This is our second last Newsletter for the year. The last Newsletter will go home on Thursday 8th December.

Golden Pentagon Day:
Our end of term Golden Pentagon Celebration day is scheduled for Wednesday 7th December. Invitations and permission notes will be sent home on Monday 5th December. The children will be travelling by bus into Toowoomba Ten Pin Bowling and be participating in each of three rotations – Ten Pin Bowling, Laser Skirmish and Arcade games. The school pays for all activities except the Arcade Games. Children will need to bring some money for these games if they would like to take part in their choice of games. If they choose not to participate or watch, they can bring their own electronic devices for this particular rotation. Following the rotation activities, children will then move across to Laurel Bank Park and have a picnic lunch and play on the equipment. They return to school to finish the day with teacher organised activities.

P&C Meeting Discussions

Pick up and Drop Off Area
Our last meeting of the year was filled with some great discussions. We discussed the Pick and Drop off options and the P&C are going to approach the council again to enquire about using the paddock adjacent to the School House. This would be a much safer option than our current set up. It was agreed that this area would need to be bitumen with line marking and if possible, perhaps an area for drop off/pick up.

Class Groupings for 2017
We also discussed class groupings for next year. We have class numbers that make it difficult to create ideal student groups. After much thought, discussions and consultations and provided these numbers don’t change too radically between now and the start of the 2017 school year, students will be grouped as follows.

P-1 Class = 22 students (Jude Nestor, EEC)
3–4 Class = 18 (Julie Rice, Block C)
2, 5&6 Class = 19 students (Terri-Anne Simpson, Kathryn Haylock, Block B)

These class groups still provide room for growth and allow our multi-age curriculum cycle to continue as normal. Year 2 students will be taught their straight year 2 curriculum.
New SCSS School Bags with School Logo

We will be purchasing school bags with our school logo on them ready for next year. If your child / children are in need of a new school bag, perhaps you’d like to consider buying one of the SCSS school bags. They will cost $20 and are in the same colours as our school uniform – maroon and yellow. Thank you to Jess Garratt who is leading this new initiative with our school bags. It is very exciting!

Concert Night:

Our Concert night is not far away now. You will have seen the concert night program and it is also attached to this Newsletter for your convenience. A huge thank you to our wonderful P&C, who, as always, will be starting the evening with a BBQ. A flyer is attached. Please return the RSVP back to school to allow for accurate catering. We will have special guests attending our concert night who will be presenting awards. Please be aware that I will have reserve signs on seats near the front of the hall, so they have easy access to the stage. I have attached a copy of the school concert night program for your information and convenience (it is really attached this time!)

Graduation Night

Graduation for our year 6 students is being held at the Pittsworth Leagues Club on Thursday 8th December. Students will have sent invitations home to families. Graduation Night is a special occasion to acknowledge achievement of students for completing their seven years of primary school. With this in mind and to ensure that the focus remains on our Graduates for the full evening, Wendy Thornber and Jess Garratt have so kindly agreed to look after siblings of Graduates at the AOG Church. Wendy and Jess will be providing a sausage sizzle dinner with entertainment for the duration of the Graduation. Thank you Wendy and Jess, your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by all and we look forward to a lovely evening sending our Graduates off in “Style”.

Donation Thank-you

I am always so touched by the generosity of people. I would like to give a big shout-out for Toowoomba Portable Toilets – the safety fencing used for our Softball Carnival, this term was kindly donated for us. We also had a visitor come into the school this week. Mr. Andrew O’Neil kindly donated 4 new sets of cricket batting pads to the school.

New Flag

You might have noticed that we have not been flying our Australian flag this term. With the constant exposure to our weather, our flag was wearing out and looking a little shabby. I endeavoured to secure a new flag for our school and as protocol dictates, Dr John McVeigh will be presenting this to our school on the last assembly of the year – Tuesday 6th December. Dr McVeigh will be staying for a morning tea in the Library immediately after assembly. I invite parents who join us for assembly to stay and share this morning tea and as a special treat, year 6 students will be invited to share this special morning tea before they leave us at the end of the school year.

Uniform Shop

Kirsty Brown will be opening our uniform shop on Thursday 19th January from 9.30-12.00 for those who are in need of new uniforms.

