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NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Thank you to all of the parents, staff and students for my warm welcome to Southbrook Central State School. I am thoroughly enjoying being a part of your beautiful community while Terri-Anne is on leave. Please feel free to come and say hello and/or to contact me if you have any concerns or questions about any aspect of your child/ren’s schooling.

Rossvale Cross Country

Congratulations to all of our students who attended the Cross Country at Rossvale last week. They are to be commended on their efforts, sportsmanship and co-operation. Well done Lilly, Matilda, Bon, Jasmine, Otto, Harry, Akayla, Jessica, Pat and Lachlan!

Bunya District Cross Country

The Bunya District Cross Country trials will be held at Dalby State School on Friday, 9th May commencing at 10am sharp. We have six runners that have been offered the opportunity to compete at these trials – Otto, Harry, Pat, Lachlan, Jasmine and Jessica. Selection for nominations were made on a ‘times’ basis by comparing nominations in past years with results from Bunya events. If you feel that your child has been omitted and should be nominated, please contact me. Students attending the Bunya District Cross Country are to take a completed ‘Student Personal Details Medical’ form along with them. These have been handed out to the eligible students.

Lunchtime Trial

For the next three weeks we will be trialling a turn-around of the eating and play times on Tuesdays and Fridays for our second break. On these days, students will play first – from 1:45 – 1:55, and then the bell will ring to indicate the start of eating time. We are trialling this to monitor if there is any difference in the time it takes children to settle back into ‘learning’ mode. As the third session of the day is so short, it is imperative that students can re-engage as quickly as possible.

Chocolate Money

Please return all chocolate money as soon as possible to school. If anyone is interested in selling any more chocolates, please see one of the lovely P&C members as there is still some boxes available.

Week 3 Term 2 Activities

This will be a busy week! The Year 5-7 students will be participating at the Amaroo Outdoor Education Centre on Monday 5th May, and then they will be taking part in the PCYC Bicycle Education program on Tuesday and Wednesday the 6th and 7th May. Please ensure that permission notes are returned and payment made as soon as possible.

The P&C will be conducting a Mother’s Day stall on Thursday 8th May (see attached note).

As mentioned above, the Bunya District Cross Country will be held on Friday, 9th May.

Week 4 – NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5 and 7 will be participating in the National NAPLAN testing on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 14th – 16th May.

The next P&C meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 15th May at 3pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome!

Week 5

This week we will focus on teacher planning and students’ data analysis. Teachers will be involved in a data analysis session on Tuesday afternoon, after school and will work with this on Wednesday, 21st May. Teachers will be off class and as Wednesday is predominately our specialist teacher day – Music, PE and Indonesian – the interruption to the children’s learning will be minimal.

On Friday, 23rd May, all Southbrook Central students will be travelling to Jondaryan State School to participate in ‘Under 8’s Day’ and ‘Super Soccer Day’ activities.

Student Awards:

Students of the week

30th April

Hannah Stace
Patrick McGinn
Raquel Doudle
Caitlin Stace
Campbell Alexander
Zane Friedrichs
Chelsea Train

Dates to Remember 2014

5th May—Yr 5-7
Amaroo

6th & 7th May—Yr 5-7
PCYC Bike Education

8th May—Mother’s Day Stall

9th May—Bunya Cross Country

12th May—Fire Safety Yr 3/4s

13th/14th/15th May – NAPLAN

15th May—P&C Meeting

18th/19th May – Eisteddfod

21st May—Teachers’ Planning Day

23rd May—U/8s & Super 8s at Jondaryan

28th May—School Photos

28th/29th/30th May—Book Fair

30th May—School Arts Performance at Brookstead

2nd/3rd/4th June—Book Fair

9th June—Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Week 6
Mrs Simpson will return from leave in Week 6.

School photos will be taken on Wednesday, 28th May.
Book Fair will begin on Wednesday, 28th May. Please think about how you can assist with the selling of these books. They will be set up in the library and we will need parents selling both in the mornings and in the afternoons through to Wednesday, 4th June.

Again, it is wonderful being at Southbrook School and I cannot believe how fast the first two weeks of term have gone.

Kind regards
Tammy

The girls have fun during lunch break at Bike Ed.

Every Day Counts

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.

News and Information

Family Reading Month

Reading is one of our 2014 school priorities. In addition to the work teachers are doing in classrooms around reading, the month of May presents as a particular focus on reading. May is labelled as International Family Reading Month. We will be celebrating and focusing on reading in the following ways.
• All students will be entered into a Family Reading Month Competition where their family reading minutes will be accumulated and entered upon the end of the month. Teachers will collect this data each week in readiness.
• Mrs Rice assisted by Mrs Andrews and Ms Holmes will be offering parent sessions around the reading strategies taught through Project 600 sessions. These strategies will be used in class guided reading sessions and we will double the benefit if parents also use these same supporting strategies during home reading.

We will finish our celebrations of reading by having a bookfair in the library from Wednesday 28th May to Wednesday 7th April. Please think about whether you are available to assist with book selections and sales morning and afternoons of this week. Reading is such an important skill. If children can read and comprehend well, then, as research demonstrates, they will be able to learn in all other curriculum areas – Maths, Geography, History, Technology, etc... That makes sense!

