A Message from Mrs Pozzi

Great Start to the Year

Well the 2017 year has started well. We have seen an increase in student enrolments which has resulted in another year 5/6 class being created. We welcome Mrs Jenny Millen to the yr 5/6 class and to Stanthorpe. A few reminders to help the year run smoothly:

**Bus:** Please inform the office if there are changes to your child’s routine in terms of home time. Just give Jenny Whitaker a call on 4681 5111 to inform us of any changes. This information will help us to help your child transition home without incident.

**Morning arrival:** A staff member is on duty from 8:15am. The office is also closed until then. Please note any children at school, unless with a specialist teacher e.g. The Arts teacher or Instrumental Music teacher, will not be supervised. Please take this into consideration when planning drop-off times in the morning.

**No Swapping:** Children have been reminded they are not to swap food, toys or cards.

**Same day absence monitoring:** We have moved to an SMS (text) system of monitoring student attendance. If your child is marked as absent in the roll, and their absence has not been explained via a call to the absence line, you will be notified by text the same day. Please respond via text and the reason for absence will be recorded. This system requires that we have your current mobile phone number. Please give Jenny Whitaker a call on 4681 5111 if we don’t have a current mobile number for you.

**Student Leader Induction**

We are looking forward to our 2017 Student Leader Induction ceremony. It will be held in the stadium on Wednesday, 22nd February at 9am. The following is a list of our School and House Captains and the Student Leaders for 2017:

**School Captains**
Almari Botha  Harriet Morison  William Halliday  Ben Fairbank

**House Captains**

- **Kestrel**
  - Nikita Rickard
  - Clancy Toms

- **Kingfisher**
  - Melina Reedy
  - David Williams

- **Koel**
  - Taleah Daniells
  - Andrew Burgess

- **Kookaburra**
  - Aylesha Rogers
  - Leon Karena

**Senior Leaders**

- Zakary Aspinall
- Tyler Bougoure
- Andrew Burgess
- David Cavanagh
- Dean Dunbar
- Benjamin Fairbank
- Phoenix Frith
- William Halliday

- Leon Karena
- Kieran Kemp
- Alex Linton
- Keegan Paulsen
- Kane Picknell
- Clancy Toms
- Clayton Townsend
- Taylor Unold
- David Williams

- Almari Botha
- Mackenzie Butler
- Taleah Daniells
- Amy Dawson
- Amber Ernst
- Katelin Fawdon
- Sierah Hetherington
- Rhiannon James
- Alesha Karena
- Harriet Morison
- Libby Neville
- Ciana-Jane Novella
- Melanie Reedy
- Nikita Rickard
- Rhea Rishika
- Aylesha Rogers
- Natalie Rogers
- Charli Stinson
- Indyana Walters
- Alyssa Wetzler
Our preppers are straight into school routines, and loving learning what it is to be a school student, making new friends, and making it all the way through to Friday!

Welcome New Families

We are loving all the new faces at our school this year. A big welcome to all of our new families: the Abbott, Birchall, Birthisel, Brown, Daly, Davies, Edwards, Featherstone, Kelly, Gribble, Gunnlaugsson/Zappa, Lancuba, Lightfoot, Lowry, Saunders, Tapscott, Thorne, Wallis, Warr, Waters, Werner and Willoughby/Butler families. And an even bigger welcome back to the Pillar, Powers, and Fenton families!

Congratulations Mel!

On Playing for South West Thunder
By Melanie Reedy

I am 11 years old and I’ve been chosen to play in the under 13’s girls South West Qld Toowoomba Thunder soccer team. I travel 2 hours to go to training three times a week in Toowoomba, and play in competitions around south east Queensland against Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast, Brisbane and Ipswich. My team mates come from the Toowoomba region and as far away as Goondiwindi, which is a 3 hour drive away. Some people say getting into the team is amazing, but it’s really all about the commitment and travelling.

Important Dates

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Has your address or phone number changed over the holidays? Don’t forget to update your contact details with the office.

Transport arrangements for your students: Parents please ensure the office has your students current transport arrangements on record. If your transport arrangements change, please ensure you advise the office with a quick phone call so bus rolls can be updated.

Prep parents please note: After school care providers and buses all pickup from ‘the big school’, so if you make a plan for either a bus pickup or after school care, you do need to let school staff know so we can escort your prepper over the road to buses/carers.

P&C AGM is next month, Wednesday 1st March. All welcome! We would love to see some new faces at our P&C meetings, to bring fresh ideas for making our school even better.

Year 6 Camp Chocolate Drive is underway!
Well done to all those who have already sold a box of chocolates. Extra boxes can be collected on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

From the Office...
admin@stanthorpe.eq.edu.au or Phone 4681 5111

It can be tiring!

Learning to code robots

Helping on parade

Entering art into the show (and winning!)

Mel, ready for her first game with South West Thunder

Busy few weeks for our newest students.....

Learning about robots