

Semester 2 2016

Term 3 Week 5

11/8/2016



Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Resilient



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



There has been recent media coverage where Qld Police cautioned parents via a school newsletter that it is an offence for children under 12 to walk/ride to school unattended. This media coverage has concerned some in our school community, so I will attempt to clarify for you.

The Queensland Criminal Code states it is a misdemeanour for a parent to leave a child younger than 12 for an unreasonable time without making reasonable provision for the supervision and care of the child, and whether the time is unreasonable depends on all the relevant circumstances.

Every circumstance is different and as stated in the legislation, terms such as 'unreasonable time' and 'reasonable provision for the supervision' are very subjective. Senior Sergeant Mark Ireland of Stanthorpe Police has provided the following advice:

"While there is inherent danger of a very young child travelling considerable distance, either on foot or bicycle, all circumstances need to be taken into account and any Police Officer receiving a complaint of this nature would do exactly that. For example, if a 10 year old child rides a kilometre to school but uses the same route and is familiar with local residents on the way and has been taught some level of protective behaviours, common-sense would dictate that this would not be classed as 'unreasonable'. A child riding a kilometre on an isolated, rural road, or a 6 or 7 year old child travelling to school on their own could be considered 'unreasonable'."

We do encourage our students to walk or ride to school with their families, but obviously it is more important for students to arrive at school and return home safely. We ask all parents to ensure their children are of an age and maturity to walk or ride to school safely, if unaccompanied. Please ensure you are aware of the routes taken to and from school, and your children are aware of the road rules and safety precautions whilst using the chosen route.

Athletics Carnival

We had a most successful athletics carnival, with many personal bests being achieved and high numbers of family based spectators. A special thank you to the lovely Tuckshop Workers, who kept the athletes nourished on the day. Also, a special mention must be made about the students' outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship on the day. The staff and I are so proud of our students.

NAPLAN 2016

I am pleased to announce that our year 5 students excelled this year in NAPLAN- reading. We had 32% of students achieving in the top two bands of the reading test. This means that our year 5 students in the top two bands are achieving above the National Minimum Standard of Year 7 students. This is outstanding news and I congratulate all students and staff on their hard work and achievements.

Father's Day Reading Day

Dads, granddads and significant male role models, keep Friday 2nd September highlighted in your diary / on your calendar. You are invited to join us in the stadium for a performance of The Three Little Bush Pigs, performed by the House & School Captains. Afterwards families will head back to class for some activities, then stay for a sausage sizzle before you head home.

Important Dates

ICAS Maths Test	Monday 15/8 *Note change from 16/8*
Granite Belt Zone Athletics Carnival	Mon 22/8 *Note change from 18/8*
Instrumental Music Advanced Camp	23-25/8
No instrumental music lessons	24 & 25/8
Fathers Day Stall	Thurs 25/8
Footy Colours Day and Fathers Day Reading Day	Friday 2/9
P&C Meeting	Wed 7/9

STANTHORPE STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Belltower

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Athletics Carnival 2016

Sports Day Reflections by Year 1/2JS

Athletics Day was terrific because the running and jumping and fun. (Matthew Wyatt)

I won two races and I got two ribbons and I had to run 200 metres and I was puffed! (Ava Hobba)

I cry and the next race is 200 metres we runned and I come last and the Miss give me a sticker. (Mehlab Hamza)

Sports Day was the best day. (Roman Foster)

I did not get two ribbons last time, but I still got stickers because it was brilliant being there as well as having morning tea and big lunch too. (Shayeleigh McKenzie)

I liked Sports Day because it was fun. (Liam Burges)

I liked when I came first and second in the races and I like when we played tunnel ball. (Ashton Davies)

I liked when I came fourth in the race and in the 200 race I didn't want to race, but I did and came third. (Ethan Look)

I was running. (Payton Picknell)

I liked that I got a tag that said THIRD. It was fun! And that blue did do high jump and we did scooter boards and then.... it was lunch and home time. (Shyla Beesley)

Yesterday I ran in the races and I did discuss and relays also and it was on the oval and I did tunnel ball. (Hanna Tamock)

I liked it because I did a big throw and shotput and I did long jump. It was fun. It was a fantastic day. I wish I could do it again and I came fifth and fourth. I nearly came fourth because my shoe hurt so much and I didn't like it. (Bailey Adams)

My favourite thing was the one where you had to throw the bean bags into the hoops. I got the bean bags in each hoop and it was fun. (Oliver Trevor)

I really liked the sack races. (Blake Schultz)

My favourite thing at the Athletics Carnival was I came second twice and my team came is Kookaburra and they came second. (Livia Lightfoot)

On the Sports Carnival I got two ribbons. They both said First. My favourite activity was running races. It was fun and my team is Kookaburra. (Asher Paulsen)

Yesterday was the Sports Carnival. I came third twice and I got a ribbon. My team, Kestrel came last and I won 31 points for my team, but we still lost. (Kobie Duell)

On Sports Day, I enjoyed getting two ribbons. I got a red one and the other one is a green one. The green one said Third and the red one said second. On the top oval I came second and in the bottom oval I came third. (Lexie Maugeri)

I love Sports Carnival. My favourite bit was when I came first and I came second too. (Zaiden Dowsett)



**Sunny skies for Day 2—
Track Events**

It was quite a brisk day on the ovals for Day 1 (Field Day) of the Athletics Carnival. Parents and teachers found it a bit cool, but it didn't stop students setting new records in the High Jump (Scissors). Congratulations to new record holders: Seth Dowsett (10 years), David Williams (11 years), Tom Lewis (12 years), and Taleah Daniells and Aliesha Rogers (joint record holders, 11 years girls). Congratulations Kingfisher, Athletics Carnival winners 2016!



Under 9's tabloid rotations

Shotput officials Ms Sheahan and Mrs McMeniman trying to keep warm



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Parent/teacher relay winners—team



Age Champions



The winner is—Kingfisher!