Have a great last two weeks!

Warmest regards
Terri-Anne

2017 Enrolments

Please make contact with the school if you know that you will be moving or your child will not be attending Southbrook Central in 2017. I would appreciate a quick email or any other convenient form of communication. This will assist our estimate of student numbers for 2017.
5 must-know facts to help you understand boys

Raising boys is a hot topic in Australia and other parts of the world. It’s obvious that those adults who do best raising and educating boys have a significant understanding of the psychology and physiology of boys. Here are five facts about boys to help you better understand them:

1. **They are wired for activity**
   It seems boys’ brains were designed by a different architect than girls. While girls develop verbal, social and fine motor skills quite naturally boys are wired to be more active, boisterous, competitive and territorial, which is one of the reasons why parents are usually kept busy raising boys in the early years.

2. **They are slower to mature**
   The maturity gap between boys and girls of anywhere between 12 months and two years seems to be consistent all the way to adulthood. Parents should take this into account when deciding the school starting age of their sons. This maturity gap is also evident when kids finish school and move into tertiary studies or the workplace.

3. **They want approval**
   Most boys ache for approval from their parents, their fathers in particular. Wanting the best for their boys some dads can be too hard on their sons. Better to foster a strong relationship than drive them too hard.

4. **They want to blend in**
   Boys just want to fit in. They are group-oriented by nature and tend to be very loyal to their friends. As a rule, they don’t like to stand out from the crowd so they respond best to private praise and won’t respect you if you embarrass them in front of their friends.

5. **They need a disciplined approach**
   Boys usually like limits and boundaries. This make them feel safe and secure. They also like to know that a parent will enforce the house rules, so don’t be afraid to be firm, although you don’t have to use the same authoritarian methods as parents in the past may have used. Firm, fair and consistent are the keys to effective discipline for boys.
**Southbrook Possums Playgroup**

We meet at the Southbrook Sports Grounds every Monday between 10am and 12 and welcome any new members with children aged from birth to 5 (prior to starting prep).

Playgroup will be held as normal at the Southbrook Sports Grounds on Monday 28th November from 10am.

We will be meeting for our last Playgroup for the year at Southbrook Central State School on the 5th December. We will join with Mrs Nestor and the Prep / Year 1 class for a morning of Christmas Fun!

Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas.
Please contact Kerrie on 0409055679 for further details.

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**Uniform Shop**

**SOUTHBROOK CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

All uniforms available

OPEN Thursday 19th January, 2017—9.30-12.00
OR BY ARRANGEMENT
0448170049
Kirsty

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**Student Insurance**

Did you know that the P&C pay for student Personal and Accident Insurance every year for your child?

The policy cover is provided whilst a student is at school and or undertaking school based activities. In addition, the scope of coverage also includes necessary direct journey travel to and from such activities and or the school.

If you would like more information about this, the P&C have left an information booklet in the staffroom for your convenience or you can access further information from this web address.


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**TUCKSHOP – Term 4**

**LAST TUCKSHOP FOR THE YEAR**

**Friday 2nd December**

Amy McNab: mobile 0400910252
Kerrie Train: mobile 0409055679

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This year our P&C volunteers are raising funds for the following:

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**Grant Projects**

| Children’s Lunch area beatification project |

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**Thank You**

We wish to thank Billy Petersen from Elysian Quality Events for her kind donation of $500 for our P & C. We also want to thank our volunteers who helped at the Black Tie Event – Wendy Thomber, Sarah Marchant, Kerrie and Michael Train. The Country Gala Ball was held at the Pittsworth Showgrounds on the 15 October and was attended by 120 guests. Money raised was donated to RACQ LifeFlight and various other community organisations in our area.

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School Community Items

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Southbrook Central 2016 School Priorities
Every student succeeding in Reading and Numeracy

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Sporting Schools

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR 2017

We rely on 15 students to continue this program each activity day.

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School Banking

There are only 2 more school banking days for the year. The students who have 10 tokens by next week will be able to trade in for prizes so that they arrive before the holidays.

