After some quite busy weeks, we look forward to a couple of quieter weeks as teachers continue with assessments in readiness for report cards. A reminder that the last two weeks of school will be busy again. More details of this can be found under the “On the Horizon” heading below.

**May the Monster Month of Reading!**

You would have heard a little more about our Monster Month of Reading if you were at Assembly this Tuesday gone. We are using this month to reinvigorate reading across the school. Students will earn double pentagon tokens if they reach a reading milestone as outlined in their Reading Diary and we have a special day planned at the end of the month to celebrate our great reading and just because it’s a good reason to have some fun! We will be inviting parents/grandparents to our Book Fair Open Morning on Friday 27th May. The staff and student council will have a number of activities planned for you and the students to enjoy. Activities will begin with Assembly at 9am in the undercover area and conclude following a Monster High Tea at the Library for our visitors. You will find an invitation attached to this Newsletter. Please assist us with being able to cater accurately to numbers attending and RSVP by the due date.

**Entering School Grounds**

There have been some recent cases of people entering the school grounds outside of school hours. Persons or organisations wanting to use the school grounds or facilities outside school hours are requested to seek permission from the principal.

Please be aware that if unauthorised people are seen or heard in the school grounds, the police are notified.

**Business Card advertisements**

During my discussions with some P&C members over the past couple of weeks, it has come to our realisation that many of our parents have businesses. The next P&C meeting will have an agenda item that invites families to provide their business card to the school so that we can place these into the Newsletter at random times. Advertising your business in our Newsletter gives the P&C and the school an opportunity to be able to ‘give back’ to you, in a small way, for the many hours of volunteer work contributed toward the many fundraising events during the year. If you are not aware, our school Newsletter is circulated to the wider community every fortnight and therefore, read by many more people than just our school community. Please consider whether this is something that you would like to take part in. You can contact the school or Peta Lovell for more information.

**Cross Country Results**

Congratulations to Jessie Friedrichs, Bon Rickert, Chaz McNab and Jasmine Roberts who all competed to the best of their ability and we are proud of your achievements. Well done to Jasmine Roberts who made it to the Darling Downs level. This event is scheduled for Tuesday 24th May. We wish Jasmine every success at the next level.
School Uniforms
As the cool weather descends upon us, it is timely to remind you that our uniform shop is freshly stocked with winter uniform items. We strongly encourage all students to be in correct uniform for the following reasons.

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 here at Southbrook Central.

iPads
You might remember that we recently won a grant to assist us in the purchase of iPads for our school. The grant funds along with P&C and school contributions have now been used to order our iPads for each class and we await their arrival. We will have 4 iPads per class and of course, being mobile devices, they can be shared as necessary between classes. Our wireless upgrade has been completed and now allows for wireless internet access across the school. Teachers will be using these devices to support a variety of learning experiences in the classroom. Small group support work, reading group tasks, vocabulary development tasks, student extension work, to name just a few!

QParents
Some people might remember that I completed an EOI for Southbrook Central to be included in the rollout of the QParents app. This rollout across the state is complex and quite slow. I received notification that our EOI has been picked up and we are now officially on the list of schools who will receive this application. I have included some information below for you with a weblink for more information.

The QParents web and mobile application provides a more convenient, easier way for parents and legal guardians of Queensland state school students to interact with their child’s school. Parents will have secure, online access to their child’s student information, anytime, anywhere, through a smartphone, tablet or computer.

QParents allows parents to connect instantly with their child’s school to access and manage their child’s student information, including:

- Attendance and absence details, as well as the ability to notify the school of an absence
- Behaviour information
- Academic report cards
- Class timetables
- Viewing unpaid invoice details, payment history, and making payments online
- Viewing and updating personal student details, including medical conditions and address
- Enrolment details

QParents will assist both staff and parents in sharing and responding to information in an efficient and effective way.

https://qparents.qld.edu.au/#/about

On the Horizon
The last 2 weeks of this term are very busy. Below are the events during these two weeks.

15th June – School Athletics Carnival. Whole school
16 & 17th June – Amaroo camp overnight. Year 3&4
20 & 21st June – Bike Safety training. Year 3&4
20th June – Student Report Cards sent home. Whole school
23rd June – Relay and Ball games. Whole school
24th June – last day of term. Pentagon Celebration day combined with “Loud Shirt Day”. Invited students

6 weeks of learning left in this term … We’re flying!

