

Semester 2 2016

Term 4 Week 2

14/10/2016



Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Resilient



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



Prep Open Morning

I am looking forward to meeting all the 2017 prep students on Thursday 17th November. There will be lots of fun to be had with meeting new friends, playing games and meeting our 2017 teacher.

2017 School Year

Planning for 2017 classes is well underway. Don't forget to let us know if there is something for us to consider as we compile the class lists for next year. Just write us a note and send it to the office.

School Opinion Survey

Our School Opinion Survey data has come back and I am pleased to note that our students (years 4-6), by all accounts appear to be very happy with our school. All bar one of the items on the survey resulted in over a 94% satisfaction. The only item that received less, at 87% was 'I am encouraged to use computers and other technologies at my school for learning'. We are aware of this and look forward to improving this next year.

Some items that achieved 100% satisfaction were 'Teachers at my school treat students fairly' and 'My school looks for ways to improve'. Many other items on the survey resulted in 99% satisfaction, e.g. 'I like being at my school'.

The above results are very pleasing and inform us that our customers, i.e. the students, appear to be very happy. I am also pleased to report that 97% of families, who responded to the survey noted that 'This school works with me to support my child's learning'.

Clowns

I have had a chat with the students in years 3-6 about the 'Clowns' that have been discussed in the news and social media. I noted that we practice lockdowns for the purpose of someone coming on to the grounds that could potentially make us unsafe. I also discussed Recognise / React / Report- i.e. Recognise an unsafe situation / React-by leaving that situation and Report- to the nearest adult they trust.

Important Dates

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| Pupil Free Day | Mon 17/10 |
| Toowoomba Instrumental Music Camp <i>(no instrumental lessons at school during the camp)</i> | 18-20/10 |
| Year 5/6 Leadership Day | Mon 24/10 |
| Day for Daniel | Fri 28/10 |
| Instrumental Band Students End of Year Concert | Sat 29/10 Warwick |
| ICAS Certificate Presentation on Parade | Wed 2/11 |
| Granite Belt Chess Comp | Fri 4, 18,25/11 |
| Solos Concert | Sat 5/11 |
| Year 6 Extended Learning Program (2-day 'camp') | Thurs, Fri 10,11/11 |
| School Captains 2017 Speeches | Wed 16/11 |
| Prep Open Day | Thurs 17/11 |

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THE JUNIOR BELL

Featuring stories written by the Student Newsletter Team

Fantastic New Tuckshop Menu

By Nikita Rickard & Libby Neville

The new tuckshop menu has exciting new food items like the colourful fruit cup, yummy cheese and crackers, new and wonderful types of ice-creams like the twisted frozen yogurt. There are new meals like noodle stir fry and homemade burgers. Our hard work-



Yummy snack cups and fresh fruit salad cups now at Tuckshop

ing tuckshop ladies make sure that we have different types of food for all of us. Mrs Pozzi said that she liked the new tuckshop menu because 1. You can get it in large or small portions of food, 2. The food is awesome and yummy, 3. She did not have to cook it!

Leadership Path for Year 5

By Nikita Rickard and Libby Neville

This term the year 5 students have been given the opportunity to run for senior leader for 2017. Before the students can be a house or school captain, they have to become a senior leader and present a speech. Everyone is nervous but excited about being a leader. We asked some students what they thought about being a senior leader:

"I am excited about being a senior leader because I have always wanted to be one", said Nikita. "I am also nervous about saying a speech for school captain".

"I am very excited about being a senior leader for 2017 because I think it will be a fun and new experience for me", said Libby. We are looking forward to seeing who are the new house and school captains for 2017. Good luck to everyone who is running for house or school captains.

Instrumental Music Solos Concert

Term 4 is a very busy at school, and even more so if you are in the Instrumental Music Program. The first of a series of instrumental music events commences with Mr E's 'End of Year Concert', on Saturday evening 29th October. All of Mr E's students from across the district will perform at Warwick West State School in their school bands, with some students treating parents to a solo performance, and the Southern Downs Big Band will perform the finale.

On Monday 5th November the annual 'Combined Schools Concert' for instrumental students, strings and band, is on again in Warwick. Our string ensemble and concert band will be performing.

Band students are currently practising a solo piece as their major assessment for this term. Students will be performing their solos at the annual 'Solos Concert' on Saturday 5th November in our school library in front of family and friends.

Several of our strings students are practising for their AMEB practical assessments on 18 November. It is a fantastic opportunity for our students to be able to sit these tests as AMEB qualifications are recognised as a national benchmark across Australia. Good luck to our candidates for their exams on 18th November.

If you are interested in joining the instrumental music program in 2017, why not come along to our Solos Concert on Saturday 5/11 and see what the students have achieved this year.

P&C News

- **We wish our Tuckshop Coordinator Jackie all the very best** as she takes a well earned break from November. Jackie and her team of dedicated regular volunteers run Tuckshop like a well-oiled machine, so the day goes very smoothly. However with Jackie out, there are some vacancies in the roster. If you can volunteer for a few hours to make sandwiches, or help with the washing up, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office.
- P&C volunteers spent many hours this week unpacking boxes and boxes of new sporting and outdoor play equipment. The new balls, hoops, cricket and softball kits were already in the playground today, to the delight of all of our students. Over \$2000 of Tuckshop proceeds put to good use!
- **Next and final P&C Meeting for 2016 is on Wednesday 10th November August, 6:45pm** in the Library.

Welcome to new students and their families...

Annabelle Chambers 5/6MT

Brayden Harrison 1/2JS

Shaquille Smith 3/4SD

ICAS Results

Last term many of our students sat the optional ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) English Maths and Science tests. ICAS tests are offered through the University of New South Wales to students across Australia and New Zealand, and every year more and more of our students are choosing to participate.

Results for the 2016 tests are out, and we are so pleased to be able to present several students with distinctions for Maths, Science and English. These students, who don't know their results yet, will be presented with their awards at a special parade on 2nd November, and we invite parents to come along to the ceremony.

Year 5/6 Leadership Day

Our year 5 and 6 students will spend Monday 24th October working with Luke McKenna on 'Unleashing Personal Potential'. Luke McKenna is an educator and author who specialises in working with schools to build growth mindsets, grit, wellbeing and leadership for all students.

Luke will be helping our year 5 students prepare for their year as senior leaders and captains of our school. Year 5 students are completing their senior leader applications now, and planning their school and house captain campaigns. Election speeches will be presented to voters, year 4, 5 and staff, on Wednesday 16/11. Parents are welcome to join the audience to listen to the speeches.



New lunchtime play equipment was well received at Prep and junior school