From the Principal’s Desk

Week 7 is almost upon us. The staff are involved in the many end of year tasks and 2015 preparations needed for a school to operate well. My thanks to a wonderfully dedicated and caring staff who go out of their way to contribute and work as a team to ‘make things happen’. You are one awesome Team! A big thank you to Mrs Neylon who has been so very dedicated towards continuing the P-2 learning program while Mrs Nestor has been away.

Swimming

Thank you all for your quick responses in getting permission forms back to school. Attached to this Newsletter is information and consent forms for our upcoming Swimming Carnival to be conducted on Wednesday, 26th November, 2014. Please return the consent forms and payment to the school by Monday 24th November, 2014.

Prep Orientation Day

Our P-2 class is open for a Prep Orientation morning on Wednesday 20th November. This morning will run for the full morning session until 12 noon where the prospective new students will join with all current P-2 students for a morning of activities. These mornings make for a smoother transition into a new learning context in readiness for next year.

Booklists and School Handbook/2015 Calendar

Class booklists are almost ready and will be sent home along with the 2015 school handbook and calendar in week 10. These items will accompany your child’s report cards and if applicable, a copy of the child’s ‘Evidence Based Plan’ as outlined in the ‘Greater Results Guarantee’ action plan. A reminder that this ‘Greater Results Guarantee’ action plan can be viewed on the school website – front page, lower right “Quick Links” section.

Change in transport/school attendance arrangements

I remind parents that if your child’s transport or movement arrangements are to change, whether temporarily or permanently, we need a signed letter informing us of the change. It places staff in a very difficult position if, by word of mouth by a family friend or anyone who is not the legal guardian, the teachers are informed of a change. This formal notification is a legal requirement of the school and is necessary in order to comply with our Student Protection and Code of Conduct policies.

Camps for 2015

As has been the tradition with the Band 5 Cluster Schools, the beginning of 2015 will see our year 5 and 6 students participating in the Gorey Leadership camp usually held at Adona Downs, near Mount Tyson. In addition to this, the decision was made through consulting with and through the P&C that 2015 would be another Canberra trip. We will join with Mount Tyson State School to embark on another Canberra trip for 2015. This will then align Southbrook with the other Band 5 cluster schools to enable us to plan and attend camps together. The purpose of this is to increase group attendance numbers, strengthen ties and relationships between students (most will proceed to PSHS upon leaving primary school) and we can share/increase human resources across schools when on camp. Parents of students in year 5 and 6 during 2015, please start thinking about whether you would like your child to attend the Canberra trip and perhaps begin planning for this to happen. At this stage, I am unable to provide dates for the trip, however, the P&C contribution allocation will operate in a very similar way to 2014, that is, Parents wishing to take advantage of the P&C contribution towards the Canberra trip costs will need to be active members of the “Canberra Fundraising” group. Further If you would like further information at this early stage, please contact myself and I can put you in touch with the relevant members of the P&C.

Community and End of Year Concert

Beth Wheeliton is currently working with our students to prepare a number of musical items in preparation for the community concert and additionally, our end of year concert. You will find an invitation to your family to attend the community concert in this Newsletter. Please return this to school if you intend for your child to represent Southbrook Central SS at the concert and plan to be there on the night. This will allow us to know how many students we can expect. Many thanks in anticipation of your participation.

Grandparents Breakfast

My hearty thanks to our wonderful teacher aides and our parent helpers, Kerrie and Michael Train, Julie and John Alexander and Kath Scoibie for helping out with making this lovely event such a success. We had a fantastic turn up of Grandparents and I hope you enjoyed your morning with your grandchildren, here at school. Grandparents were treated to a breakfast of fruit, juice, sausages and pancakes. Even the students got lucky too. They were in for the watermelon and sausages on bread and all the left over pancakes! All in all, we had a lot of fun. Thank you, everyone for making this event another special memory for your grandchild and hopefully, for you.

