

Semester 1 2017

Term 1 Week 7

9/3/2017



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



Changes to Teaching Staff

Just a quick update regarding changes in teaching staff. Mrs Green has taken leave for the remainder of 2017. She is being replaced by Miss Heading. Mrs Tulloch is taking Term 2 off on Long Service Leave. Mrs Tulloch is being replaced by Mrs McMeniman.

Walk-a-thon

On the last day of school this term, which is 31st March, we will be holding a Walk-a-thon. This will be an exciting morning with students walking either 1.5km or 3km. Throughout the course staff will be providing some light entertainment and 'munch and crunch' snacks (a light snack). We are encouraging parents / families to attend and walk the course with their child/ren.

Reading & Achievement

Last week I attended the biennial Principals' Conference. During this conference it was explained to us that reading everyday makes a difference to children's achievement. They say reading 20 minutes a day can result in a child achieving high academic results. My point to this section is... if time frames at home are tight and spending time with children doing homework is becoming more and more of a challenge, may I suggest that you spend just 20 minutes a day reading. Children in the younger years may struggle with 20 minutes of reading, this can be overcome with parents / carers reading to children.

Our Fab Four this week

Be respectful – all areas – keep your hands and your feet to yourself. I spoke to the students on parade this week about how little people aged 0-3 years of age use their hands and feet to communicate and how children aged 4-12 use their words.

Introducing QParents

QParents is an online parent portal to Education Queensland's 'OneSchool' system. It provides a more convenient way for parents to interact with school, via the QParents app or by logging on to the QParents website. We are very excited to announce that we will be launching QParents at our school next term. QParents enables parents/carers to:

- view attendance details, behaviour information, report cards, and timetables.
- provide reasons for unexplained absences and notify the school of future absences.
- view and pay school invoices online.
- update student details such as phone numbers, address and medical conditions.

The key benefits of QParents are:

- Greater transparency of information.
- Anytime, anywhere accessibility—access QParents on your smart phone, tablet or computer.
- Reduces all of the notes and mail from school.

QParents won't replace the traditional ways you communicate with our school, but it will provide another, more convenient way to communicate with us.



It's easy to keep in touch with what's happening at school

Download the **QSchools** App for all the latest news and events info straight from our website, www.stanthorpess.eq.edu.au. QSchools also has our events calendar and newsletters online.

Like us on **Facebook**, 'Stanthorpe State School', for news and reminders about daily happenings.

Make sure we have your current email address to receive our weekly e-news. All notes sent home during the week are included in our weekly e-news—it's the easiest way to stay up to date with what's happening at school.



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Welcome to new students and their families...

Amzel-James (1/2JS), Azaliah-Storm (3/4SD), and Lazarus (5/6AW) Fonoti-Filipo

Axton (1/2JS) and Samson (3/4SD)
Tapscott

Christian Welstead-Wynyard (5/6JM)

And **welcome back** to Boston Hawkins in 3/4SD

Our Bunnings 'Buddy Bench'

The 'Buddy Bench' is a concept that is becoming more popular in school playgrounds. The idea is that students who may not be having a good day, or need extra help to find a friend during play-time, can have a seat on the bench to signal they need a 'buddy'.

Year 6 Student, Alex Linton, wrote to Bunnings to request a 'Bunnings Buddy Bench' for our school. Apparently it was the first time a bench had been requested by a student—great initiative Alex! Special thanks to Bunnings for their wonderful donation, and for taking the time to present it to Alex and explain its purpose to our students.



The bench will be placed where students can easily see it and join a buddy for a friendly chat.

ICAS Tests for Years 2-6

ICAS testing is again being offered this year to any students/parents interested. For those new to ICAS testing previously, it is an independent, skills-based assessment program offered by the University of New South Wales. ICAS is unique, being the most comprehensive generally available suite of academic assessments for primary and secondary school students.

ICAS Science, Maths and English assessments are an optional extra, available to all students from year 2-6, at a cost of \$8.80/test. ICAS test dates for 2017 are:

Science – 30th May

English 1st August

Maths 15th August

If you wish to participate, please complete a nomination form (available from the office) and return the fees to the office **by Monday 20th March**.

Well Done Aliesha!

Congratulations to Aliesha Rogers, Year 6, on qualifying for the State Swimming Trials! Aliesha competed with the Granite Belt swim team at the Darling Downs Swim trials last week, and qualified for the Darling Downs team in freestyle (50m & 100m), backstroke (50m & 100m) and the relay. Aliesha will go on to compete at the State trials in Brisbane at the end of this month.

Aliesha, who was the recipient of the Physical Education Excellence Award 2016, is lining up for another big sporting year, having successfully trialed for Granite Belt representative teams for both softball and netball. Good luck Aliesha, in all of your competitions!



Aliesha Rogers, wearing Darling Downs colours to State Swim Trials

Sports Report

Many of our senior students have been nominating and participating in the Granite Belt U12 trials for basketball, softball, netball, tennis and AFL. Well done to all students who took part, and gave it their best.

Congratulations to the following students on your success, and good luck in the next round, at the Darling Downs trials:

Basketball: Andrew & Ryan Burgess

Softball: Taylah Gilbert, Harriet Morison, and Aliesha Rogers

Netball: Almari Botha, Harriet Morison, Aliesha Rogers.

Interschool sports softball and cricket games are being played Friday afternoons, from 1:45pm, against St Josephs. Games can be off-site at CF White or Harris/Short St ovals, as well as at our school. Parents are very welcome to come along and cheer!

Important Dates

No School Banking	Thursday 16/3
Crazy Hair Day	Friday 17/3
Walk-a-thon	Friday 31/3
Term 1 ends	Friday 31/3
School Holidays	1/4–17/4
School Resumes	Tuesday 18/4
Cross Country & Fun Run	Thursday 20/4

From the Office...

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School Dental Van arrives next week, earlier than planned. Oral Health Care Registrations forms are being sent home this week with students, and need to be returned to the office by Friday 17th March to take advantage of this free dental service.

Same Day Absence Notification is a new requirement from Education Qld in 2017. All Queensland schools are to advise parents/carers when their child is absent without explanation as soon as practicable on that day. Our school is sending parents/carers a text message if their student has been marked absent in the roll, and a reason for the absence has not been recorded. If you do receive a text, you can simply reply to with an explanation for the absence, and your text will be recorded in the school roll. The text message does not replace our usual means of absence notification, so please continue to call our absence line on 4681 5160.

P&C News

At the AGM last week, our 2017 executive team was voted in. Congratulations and thank you to:

President: Jen Costanzo (continuing)

Vice-President: Toni Jackson (new exec.)

Secretary: Kylie Kemp (continuing)

Treasurer: Cathy Halliday (continuing)

No School Banking Thursday 16/3 as our banking coordinator will be away.

Yr6 Camp Fundraising Lamington Drive forms have been sent home. Money and forms need to be returned by the 17th March. Lamingtons will be ready for collection either Monday or Tuesday, 27/28 March. You will be notified via email or txt so please make sure contact information is on the form.

Yr6 Camp Sausage Sizzle fundraising for Friday 10th and 24th March in the industrial estate (near Stanglass). Come down and see Jackie and her team between 11 and 1pm.

Our inaugural 'Walk-a-thon' is on Friday 31st March, last day of the school term. Forms should have made it home by now and more are available in the office.

There are some great prizes to be earned so get cracking on collecting those sponsors, to raise funds for renovating our stadium. **Forms and money due back Friday 24th March.**

