A caring community – living and learning together for the future.

2017 Priority: Reading

Our Mantra - Quality, explicit and consistent teaching of reading for every student, in every classroom, every day.

I have been absolutely delighted with the children’s behaviour on parade this year. I have been very clear about behaviour expectations and the children are meeting those expectations - it has shown me that they can do it. Teachers are taking note of those children who are not managing their behaviour and they are coming back on the Tuesday in their break time to practice parade behaviours with me. Feedback from parents attending parade has been very positive.

Parent Information Sessions
Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the information sessions. I have to say that I was disappointed with the number of parents/families that were able to attend. Some classes had as little as 1 or 2 parents. I appreciate that is often difficult to get to events such as these, however it is vital that we work together to ensure our children do their very best. All teachers will be sending home information regarding classroom management processes and curriculum to be covered this term. Please take the time to read these documents and discuss with your child/children.

If you have any feedback about these sessions eg most appropriate times, what information you would like to hear or alternative ways of providing this information, please email the.principal@strathpinewestss.eq.edu.au so that we can review the way we offer these sessions so that we can best meet your needs.

Parent Volunteer Induction
Do you help out in the classroom, in the School Shop, at sporting events or anywhere else in the school? If you do, you are invited to a morning tea in the Music Room on Friday morning at 9:00am. At this morning tea we will be providing you with necessary information about volunteering at Strathpine West State School. Please see the invitation attached to this newsletter.
Teachers Wearing Vests
After feedback from parents and students saying they sometimes have difficulty seeing a teacher on duty, the Positive Behaviour Team have decided to ask all staff on duty to wear a high visibility vest. This enables students to easily locate the duty person if needed. If your child comes home and talks to you about play time, please remind them the duty person will be wearing a bright yellow vest.

Parking Around the School
Many of you will have noticed a police presence around the school last week. I have asked the Queensland Police Service to have a higher presence around the school in the mornings and afternoons as a number of parents are putting the lives of our children at risk by parking illegally. Please consider all our children and park responsibly.

Please also note – the staff car park is for the use of staff. It is NOT a drop off point for students or parents as this puts the lives of our children at risk. Only parents that have been provided with a parking permit by the principal are able to use this area.

P&C Meeting
This week we are having our first P&C meeting of the year. This month the meeting has been moved from Tuesday 14th (Valentine’s Day) to Wednesday 15th at 6:30pm – 8:30pm. We will be discussing a range of matters including air conditioning. It would be great if you could come along and contribute to the discussion and decision making of the school.

“All kids need a little help, a little hope and someone who cares for them” Magic Johnson

Have a great week

Vicky and Toni

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUPERSTARS!

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SPORT NEWS
Congratulations to Beau C on his recent selection in the Pine Rivers District U12 Basketball team. Well done also to Kayden T who was also selected as a shadow player for the team. Beau will now compete at the Met North Regional trials.

Permission forms have been sent home with the Year 5 and 6 students who are interested in competing in the upcoming Interschool Sport Gala Day on 10th March. The students were able to choose from soccer (futsal), rugby league and netball. Forms must be returned by this Friday 17th February so we can complete our team nominations. Training for students will be held each Friday afternoon from 2-3pm for the next month as we lead up to the event.


Andrew Holt

NOTES FROM THE MUSIC ROOM

STRING ENSEMBLE: What a brilliant first String Ensemble rehearsal! Mr Redfern was VERY impressed with the abilities of our young players. Thank you to all the members that were prepared with their black ensemble folder. The String Ensemble rehearses every
Tuesday from 7.50am. Congratulations to Elke, Charlotte and Leilani who practiced again at lunch time...WOW!

SENIOR BAND: Senior Band rehearsals commence THIS WEEK on Thursday at 7.45am. (Please do not arrive before 7.30am.) All members need to be on time with their BLACK band folders and pencil. Students who are late or absent require a note from their parents. (*Senior Band members include any student learning a band instrument in their second or subsequent years.)

EQUIPMENT: Many students have not got all the necessary equipment for their instrumental music lessons. We will be sending home a copy of the equipment list to families who still need to provide these things.

FEES: Please pay all fees ASAP. School instruments may NOT be taken home until fees have been paid and loan agreement (EQ11) forms accepted. These fees can be paid to the Receipting Window at the office.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD PRACTICE: Find a special place in your house that is cool and well lit. Provide a music stand and chair (not the bed!). If you can, your child will also benefit from the use of a CD player. It is far more fun to play along with a CD backing (provided in the book). Always praise your child’s efforts and ask for concert performances. Your child will only improve if they make the time and effort to practise their instrument regularly.

