FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

I’m pleased to report that students are settling into school routines well at this point. There were a couple of mistakes with dates in our last newsletter. Please take note that you do have these correct in your own diaries/calendars.

19th March - Public Show Holiday should be 19th March
25th/26th/27th Feb Music Camp - should be 25th/26th/27th March

School Leader presentations
Our school leaders’ inauguration occurred last Wednesday during our usual assembly time. Congratulations to our school captains – Maxine Lovell and Akayla Brown. Sport house captains and vice captains: Superstars – Matilda Collin, Trenton Mc Nab, Goldstars – Otto Friedricks, Caitlin Stace.

P&C AGM
Congratulations to our fabulous P&C for such a great AGM and meeting last week. I take great pleasure in announcing our P&C executive for 2015, Clint Roberts returned as President, Kirsty Brown - Vice President, Peta Lovell - Minutes Secretary, Michelle Basham - Correspondence Secretary and Julie Alexander returned as Treasurer. Kirsty Brown remains as our uniform shop convenor and Kerrie Train along with Amy McNab continue to be our fantastic Tuckshop convenors and thank you to Jodie Berghauser for volunteering to be our Book Club Coordinator. A big ‘Thank you’ to our new members who attended the first meeting. The AGM and first General Meeting are usually the longest of the P&C meetings in a one year period.

Assistant Regional Director for 2015
The new Oakey/Gore Highway cluster Assistant Regional Director, Peter Baker, visited Southbrook Central last Thursday. It was a good visit where I was able to share how we go about business here at our school and Peter provided some great feedback and additional ideas. I took him around the school for a tour and classroom visits and he was most impressed with the courtesy of our children along with how well they were focused on their tasks in the classrooms.

Religious Instruction Begins
Religious Instruction began this week with a change of day. The RI teachers will provide lessons on Tuesday afternoon from 2.30-3.00pm. If circumstances have changed that involve your child attending lessons, please send a note to school, indicating the change in attendance, otherwise attender lists will remain as per 2104.

GRIP Leadership Conference
GRIP Leadership conference occurred yesterday. It was a great opportunity for school leaders to get together and learn more about leadership. Our school leaders did us proud and the feedback was that they enjoyed the day and thought it was a worthwhile conference to attend. A big thank-you to Peta Lovell who assisted with the transportation to the conference.

School 4 Year Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan (AIP)
Many would know that last year, we worked through a process called the Quadrennial School Review. This review occurs in all Queensland State Schools every four years. We review all previous and current strategic action plans, seek feedback from our parents and community and also take advantage of the feedback given via the State School’s Annual Parent, Student and Staff Opinion Survey. From this collection of information, I develop our next 4 year Strategic Plan. This overarching plan guides our yearly Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). Both of these documents are important for our school because they make very clear, on what priorities Southbrook Central will focus. I have included our Annual Priorities below for your information. Work with staff, students and parents will revolve around our school priorities seen in Table 1. Both documents will be tabled at the next P&C meeting for consultation and validation. I will provide further detail for your information on each of the domains over the next series of Newsletters.

Swimming Continues
Swimming lesson days, dates and times can be seen in the table further into the Newsletter. A reminder that I will be at the State Principal Conference on Thursday, Friday of Week 5. Jude Nestor will be Officer in Charge on these two days.

Have a fabulous weekend everyone. Warm regards,

Terri-Anne
Mrs Simpson, Mrs Rice’s & Ms Holmes’ spectacular 3, 4, 5 & 6’s!

Mathematics Year 5 Students have been using their knowledge of factors and multiples to solve problems. Whilst 14 x 15 might not look very easy, the students have discovered that if they rearrange the factors into friendly facts its not so hard after all. Students have also been learning how to construct factor trees which are diagrams that show the factors of a composite number. The students were then assessed on their knowledge and application in their imaths tracker books.

Mathematics Year 6 These students have also been looking at prime and composite numbers but have been extended to square and triangular numbers also. They learned some handy divisibility rules and also sat some assessment in their imaths tracker book.

Year 3-4 History Students have been learning about the significance of world explorers from 1450–1610, in particular, Christopher Columbus.

Year 5-6 History Students have been learning about the political, economic and social events that caused change leading to Australia’s Federation.

Year 3-7 Science Students had fun last week learning how to use a dichotomous key to classify and identify their shoes. We then used dichotomous keys in more scientific applications when we classified and identified flowers and leaves.

3-7 Art Students continue to work towards producing a work of art for the Pittsworth Show.

