From the Principal’s Desk

This is the second last Newsletter for the term. Hasn’t the term flown!

We come into a busy period over the next two weeks and it is timely to review all of our 5C Values. We continue to do this each week, however, our school routines over the next couple of weeks will be quite different with many sporting and extra-curricular events scheduled. These changes in routine can often unsettle children. As a show of solidarity, (home and school both on the same page!) may I ask that you talk about the 5Cs with your child please? When the same message is given at school and supported again from home, we find that this can help prevent undesired behaviours from surfacing. Acting pro-actively during times where children might be feeling tired nearing the end of a long term, or alternatively, children becoming excited with the thought of holidays not far away can overcome “end of term” difficulties.

Report Cards
At one of the recent P&C meetings, I raised the issue of report card comments and the size and complexity of the comments that teachers make. We talked about de-jargonising these comments and P&C members were asked a couple of questions regarding the achievement standard statement that begins the comment paragraph. Previous statements used were:

Evidence in Joan’s work typically demonstrates a very high/high/sound/developing/limited level of knowledge and understanding of the content (facts, concepts, and procedures), and application of skills.

When I sought feedback about possible changes, parents at the meeting agreed that they preferred the following progress/achievement statement to be used.

At the end of Semester 1, Joan currently demonstrates progress ABOVE / AT / BELOW the expected level towards reaching the year 4 achievement standard for English skills

We are making some other changes to the type of comments provided and I hope that these changes are noticeable and the comments more valuable than previous report cards. Our aim is to make your child’s report card understandable and clear about his or her ‘progress’ for Semester 1 and end of year ‘achievement’ for Semester 2. I would be happy to hear any feedback, either directly to myself or through the P&C.

Pentagon Day
Details are not yet finalised, but we are anticipating a visit into Toowoomba for our end of term 2 Golden Pentagon Celebration day. Final details and Invitations/permission notes will go home next Friday, so please look out for these.

Up-coming Extra-Curricular Events
Bicycle Safety Education
Year 3&4 students have a particularly busy two weeks coming up. They have two additional events to other students. Year 3&4 head off to enjoy their overnight camp experience and two days of Amaroo Outdoor Education next Thursday 16th and Friday 17th June. Following this on Monday 20th June. Following this on Monday 20th June.

Dates to Remember

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and Tuesday 21st June, Year 3&4 students travel to Toowoomba to participate in the biennial PCYC Bicycle Safety Education program. Please return permission notes and payment to school by the due date on the attached information letter.

Whilst the Year 3&4s are involved in the formal education program for bicycle safety, Mrs Nestor’s group will also have their own bike safety program happening here at school too! The year 2 students will be involved in Mrs Nestor’s program along with the P-1 students. It looks to be a lot of fun for them all.

**Soccer Carnival**

As a result of our Super Sevens Soccer cluster carnival on the 13th May, some of our students have been selected to compete in another soccer carnival in Toowoomba against many Toowoomba and surrounding schools. Congratulations to Jasmine Roberts, Chaz McNab, Ben Rickert, Otto Friedrichs and Waylan Smith. We know you’ll do your very best and make us proud with your sportsmanship.

**G&T Robotics**

Each year, the cluster holds a number of Gifted and Talented days for selected students from each of the Band 5 schools. We will have three students attending Biddeston on Friday 17th June. They will be working with Lego Robotics and learning simple programming to use these materials. Students are selected due to their aptitude for the style of learning on offer during these G&T events, reliable behaviour and of course, personal interest. Notes are attached for selected students. Please return to school by the due date.

**School Athletics Day**

Next Wednesday, 15th June is our school Athletics Day. Tony Morris does a wonderful job of running this day of athletics. You will find the day’s program included in this Newsletter once again. Please ensure your child has plenty of sunscreen, hat, food, water and dresses for the weather on the day. We look forward to a fun day of events.

**Relay and Ball Games**

Thursday, 23rd of June is the final sport event for the term. This is the Rossvale Relays and Ball Games Carnival. An information note and permission is attached for all families. Please return this with bus payment by the due date.

Please keep in mind that I have not highlighted all the up-coming events in my messages above. It would help if you refer to the list of dates below to remember those ongoing things ie. Josh Arnold etc..

I will continue to send weekly email reminders and any additional messages each Sunday to ensure we’re all organised for the next couple of weeks.

