**From the Principal’s Desk**

As my time at Southbrook Central comes to an end, I am amazed at how quickly the time has passed! It is hard to believe that it is Week 5 next week! I know the students are very excited about reaching the half way mark!

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in your beautiful part of the world and it has been wonderful getting to know the staff, parents and students during my time here. Mrs Simpson is very fortunate to be surrounded by such helpful parents, amazing staff and gorgeous students. I am sure she has missed you all and is looking forward to returning in Week 6.

**Darling Downs Regional Cross Country**

We have three runners that have been offered the opportunity to compete at the Darling Downs Regional Cross Country – Harry, Pat, and Jasmine. Jessica is a shadow. This is being held on Tuesday the 27th May from 8:30am to 3:00pm at Kearney’s Spring Sport Complex on Ruthven Street, Toowoomba. We wish our runners the best of luck!

**Lunchtime Trial**

We are halfway through our lunchtime trial, where we have swapped the order of eating and play times on Tuesdays and Fridays for our second break. On these days, students are playing first – from 1:45 – 1:55, and then the bell rings 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.

**After School Care**

After School Care has commenced and it is wonderful to see such a large turn-out of children participating in the activities available. Netball skills are offered on Monday, Athletics on Wednesdays and Dance on Thursdays. Please contact us if your child/ren would like to participate in these activities.

**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.

**NAPLAN Testing**

This week, our Year 3, 5 and 7 students participated in the National NAPLAN testing. We are proud of how our students conducted themselves during this testing period. The tests have been packaged up and returned to be marked. Parents will receive a report later in the year.

**Super 8’s Soccer Carnival**

We have been invited to participate in the Super 8’s Soccer Carnival, being held at Jondaryan next Friday, 23rd May. Information and permission notes have been sent home for this excursion. Please ensure that permission notes are returned and payment made as soon as possible. Any students not attending Jondaryan on this day will be expected to attend school as usual.

**Week 5, Term 2 Activities**

This week we will focus on teacher planning and students’ data analysis. Teachers will be involved in a data analysis session after school on Tuesday 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, Southbrook Central students will be travelling to Jondaryan State School to participate in ‘Super Soccer Day’ activities.

**Week 6**

Mrs Simpson will return from leave in Week 6.

**School photos will be taken 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 Tuesday, 3rd June.

Kind regards

Tammy
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.

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.

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 Thursday 29th May to Tuesday 3rd June. 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!

BOOK FAIR

Great for Holidays
Great for Rainy Days
Great for Birthdays
Great for Christmas

Starting the 29th of May through to the 3rd of June.
School Library
8.30-9.00
3.00-3.30

The more books we sell the more free books we receive for our school library.

Enquiries to Mrs Ferguson Tues/Wed/Thurs

It’s getting cold and the library is warm, so come in and enjoy a book or other activities happening in the library.
The library is open in the breaks Tues/Wed/Thurs.

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

Wow what a busy couple of weeks it has been!
The Year five to seven students got the opportunity to travel to Amaroo Environmental Education Centre recently and take part in a program titled ‘The Power of One’. The day began with students learning a little about the local indigenous communities and the importance of paying respect to country.
After morning tea the students took part in discussions about the various forms of energy available to us and experiments that looked at electrical energy and kinetic energy. Students compared the electricity used by a fluorescent light bulb compared to an incandescent light bulb. They then made kinetic energy by peddling an exercise bike which was then converted into electricity that powered a blender that made them a milkshake.
After lunch they went on a tour of the centre and watched a propeller turn wind energy into electricity to charge a battery they use in the lawn mower. A petrol generator make electricity to power a drill. A solar panel converted solar energy into electricity to power hand blenders for making chocolate mousse.
They finished the day learning about the impact various forms of energy have on the environment and the importance of conserving electricity. In particular they learned about ‘the power of one’ finger to turn off electrical appliances at school and around the home.
Mrs Rice

Mrs Nestor’s Nifty Prep, Year 1 & 2

Last week we hosted another successful P-2 Bike Education day. Thank you to all the parents for making sure your child had a bike and helmet organised, and special thanks to Pauline, Pat and Harrison for their help. Hopefully you will have noticed their increased knowledge of the road rules and competence on their bikes.

In English, we continue to focus our attention on the writing of narratives, plus working on nouns, verbs and pronouns. In Maths, we are learning number names and revisiting place value. Preps have explored the letters ‘l’ and ‘m’ and continue on their number representations to 5 before moving on to 6-10.
Please remember those sight words in the homework routine. Our timelines were fantastic!

Our athletic training is progressing in preparation for our carnival soon. Practice is underway for long jump, discus, high jump, relays, ball games and running.
We will not be participating in the Under 8’s day at Jondaryan next Friday but instead will coordinate a program around that theme for our Playgroup visitors on Monday (19th). If you have younger siblings of our class students who may like to come and join in the fun, please bring them along. Activities will be held from 10—11:30am, and attendees will require a water bottle, hat and a snack.
Next Tuesday (20th) we will be offering a cookie and Milo for $1 as a donation towards the Cancer Council (our version of Biggest Morning Tea).
The cookies will be baked fresh as part of our rotational activities.
Regards
Jude, Lou and Maree

Mrs Rice

Students in Years 3-4 have been exploring the literacy text ‘The Shack That Dad Built’. They have been examining the language features used by authors to portray characters, events and setting. Students have used comprehension strategies to answer questions about the text. Students have also explored the organisation and language features of a persuasive text. They have planned and written persuasively about an issue examined in one of the literary texts read in the unit. Students in Years 5-7 are still looking at multimodal advertisements. Students have viewed and comprehended advertisements across different media and have begun to understand how advertisements on a similar topic use language in similar and different ways.

Students in Years 3-4 are exploring the different climate types of Australia and its neighbours. Students have learnt how to construct tables and graphs to represent climate data of Australia’s neighbouring countries.

Students in Years 5-7 have been exploring the different types of landforms in the world and understand the spatial distributions of landforms are a characteristic of place and that landforms can be represented in a visual form.

Students in Years 3-4 have begun looking at the purpose and structure of a historical narrative. They have also had the opportunity to demonstrate the skills of locating relevant historical information from sources provided and using historical terms. Students in Years 5-7 have been examining significant events that led to the establishment of a free settlement in Moreton Bay.

Mrs Doudle
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

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 fortnight the students are focusing on Care. Caring for ourselves, our School and our Community. Be safe and care for others. Rubbish in bins and care for the environment. Look after belongings, equipment and library books.

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.

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

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

BIKE EDUCATION

Years 5/6/7 show off their skills during Bike Education with CJ Thomson. After completing the oral exam they proceed to do a written exam. Well done everyone!
Students of the week 30th April

Students receive their extra pentagon, for showing COURTESY. Well done!!!!

Students of the week 7th May

Years 5/6/7 attend Amaroo Environmental Education Centre
Time to breathe
In the bustle of life. In the pressure of decisions, peace has become a luxury. Take it when it comes, and cherish it. It gives you the time to breathe. It gives you rest and hope and life.
Pam Brown

BIKE EDUCATION AT SCHOOL
Prep, Years 1 & 2 learn about Bike Education with Mrs Nestor, Mrs Andrews (Police Officer), Mrs Ferguson, Harrison Roberts, Mrs McGinn and Patrick McGinn who assisted Mrs Nestor.

The School Choir performs with Music Teacher, Mrs Beth Wheeldon on Parade.