End of Year Acknowledgements
As the year comes to a close, I take this opportunity to express my appreciation and thank all of the people across the school and community for your part in making Southbrook Central the wonderful school that it is.

Thank you to my staff - they already know how much I value their dedication and skills—Thank you to our cleaners, Mary Diggles and Robyn Rickert, our groundsman/general handiman/"fixer upper", Gary Rowen and to our AO2 extraordinaire, Jenny Johnson - You are all awesome! Thank you Linda Birch for all the fantastic PR you have done for us through the Pittsworth Sentinel over the years, we will miss your way with words. Thank you to our Tuckshop stalwarts who volunteer so much of their time and effort for our students— Kerrie Train, her mother, Beverly Peterson, Michael Train, Amy McNab and all the parents who give them a hand. Thank you to our uniform shop coordinator, Kirsty Brown—its fantastic having all our students in smart uniforms. Thank you Kerrie Train for managing the bookclub orders. Thank you to our core P&C executive, Clint Roberts, Pauline McGinn, Peta Lovell and Julie Alexander—always there to give a hand at anything and we have a great appreciation of everything you do. Thank you to our volunteer parents who come and read or work with students. Thank you Gary Rowen for your flexiblility and availability on short notice when we need bus transport. Thank you to the parents who, when asked, willingly agree to do jobs i.e. private transport for swimming and other special events. A truly effective school combines the efforts from every group. We could not do our jobs to the best of our ability without your support and assistance.

Pentagon Day Wrap up
The students had a wonderful day. Our theme was Side Show Ally but with the added fun of team challenges for all of the activities. The activities included Jousting Castle, Hit the Target, Drop the Tins, One Minute to Win It. The food selections of the day included Puffy Dogs and chips, Strawberry Sundays, slushies and watermelon. The winners of the day, receiving the highest point count were rewarded with the end of day selection of choice of water fight weapon! Water sponges, water guns or water balloons and a small prize for each of the students in the team. A hearty thank you to McNabs for the generous loan of their truck tarps for our water slide finale. Thank you again to Kerrie and Michael Train for their kind assistance with helping to organise the food for our hungry teams.

Good Bye Amy
As many of you know, Amy Paton, our Chaplain will be leaving us at the end of this year to embark on a new personal adventure. Amy will be having a baby early in 2015 and we wish her all the very best. Thank you Amy for being there for our students and adding something special on those days you have been in attendance. It has been wonderful having this type of support available in a small school. Amy will be replaced by another Chaplain early next year. The new Chaplain is funded under National Schools Chaplaincy Program.

Student Reports
Student report cards were sent home Monday and Tuesday along with the updated school handbook, calendar and booklist. If you have any queries, I can be reached via my email address at any time, tsimp116@eq.edu.au.

Start to 2015
This year we extend an invitation for those who are back from holidays to come and meet the teacher on Friday 23rd January between 2.30-3.00pm. The purpose of this is to allow students to come organise their books into desks and a quick catch up with the teacher, without the pressures of starting a school day. Our new parents and Preps will appreciate being able to do this before the start of school on Tuesday, 27th January. Coming in on Friday will allow earlier settling into an new learning environment and will make this transition just a little easier for all.

The P&C 2015 Welcome BBQ is scheduled for Thursday, 5th February, 2015. The afternoon will be a little bit different as well. Parents are invited to come to the classrooms where teachers will provide an overview of classroom curriculum, operations and homework. Items discussed would be inclusive of online curriculum programs, homework expectations, how groups are organised, structure of the normal school day and any questions that you bring along which have not been answered by the teacher’s overview. Times and details will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

Have a wonderful holiday, everyone, stay safe, have fun and make sure you get plenty of time with family, loved ones and friends.

Warm regards
Terri Anne

Student Awards:
3rd December
Jasmine Roberts
Isabelle Salomon
Phoenix Mason
Zane Friedrichs
Emma Scobie
Eric Lovell
Malachi Garratt

10th December
Shenae Smith
Otto Friedrichs
Mrs Simpson, Mrs Rice’s & Ms Holmes’ Sensational 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7’s!

As we wind down to the Christmas holidays, I know the year 6 and 7 students are attending their last days at primary school with mixed emotions.

This final week is full of finishing slideshows and brochures, Year book pages, practising leader speeches and generally having some time for challenging puzzles and activities in the form of Christmas activities. Students have been:

- investigating what Christmas looks like in other countries around the world.
- engaged in consolidatory English and mathematical activities in their Christmas book.
- working on Thinking Key cards at a variety of comprehension levels (without even knowing it!!)
- constructing Christmas items or solving ancient puzzles.