A reminder—if you would like to keep just a little more up to date with school events and happenings and you don’t currently get my email, please let me know and I can add your email address to my parent list. Have a wonderful weekend, everyone

Warm regards

Terri-Anne

Student Awards:

5th November
Trenton McNab
Lachlan Birch
Alice Train
Landon McNab
Paige Hassall

12th November
No Assembly due to swimming

Dates to Remember 2014
17th/18th/19th Nov– Swimming
20th Nov—Prep Orientation Day: 8.45am to 12noon
26th Nov–SCSS swimming Carnival
28th Nov—Community Concert
Week 9–Active After School finishes
3rd Dec– School Concert
4th Dec–Rossvale Swimming Carnival (9:30am-2:30pm)
8th Dec–Student Report Cards
11th Dec–Pentagon Rewards Day
11th Dec -Year 6/7 Graduation

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Mrs Simpson, Mrs Rice’s & Ms Holmes’ Sensational 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7’s!

Year 3–4 Maths
Both the year threes and fours were assessed recently on Number. The year threes were tested on place value, ordering numbers on a number line and addition and subtraction problems. The year fours were tested on even and odd numbers.

Year 5–6 Maths
The year fives have finished their lessons on symmetry and shape and will be tested on this next week. The year sixes were recently assessed on their knowledge of number properties, patterns and computations. The year sevens were tested on algebra and will soon be assessed on financial mathematics.

Science
The senior group have finished their formal science assessment for the year. The year three to four students are still looking at erosion. This picture is evidence of erosion going on in our school. Next week the students are going to suggest methods that could reduce the impact of this erosion.

Mrs Rice

The students are enjoying their swimming lessons at the moment—probably for a few reasons. 1. The hot weather has been ideas for the pool, and 2. swimming lessons take the place of Math and English lessons...a nice change!

All students are currently working on their assessment items for English, Geography and History/SOSE. We continue our weekly reading, spelling and grammar rotations.

Year 5–7
The student section of the year 6 and 7 Yearbook is almost completed and they are continuing to work on their Geography assessment item where they are surveying a number of people about natural disasters and checking the local government website for information about the preparation of/response to natural disasters around the local area.

Year 3–4
Year 3 and 4 students are adding the final touches to their story slideshow with the addition of sound and voice audio to complement the text on each slide. We will view the final products next week! The assessable items for their History task is wrapping up and they will then continue to use this information to create a brochure. Students continue with their Geography assessment item where they now have to make a field sketch of their chosen place of significance as they work towards constructing recommendations about how to protect this significant place.

Mrs S

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

The term is rapidly disappearing with only 4 weeks to go. Swimming lessons commenced this week and already we can see the improvement from first term. Today we had a lovely breakfast with some of the students’ grandparents and hope they enjoyed their visit with us.

The Preps have been busy the last two weeks learning the blend “th”. Thanks to Amy who worked extra hard last Friday in the “thong” factory and this proved a fun activity for the Preps. They have also explored “thick” and “thin”, measured our heights and sequenced in order sticks and leaves collected from the environment.

Don’t forget to spread the word about our Prep Orientation morning next Thursday, November 20th. (Please see attached flyer)

In Maths, year 1’s and 2’s have been solving simple addition and subtraction problems using two digit numbers. In English, the children have been reading ‘Clancy the Courageous Cow’. We have continued developing and editing our narratives, and some children have started typing them up.

The children have been investigating the concept of light and understanding that light can come from a variety of sources. We created two light boxes—one with a 4cm hole and the other with a 1cm hole. When the children looked through the peep hole, they found it difficult to see the objects inside the box with the limited light.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Southbrook with the P-2 class. A very sincere thank you to Lou and Maree, plus the lovely parents who have helped in many ways. Mrs Nestor returns next week and we hope she has had a wonderful break.

Penny, Maree and Lou.

Frozie Fridays this term
50c each.

Some Science project photos!
**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
  - Our community

**Commitment**
- Always doing my best

**Courtesy**
- Using manners in all situations

This fortnight the students are focusing on CONSIDERATION. CONSIDERATION is thinking about others. Help and encourage others. Active listening, following directions and include others. Walk quietly. Be quiet. Put books where they belong. Flush toilet. Be patient. Play fairly.

