**From the Principal’s Desk**

We are well into Term 4 and certainly all very busy and involved in a multitude of activities from Community based activities to professional development activities. Being so busy seems to make the weeks fly by.

Its international Teachers’ Day today and I take this opportunity to acknowledge my whole teaching staff for their amazing dedication to the students and their work. Having such competent people around makes the job of the Principal much easier. Thank you Jude, Julie, Heather, Maree and Lou—you are my heroes!

**P&C Meeting Date Change and Tuckshop Thank-you Day**

Please note that the next P&C meeting will be conducted on 19th November, 2015, 3:15 in the staffroom. We look forward to having you there! The 6th November is Tuckshop recognition day, however, we are going to say thank-you to our tuckshop ladies on Tuesday 3rd November on Assembly. Please feel free to join us at this time.

**P&C Car Rally – 25th October**

Congratulations to Michelle Basham, who lead the activities for this year’s P&C Car Rally. We had more entries this year and a fun morning was had by all, including the obligatory ‘getting lost’ route for some!

**Southbrook Hall and ANZAC Centenary**

Thank you both to the parents and students for supporting the school’s invitation to attend the Southbrook Hall and ANZAC Centenary celebrations yesterday. The children were fantastic and so very well behaved as usual. I am very proud of them all with the efforts and commitment they demonstrate at these types of events.

**Grandparent Day Celebration and Fun**

The Southbrook Student Council conducted a very successful Grandparents’ morning last Friday. They planned for the breakfast and were integral to the preparations, they lead the old fashioned games where all attending visitors enjoyed the interaction. Well done Student Council and thank you to our parents and grandparents who were so supportive of the morning. Once again, a very big thank-you to my staff for all their work and ongoing commitment to ‘what we do’ here at Southbrook Central. There were 6 games where groups rotated through, spending about 10min at each game. It was a fun and relaxed morning. You will see some photos further into this Newsletter.

**Crayon Caution**

Please take care when buying crayons for your children. We have noticed a number of students bringing crayons packaged in boxes that display popular movies or TV shows. These crayons are imported and many have been reported and, some actually recalled, because they contain toxic substances that range from lead to asbestos. Dora the Explorer and Frozen are just two of many. If you would like more information you can do a web search with the keywords crayons and asbestos.

Up coming staff movements and activities:

**Week 5**

- Monday, 2nd Nov.—Jude Nestor will be off class working on end of year benchmarking for Early Start testing and Darling Downs Sport meeting
- Tuesday, 3rd Nov.—WH&S meeting in the afternoon to continue our annual WH&S audit
- Wednesday, 4th Nov.—Teachers off class and involved in formalising the school mathematics program. Doug Maxwell is on class for the day along with specialist teachers for music and PE
- Thursday, 5th Nov.—Softball Carnival. Band 5 cluster schools will be in attendance at Southbrook Central for the day
- Thursday, 5th Nov.—Principal attending cluster meeting at Pittsworth

**Week 6**

- Monday, 9th Nov.—Visit from Peter Baker, 3pm-4pm
- Wednesday, 11th Nov.—Teachers attending and ICT Conference at Highfields SHS. Doug Maxwell on class again all day with specialist teachers.
- Thursday, 12th Nov.— Regional Band 5 Teaching Principal Professional Development Day. Mrs Simpson out of school.
- Friday, 13th Nov.—Budget Planning and accountability session at Wilsonton SS. Mrs Simpson and Mrs Johnson out of school. Julie Rice is on class.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone, and remember, in the most busy of times...live in the moment but plan for the future—appreciate it all but stay on top of everything!

Warm regards Terri-Anne
Students, Parents and Grandparents enjoyed breakfast together. After breakfast, Grandparents reminisced with students and parents on playing ‘old fashion’ games organised and run by the Student Council. A FANTASTIC MORNING WAS ENJOYED BY ALL !!!!
Reminders and Notices

Southbrook School Dress Code

We encourage all students to wear our smart school uniform every day. Student dress codes provide clothing that aims to contribute to a safe and supportive teaching and learning environment through:

- Easy identification of students;
- Fostering a sense of belonging; and
- Developing mutual respect among students by minimising visible evidence of economic and social differences.

Morning Arrival Times for School

A reminder that students should not be at school before 8.30am unless previously organised with your child’s teacher/school staff.

For the safety of your children, please remember there is no supervision provided for students before 8.30am and before the buses arrive at school.

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 is a place for you and your child to interact with other parents/caregivers and their children, providing opportunities for play and learning. Playgroup also develops new skills and helps gain confidence by interacting with other children. Lots of activities are planned this term, including a visit from the local health nurse and a visit to the Southbrook School.

Please contact Kerrie on 0409056679 for further details.

Every Day Counts

Every day at school is an important day for your child’s education.