Stay warm
Kind 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.

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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**

- 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.

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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 who are 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.
Why creativity is so important for whole brain development

Our Parenting ideas expert contributor, Dr Jenny Brockis, explains why creativity is so important for whole brain development and the 4 main ingredients for fostering creativity.

“Research tells us that those kids who continually access creative outlets are the more successful students, because creativity is linked to whole brain development. Brain wise, creativity is important for the development of language, problem solving, reasoning skills, understanding and learning

Creativity is messy, Creativity is full of mistakes,

Creativity is make-believe, Creativity is mucking in.

Whether your child is six or sixteen, managing their creativity starts with sharing the value we hold for the arts and new ideas. It’s about taking trips to an art gallery, a science show or museum. It’s about travelling to different places, trying different foods and learning about different cultures. It’s about reading and sharing books, and talking to our kids to encourage an ongoing sense of wonder and curiosity about their world.”

Top tips for fostering creativity:
1. Give permission for freedom of expression.
   It’s not about you or what you think is the right way to create something. Encourage your child to explore, and create on their own terms while having fun.
2. Encourage play
   Encourage active unstructured play that takes them away from the TV, tablet or computer for a while.
3. Foster originality by being accepting of difference.
   While some rules are important to keep our children safe, being allowed to do things their way when developing ideas, is what helps shape their individuality.

Community Notice

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.
Southbrook Possums Playgroup

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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.

Local Business “Shout Out”

Ken and Wendy Thornber, parent of Sophia Thornber

**School Community Items**

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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
- **Courage**
  Knowing what is right and acting upon it
- **Commitment**
  Always doing my best
- **Care**
  Looking after:
  - Ourselves
  - Our school
- **Courteous**
  Using manners in all situations

The value for **Week 9 is COMMITMENT. COMMITMENT is always doing my best. Be organized. Be on time. Be a positive role model. Complete set tasks.**

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.

Sporting Schools
is finished for Term 2
Should return Term 3 - Week 2

School Banking
A reminder that next Tuesday June 14th, will be the last banking day for Term 2.
Mrs Andrews

Classroom Reminders
Choc chip biscuits for Tuesday— 50 cents each.
School Photos

Student of week
31st May
Landon McNab

Congratulations to Malachi Garratt
and Xavier Gordon who received
their Home Reading Award on Par-
rade.

Student of the week
7th June

Year 1 students Caleb Dancey,
Harry Marchant and Lachlan
Berghauser received their
Spelling Award on Parade.
Well done!

CONGRATULATIONS!
Vogue Frank and
Reagan Collin re-
ceived their Home-
work Reading Certifi-
cate on Parade.
WELL DONE GIRLS!

Students await
anxiously under the
School sign to be
videoed with Josh
Arnold.
Students have been
practising with Mrs
Wheeldon and Josh
Arnold to produce a
CD.

Year 5/6 Camp Fundraiser

BOWLS DAY YEAR 5/6 CAMP FUNDRAISER
12th June 2016
Names in by 9:30am— by phoning the Pittsworth Bowls Club 46931041
Play commences at 10am SHARP! After finishing Bowls a BBQ Lunch follows.
Southbrook Central State School’s High Tea and Book Fair was attended by Parents and Grandparents. Books from Book Fair were kindly donated to the School Library by the special visitors who also enjoyed the High Tea.

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you everyone for your fabulous book donations. I can’t wait to get them on the shelves so everyone can enjoy them. Even though I was unable to attend the day I’ve had great feedback from the students.

Once again thank you to the P & C for making the Book Fair a success.

Cheers
Mrs Ferg
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.

APPLE JUICE FOR SALE $5.00 PER BOTTLE

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!

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](http://www.kidsgamesqld.com.au)

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**St. Stephen’s Catholic Parish Pittsworth**

Sacramental Program 2016/2017

Expressions of interest are requested for people and students in year four and above, who wish to undertake the Sacramental Program in 2016/17.

The sacraments being offered are as follows:

- **Reconciliation** beginning Thursday August 18th
- **Confirmation** beginning in Term 1 - 2017
- **First Eucharist** beginning in Term 1 – 2017

Please send contact details by emailing to: ststephenspittsw@gmail.com

Enrolments close 31st July 2016.