I hope you have been able to take advantage of the continuing warm weather over the past couple of weeks. I take this opportunity to extend a very warm welcome to Libby Scouller who has replaced Cameron May. I suspect she’s doing a great job of winning the students over after her lesson on fractions using chocolate and other edible goodies to assist their understanding of the concept.

P&C Day

P&C Day is held each year to celebrate the important work undertaken in our state schools by our parents and citizens associations. In 2016, P&C Day was held on Friday 13th May. We celebrated our P&C at our last meeting, Thursday 19th May. Afternoon tea and snacks were provided. On behalf of the students and staff, Trenton McNab and Jasmine Roberts gave a vote of thanks to everyone at the meeting and then gave the executive members a special gift. It was, as usual, a good meeting with a good deal of interested members in attendance. As indicated at the Annual General Meeting, Peta Lovell reminded us that after six years in the Secretary position, she would not be continuing in the Executive position beyond 2016. We had some discussion about possibly separating the roles of the Secretary into two positions - Secretary and Events Coordinator. Peta has been the driving force behind our dynamic P&C and will be greatly missed when she steps down. I have inserted the speech that Trenton and Jasmine wrote and delivered to the P&C. It was a well thought out speech that highlighted the gratitude that we hold for our P&C.

Good afternoon parents, teachers and P&C volunteers. The students and staff from Southbrook Central would like to thank you for fundraising for our school and camp – Tallebudgera. We thank you for your hard work and effort you put in to make our school a safe environment, a lovely place for the students and a school that everyone loves. You have fundraised so that we can have beautiful plants and trees, have a great quality school with great resources, sports equipment and a great library. We would like to present the executive with thank-you gifts to show our appreciation.

May the Monster Month of Reading – Open Day

What a fun morning we had. Everyone assembled at the undercover area for the Monster Parade. Winners were selected from each class group and received a $10 book voucher to spend at our Book Fair. The students sang the theme song from The Adams Family to our guests. Following this, we broke into three groups and heard Monster stories told by our very expressive and fluent readers – Reagan Collin, Lucy Roberts and Jasmine Roberts.

Mrs Andrews and the Student Council had a special monster treat in store for the student monsters in the form of a “scary monster run” through the fort areas and a story in a darkened sandpit...with all the trimmings! Thanks Mrs Andrews for all the work you put into that monster run. The students loved it. The final thank you has to go to Ms Holmes for all the work she put into producing such a delightful High Tea”. From the many comments I heard, parents and grandparents really enjoyed and appreciated it. The students sang the theme song from The Adams Family to our guests. Following this, we received a $10 book voucher to spend at our Book Fair. The students sang the theme song from The Adams Family to our guests. Following this, we received a $10 book voucher to spend at our Book Fair. The students sang the theme song from The Adams Family to our guests. Following this, we received a $10 book voucher to spend at our Book Fair. The students sang the theme song from The Adams Family to our guests. Following this, we received a $10 book voucher to spend at our Book Fair. The students sang the theme song from The Adams Family to our guests. Following this, we received a $10 book voucher to spend at our Book Fair. The students sang the theme song from The Adams Family to our guests. Following this, we received a $10 book voucher to spend at our Book Fair.

Thank You!

We are so very fortunate to have people in our school and community who take interest in our school and help out when and where they can. Thank you to Scott and Tehilia Simpson from Tooowoomba Spray Shop in Taylor St, Tooowoomba for their very kind donation of a weed sprayer for our school. You will see Gary Rowen with a big smile on his face, humming while spraying the weeds around...
the school grounds! Pauline McGinn called me last week to tell me that the Pittsworth Rugby League Club donated football pole pads to replace our old pads that really don’t do the job anymore. Pauline and Lyndon from Condamine Clothing are currently pressing the school name onto these pads. Thank you so very much to both the football club and McGinns for supplying these items. We also had cement troughs donated to the P-1 outside area for the growing of vegetables. These were donated by Westerham Concrete.

**Southbrook Equestrian Team**

You may or may not know that Southbrook Central has an equestrian team. Jasmine Roberts features in this team and travels to compete in a variety of events. She recently competed in Dalby at the Darling Downs and South West Regional Interschool Equestrian Competition and achieved the Darling Downs and South West Queensland Primary School Regional Champion Rider for 70cm. Jasmine has qualified to compete at the Interschool State Championships to be held in Toowoomba. We are very proud of you Jasmine! Jasmin spoke on Assembly about this being her last year and was encouraging other students to consider whether they would like to be part of the Southbrook Central SS Equestrian team next year. If you are interested, please contact Clint or Amy Roberts, through the school.

**STEM Launch Update**

I recently attended a two day Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) day in Toowoomba. Our school is 1 of just 11 across the region chosen as a STEM launch school. This means that our school will have the spotlight on it during the first implementation phase of the new Australian Curriculum - Digital Technologies. We are very well positioned to take this challenge up with our newly updated wireless access, new iPad fleet, up to date computer fleet, keen teachers and an abundance of Lego Robotics resources…we are ready! Our next phase of STEM readiness is providing teachers with the opportunities to build their knowledge around the curriculum area in a variety of ways. This is such an exciting area and I am looking forward to progressing this with our staff and students.

