

Semester 1 2016

Term 2 Week 6

20/5/2016



Be Responsible

Be Respectful

Be Resilient

Be a Learner



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.

STANTHORPE STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Belltower

## A Message from Mrs Pozzi



### NAPLAN

Well NAPLAN is over for another year. The three days of testing went well, without a hitch. This year we were 100% inclusive, providing all children in year 3 & 5 the opportunity to sit the tests. I was pleasantly surprised with how everyone survived. A very big thank you must go out to our lovely P&C parents who put together a NAPLAN Survival Kit for the first day of testing and a You Survived NAPLAN kit for the last day.

### Skate Park

The Skate Park is a fun place to go. It is just like those special treats we have in life, e.g. lollies, cakes, savouries, liquid refreshments, these are all 'sometimes' things. If we have too much of anything we can find, eventually, there will be an imbalance in our life.

This is no different for the skate park. We are finding when students have too much time at the skate park before or after school issues eventually arise.

As we enter the second half of a very long term can I advise that families continue to have routines and boundaries for the children. Whilst the children might think you are the worst person in the world, they actually will benefit from having these measures in their life. They won't thank you now, but they will thank you later.

### Approaching Students at School

Inside the school grounds it is the responsibility of the staff to manage behaviour issues. Please make contact with a staff member if you feel the need to approach a student, who is not your child, about their behaviour.

### Eisteddfod

This year our school's participation in the Eisteddfod will be less than our usual full program, due to the venue change from the Civic Centre to the **Stanthorpe Christian Fellowship Church at 207 Amosfield Rd.** The cost and risks associated with taking the whole school by bus to the venue means that not all of our planned performances will be able to participate. Our performance groups will be:

- Girls Choir (entered in 3 sections)
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- Recorder Band
- Advanced Recorder Group
- Small Vocal Group
- String Ensemble
- Concert Band

Plans are underway for a concert gala for all of our choirs (all students in Prep and years 1 & 2) and instrumental groups to perform for parents and families in our school stadium on the evening of Thursday 9th June.

### Important Dates

DD Cross Country	Tuesday 24/5
School Photos	Monday 30/5
ICAS Science Test	Tuesday 31/5
P&C Meeting	Wednesday 1/6
Eisteddfod—choirs & recorder groups	Thursday 2/6
Eisteddfod—Instrumental groups and solos	Friday 3/6

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



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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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# THE JUNIOR BELL

Featuring stories written by the Student Newsletter Team

## Dress Like a Farmer

By Ashleigh Bell-Norman and Josh Matthews

On Friday the 13th we had free dress day to dress up as a farmer for \$1 to give to the drought affected farmers out at Quilpie West QLD. Before we went into class, at the end of lunch, the whole school did the grape vine dance.

## Life Ed Van

By Natalie Rogers and Ashleigh Bell-Norman

Last week, the life Ed van was here in Stant-horpe teaching the year 5/6 children about the effects of smoking and drinking. By the end of the lesson the children got to see and pat the famous Happy Harold.

I think that we all know that we won't be smoking and drinking because it can cause problems with your body.

The teacher in the life Ed van showed us videos on how smoking causes problems with your body.



Year 5/6 LS very excited to be queueing for their turn in the Life Ed Van.

## Italian Week Celebrations



Miss J, our Italian language teacher, has organised a lunch-time programme to celebrate Italian Week next Wednesday, 25/6/16.

Tuckshop will have a special Italian menu, with pizza, spaghetti and sweet Italian treat chocolate salami as well as Italian flag cupcakes. The quad will be transformed to 'La Piazza', with Italian music and dance.

## Sporting Success



### Good luck to the Granite Belt Cross Country team, off

to Toowoomba on Tuesday to compete in the Darling Downs Cross Country Trials. Competing from our school are: Riannan Pillar, Amity Dawson, Ulea Elings, Liam Johnston, Joshua Thompson, Taleah Daniels, Harriet Morison, Clayton Townsend, David Williams, Megan Jones, Brooklyn Favero, Harry Whitaker, and Thomas Lewis.



Cooper and Tom take an early lead at GB Cross Country

**Congratulations Terri-Ann Lane** on being selected to represent the Granite Belt at the Darling Downs Girls Rugby League trials. The trials are set for Monday July 25 in Toowoomba. Good luck Terri-Ann!

## P&C News

- **Tuckshop fridge available for tender.** Tuckshop are retiring another domestic fridge/freezer. It is still functional, but is some years old. You are welcome to view on Wednesday or Friday, and make an offer if you would like to make it yours.
- **Call out for bakers!** P&C are providing the refreshments for one day at the Eisteddfod. Baked goods, sandwiches, etc are needed. Please reply to the letter if you can assist.
- **5c Friday's** every Friday in May, fundraising for year 6 camp—send in all those unwanted little coins to those who will care for them.
- **Chalk & Cheese Family Photo** fundraiser still has places available on the weekend 28/29 May. \$15 for the photo session goes to Year 6 Camp Fundraising, and packages from \$99 for prints. Book your spot at the office.
- **Next P&C Meeting Wednesday 1st June May, 6:45pm** in the Library.

## Welcome to new students and their families...

Charlotte Nettle 1/2MC and welcome back Bailey and Mikayla Cooper, and Cheyanna Blanch.

## From Admin...

- **Online payment options now available** for your convenience. You can now easily pay any invoices using direct debit or BPOINT. The BPOINT Payment System allows online payments via a secure Commonwealth Bank portal using either a Visa or Master Card. The BPOINT link and account details can be found on all invoices. If you would prefer direct debit using your own banking app., email admin@stanthorpess.eq.edu.au for our direct debit account details.
- **Parking around our school** has been problematic of late. Please note that the yellow line marking indicates a no parking zone. Using the drop-off zone requires you stay in your vehicle, and it is a maximum of 5 mins stay. Please respect the intention of the drop-off zone. Mum's with young ones in prams and sleeping toddlers love to be able to use this area. You may like to consider parking and walking down to meet your student's if you don't have little ones to manage.
- **Unexplained absences:** Schools and parents need to be confident that students are at school when they are supposed to be. Under current policy, when a school doesn't know why a student is away, staff follow-up with families within three days or as soon as practicable. If we do need to contact you regarding unexplained absences, please excuse the intrusion—it is our duty of care to your students.
- **Report Cards will be emailed this term.** Please ensure your current email address has been provided ahead of report cards being emailed at the end of this semester.