Mogg, Anne Austin and our student coucillors. Also thanks to our disco man - "Dysc Magyc" - he did a great job considering he was going into hospital on Friday!



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SCHOOL DISCO COFFEE SHOP

Thanks again to Robert & Tanya Mogg who organized this. It was a little slow, but not bad for our first attempt. We will try again next time. Again, thanks to the *Redland Bay Fruit Shop* who donated the milk for the night.

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LEARNING AND REAL-LIFE FUN (LARF) GARDEN - SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER

Hopefully this will be looking closer to finished by now. Don't forget we are looking for school families to be a part of this and help with our final day of work. This Saturday, 24 October, there will be a working bee (planting and painting) from 8.30am to finalise our garden.

TEACHER'S DAY - FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER

Teacher's Day is heading this way again. Don't forget to acknowledge the teachers - they do a fantastic job with our kids. For all of the wonderful parents who assist class teachers by purchasing items for prize boxes, the P&C have \$5 bags of items pre-packed suitable for this purpose available at the front office.



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SCHOOL HAIR SCRUNCHIES

Don't forget Hair Scrunchies in school colours are now available at the office for \$3.00 each until sold out.

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SWIMMING

Don't forget to get those permission forms and monies to the office PRIOR to your child commencing swimming this term.

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NEXT P&C MEETING - WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER

Hopefully some new faces will have been present at our meeting today!



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MELBOURNE CUP - TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER

The P&C would like to hold a social afternoon in the Multi-Purpose room before school pick-up for the running of the race. It would be great to actually catch the race this year! To participate please bring along a plate of food to share and wear a fancy hat. We are also hoping to have a mini sweep. If you have any suggestions or would like to participate, please contact us on pandc@vicpointss.eq.edu.au or leave your details at the office.

Music News

- Senior Concert Band:** Rehearsals each Tuesday morning from 8.00am – 8.45am in the Music Room. Please make sure your child is at school by 7.50am at the latest to help set-up the band and warm up their instruments.
- Junior Concert Band:** Rehearsals each Tuesday Morning Tea in the Music Room after the eating bell has rung.
- Senior Strings:** Rehearsals each Friday morning from 7.45am – 8.30am in the Music Room.
- Choir:** Rehearsals each Tuesday lunch in the Music Room (after the eating bell has rung).



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YEAR 6 & 7 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Carnival is this **FRIDAY** (i.e. 23 October) at the YMCA from 9.30am - 1pm. Please ensure your children have applied sunscreen before coming to school and make sure they have packed the sunscreen to reapply during the day. Students must have a broad brimmed hat to wear. Feel free to come along and offer your support.

YEAR 4 INTER-SCHOOL TRIALS CARNIVAL

These trials are being held Friday, 30 October at the Cleveland Showgrounds. Numbers are limited to the first 70 paid. Cost for the day is \$7.50 and payments can be made at the Payments window at the Office.

Liam Gee (7C) will be competing at the State Athletic Titles representing Met East this week.

GOOD LUCK - we are all very proud of you!



REMINDER - Year 4 & 5 swimming commences next Monday, 26 October - please ensure payment has been made prior to this date otherwise your child will be unable to participate!

KOALA ACTION GROUP SURVEY

Is on again
Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 October from 8am - 5pm
Phone: 3820 1103

Redland's annual phone-in Koala Survey is on again this month.

On 24 & 25 October, please search your backyard & neighbourhood trees for koalas. Call sighting (or koalas you have heard) with as much detail as possible, including the type of tree the koala was in (i.e. eucalyptus or other), the koala's exact location, health status & sex.

Male koalas have a dark vertical stain on their chest & make a loud grunting noise. Sick koalas often have a dirty wet bottom or swollen infected eyes.

The report will assist with future planning to help stop the decline of our Redland koala. The species is under threat & it is only with the help of residents that this situation can be reversed.

Please call 3823 5575 to volunteer to answer phone calls for the survey.

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2ND GO to the rescue.....

In these tough economic times, this is what we need.....

The school uniform shop which sold your good second hand uniforms (yes, closed...but we have just OPENED!)

Here is your outlet for those school uniforms you have at home that you no longer need, or no longer fit your child. Are you looking for another uniform/school item/s but don't want to pay full price? Give your uniform a "2nd Go". Bring your uniform, jumpers, hats, etc and let us change it into CASH for you!!

It's very simple....bring your items to our address, then sit at home and wait..... once sold, monies gained will be deposited straight into your bank account!
YES.....it's that easy!

As we have just opened, we need your good school items!

Opening Hours: As business is new - just call!
And Cash only at this point!

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