**Drop off and Pick Up Point Update**

Clint Roberts and I met with the project manager from TRC yesterday. As we suspected, to upgrade the drop off area will be a big job. The good news is that our endeavours to have this area improved will be tabled at the next Combined meeting. In the interim, we are looking for a cost effective measure to make this area slightly safer. This might look like laying blue metal through the table drain to raise the angle a little and still allow the water to flow through and also put a safety barrier around the open drain.

**Darling Downs Cross Country**

Congratulations to Jasmine Roberts who competed at the Darling Downs level of Cross Country trials this week. Jas came a very credible 17th out of 43 runners. This level of competition becomes extremely challenging with runners from all areas across the Darling Downs.

Well done Jasmine, you have had a very busy term!

**Business Card advertisement reminder**

Please send your business card into the school if you would like to have it included in our fortnightly Newsletter. I have included below, the same information that was in the last Newsletter as a reminder for you. It is convenient to have an electronic version of the business cards however, I am able to scan a hardcopy is this is not possible.

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.

**School Athletics Day—15th June**

I have included the program for this day in the newsletter for your information and to allow for forward planning if need be.

- 4 weeks of learning left in this term … Still lots to learn and plenty to be excited about!

Warmest regards

Terri-Anne

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**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.

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**Afternoon Pick ups**

A reminder that students are collected from the side access gate and not the front. We keep the front clear for buses and as a safety factor, all students being collected by parents need to be sitting near the side access gate of the school and under the supervision of the teacher on duty.
Who’d be a first born?
They are trailbreakers always leading their parents into new ground.
First to be toilet-trained. First to be left with a babysitter. First to go to school. First to move into adolescence.
First to leave home. Not necessarily. (It’s middle-borns who tend to leave home first)
At every stage of development their parents are breaking their teeth on them. Parents are stricter with the rules
and demand higher standards of behaviour from first borns than children in any other birth order position. It’s little
wonder that every subsequent child in the family should write them a letter to the eldest sibling thanking them for
breaking their parents in.
They may blaze a trail for their parents but they are not life’s great risk-takers. They stick to the tried and true at
all times because adult approval is so important to them. They’ve lived with approval from a very young age so
they tend to keep behaving in ways that keep pleasing others– so they eliminate all areas of endeavour where
they don’t excel. Best to avoid the possibility of failure!
First borns live with pressure. From an early age they are pushed and prodded to perform by proud parents and
grandparents and are the repository of all the family expectations. And they are the most highly photographed
siblings of all. All those firsts are faithfully captured on camera and recorded for posterity…. or at least, to their
twenty-first birthday.
By comparison, a youngest child’s photo album is a slim volume with barely a photo of themselves on their own.
When parents do bother taking their picture will invariably be one of a family crowd. All this anonymity is a boon
as youngest children will invariably go under their parent radar getting away with so much more than their eldest
sibling.
But first borns are hardly ever anonymous. They are the responsible kids who carry the family expectations on
their broad shoulders. We expect so much from them and mostly they don’t let us down. But the pressure, oh the
pressure can take it’s toll. It can be hard being the good child all the time…just wanting to break out and do
something frivolous. But their high work ethic ensures that time is rarely wasted or frittered away. They always
need to be busy and productive.
And the cycle continues as they become parents. They will swear they’ll parent differently to their own parents.
Then the first child comes along and blazes the trail for another batch of new parents. The first to walk, the first
to… I think you get the picture.
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.

A Word from the P&C

P&C Camp Subsidy clarification. The P&C subsidises year 5-6 camps each year. This subsidy is in addition to the fundraising money that parents raise. This has been the case due to the expensive nature of the senior camps. This year, however, year 3 & 4 have been involved in a “one night camp over experience” for the first time. The cost of this camp is, by comparison to the senior camps, much more affordable and therefore is not subsidised by either P&C or camp fundraising. If in future years parents would like to continue this overnight camp experience and believe fundraising would be helpful, please ask a P&C executive member to raise this at our next meeting. We are more than happy to discuss the changing needs of our parent community as these new situations arise.

Tuckshop News

TUCKSHOP HELPERS’ ROSTER

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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
- **Courtesy**
  - Using manners in all situations

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.

School Banking

School banking continues every Tuesday. If you are interested in joining the program, please come and see me for an application pack. Alternatively, you can apply for an account online or visit a Commonwealth Bank branch. As I will be on leave the last week of term, the last banking day will be June 14th.

Sporting Schools
Finishes next week — (Week 8)
Should return Term 3 - Week 2

Classroom Reminders
Choc chip biscuits for Tuesday — 50 cents each.
Students of the Week—17th May
Xavier Gordon, Otto Friedrichs, Caleb Dancey, Jacob Scobie.

Students of the Week and Homework Reading—24th May
Alice Train, Sharpelle Whitbread, Alice Train, Trenton McNab, Chelsea Train, Frankie Pile, Blair Hassall, Lincoln Mason.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jasmine Roberts who has qualified to compete at the Interschool State Championships to be held in Toowoomba.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SCHOOL SOCCER TEAMS.

The School Soccer Teams participated in the Super 7 Soccer Carnival.

The Teams were placed first and tied for first.
“Monsters” attend Southbrook Central State School’s Parents and Grandparent High Tea and Book Fair. ‘Monsters’ entertained students with a story. Parents and Grandparents enjoyed a high tea.
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](http://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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**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.

**Southbrook Hall Association will be holding a Spring Ball on 3rd September. Mark this date on your Calendar. WATCH THIS SPACE !!!**

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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](http://www.kidsgamesqld.com.au) or contact Karen on 46933202