From the Principal’s Desk

It’s the end of week 6 already - still so much to do...and such little time! You will find information about student report cards below included with a number of other items that may be of interest.

P&C Day
Today is National P&C Day and is an opportunity for staff and students to acknowledge and thank all members of the P&C for their tireless attention to our school. Thank you P&C, for the wonderful work you do to raise funds, lift our school profile around the community and volunteer your valued time to come into the school and assist whenever needed. Akayla Brown and Maxine Lovell presented the P&C with an appreciation certificate and presented the executive members with a small gift of thanks at yesterday’s P&C meeting.

Student Report Cards
Teachers are now focusing on finalising and collating all assessment items in readiness for our Semester 1 Student Reports. This process is made a little easier when all students consistently attend school. Reports will be sent home on Monday 22nd June in a sealed envelope addressed to parents.

School Performance Tour
You will find an information and permission note included in this Newsletter. We encourage all students to attend these events as the opportunity only arises two or three times a year. The performances are usually Arts based and generally have educational messages wrapped in an Arts performance. ie drama, puppetry etc, thereby exposing students to a ‘performance based’ presentation. Please return this permission form and money to the school by the due date on the letter.

Maintenance and new works
We have some building maintenance works beginning next week that you might like to know about. Please see below for these.

- Work will commence on site next Monday 25/05/15.
- safety fences will be erected around the swing set which is having edging and bark soft fall work carried out
- safety fences will be erected around the area where the old retaining wall will be repaired and the inclusion of a new concrete path
- safety fences will be erected and/or orange bollards and safety mesh around areas where we will be carrying out pre-paint maintenance works to the prep building

Attendance Information
Thanks to Lou Ferguson, our attendance thermometers are now finished. As you come into the side gate, you will see two thermometers on the side wall of our amenities block. One will indicate our student attendance numbers for the day while the other will give us an indication of student attendance per week. The daily thermometer will show attendance numbers using a green meniscus indicator. This will show the percentage of students at school on that day. The weekly thermometer will use a traffic light meniscus indicator and show the average attendance percentage for each week. Red will indicate 90% or less, Amber will indicate 91-95% and Green will indicated our goal attendance level of 96-100%. Every day truly counts—students learn when they are at school.

On the Horizon...

Athletic Relays and Ball Games
Southbrook Central Athletics Carnival is to be held on Wednesday 17th June (more information will be in the next Newsletter). This intra-school event is then followed by the inter-school event - Rossvale Ball Games & Relays on Thursday 25th June at Bridgman Oval, Pittsworth. I have provided the Rossvale itinerary further in the Newsletter for your early information. The Rossvale District Athletic Trials are scheduled for Friday 17th July – Term 3.

Buddy Bench Seat—Update:
A big ‘Thank You’ to Jill Williams who has donated a garden seat that will soon be transformed into our Buddy Bench.

Golden Pentagon Celebration Day
Our end of term celebration day organisations are almost finalised. Many thanks to Maree Andrews who has been a valued coordinator for the activities. Our celebration day will be Tuesday 23rd June. Children will enjoy a morning at the Sunset Bowling, they will have the option of purchasing McDonald's lunch or bring their own and we finish the day with some free playtime at a new adventure park in the Rockville area. A reminder about the change in attendance for this celebration day. All students who qualify will receive an invitation to attend prior to the event day. Golden Celebration Day qualification details can be found further in the Newsletter under our School Values – the 5Cs.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Kind regards, Terri-Anne

Student Awards:

12th May
Bon Rickert

19th May
Akayla Brown
Nathan Mann

26th May
Caitlyn Stace
Darius Gordon
Reminders

Rossvale Ballgames and Relays
12.00noon- Schools arrive
12.15pm- Ball Games commence
- Juniors (Prep/Year 1/ Year 2) Tunnel Ball, Captain Ball, Leader Ball, Bean Bag drop
- Intermediate (Year 3/ Year 4) Tunnel Ball, Captain Ball, Leader Ball, Zig Zag
- Seniors (Year 5/ Year 6) Tunnel Ball, Captain Ball, Leader Ball, Zig Zag
1.15pm Relays commence
Mixed teams (2 boys & 2 girls) in the below divisions.
- Juniors (Prep/Year 1/ Year 2) 4 x 50m
- Intermediate (Year 3/ Year 4) 4 x 80m
- Seniors (Year 5/ Year 6) 4 x 100m
2.00pm - Presentations and depart