**Earning Golden Pentagons**
We have begun the new Pentagon reward system this term. Students no longer start with 17 pentagons. They earn the coloured pentagons throughout the term. Further information is given below.

- We will continue to have a single 5C focus and teach lessons. Eg. Courtesy
- This 5C focus will be across one fortnight.
- During this fortnight, teachers actively monitor students’ behaviour and collect data
- At the end of the fortnight, teachers meet and discuss the collected data and decisions are collectively made about the students who have consistently demonstrated the focus 5C.
- Qualifying students receive a coloured pentagon for that fortnight.

Further to this,
- If a student achieves 3 coloured pentagons across the term – this then equates to a Golden pentagon at the end of the term and the student celebrates by participating in our end of term Golden Pentagon Day
- If a student achieves all 5 pentagons across the term – this then equates to 2 Golden Pentagons at the end of the term and the student celebrates by participating in our end of term Golden Pentagon Day and also receives an additional Tuckshop Voucher.

Our new pentagon reward system:
- Links directly to the 5C teaching focus for the fortnight,
- Provides a more consistent sense of motivation for students knowing that a Golden Pentagon can be achieved, even if a student misses earning one or two coloured pentagons
- Rewards our consistently good students for their everyday good behaviours and lifts the bar for those that need a little incentive to get there!

As our core business is commitment to learning, one parameter to students participating in the Golden Pentagon day is that one of their earned pentagons must be ‘Commitment’. In short – all students need to earn this pentagon when we focus on Commitment.
Uniform Shop Information
The uniform shop is further reducing the sale price of current unisex basketball shorts. You can now buy these for $9.00...only while stocks last.
The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday, or by appointment.

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.

Tuckshop News
We are needing volunteers to help on Thursday during the day.
If you can help with any of the above please call Amy 0400910252 or Kerrie 0409055679.
Thanks again for the support.
Amy & Kerrie

Broxburn Music Club
The Broxburn Music Club is looking for new members. Members can sing or play an instrument or get involved in the technical side of the sound equipment. Any genre of music is accepted and we offer the support of our backing band or you can go it alone if you want.
We give members the opportunity to perform on stage and gain experience in stage craft. Members can perform for fun or enter competitions as well. It is a great chance to gain this experience in a safe and supportive environment.
The club holds practice every Monday night at the Pittsworth Bowls Club at 10 Weale St Pittsworth from 7 PM. As it is a school night, kids have their turn first so it is not a late night for them.
We have low yearly fees for singles, families or pensioner/ non-performer rates, with no other ongoing costs. We also have the Broxburn grounds on the Pittsworth – Felton Rd, which are available for function hire and club events.
For more information please call Veronica on 0439724999, or Kevin 0459623710 or Sharon on 0407597842 or just come along to the bowls club on a Monday night.
Students of the week—
5th November

Isabelle Salomon receives the Mayoral Achievement Award and Medallion

Isabelle has attended Southbrook Central State School since Grade 1. She will be one of our senior students in 2015. Isabelle has Turner’s Syndrome which effects wholebody growth. This condition also effects hearing and can cause regular middle ear infections. Issy’s hearing has declined and she underwent surgery to repair inner ear damage. Issy wears a hearing aide and FM transmitter. Despite all, Issy is a bubbly, outgoing and cheery young lady who loves to make friends and help others.

CONGRATULATIONS ISSY!

Southbrook Community Concert

The Southbrook community will be conducting a community concert on Friday 28th November. Students from our school have been invited to present a small item at this concert. We are delighted to be included in this community event. The concert will be followed by a light supper. To cover the costs of the supper, entry into the concert is: Adults—$8, Family $15, performers $4.

Year 4 Students receive their Project 600 Numeracy certificates on Parade.

School Captains Jessica Doyle and Patrick McGinn present, on behalf of all the students and staff, to our Tuckshop Volunteers Mrs Lucy Smith and Amy McNab (Tuckshop Convener) a gift for Volunteers’ Day. We hope you enjoy ladies!

Students receive their extra coloured Pentagon for Courtesy.

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