Mrs R

English Year 3-4 Students have been enjoying the Roald Dahl book ‘The Twits”. This short humorous novel has been used as the vehicle with which to show students how an author’s use of speech marks, noun groups, pronouns, verb groups, adverb groups - prepositional phrases of time and cohesive devices of time are used effectively to build the reader’s understanding. We have been focusing quite heavily on grammar and language conventions. Many students are still at the awareness phase in this work, however, these grammatical concepts are revisited many times over the primary years to allow for deep understanding to occur.

Year 5-6 English is focused on fantasy stories and the students are working through the first of Emily Rodda’s ‘Deltora Quest’ novels. This novel is the vehicle for the teaching of complex sentence construction, using precise language to express meaning and how language is used to build characters, so we are currently analysing characters for the novel. As I teach one group, Ms Holmes works with the other group to consolidate grammatical elements, provide handwriting support and work on developing vocabulary.

Mathematics Year 3. Year 3 and 4 students have been working heavily on partitioning of numbers. Breaking numbers into their place value parts. We have been learning about standard and non-standard partitioning. This work is important when developing the foundations for manipulating numbers in many ways through all strands of mathematics. We progressed from this partitioning work to strategies for adding, subtracting and for year 4, multiplication. All of the algorithm strategies use the notion of partitioning. The progression to formal written algorithm teaching is quite different to when we went to school.

Geography across 3-7 is addressing the same concept - Place. The concept of place is about the significance of places and what they are like. This concept varies in complexity according to the year level. Both groups are looking at the factors that shape the characteristics of places, major natural characteristics of places, the human characteristics of places and effects of people on the characteristics of places.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Simpson

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

We have been very busy getting use to the routines of school and learning to get ourselves on task. Some days it happens and other days it doesn’t but we are getting better. Thank you to all the parents for helping with the organisation of your children.

Homework is a weekly thing. Please check with your student to make sure that they get it finished and learn their spellings or sight words. I will endeavour to have it marked and back by Tuesday afternoon.

Preps have been busy learning the ‘j’ sound this week and revising the ‘s, a, and t’ from the previous weeks. Year 1’s and 2’s are looking at the ‘c’ sound and the different ways that make the ‘c’ sounds like k, for kite, c for car, qu for queen ch for sock, x for fox and ch for school. We have been looking at the meaning of words, their shape and how many sounds we can hear in each word. Add to that rhyming words and grammar and punctuation.

For Maths we have been looking at Place Value in more depth with the Year 1’s looking at the ‘teen’ numbers and the Year 2’s looking at hundreds, tens and ones.

Science we are looking at plants and environments. We hopefully will plant our vegie garden again this term.

Next week we will be busy with our handwriting and cooking for the Pittsworth Show... plus the other curriculum areas. We will increase our distance for Cross Country.

Thank you to all the parents helping with swimming. We appreciate your help.

Regards,

Jude, Maree and Lou.

Frozies this Friday—50 cents each
Reminders

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Swimming lesson days, dates and times are outlined below.

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Publishing student photos permissions
As you know, we often publish photos of our busy school students through our Newsletters, Website, Facebook and in the Newspapers. Upon enrolment, parents complete a ‘Permission to Publish’ form that allows us to publish your child’s photo. At this time, you would also have added any variations to your consent. Eg. Not allowed to publish to Facebook.
If your circumstances have changed and you would like to add any variations, please ensure that you have updated your ‘Permission to Publish’ form at the office when Jenny Johnson is at school Mon – Wed.

Choir Camp
25, 26 and 27 March 2015
Accomplished singers in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to participate in the inaugural Pittsworth Cluster Choir Camp. Workshops and rehearsals will be held at the Pittsworth Function Centre on Wednesday, 25 and Thursday, 26 March. Final rehearsals and concert performance will be held at the Pittsworth Town Hall on Friday, 27 March. Selected students have been invited to audition, and have been given relevant information.
Please contact Mrs Beth Wheeldon (Music Teacher) for further information.
bwhee1@eq.edu.au

New information regarding smoking around the school
From 1 January 2015, smoking is banned at all Queensland state and non-state schools, and for 5 metres beyond their boundaries. The buffer is a 5 metre no-smoking area around the perimeter of the school, beyond the school land boundary; including all structures in this area, such as bus shelters and car parks. This area does not extend into residential or business premises that share a boundary with school land. The law applies at all times—during and after school hours, on weekends and during school holidays. It includes the use of all smoking products, including regular cigarettes and devices commonly known as electronic cigarettes.

