As Term 3 comes to a close, I hope you are all able to have some down time over the school holidays in readiness for the busiest term of the year – Term 4. Thank you for all your support and contributions throughout Term 3, together we can make a difference.

**Tutoring for Term 4**
After school tutoring will be suspended for Term 4 and will recommence in week 2, Term 1, 2017. Term 4 is such a busy term and nearing the end of the year, students generally show a number of signs of fatigue. Recommencing tutoring at the beginning of Term 1 will provide the best start for the year ahead and solid preparations for the NAPLAN tests.

**Grant project – beautification of our eating area**
With thanks to Maree Andrews (our fabulous grant writer) and the P&C, we can look forward to seeing a change to the student’s eating area upon our return next term. This whole area is to be beautified with new landscaping and seating. I can hardly wait to see the changes.

**P&C Fundraiser - Festival of the Horse**
The Festival of the Horse is being held at the Toowoomba Show Grounds on the 24th and 25th September. This falls on the middle weekend of the school holidays. Our P&C will be holding a damper stall during these two days and are seeking willing volunteers to help please. If you are able to contribute any amount of time please contact Peta Lovell.

**Community Concert**
We have been invited to take part in a community concert Friday 21st October. Our students will perform some music items thanks to Beth Wheeldon’s preparation. Please add this date to your calendar.

**2017 Enrolments**
Please make contact with the school if you know that you will be moving or your child will not be attending Southbrook Central in 2017. I would appreciate a quick email or any other convenient form of communication. This will assist our estimate of student numbers for 2017.

**Changes to State Schooling Enrolment**
Primary school consists of Prep to Year 6. Prep is the first year of schooling in Queensland. It is a full-time, school-based program and has a defined curriculum. From 2017, it is compulsory for all Queensland children to undertake Prep prior to commencing Year 1.

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**Dates to Remember**

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The only exceptions to compulsory participation in Prep are where:

- a child has undertaken education in another jurisdiction that is equivalent to Prep;
- a child was registered for home education in the year prior to enrolment in a state or non-state school; or
- the principal is satisfied the child is ready to be enrolled in Year 1 taking into account the child’s attributes.

To enrol in Prep, children must be aged five years by 30 June in the year of proposed attendance. You can enrol your child in Prep by contacting Southbrook Central State School directly. You will need to provide proof of your child’s date of birth (e.g. birth certificate, passport or visa). Early or delayed entry to Prep are options which may be considered in specific circumstances and where it is in a child’s best educational interest. These options can be discussed with myself at any convenient time.

A reminder that we have a public holiday on Monday 3rd October. School resumes Tuesday 4th October.

Have a wonderful holiday. I hope you manage to get plenty of family time and you’re able to enjoy living in the “now” for much of the time.

Warm regards
Terri-Anne

Reminders

Park and Pick Up at School
We are all aware that the designated Pick-Up and Drop-Off area for students is at the side of the school on Oberhardt Rd. Thank you all so much for taking care when you park outside of the school. Please remember that “nose in” parking is the accepted form of parking when parking your car. Please don’t park on the opposite side of the road as this creates the potential for exiting cars to back into those parallel parked. The road is not wide enough to allow for both styles of parking at this stage.

Absenteeism Changes
Reminder about school attendance policy changes for State Schools. Schools must have notification of absenteeism on the same day or before, your child/ren is away or will be away. In order for this to policy to be implemented well and successfully, parents are asked two things.

1. Please notify the school either before or on the day your child will be absent. This can be done in a few ways: phone call, email to me or SMS to the school mobile on 0429365090 or speak to your child’s teacher. Sending a note on the following day is no longer effective. NB: The school must be advised each day your child is absent. If possible, an advance notice of absenteeism via email, mobile message or school phone is a very effective form of communication. Thank you to those parents who already do this.

2. Please ensure your email and phone details are up-to-date. This is extremely important as a staff member will need to contact you if we are not advised as to the reason your child

School Uniforms
We strongly encourage all students to be in correct uniform for the following reasons. The wearing of our school uniform is endorsed by our P&C.