Reminder

Religious Instruction

Our Religious Instruction providers will be using the Connect program this year. Booklets are given to each child and we ask that you contribute $3 per book please. My thanks to parents who have already paid. We appreciate it. The school has already paid Pastor Rob for these booklets. Please send this money in a sealed envelope to your child’s teacher indicating it is for RI Connect Booklet. RI continues to be delivered on Monday from 2.30-3.00. Year 1-3 in the middle years classroom and 4-7 in the senior classroom. If your child does not currently attend RI and would like to, please contact the office for a consent form.
Welcome back year three to seven students. I trust you had a fun filled and restful Easter break and are ready for a very busy Term Two.

In year three maths students are learning efficient strategies for recalling addition number facts and adding two digit numbers using the jump and split strategy.

Year four maths students are learning to solve addition and subtraction problems using mental computation processes and extending their multiplication facts.

Year five maths students are consolidating the split strategy with addition and subtraction before they learn to use it for multiplication and division.

Year six maths students are learning how to calculate time, read timetables and plan for an event.

Finally, year seven maths students are learning about triangles, polygons and measuring angles of triangles.

Year three /four science is a little behind due to many missed science lessons last term for a variety of important reasons so they are finishing off their ‘Bite Me’ biology unit with an investigation. Both year three and four need to conduct an investigation into an Australian animal, its habitat and life cycle. The year fours need to go one step further and investigate threats to the survival of their selected animal. Good luck with this assessment students.

Mrs Rice

We have been very busy in the first two weeks of Term 2!

**English**

Students in Year 3-4 have been exploring the literacy text ‘Stolen Girl’ to build empathy. They have been making inferences about the characters’ feelings and used comprehension strategies to answer questions about the text. Students have also written a persuasive paragraph that links to the literary text. Students in Years 5-7 have started looking at multimodal advertisements. Students have viewed and analysed three print advertisements and learnt how text features and language choices combine to create persuasive effects. They have also experimented with and adapted familiar texts to demonstrate an understanding of key concepts.

**Geography**

Students in Year 3-4 are exploring the different types of climate in the world and in Australia.

Students in Year 5-7 have been exploring the different types of vegetation in the world and understand that vegetation is a characteristic of places. They are learning how to identify the simple patterns and distribution of vegetation. They have also started to explore the relationship between climate and vegetation.

**History**

Students in Year 5-7 have been looking at the significant economic, social and political reasons for establishing a penal colony in Moreton Bay. They have begun to examine the history of Moreton Bay prior to establishing a penal colony.

Mrs Doude
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 and School Wide Positive Behaviour.
- 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 for 2014

Term 2 begins this Monday, 5th May

Netball is Monday with Emma Wilson.
Athletics training is Wednesday with Mrs Nestor
Dance is Thursday with Mrs Rice.
Remember that we need to have 15 for each session.
Regards,
Jude Nestor
Thank you for your support.

Southbrook Central’s 5C’s — Values

Consideration
- Being kind and thoughtful

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
- Being respectful in all situations

This week the students are focusing on Courage. Students have been looking at the CyberSmart website Where they are introduced to strategies that will assist them being aware of the pitfalls of online applications.

Earning Golden Pentagons

The following information clarifies how students can achieve their 20 Golden Pentagons before the end of each term.
- Students start the term with 17 Golden Pentagons
- Students earn their 18th Golden Pentagon in the first 5 weeks of term by completing homework each week and consistently following the 5Cs. Students earn their 19th Golden Pentagon in the second 5 weeks in the same way. NEW: Students can earn their 20th Golden Pentagon throughout the term by consistent attendance at school, or if absent – notifying the school.
- Teachers can award additional Golden Pentagons at any time for exemplary behaviours—eg. Leadership type behaviours over and above the 5C’s. NEW: In order to acknowledge the students who earn more than 20 Golden Pentagons, in addition to the end of Term celebration, we will be awarding a special bonus ‘Tuckshop Voucher’ for these students.
**Uniform Shop Information**
The uniform shop has included a new uniform. To complement our summer and winter uniforms, we will now offer a Rugby Jersey to cater for those in between days—warm but not hot, cool but not cold! The jerseys look very smart with the word ‘Southbrook’ printed on the back shoulders for easy identification when we compete at other schools. Available at the uniform shop. A reminder that the old yellow polo shirts are phased out beginning 2014. The replacement maroon and yellow polo shirts look fantastic.

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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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**Current Items of Interest and Reminders**

**P&C News**
Just a reminder that P&C monthly meetings will alternate between Wednesday afternoons (3pm) and Monday evening (6pm). These meeting changes are to allow opportunity for 9-5 working parents to attend.

We are on the lookout for volunteers for the following jobs—
- book club coordinator,
- media liaison
- Fundraising assistant

Next meeting will be Thursday afternoon 15th May, 3pm in the staffroom. We would love to see you there.
Chaplaincy Dinner

A fundraising dinner will be held on Saturday 10th May at the Leagues Club, Short Street, Pittsworth.

Cost: $35pp

Time: 6:30pm for 7pm dinner

Tickets available from the school

PH: 4691 0142

Guest Speaker: Nyree Mannion, Chappie in the Lockyer Valley during the 2011 floods.

Anchorman 2 (m)

Movie Night at the Function Centre
Saturday 10th May

doors open 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start

Wear your Pyjamas and bring a pillow

entry $10 with a free popcorn

Drinks, popcorn and lollies for sale

All profits to Relay for Life - Cancer Council QLD

With thanks,

Belinda McKinlay
Functions Coordinator

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Ghanda