Mrs Andrews

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Southbrook Central’s 5C’s — Values

**Consideration**
Thinking about others

**Courage**
Knowing what is right and acting upon it

**Care**
Looking after:
- Ourselves
- Our school

**Commitment**
Always doing my best

**Courtesy**
Using manners in all situations

The value for Weeks 7 & 8 is COMMITMENT. COMMITMENT is always doing my best. Be organised. Be on time and be a positive role model. Go directly to your teacher. Complete set tasks. Return books on time. Notify change of travel arrangements.

Below are the processes around our PBL reward system at Southbrook Central

- We have fortnightly focus on one of the 5 values throughout each term
- Coloured Pentagon tokens are given anytime, anywhere to acknowledge any good efforts/behaviours that demonstrate any of the 5 school values. Eg. Student continues reading over holidays and records this in reading diary, the teacher would reward that student with a “Commitment” pentagon for demonstrating commitment to learning.
- The focus value for the fortnight will attract double rewards of that particular token.
- Students collect all pentagon tokens and save these to trade for vouchers sold at the V-Shop.
- Vouchers range from 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 250 pentagon tokens thus allowing regular reward for students who need this and also allow students to ‘save’ for a more significant voucher reward.
- Participation in end of term Golden Pentagon Celebration day — Students participate upon receiving an invitation. Students excluded from receiving an invitation will have behaviour records in One School for that term. These records are produced through our current behaviour slips/data collection methods which are aligned to our Behaviour matrix consequences. Criteria for which students are excluded from the Golden Pentagon day will be - three or more minor behaviour breaches or one major behaviour breach. This will result in that student not receiving their invitation to attend the golden pentagon reward day and instead, work on goals for next term.
- 3-6 Classroom daily point systems will result in the reward of a pentagon every time students reach 5points. Pentagons are given at the end of the day. Classroom Jobs in the 3-6 class are categorised under the school values and will be paid in pentagons at the end of the week.
- ’Student of the week’ rewards continue to be selected by the teacher and will result in a pentagon token reward as well as a certificate during assembly.
- Reading awards will attract a Commitment pentagon every time a student reaches the milestones outlined in their reading diaries. Number fact and spelling post test results will result in a pentagon reward when achieving set target scores.

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Classroom Reminders

**Frozies Friday(3pm) — 50 cents each.**
WELL DONE ! Vogue Frank, Trenton McNab and Clair Basham who received their Homework Reading Awards.

CONGRATULATIONS Isaiah Kimball and Vogue Frank, Students of the Week.

Congratulations Reagan Collin who received her Certificate for Homework Reading.

Congratulations to Students of the Week- Lochlan Swenson, Samantha Mengel, Jennifer-May Williams, Ryan Barlow and Tonnah Healy who received their Certificates on Parade.

Absent : Leonardo Morales

Sharing Cultures through Indonesian Language

Last Wednesday saw some lucky senior students participate in a successful school visit program from Darling Heights State School. The aim of this program is to foster friendly interaction between children in town and outlying areas and to help children form a greater understanding of the diverse cultures that make up our communities.

Our students showed exemplary behaviour while working together with the Darling Heights seniors speaking and writing in Indonesian language, sharing personal stories, playing language games and then having a friendly sports session.

We sincerely thank Ross Savil and the Hume Ridge Church for providing transport free of charge and with such friendly generosity.
CHAPPY CORNER

For the first time ever – Lutheran Youth of Qld are holding a camp in the Christmas holidays at Highfields. Here are the details for anyone that may be interested!

Date: 9-13 January (early bird registrations close 4th December)
Venue: Highfields at Camp Koojarewon
Cost: $387-00
Who: Years 3-6 in 2016
For further information, please see website:

Karen

Reminders

School Uniforms

- We strongly encourage all students to be in correct uniform for the following reasons. The wearing of our school uniform is endorsed by our P&C.
- The Southbrook Central State School student dress code assists in providing a safe and supportive school environment by:
  - Allowing ready identification of students;
  - Eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school;
  - Fostering a sense of belonging; and
  - Developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social difference.
- There is also a range of second hand uniforms, especially good for those students who are in their last year.

BIG THANK YOU

to Mr. Andrew O’Neil who has kindly donated 4 sets of cricket batting pads to the school.

Swimming Reflections