The Southbrook Central State School student dress code assists in providing a safe and supportive school environment by:

- Allowing ready identification of students;
- Eliminating distraction of competition in dress and fashion at school;
- Fostering a sense of belonging; and
- Developing mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic or social difference.

There is also a range of second hand uniforms, especially good for those students who are in their last year.
Tips for raising kids to be safe, social and savvy

Frequently I hear parents talk about children’s use of technology as if the technology is a problem. However, technology is the context or background in which we must raise our kids to be safe, social and savvy. The bigger question we need to ask is: “What is good parenting in the digital age?”

Our job is to educate kids about technology – helping them be safe, smart and balanced users – so we need some guidelines to follow. Every parent needs to set their own guidelines suitable to their own situation. Here are some ideas to help:

1. Be a good role model
   It’s well established now that children will copy many of their parents’ behaviours. Our behaviours and habits now extend to our use of communication technology, which is a good thing as we’ve got the chance to model smart, balanced technology habits. This means we need to be mindful of how often we have a mobile device in our hands when we are around kids. It means we need to take care that we don’t use technology as an emotional pacifier when we feel stressed or under pressure. Model face-to-face communication and healthy ways to manage your stress levels so kids can learn these techniques too.

2. Think about expectations and rules for your kids in the digital world
   You wouldn’t drop your kids off for the day in the middle of the city and say, “Have fun. Stay safe!” Yet we often do the equivalent to our kids with technology. Most digital devices are set up for adults so when you introduce a piece of technology think carefully about it’s use and expectations before handing it over to your kids. Where possible and practical, use restrictions under settings when you give a device to a child. And place your own restrictions around use and timing when kids use devices, rewarding responsible use with greater freedom.

3. Differentiate between uses
   One use doesn’t fit all. Digital technology has three purposes – communication, education and entertainment. Gender plays a part here with girls using digital technology more for communication and boys using digital devices more for entertainment. As a parent we need to be aware how our kids are using technology, which will influence how we respond to them. For instance, you should take a different approach to a child who spends all his time after school playing Minecraft to one who spends significant time online for educational purposes. Nuance your approach according to the children’s technology use.

4. Create social media mantras and scripts to keep kids safe
   Parents have always found ways to frame messages for children so that they rattle around inside their heads when parents aren’t around. “Don’t speak to strangers” still reverberates with me decades after my mother first drilled it in to me. She also gave me the scripts to use with strangers if ever I got lost, or found myself in trouble. So what scripting are you introducing to your child to keep them safe and also make them think about smart use while online? These include such mantras as “Is it worth posting?”, “Take a deep breath before hitting the send or post button.” “Do you want the principal to see this post?”

5. Create tech-free zones and times
   Knowing when to cut off or leave technology is just as important as knowing when to use it appropriately. One way to teach appropriateness of technology use is to introduce tech-free zones and tech-free times into your family. For instance, dinner tables and mealtimes should be kept technology free to encourage in the moment face-to-face conversations. Bedrooms should be tech free particularly at night to encourage children to get a good night’s sleep.
P&C Future Event

Southbrook Central P&C are investigating the possibility of starting up an annual trail bike ride early next year. This will help consolidate our fund-raising efforts and raise valuable earnings for our school. In order to do this we require approximately 1000 acres which will accommodate around 600 motorbike riders for a weekend.

The land could include a number of smaller neighbouring places and does not need to be an individual property. It may also be beyond the Southbrook district. If anyone would consider offering their property for a weekend it would be greatly appreciated. For further information please contact Telia Simpson (0414767738)

This year our P&C volunteers are raising funds for the following:

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Student Insurance

Did you know that the P&C pay for student Personal and Accident Insurance every year for your child?
The policy cover is provided whilst a student is at school and or undertaking school based activities. In addition, the scope of coverage also includes necessary direct journey travel to and from such activities and or the school.
If you would like more information about this, the P&C have left an information booklet in the staffroom for your convenience or you can access further information from this web address.


TUCKSHOP – Term 4

We are looking for helpers for Friday Tuckshop days please. If you are able to help for either of the break times, we would greatly appreciate your assistance. Please come and see us either on Tuckshop day or give us a call.