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.

Joining the School P&C
Joining the P&C Association is a great way to keep informed, to contribute to the quality education of your children and to make new friends. Your contribution can be as large or small as you can manage, but your ongoing support of the P&C Association is invaluable.
Not only will you be supporting the school community but you will be supported by the school community. You can learn new skills, and gain a clear understanding of how the school operates. This is a great opportunity to share in the school’s decision-making process and shape the future.
The major elements of a school community include:-
- The P&C Association and Members
- The School Principal
- The School Staff
- The Students
- The Parents (including caregivers, guardians, grandparents etc.)
- Local businesses and organisations
- The wider local community
Thanks to all those students who turned up for orienteering last Thursday. It was a great afternoon and the students were engaged and challenged.

Watch this space……..
Sporting Schools is coming in Term 3 to replace Active After School.
Mrs Nestor

Southbrook Central’s 5C’s — Values

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The value for this fortnight is COURTESY. COURTESY is using manners in all situations. Speak politely and raise your hand. Share school equipment. Be a good sport. Use appropriate language.

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.

Southbrook Central School Priorities for 2015

- Reading
- Numeracy
- Transition
- Attendance

- Engage with the Community
- Positive Behaviour Management
- School Wide Curriculum, Teaching and Learning

NEW BOOK CLUB
CO-ORDINATOR
Mrs Jodie Berghauser
Mobile—0409055679

School Banking
School banking continues every TUESDAY again this year. Bring your banking in to Mrs Andrews in the P-2 classroom in the morning. If you would like to join in the savings fun, just open an account at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank and bring your deposits to school each week.
**Uniform Shop Information**
The uniform shop is further reducing the sale price of current unisex basketball shorts. You can now buy these for $9. $5...only while stocks last.
The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday, or by appointment.

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**From the Uniform Shop**

**SOUTHBROOK CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL**
**UNIFORM SHOP**

Please note the change of day.
NOW OPEN TUESDAYS AT 8.30AM OR BY ARRANGEMENT... 0448170049

Kirsty

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**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

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**More Items of Interest and Reminders**

**Tuckshop News**

**Superstars House**
Captain Matilda Collin, Vice Captain Trenton McNab

**Goldstars House**
Captain Otto Friedrichs, Vice Captain Caitlin Stace

**Students received their extra Pentagon for COMMITMENT on Parade.**

**Year 6 Students, Nathaniel Bancroft, Dylan Collin, Akayla Brown and Maxine Lovell show off their year 6 shirts. The emblem on the back of their shirts was designed by Akayla Brown. LOOKING FANTASTIC !!!!!**
Welcome to 2015. On the 5th Feb we held a welcome BBQ at the school, This was lightly attended, but we hope that those who did come along had a nice evening. This is an Annual event that the P&C run to give new families a chance to have an informal chat with the teachers, and other new and old families.

Our AGM was held on the 12th Feb, Thank you to our previous position holders continuing with their positions for 2015, and a big welcome to our new office bearers and other voluntary position holders.

President- Clint Roberts
Vice- President- Kirsty Brown
Minutes Secretary- Peta Lovell
Correspondence Secretary- Michelle Basham
Treasurer- Julie Alexander
Tuckshop Convenors- Kerrie Train & Amy McNab (Looking for helpers)
Clothing Pool Convenor- Kirsty Brown
Book Club Convenor- Jodie Sutton
P&C Qld Rep- Jodie Sutton (when available)
Fundraising Co-ordinator- Angela Stace
Chaplain Rep- Michelle Basham

A huge thankyou to all these people, who have put their hands up to help run our P&C. It could not be done without your help.

Our Meetings will be held in the afternoons usually on a Thursday, these dates will be advised. Our next general meeting will be 12th March.

We already have a list of up and coming events, with one of our main ones being a Bunnings Sausage sizzle on Monday the 6th April, this is Easter Monday, but also a great opportunity as it is one of Bunnings’ busiest days. This will be a major fundraising event, and we hope to get as much help as we can. We will put more information out about this when it gets closer.

We have also agreed to run a damper stall at the Felton Fine food festival, for this we are going to need helpers, particularly anyone with damper cooking experience...And we are also running a take home a seedling in a bio-degradable container for the children...sounds like lots of fun....

One thing that the P&C has done for the past couple of years is pay an insurance that covers students in school activities that are not held at the school, e.g. swimming, athletics, I will put more information out about this in the next newsletter. For more information, contact Peta Lovell 0409898485.