Warmest regards
Terri-Anne

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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.

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 playground supervision provided for students before 8.30am and before the buses arrive at school.
How parent modelling can develop balanced technology habits in kids

Children are natural mimics. They mimic our language, especially the worst aspects of our language such as swearing. As American researcher and psychologist Martin Seligman found in his ground-breaking research into children’s thinking styles, they mimic our optimistic and pessimistic thinking too!

But it’s our habitual behaviours that really leave their mark. Our kids pick up good manners, money and saving habits, and now our technology habits. This means we have the chance to develop good or bad habits in kids by our own observable behaviours.

So now that digital technology is such an integral part of family-life it makes sense to do all we can to develop smart, balanced technology habits in kids. Here are some ideas to help:

1. **Be mindful of how often you have a mobile device in your hand.** Avoid constantly reading emails or texting while in social situations.
2. **Limit your own media use when you are with children.** Be available emotionally with your children rather than stare at a screen when children are around.
3. **Create tech-free zones.** Keep mealtimes and other family social gatherings tech-free.
4. **Model face-to-face time.** Let your kids see you engaging with ‘back-and-forth’ conversations with others. This is how kids learn conversation, negotiation and other relationship skills.
5. **Consciously engage.** Join with kids in games and other technological engagement but at the same time connect with kids in other ways too.

Media and digital devices are an integral part of our lives today. The benefits of these devices if used moderately and appropriately are almost limitless. Parents can use the ageless power of modelling to influence their children to be savvy but balanced users of digital technology.
This year our P&C volunteers are raising funds for the fol-

### ABC Reading Eggs **✓**
Mathletics **In review**
iPads and Apple mini **At purchase stage**
Camp subsidy **In progress**
New School Sign **In progress**
P&C Noticeboard **In progress**
Reading Books **✓**

**Grant Projects**
Children's Lunch area beatification project **Awaiting**

Awesome stuff and thank you to the parents who helped out at the Poultry Auctions BBQ stall. The helpers and resulting profits were **eggscellent**!

Thank you to all of our parents who helped out at the Mother’s Day Stall. With the many donations and so many helpers, the stall was a fantastic success. The children loved choosing something special for their mums.

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**Tuckshop News**

**TUCKSHOP HELPERS’ ROSTER**

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**Uniform Shop**

**SOUTHBROOK CENTRAL STATE SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP**

Winter uniforms now available

Open Tuesdays at 8:30am or by arrangement... 0448170049

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**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. Lots of activities are planned this term, including a visit from the local health nurse and a visit to the Southbrook School.

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

- **Consideration**
  Thinking about others

- **Commitment**
  Always doing my best

- **Courage**
  Knowing what is right and acting upon it

- **Care**
  Looking after:
  - Ourselves
  - Our school

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.
- 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 5 points. 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.

School Banking
Disappointingly our bank representative talk did not eventuate. If you are interested in opening an account, please see me for an application package. It is great to see so many students participating in school banking each Tuesday in recent weeks, and many have earned their token rewards. Regular deposits will entitle the students entry to a fantastic competition in keeping with the wildlife theme this year.

Mrs Andrews

Sporting Schools
Athletics preparation
Monday – Sprints
Wednesday— Throws
Thursday— Jumps
3:30pm—4:30pm

Classroom Reminders
Choc chip biscuits for Tuesday— 50 cents each.
FREE STRESS BUSTER SESSION in your own Community Hall.
Come and experience YOGA in Southbrook (Ages 15+).
Wednesday May 25\textsuperscript{th} 9:30 – 10:30am
Yoga can help lower your heart rate; Improve Strength, Flexibility and Balance; Develop your Inner Peace, Calm, Tranquillity and mindfulness.

Please bring Water Bottle, Towel, Yoga Mat (if you have one) and your SMILE
For more info contact: Nola Allen 0428118836

School Photos

ANZAC MARCH 2016

Congratulations to Jessie Friedrichs, Jasmine Roberts, Chaz McNab and Bon Rickert who competed at the Rossvale Cross Country.

Jasmine Roberts will now compete at the next level - Darling Downs.

ROSSVALE

So many beautiful gifts to choose from at the Mother’s Day Stall. A BIG thank you to the Mums who manned the Stall and to the families who donated gifts.