If your child will be absent from school for more than 10 days, it is a requirement by law that parents contact the school to complete a Student Exemption form. If your child is unwell, there are many options to notify the school of absences:

- Telephone the school on 46910142 and speak to someone, or leave a message on the answering machine
- Speak to your student’s teacher
- Write a note to your student’s teacher
- Email: the.principal@soutcentss.eq.edu.au

Unexplained absences are then listed on students’ report cards.

I would like to sincerely thank the wonderful Staff for their support, all the Students, the wonderful Parents and Community members who enquired about my recovery from my recent heart attack.

I appreciate your care and kindness.

Ms Holmes / Heather

Uniform Shop

SOUTHBROOK CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

OPEN TUESDAYS AT 8:30AM OR BY ARRANGEMENT... 0448170049

Kirsty
Mrs Simpson, Mrs Rice’s & Ms Holmes’ Spectacular 3, 4, 5 & 6’s!

Year 5 Maths: These students have just completed an assessment on data and have recently begun a series of lessons revising multiples and factors.

Year 6 Maths: Year 6 students have been learning various strategies to add and subtract decimal numbers and will later be using these skills to multiply and divide such numbers.

Year 3-4 History: These students did a little more work on their assessment last week—once again posing questions and finding the answers to the questions in given sources.

Year 5-6 History: The senior students are also working on assessment in History—taking notes in order to answer questions they posed before the holidays. This week they will be placing significant moments in the life of a migrant into a timeline.

Year 3-6 Science: Senior students finalised their chemistry assessment this week by finding five important facts about plastic. The three fours began work on their new physics unit by exploring what energy is.

Arts: Students have begun work on the pieces they intend to present at our end of year concert. I won’t reveal too much about this other than to say that they will have a Christmas theme.

Mrs Rice

English—Year 6: Year 6 students have started their Graduation 2015 Year Book. Some early work indicates a very nice standard and they have some work yet to do to finish a summary report of each school month from this year.

Year 5: Year 5 students have added some final touches to their multimodal slideshow and have started their final unit of work around the comparison of narratives in bookform to narratives in film form. We have just begun to explore camera shots, angles, distance, settings, subjects etc. So much effort goes into learning about bookform narratives, that the film study provides a refreshing opportunity to learn how the tone and mood a story told through film is achieved in such different ways.

Year 3&4: We continue to finalise the unit from Term 3 with our book study of Rowan of Rin. The students address quite a lot of language features through this unit and compose their opinions about the story. These opinions continue to be shared with an electronic journal and blogs with their classmates. We begin Assessment part 2 very shortly.

Civics and Citizenship: Year 3&4 students began parts A, B and C of their assessment item last week. They have gained some understanding about rules, why these are so important, how they change according to different situations and how new rules are made in a democratic way.

Year 5&6 began their assessment item and demonstrated their understanding of the electoral process, roles and responsibilities of people involved in all facets of elections.

Mrs S

Mrs Nestor’s (K)nowledgeable Preps, Year 1’s and Year 2’s

A big thank you to the McGinn family for allowing us to advertise our Children’s Book Week posters and collage on their shop window in Pittsworth. Thank you also to the parents who helped with transporting the students to and from Pittsworth. We had a wonderful morning today dressing up as a book character and participating in the Pittsworth activities. Hopefully, it didn’t even rain on our parade.

Our animal project oral presentations have finally been done. All students were videoed as part of their assessment feedback.

Year 1 & 2 typed their spelling words on the computer this week to learn for homework. Preps typed out the alphabet in lower and upper case and need to be continually tested on the letter names and sounds.

The school nurse visited our class yesterday to do the annual screening tests on our younger students and to retest ears and eyes on some of our other students.

This Tuesday is a significant day in our folklore so we will be running our own version of the Melbourne Cup. The students will be given a horse and they are to come to school dressed in their jockey colours. We will have a sweep in our class room and do Mathematic activities around it—data and chance.

For cooking on Tuesday the students made the honey joys for the Meal Deal for the Softball Carnival next Thursday. Thank you to Jess for supervising the process.

Cheers,

Jude, Lou and Maree.

Frozie Friday is back: 50 cents.
Southbrook Central School Priorities for 2015

| ⇒ Reading                          | ⇒ Engage with the Community       |
| ⇒ Numeracy                         | ⇒ Positive Behaviour Management   |
| ⇒ Transition                       | ⇒ School Wide Curriculum, Teaching and Learning |
| ⇒ Attendance                       | |

Southbrook Central’s 5C’s — Values

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

- **Commitment**
  - Always doing my best

- **Consideration**
  - Thinking about others

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

- **Courtesy**
  - Using manners in all situations

The value for week 3 and 4 was COURTESY—using manners in all situations and speaking politely. Being a good sport, Raising your hand, Sharing school equipment and Using appropriate language. This fortnight, weeks 5 and 6, our value is CONSIDERATION. CONSIDERATION is thinking about others. Helping and encouraging others, Active listening and following directions and Including others. Chairs up and tidy desk area. Floor clean.