Year 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are anxiously awaiting to see who will be the class winner of the Pizza party on Wednesday for ‘Best Attendance’ or ‘Class with Best Completion of Homework’. Thank you to parents for being so supportive this year. We will miss the personalities that have made the 2014 group of students the unique group that they were.

Mrs S

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

The school year is over and we take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May the festive season be a time to reflect on your blessings and bring the true meaning of Christmas to your homes. Please stay safe on your travels and we look forward to a whole new chapter in 2015.

Thank you to all the families who so generously donated the wonderful toys and food supplies for our Salvation Army appeal. It has been a great response and typical of a community who has their hearts in the right place.

Cheers,
Jude, Maree, Lou.

Last chance for Frozies this Friday.
50c each.
Southbrook Central State School Key priorities for 2014

- Implement school wide focus on **Reading** and **Differentiation** (G&T, below NMS)
- Data driven practice for student improvement – analysing data to drive unit and lesson plans incorporating student goal setting and feedback for improvement
- Consistency of practices across the school with continued development and implementation of SWPBS and our school Pedagogical Framework aligned with State and Regional agendas, including UPE and the new P-12 Curriculum and the Southbrook Assessment and Reporting Framework.
- Implement the Australian Curriculum – English, Mathematics, History, Geography
- Implement recommendations from the 2013 CT&L Audit
- Conduct a Quadrennial School Review utilising aspects of the School & Community Framework.
- Work with the school community to positively promote the school with a view to maintaining student numbers
- Respond to Discipline Audit recommendations

**Active After School**

Active After School finished on Thursday, 4th December for this year. Thank you to all the families who have supported the programme. In its current format it is concluding but it will be back in Term 3 in 2015. We have to apply in February to the AAS.

Thanks,
Jude Nestor.

**NEW BOOK CLUB CO-ORDINATOR**
Mrs Kerrie Train
Mobile—0409055679

Year 6 Student Harrison Roberts and year 7 student Hannah Stace are presented with the Pittsworth Lions Club Citizenship Award by Mrs Wilma Proudlock.

**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

**CONGRATULATIONS to all students who achieved their Pentagons for 2014 !!!!**

**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 $25 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.
**More Items of Interest and Reminders**

**Uniform Shop Information**
The uniform shop is further reducing the sale price of current unisex basketball shorts. You can now buy these for $9...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.

**Change in transport/school attendance arrangements**
I remind parents that if your child’s transport 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, they are informed of a change – particularly if told by a family friend rather than the parent/legal guardian. This action is a legal requirement of the school and is necessary in order to comply with our Student Protection and Code of Conduct policies.

**Southbrook School P & C**—Mr Clint Roberts, Mrs Peta Lovell, Mrs Pauline McGinn and Mrs Julie Alexander presented each student with a book at the end of year Concert.

**Mr Garth Shaw presents Nate Bancroft with the Ros Scotney Encouragement Award.**

**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

**Mr Garth Shaw presented year 7 student Patrick McGinn and year 6 student Lachlan Birch with the Pittsworth Rotary Club Citizenship Award.**
Students of the week—3rd December

Students of the week - 10th December

Southbrook Swimming Carnival
Age Champions
Senior Boys—Stewart Free
Senior Girls—Maxine Lovell
Immediate Boys—Dylan Collin
Immediate Girls—Matilda Collin
Junior Boys—Chaz McNab
Junior Girls—Reagan Collin

Years 2 for Attendance and year 6 for Homework, win Pizzas for first break.

Students show off their pentagon awards for Commitment and Care.

Mrs Julie Rice presented Mathletic Certificates to Caitlin Doyle, Harrison Roberts, Akayla Brown, Roland Salomon, Patrick McGinn, Jasmine Roberts, Chaz McNab, Sam Lightfoot, Maxine Lovell on Parade. CONGRATULATIONS!!

Project 600 Year 4 and 6 Students Achieve Success
Congratulations to Caitlin Stace, Lachlan Birch, Akayla Brown, Roland Salomon, Harrison Roberts, Otto Friedrichs, Jasmine Roberts, Frances Cattle, Caitlin Doyle, Matilda Collin, Samantha Birch and Jessica Doyle. Ms Heather Holmes Project 600 Supervisor presented students with their Certificates.
Christmas
Faith makes all things possible
Hope make all things work
Love make all things beautiful
May you have all three for this Christmas

Merry Christmas, Safe and Happy New Year
To Staff, Students, Parents, Caregivers and the Community of Southbrook
Ms. Holmes

In appreciation for your donation of nets for the Softball Carnival.