



Semester 1 2019
Term 1 Week 4
21/2/2019



- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Resilient
- Be a Learner



STANTHORPE STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Belltower

Our Schoolwide Positive Behaviour Support Mission Statement:

The Stanthorpe State Primary School community always strives for higher things by ensuring everyone has the right to learn and the right to teach in a safe and supportive environment.

A Message from Mrs Pozzi



National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Friday 15th March is National Day of Action Against Bullying. The theme for 2019 is:

Bullying. No Way! Take action every day.

Every day our school works towards creating a better community for everyone to live in by teaching children to be responsible, respectful, resilient and a learner. All these very important lessons begin at home and continue through to the classroom.

At our school on Friday 15th March our students will be partaking in activities organised by The Arts teacher – Miss Radunz. No doubt the children will have an amazing day learning how to lookout and care for each other.

DVConnect Womensline: phone 1800 811 811

DVConnect Mensline: phone 1800 600 636

Early Years

Families looking for a fun / safe place to meet up with other families are encouraged to make contact with the principal to discuss options for using our old prep classrooms. There are two rooms, both containing a small kitchen area, toilets for littlies and adults, air-conditioned and free of charge. It would be a great space for parents to meet up and let the little ones play.

NAPLAN

Students in year 3 and 5 will be sitting the National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy. For the first time our school may have the opportunity to sit the tests online. The staff and I will meet to discuss whether or not we do the tests on paper or online. Once we know the outcome we will inform you, however we strongly encourage all students to sit the test.

Unfortunately, last year we had our highest rate of non-attendance for NAPLAN testing. We encourage you to support your child in sitting the tests for a number of reasons, some of these are – (1) their friends will be sitting the test, (2) the P&C create a little care package for them and it is almost a rite of passage to receive one of these packs, (3) the data received from the students sitting the tests provide invaluable information to the teachers, (4) as children venture through their schooling and life they will come across situations that may be stressful, it is important that children learn from a young age how to manage stress and what better way to do this by being supported by family and teachers.

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Congratulations 2019 Senior Leaders



Welcome Mrs Todd



We welcome Mrs Andrea Todd to our school, as class teacher for 3/4AT. Mrs Todd says she is looking forward to working with the students at Stanthorpe SPS as she's heard from many people that the staff and students at Stanthorpe SPS are achieving great things.

Mrs Todd brings many years of teaching experience in Queensland. She has recently moved from Brisbane to her new home in the Granite Belt, and hopes to start a long-held dream of developing a self-sufficient organic farm. Be sure to say "Hi" if you see Mrs Todd about school.



Our 2019 seniors have kicked off their senior and final year of primary school with a presentation ceremony in the stadium this week.

Senior leaders recited and signed the Student Leader Oath, and were presented with their badges and certificates in front of very proud parents and family members.

A cake-cutting and morning tea for parents and students followed in the library, were lots of cake was eaten, photos taken, and a very excited cohort of Senior Leaders begin a busy final year at our school.

Instrumental Music News

◆ Band Students Parent Information Afternoon on Wednesday 27/2/19.

Mr Bruce Eddiehausen, our band instrumental music teacher, invites all parents of band students (brass, woodwind and percussion players) to an information afternoon. Mr E will tell you what to expect this year, how you can support your student, and care of instruments. Bring along your questions, and meet Mr E in the music room at 3:30pm.

◆ Strings Students Ensemble practise commences this week, Tuesday 26/2/19.

Mrs Andersen advised ensemble practise commences in Week 5, so that's an early next Tuesday for ensemble members.

Important Dates

P&C Meeting & AGM	Wed 6/3
Crazy Hair Day	Friday 15/3
Cross Country & Fun Run	Thursday 4/4
Term 1 ends	Thursday 5/4
School Holidays	6/4—22/4
School Resumes	23/4

From the Office...

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- ◆ **Has or your address or phone number changed over the holidays?** Don't forget to update your contact details with the office.
- ◆ **Change to transport/bus arrangements?** Parents please ensure the office has your students current transport arrangements recorded. If bus travel plans change, please ensure you advise the office with a quick phone call so bus rolls can be updated.
- ◆ **From our school crossing supervisors:** *Please avoid meeting children at the big rock in front of admin/office.* This area is becoming too congested for crossing supervisors to safely manage the crossing. The preferred meeting place is under the big tree at the front of school—this area is supervised by staff and children are safely behind a fence.
- ◆ **Staff greet the school buses for Term 1**
In Term 1 we allocate an extra staff member to support little preppies as they arrive at school in the morning, having caught the bus. The staff member is there to remind preppies where they need to go once they get off the bus at school. This extra staff member is on duty to support the children for term 1 only. In terms 2, 3 and 4 our preppies are very familiar with their routine and are keen to follow the other students arriving at school on the bus. Once they drop off their bag at prep, they head over to the quadrangle to play with the students.

P&C News

P&C AGM is next month, Wednesday 6th March, at 5:30pm in the library,



following the monthly meeting commencing at 4pm. All welcome! We would love to see some new faces at our P&C meetings, to bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to make our school even better.

Donations of apples for tuckshop

If any farm owners/workers have access to farm seconds of apples that need to be put to good use, our tuckshop is here to help! Tuckshop makes stewed apples in several menu items. Seconds fruit is perfect. You are welcome to leave at the office.