Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another” G.K (1874–1936) English

Welcome back to what appears is going to be another exciting term at Verona School. The school has already organised a range of exciting events and activities to assist the students in achieving both their learning and social outcomes. These include:

- English classes are studying the Beast Quest Series
- Visual Arts classes are looking at self portraits.
- AFL Workshop
- NSW Cricket Workshops
- Curriculum Excursion to Botanical Gardens
- Visit to the Sydney Harbour Bridge
- Street Art Works and Mural Program

Student reports will also be issued at the end of the term. These reports are an opportunity for both students and their parents/guardians to reflect on the educational progress being made. One of the main advantages of students attending Verona School is the small class sizes. These limited numbers provide the opportunity for students to improve both their academic and social skills as more intensive work can be conducted with the classroom environment. Unfortunately, all the support in the world can be provided to students to succeed. However, this success is only possible if the student takes responsibility for their own behaviour and learning.

The benefits of both good behaviour and academic success needs to be promoted within both the school and home environments with outcomes are to be achieved. Strong collaboration between both environments needs to occur. It is critical that the home environment constantly reinforces the expectations required for students to be responsible, respectful and safe citizens.

Tips for Parents: Sleep - A good sleep on school nights

Children need a good sleep each night to be able to cope with the challenges of school. They need to have lots of energy for trying new activities, making friends, listening, following instructions and being confident learners.

A good sleep will help your child to:

- remember what they learn
- pay attention and concentrate
- solve problems and think of new ideas
- play sensibly.

Mr R Patruno
Principal
**Assistant Principal’s Report**

**Verona Gardening and Sustainability Program.**

As part of the Department of Educations plan to educate all students about the value in sustainable living, students at Verona have taken part in an extensive home gardening program. Mr Spiropoulous organised a highly successful excursion to the Botantical gardens where students learnt about growing vegetables from seed and how composting works to improve soil.

At school, Mr Walster has recruited some very good gardening help especially Matthew Hough for his help in plant selection and purchases and Kobi Dennis and Jack Daw for their expert help in planting and watering.

**Sports Report**

What a great start to Sport this term. Many students are achieving great things in the sports program and Moriah Gobert is currently leading Sports Person of the term. Stanley Tolu, Kobi Dennis and Jack Daw have also achieved weekly player of the match awards. We have Cricket NSW currently doing a 5 week workshop with us and in week 5 the AFL (Australian Rules Football) will be coming to the school for a series of workshops. Congratulations to all students who always do their best. This is why our new sports program is such a success.

**Student Leadership Team 2010**

Plans are current under way to introduce a new student leadership program at Verona. This will give students the opportunity to learn about leaders, what it means to be a leader and what are the personal qualities that make a leader great. All students will have the opportunity to participate and it is likely that an inaugural Verona Student Leadership President will be selected during term 2.

I take this opportunity in thanking all the students, their parents and the staff at both Verona and the home schools for the positive efforts that have taken place during term 2.

Thankyou,
Mr Walster
Assistant Principal
Class 1—Teacher: Craig Wheele

Class One: The Gladiators

The Gladiators are have begun the new term with some new classmates and a few of the ‘old guard!’ The class now consists of 5 students: Louise, Ricky, Kobi, Jack and R.J. The Gladiators focus has changed a little bit this term, we are now working on developing better coping mechanisms for our students, so they can be more successful at their home school and at Verona. We are working on developing the schools core principles of being ‘Respectful, Responsible and Safe Learners’.

The Gladiators have done some great work in Cooking, Maths, Art and especially in English where they are reading the Beast Quest series.

Mrs Robinson and myself are looking forward to the working with the students for the remainder of this term.

Mr Wheele!

Class 2

Classroom Two - The Kelpies – Second Edition

‘The Kelpies’ or Classroom Two have thrived in their learning and camaraderie in the classroom and on the playing field throughout Term Two. The class has successfully examined and evaluated the ancient societies of Rome and Egypt. We have prepared, cooked and indulged in a variety of Italian dishes in Food Technology, learn to play chords on an electric guitar and have commenced to plant some seedlings for a garden. We continue to be involved in the integration school programme with staff liaising and monitoring the return of the student to their home school.