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 5 points. 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.

Sporting Schools

Term 4 Activities:
- Monday: Soccer
- Wednesday: Tennis
- Thursday: Orienteering

There will be a 7 week program beginning in the 2nd Week and finishing 8th week.

Pick up time is 4.30pm

NEW BOOK CLUB

CO-ORDINATOR

Mrs Jodie Berghauser—Mobile—0418724976

School Banking

School banking continues every Tuesday this term. It is great to see many students reaching their savings goals in recent weeks and claiming prizes with their tokens.

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More Items of Interest and Reminders

Uniform Shop Information
Pre-ordered uniforms are ready and are available to be picked up from the uniform shop. If the normal uniform shop day of Tuesday does not suit for pick up, please contact Kirsty Brown on her mobile number to arrange alternative times. Cheers, Kirsty.
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Help Needed—TUCKSHOP
We are still needing volunteers to help on Thursday during the day. If you can help, please call Amy 0400910252 or Kerrie 0409055679.
Homebaking is also needed and appreciated from anyone who may be able to assist with that, please let the ladies know.
Thanks again for the support.

Softball Carnival and Tuckshop Assistance
Our annual cluster softball carnival is being held at Southbrook Central on 5th November. As is the norm, the tuckshop will be offering all attending school students a meal deal. They are in need of help on this particular day. If you are able to assist, please contact Kerrie or Amy. Contacts above

Swimming Date Reminders
- Week 6 – Wednesday 11th November. Depart SCSS 9:00am and return 11.30am
- Week 6 - 12, 13th November. Depart SCSS 12.00noon and return 2.30pm
- Week 7 – 18th November. Depart SCSS 9:00am and return 11.30am
- Week 7 - 19th November. Depart SCSS 12.00noon and return 2.30pm
- SCSS school swimming carnival is Wednesday 25th November – leave 10.00am return 2pm (school will transport children to and from pool)
- Rossvale held on Wednesday 2nd December – parents transport qualifying children to and from the pool.
It is very helpful if the money is safely sent to the school in an envelope stapled to the accompanying permission form. This allows the teachers to send the money, undisturbed to the office, and easily separate the permission form, which is the part that teachers need.

Transition activities for Preps and Year 2
This year we build on previous transition activities undertaken in term 4. Preps will have an increased orientation program into the P-2 classroom on the following days and times.
- Week 5 – Monday 9th November, 8.45-12.00noon
- Week 6 – Monday 16th November, 8.45-11.30am
- Week 7 – Monday 23rd, November, 2.00-3.00pm

Get your family active and eating well
Families in Toowoomba can now sign up the free healthy lifestyle program called PEACH™ - Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health. Registrations are open for a new group to commence in term 4, 2015.
The program is fun for kids and helps parents and carers make healthy eating and activity a part of every-day life. It is available to families with a child aged between 5-11 years who is above a healthy weight for their age and consists of 10 group sessions that run for 90 minutes each.
Topics covered include nutrition skills, reducing screen time and being more active as a family. While the parent sessions are taking place, children enjoy active play with a trained child physical activity facilitator.
What: PEACH (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) program
When: Term 4, Tues 4-5.30pm (weekly)
Where: St Mary's College
Cost: FREE
The program is funded by the Queensland government and being delivered state-wide by the Queensland University of Technology. If you would like more information about the PEACH™ program or to register please contact free call 1800 263 519 or visit www.peachqld.com.au
Student of the week—Term 4

Week 3—17th October
Students of the Week!

There are some students who have not returned their borrowed library books. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Mrs Ferg

Week 4—27th October
Students of the Week!

Congratulations to Akayla Brown, Alice Train and Chaz McNab who received their Home Reading Certificates on Parade.

Well Done! Caitlin Stace, Matilda Collin, Otto Friedrichs, Bon Rickert and Reagan Collin who received their Home Reading Certificates on Parade.

‘Sweet Harmony’
Community Choir

People of all ages and different backgrounds are invited to come together to have fun making music with a local community choir. The choir is called ‘Sweet Harmony’, and anyone can join.

First date: Sunday, 1 November 2015
Time: 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Venue: Pittsworth Function Centre
Cost: $2.00 per person Or $5.00 per family

Please bring a small plate of afternoon tea to share.

To register for the afternoon workshop, please contact Beth Wheeldon (bethwheeldon@hotmail.com or 46 937 242).

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Life is short. Live your dream. Share your passion.

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SOUTHBROOK CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL
WORLD TEACHERS DAY

On Parade a presentation of a gift was presented to Mrs Nestor, Mrs Rice and Mrs Simpson by students Caitlin Stace, Reagan Collin and Campbell Alexander, on behalf of all students, in recognition of their wonderful work teaching and supporting students. This was followed by a morning tea at first break, to celebrate the occasion.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS!!

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Mrs Ferg