Congratulations to Prep and Year 1 students who received a Reading Award from Mrs Nestor.

WELL DONE! Year 2/3/4s who received their Reading Awards on Parade

REFLECTIONS
From the Chaplain:

Hello everyone! **Would you like to honour your Dad?** Every year, Scripture Union host the Queensland Father of the Year awards. The goal of this is to honour and celebrate the importance of fathers and father-figures throughout our state. All you have to do is jump on the web-site and answer some questions! This website will give you more information: www.fatheroftheyear.org.au

There are prizes! Anyone who nominates a Dad will go into the draw to win an iPad Mini – and the major prize (for the Father of the Year) – will be a five night holiday for himself and his family at **Sea World Resort and Water Park** and unlimited entry to the **Gold Coast’s Favourite Theme Parks**!

Nominations will close 15th July!! Come and see me if you would like help in nominating your Dad.

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At the office – there is Apple Juice for sale for $5/bottle (or if you really love it – a special carton price but you’ll need to come and see me). This is one way that we raise funds for Chaplaincy. It is a little expensive – but it is really really delicious – and is nice for a special treat. So I encourage you to give it a go!

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I have been given an extra ½ day per week at your school by Scripture Union, as well as Mt Tyson. After some discussion it has been decided that I will do an extra day per fortnight at each school. I still will be here on Friday’s, however will also be here once a fortnight on a Tuesday – continuing to help out in the prep-1 classroom.

On Friday in the 1st lunch break, I have been running some card making activities, which has been open for the year 5/6 girls. We have been having discussions about selling them at the office, to raise money for ‘something’ – we’re not sure yet!! We nearly should have enough ready for sale in about 2 weeks!

That is about it for now!! I’m enjoying helping out with ballgame practice every Friday arvo. I look forwards to the Sports Day – and hope that it is not as cold as it was last year.

Happy rest of term everyone! Karen.

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**Week 1 winter school holidays 2016**

“**PITTSWORTH PURPLE POLICE**” KIDS BIBLE HOLIDAY PROGRAM COMING AGAIN SOON!

**VENUE:** Uniting Church Pittsworth

**COST FOR THE WEEK:** $30.00/child or $60.00 for 3 or more children (from same family)

**PROGRAM:** Mon – Fri 8.45am – 12.30pm

Sports, games, craft, Bible stories

For children in primary school

Apply early – limited places

Register online at www.kidsgamesqld.com.au

or contact Karen on 46933202

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**Postie Fashion Afternoon**

**Saturday 28th May at 1.00 pm** - Postie Fashion afternoon at Southbrook Hall. Ladies, bring your friends for an enjoyable afternoon of fashion, friendship and fun. Devonshire afternoon tea. Admission $5.00.

**Saturday 16th July** - Ball to be held at Southbrook Hall. Possibly Deb of the Year - more details as they come to hand.

Libby Scouller’s mobile number is 0438 407 102 - Landline is 4693 2329.
MAY MONSTER MONTH OF READING
PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS MORNING TEA

This year to promote our school “READING” focus we have decided to hold a morning tea for parents and grandparents on the verandah of our school library. This will coincide with our BOOK FAIR, and we would like to invite any Grandparents who would like to purchase and donate a book to our school library the opportunity to do so. You are under no obligation. Payment by cash or cheque on the day will be greatly appreciated.

This is our way of helping to foster a love of books and reading and many Grandparents play a vital part in this process.

Looking forward to hearing if you would like to join us for the morning.

Lou Ferguson

Students of the Week (Week 4)
Sophie Basham, Caitlin Stace, Vogue Frank and Samantha Mengel

Students of the Week (Week 5)
Eric Lovell and Chaz McNab

CONGRATULATIONS to Chaz McNab, Bon Rickert, Jasmine Roberts and Jessie Friedrichs who represented Southbrook Central State School at the Bunya District Cross Country. Jasmine will compete at the Darling Downs Level.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL— Mrs Nestor Supervisor—Mrs Jenny Friedrichs and Ms Heather Holmes assisting Mrs Nestor. Practicing Sprints on Mondays, Throws (Shotput and Discus) on Wednesdays and Long Jump on Thursdays. A BIG thank you to parents and students supporting Active After School.

Congratulations to Isaiah Kimball who received his Reading Award on Parade in Week 4