May is Reading Month
May is the month where we have a particular focus on reading. In addition to our consistent approach to homework reading, families are invited to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. You can register your child for this challenge using the website address below.
http://education.qld.gov.au/schools/readingchallenge/

We also celebrated Family Reading Month with our bookfair which started on Wednesday 27th May and concluded today, Friday 29th May. My thanks go to the P&C for running this on behalf of our school. We will have these books still available through until next Wednesday, so if you missed out and would like to purchase anytime until next Wednesday, please come and see one of the teachers or Lou Ferguson on Tuesday/Wednesday.

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.

Students show great joy buying a gift for Mum for Mothers Day. Big thank you to parents who ran the Mothers Day Stall. I hope all our Mothers had a great Mothers’ Day.
Mrs Simpson, Mrs Rice’s & Ms Holmes’ spectacular 3, 4, 5 & 6’s!

Year 5 Maths These students are finished or almost finished learning various strategies for multiplication and division and are beginning assessment in this area.

Year 6 Maths These students have recently been looking at chance and probability being expressed as a fraction, decimal and percentage. They are now moving onto data representation and interpretation.

Year 3-4 History These students began their assessment last week. They had to record information about a convict who arrived in Australia on the First Fleet and then construct a timeline which can now be marked and reported on. This week they will write questions that they will then use to research what life was like for a convict of the First Fleet.

Year 5-6 History These students continue to work on their history assessment. Most students are close to finishing their newspaper article about Henry Parkes and will this week move on to Part B of the assessment which requires them to annotate a timeline of continuity and change in the status and rights of women during the 20th century.

Year 3-6 Science All students got to write up and submit their Good to Grow investigations this week which can now be marked and reported on. This week the students will be introduced to their new assessment which involves designing structures that can withstand extreme weather and earthquakes.

Mrs R

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

We had a great day out last week at Under 8’s day and the Soccer carnival. With the cooler weather approaching, so have the sniffles and runny noses started appearing. Please make sure your child has a jumper at school each day as the weather is unpredictable. It is also important for lunchboxes to contain lots of healthy options to help build the students’ energy and nutritional needs.

Preps have continued their letter learning journey with ‘j’, ‘f’, ‘b’ and ‘m’ being covered since last newsletter. It would be appreciated if a special focus could go towards the yellow sight words for the remainder of the term as we need to move forward to the next set of words—games like hide and seek, letter match, memory, snap, etc will all help to reinforce these words by sight. These words are the initial formation many bigger words are made from, so a small amount of time as part of the homework routine would be fantastic. In Maths, the Preps have investigated some measurement and number lines, and have been working on some fine motor activities like threading, ‘monster’ feeding and puzzle solving. Some special time has also been allocated to focus on phonics and its different elements.

A great time was had last Thursday when we tested the Marble Run investigations and the car Ramps. A ‘big’ thank you to all the mums, dads and family members who helped with the construction of them, they were fantastic. The Preps did an awesome job explaining their creations from home to the class. All of the projects are on display at the back of our classroom. Please come and have a look at them and have a go with the marbles and cars.

We are busy in class finalising work for assessment for our reports. This week we are finishing off History where we are looking at families of different types. We are doing a family tree so the students will be coming home with questions about family members. If possible, please help them to complete the task.

Maths and Spellings are continuing as usual—spellings are concentrating on the long a sound as in ‘ai’ in train, ‘ay’ as in day, ‘ae’ as in cake, ‘a’ as in lady and the exceptions such as ‘eigh’ as in eight and ‘ey’ as in they. Our progress with our story writing is continuing and hopefully, we will have them completed so that we can publish them. The Preps have written an innovative text on “Mr Rowen’s Outing” and illustrated it. It is hilarious. They hope to read it on parade soon.