Class 3 Bennelong

I would like to introduce myself to the parents, carers and the community of Verona School. My name is Mr Ivandic and I have been teaching for 1 year. I have worked at several schools within the metropolitan area (Chester Hill High, Punchbowl Boy’s, Granville Boy’s and more). I am very excited to be part of the new and interesting challenge that is Verona and I am really enjoying working with such a varied group of students.

The Bennelong class consists of 6 students; Stanley, Mariah, Scott, Brendon, Jayden and Ali. This class has demonstrated that they have the capacity to learn and be respectful learners. This is what we are endeavoring to achieve at Verona and the students of Bennelong class are hopefully going to be the first of many such classes at our school.
School Uniform

Uniform is an important part of the school structure. A school uniform provides a student with the added safety that if an incident was to occur to or from school, the student could be clearly identified and contact made with the school. It also establishes a sense of belonging to a school community. It is the role of parents or guardians to monitor their child’s school uniform prior to their child leaving the house. This is especially the case in terms of school pants and shoes, as students may be involved in a sporting activities or food technology classes during the day. Thus, uniform reduces the risk of injury. Parents will be contacted by the staff, if students are not in appropriate uniform and a clean uniform may be supplied to them for the day.

The Verona School Rewards and Discipline (Welfare) Policy clear states the uniform standards:

- Students are to wear their home school uniform or the Verona uniform. The shirt can be purchased at the front office for a cost of $20.00. **Reward Points** will be allocated each day for being in uniform.
- Students are to wear sports shorts or tracksuit pants to school.
- Enclosed shoes are to be worn similar to regular school or sports shoes. Parents will be contacted if there is a safety issue.
- Hats are encouraged to be worn outside. Students without hats will be asked to sit in the shade to earn their points for that session.
- Hats are not to be worn indoors.
- Jewellery is not to be worn except for studs or sleepers in the ears and a watch.

Verona School Uniform

- Verona School Polo or Home School Uniform.
- Sports shorts , Tracksuit Pants or School Pants
- Enclosed shoes - School or Sports Shoes.
- Hat

COMING SOON

A Verona School Jumper

Sleep is the key to concentration

After numerous interviews with students, it has come to the attention of staff, that a number of our students do not get enough sleep. Students need a good sleep each night to be able to cope with the challenges of school. It would be appreciated, if parents and guardians speak to the children about the importance of getting enough sleep. Medical research and educational studies have clearly found that a lack of sleep has a direct impact on students achieving learning outcomes.

A good sleep will help students to:
- remember what they learn
- pay attention and concentrate
- solve problems and think of new ideas
- play sensibly.

Robert Patruno
Principal
WOULD YOU LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOLLOWING ?????????

- Understanding adolescent development and issues
- Family bonding through interpersonal relationship
- Encourage parents to understand how their experiences affect their parenting
- Self care for parents
- Communication and problem solving with respect and acceptance
- Management of teen’s strong emotions (including anger, resentment)
- Establishing boundaries and setting limitations

Then you may be interested in **PARENTING TODAY**

**PARENTING TODAY**
Sydney South West Area Health Service (NSW Health) offers a clinical service/ focus group for adolescents with complex mental health issues and their families.

ABOUT THE GROUP
PARENTING TODAY is a group of parents of TEENAGERS living in the Fairfield and Liverpool Local government area. It is a closed group where a series of educational and interactive sessions are conducted at the meetings.

WHEN
The next session will run for 5 weeks—every Thursday from 10am to 12pm
Commencing on the 13th May 2010 and Concluding on the 3rd June 2010.

WHERE
The sessions will be conducted at the Youth Health Centre at
53-65 Mitchell St Carramar

CONTACT
If you are interested phone Mai Than Trong (senior psychologist) or Trang (social Worker) on 8717 1700

It’s Free and Refreshment is provided

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**NAPLAN**

During week 4 some of our students will be sitting for the NAPLAN tests.

Good Luck to all the students who sit for the test