Mrs Leonore Hammond
Classroom Music Teacher/Instrumental Music Coordinator

MUNCH ‘N LUNCH NEWS

Don’t forget we serve breakfast between 8-8.30am everyday. Pancakes with maple syrup or margarine with jam $1.00 Wholemeal toast with margarine and jam, vegemite or honey $1.00 Cereal cup Wheaties, Cheerio’s, Corn Flakes or Weet bix $1.00

The first P&C Meeting is on this Wednesday 15th February in the Staff Room. The meeting starts at 6.00pm and entry is via the staff car park. All parents and caregivers are welcome to attend.

A big thankyou to Arabella from Prep 3 and Gabby from 2JH for all the wonderful donations we have received.

Thanks
Munch N Lunch Team

SWSS PLAYGROUP
We had lots of fun this week at playgroup. Our theme was transport. There were lots of trucks, cars, buses and planes to play with and there was even a race track that we raced our cars down.

We did a plane craft using paddle pop sticks for the plane and cotton balls for the clouds in the sky. Some of us were very good at using our imaginations and made snowmen and other wonderful creations.

We practiced our fine motor skills with a Race to Trace Activity. The children also enjoyed dancing with balloons! Everyone had lots of fun!

I would like to thank the Johnston and Dewhurst family for their playgroup toy donations.

See you next week

Shey

CLUB SWOSH
I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Educator Selina Stanley. Selina has a Certificate 3 in Education and Support and experience as an Educator and Teacher’s Aide.

Hi my name is Selina and I love working with children and that is why I decided to pursue a career that would enable me to do that. I love music and the beach! I look forward to meeting you all soon.

On Wednesday afternoon the children enjoyed celebrating Club SWOSH’s 11th Birthday with party food, cake and balloon games! It was a great afternoon!

Felicity received the Star SWOSH award this week! Congratulations Felicity!

Club SWOSH offers a safe and caring environment for Before & After School Care and Vacation Care. Please phone Kellie or Shey on 3889 9513 for more information or drop into the SWOSH room for an enrolment pack.
You are invited to an
Parent Volunteer Induction Meeting

When: Friday 16\textsuperscript{nd} February
      Morning Tea will be provided
Time: 9:00am
Where: Music Room
Agenda: Discussion – Volunteer Policy

If you are not able to attend please contact the office to arrange an alternative time.

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RSVP

I __________________________ am able to attend the parent Volunteer Induction Meeting on Friday 16\textsuperscript{th} @ 9:00am.

I __________________________ am NOT able attend the parent Volunteer Induction Meeting on Friday 16\textsuperscript{th} @ 9:00am and would like to arrange an alternate time.

Signed ______________________________
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Each year, our school community purchases thousands of Book Club books for their families and the commission we earn from these sales assists us in obtaining new books for our school.

This year we would like to advise you that all payment for Book Club will be through Scholastic’s Online LOOP system. This means no cash will be accepted for Book Club orders at the school office.

Each month we will provide you with a Book Club catalogue. Please read the following information regarding the ordering of books for 2017.

**Ordering online using LOOP**


Or Go to:  the SWSS website and access the Book Club Link in Quicklinks

1. Enter state name (QLD) and school name (Strathpine West State School)
2. Choose the correct Issue (Check the cover of the catalogue)
3. Add the names of your children who will collect the book orders
4. Enter the item number from the catalogue
5. Enter your credit card details

We understand that not all families have access to electronic devices (computers/ tablets/phones) and/or internet. Parents and Caregivers are most welcome to come to the Resource Centre before school and access a computer for ordering books online.

Please note that your LOOP order is linked back to our school. All Book Club orders will be delivered free to the school and distributed via the Resource Centre. There is usually a 2 week waiting period before the books are ready for collection. Resource Centre staff will contact each child when books have arrived.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you miss placing your order by the designated date listed on the memo attached to each catalogue, Scholastic Book Club will send your book order to your home but will charge you an additional delivery fee. Your child should have brought home the first catalogue for 2017. If you have not received it, please see your child’s classroom teacher. This bookclub order closes on **Friday 17 February, 2017.**

If you have any Book Club queries, please see Sandra Wilkinson or Adele Young at the Resource Centre.
Strathpine West State School
Playgroup

Come and enjoy a cuppa, meet others and play at the Strathpine West Playgroup!

*Wednesdays during school terms*
9-11am in the SWOSH Room

Birth to 5 years
Gold Coin Donation

WACKY WEDNESDAY
FREE DRESS DAY

WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2017

Money raised will go toward completing the ‘Student Council Area Garden’ adjacent to the Hall. Please ensure all students wear appropriate clothing to

between for our current dress condition on Wacky Wednesday.
It would be very much appreciated if each child could make a gold coin

donation for this Student Council initiative.