Have a great weekend
Jude, Lou and Marlee
Reminders and Information

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.)

From the Chaplain

Hi parents. I am now beginning to find my feet in my role!! I’ve met some of you, which has been great. I attended the Soccer day at Biddeston last week (on my Mt Tyson day), and it was great to see the Southbrook kids there! Looks like I might have to try and put aside a day to attend the combined sports day - could I wear half green/half maroon? J

I would like to give some information for you ‘just in case’. At times our children, and we, ourselves - need a little help/guidance. We live in a busy, and on occasion, crazy mixed up world. Sometimes, some of us just need someone to talk to. There are some great support groups out there! I can point you in the right direction, as can any of the teachers. There are many places for advice. The following website is helpful, you can talk to a counsellor online or via email for free, if ever the need arises.

Kids Helpline
Phone: 1800 55 1800
Visit www.kidshelp.com.au

There is information on topics ranging from social anxiety to having trouble with school assignments to online games/colouring ins for the kids.

Alternatively, if your child, or you yourself – need a listening ear, feel free to contact me.

Until next time, Karen.

Religious Instruction
purchase of ‘Connect’ Books

Parents of students who attend RI lessons are due to pay the contribution for the purchase of connect lesson books for semester 1 please. These books are $2.60. It would appreciated if payment is sent into the school as soon as possible. The RI teachers provide lessons on Tuesday afternoon from 2.30-3.00pm. Please remember, if circumstances have changed that involve your child attending lessons, please send a note to school, indicating the change in attendance, otherwise attender and non-attender lists will remain as per 2104.
The value for this fortnight is COURTESY. COURTESY is using manners in all situations. Speak politely and raise your hand. Share school equipment, Use appropriate language. Be a good sport.

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 slip/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 Spoints. 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.
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.

TUCKSHOP
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

DO YOUR HOMEWORK!
by Michael Grose

Sound familiar?

Rather than homework being a headache for you and your child, here are some tips to help minimise the hassles and for you to remain sane during the process!

Establish homework time and stick with it every day. If children tell you they don’t have any formal homework then they can read, revise or organise their work. My feedback tells me that sticking to a routine despite the fact no formal homework is set is extremely useful and helps avoid battles. Put the onus back on your children to take responsibility for their work. Ask children at the start of the homework session how much homework they will do. At the end of the session check it to see if it matches with their intentions as well as yours. You need to make sure it is your children and not you that is responsible for homework!

Homework is as much a time management issue as anything else. Encourage students to work reasonable quickly and efficiently. Have a set time limit, which they should stick to. There is generally little point slogging away once they become frustrated or tired. A little work each night is more productive than packing it into one weekly session.
Rossvale Super 7 Senior and Junior Soccer Carnival held at Biddeston. The participating teams were from Southbrook, Brookstead, Jondaryan, Mt Tyson and Biddeston. Southbrook students showed great sportsmanship.

Junior B Team
B-R—Jessie Fredrichs (Captain), Paige Hassall, Landon McNab
F-R—Campbell Alexander, Clair Basham, Sam McGinn

Mr. Craig Young congratulated and presented Eric Lovell with a soccer ball. Eric was selected as Best and Fairest Junior Player of the Carnival. Well Done!

Senior A Team
B-R—Caitlin Stace, Trenton McNab, Dylan Collin (Captain), Akayla Brown
F-R—Darius Gordon, Bon Rickert, Maxine Lovell

Junior A Team
B-R- Malachi Garratt, Alice Train
F-R - Reagan Collin, Phoenix Mason, Eric Lovell (Captain), Zane Fredrichs

The Cheer Squad
Go Southbrook Go!!

Senior B Team
B-R - Waylan Smith, Otto Friedrichs, Nate Bancroft
F-R—Matilda Collin, Frances Cattle, Chaz McNab, Jasmine Roberts (Captain)