Amy McNab and Kerrie Train

School Community Items

Southbrook Possums Playgroup

We meet at the Southbrook Sports Grounds every Monday between 10am and 12 and welcome any new members with children aged from birth to 5 (prior to starting prep).

Playgroup is a place for you and your child to interact with other parents/caregivers and their children, providing opportunities for play and learning.

Playgroup also develops new skills and helps gain confidence by interacting with other children.

Please contact Kerrie on 0409055679 for further details.
Southbrook Central 2016 School Priorities
Every student succeeding in Reading and Numeracy

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Southbrook Central’s 5C’s — Values

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Term 4
HOMEWORK CLUB
ON MONDAYS & THURSDAYS

Sporting Schools
TERM 4
Commemences Week 1
Monday—Touch Football
Wednesday—Tennis
Thursday—Orienteering
We rely on 15 students to continue this program each activity day.

School Banking
Wishing all Dollarmites a safe and relaxing Spring Break. School Banking will return on Tuesday October 4th. Term 4 will see new prizes unlocked for token trade in, so I look forward to lots of deposits next term.

Mrs Andrews

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 slips/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 5points. 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.

Classroom Reminders
Frozies Friday(3p.m) — 50 cents each.

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Community Notes

Pittsworth Millmerran Junior Cricket Club is running ‘Come and Try Cricket Clinics’ in the second week of the school holidays and the first week of Term Four. All ages are welcome at the clinics that will be held on the 28th and 29th of September and the 6th and 7th of October at Club Pittsworth in Short Street Pittsworth. Registration is at 4.15pm and the clinics will run for approximately an hour and a half. Come to as many or as few as you like. Junior Club Cricket is set to start after the holidays so come along and see how much fun cricket can be and perhaps sign on to play throughout the summer.

Are you stressed out? Struggling with depression or anxiety? Lacking energy? Not sleeping well? Have low self-esteem? Want to lose body fat? Improve strength and bone density?

Regular exercise has been proven to help these things. Imagine yourself leaner, healthier and happier! With unlimited energy to play with your children, giving your whole family the best life!

At Ministry of Movement we have 2 free classes every week for the community, they are run in conjunction with Toowoomba Regional council’s The Change Project.

Every Tuesday night 5:30-6:30pm Body Pump class (Barbell weights workout for everyone looking to lose weight, improve bone health, get toned, total body workout, great music) and Body Balance every Saturday morning 9:30-10:30am (combine the best of yoga, Tai Chi and Pilates, a flowing class reinforcing flexibility and strength, brings your mind and body into perfect harmony) Both classes are taught worldwide and choreographed and an instructor takes you through the entire class. Please just arrive 10-15 mins before class to fill in form and get setup.

If you would like to look and feel great when summer arrives, now is the time to get fit and lose weight. Any questions please call or come in and see us,

16 Evans Street, Pittsworth
Phone 46933772.

CHAPPY CORNER

Have a fantastic holiday – may you and your children return to school refreshed and raring to go for the last term of 2016! Enjoy your children being home in the next two weeks!! I look forwards to seeing you all in a few weeks. I leave you with a quote that I found and believe to be oh so true!

Karen
Student Council Activities for Term 4

The Term 4 school events that the student council will lead are listed below.

Week 2 Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} October – Celebrate Science Day. Students can come to school dressed as their favourite scientist (mad or not!) Gold coin donation going to the Student Council. The student council will conduct fun science experiments during first break and second break will see a game of Scientist Bull Rush being conducted under the supervision of Mrs Simpson, who pretends to play but can never keep up with the quick and fit Southbrook Students!

Week 5 Monday 31\textsuperscript{st} October – Grandparent’s Day. Yet to be discussed and organised in detail.

Week 6 Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} November – Footy Colours Day. Come dressed in your favourite football team colours. Gold coin donation in aid of the Children’s Hospital.

Week 9 Tuesday 29\textsuperscript{th} November, Deck to Deck Day. This is just a fun day where students come to school in free dress that is related in some way to a deck of cards! They can be a character from the cards ie Queen of Hearts, Joker or come dressed as a spade, club, heart or come dripping in bling as a diamond! The student council will conduct fun games during the lunch breaks – no “fine” for this free dress day.

COMMUNITY NOTICES