

Semester 1 2016

Term 1 Week 8

15/3/2016



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



### Apple & Grape Winners!

Congratulations to all who helped our little people take the Covenant Trophy for the Schools' section at the 2016 Apple & Grape Festival! Judges awarded our school the top honour, over the excellent entries from St Joseph's and Stanthorpe State High School.

Special mention to Mrs Melinda Toms, for design and costume; Mr John Sattler & Mr John Pozzi for stage construction; Miss Lucy and the Friday art students for artistic creations; and of course the students, staff and parents who marched.

P.S. Steve (aka The Thinker) thoroughly enjoyed his walk down the main street.

### ICAS Tests

I have sent notes home inviting all interested students to sit the University of New South Wales' International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) tests. ICAS is an independent, skills-based assessment program that helps students to learn, grow and reach their full potential. Students from years 2—6 can optionally sit ICAS Science (31 May), English (2 August) and Maths (16 August). These tests are sat all around the country and provide your child with feedback regarding their strengths and areas for improvement, whilst showing their progress from year to year. Each test costs \$8.80. If you would like your student to participate in ICAS testing this year, contact the office for an application form. Applications close 21st March.

### Students Writing for the Belltower

This year our senior students have options other than competitive sport on Friday afternoons. This change is part of our 4-year plan, and is designed to make Friday afternoons a fun and social experience for all of our students. In Term 1, students are able to choose for their Friday afternoon activity one of: competitive softball, competitive cricket, Chess, Art, and Newspaper.

Students who have joined the newspaper team will be writing regular stories to feature in our school newsletter and on our website. The first of the students' stories are published here for your reading pleasure. I'm looking forward to hearing many more interesting stories from the students' perspective.

### Important Dates

Year 6 Camp Fundraising Chocolate Drive Commences	Mon 7/3
'You Choose' Youth Justice Program Year 5/6	Tues 8, 15 & 22/3
Charity Day—Leukaemia Foundation 'Crazy Hair Day'	Wed 23/3
Last Day of Term 1	Thurs 24/3
First Day of Term 2	Mon 11/4
SSPS Cross Country and Fun Run	Tues 12/4

### 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](http://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 new students and their families...

Braydyn Booth 5/6SC; Cheyenne Lovell-Francis 3/4RB; Clayton Townsend 5/6MT; Korina Graham 5/6MT; Deakyn Trapitt 5/6MT.

## Tuckshop News

By Sasha, Ciara and Kieran

TNT's, choc-chip cookies, ham and cheese toasties and juice bombs are the most popular foods that have been sold in our tuckshop this year. A whole new menu is being put together for winter, starting in term 2. WOW! Our tuckshop is seriously going to also have to remove from our menu juice bombs and large juices due to a government decision (*changes to smart choices policy effective from semester 2*).

Jackie Barron joined our tuckshop volunteers this year because her children "bugged her to help out with the tuckshop". She said, "Working in the tuckshop is going to be fun." Her children at our school are: Amber, Ebony and Blake. As a family they like to go kayaking.

The tuckshop will continue to be open on Wednesdays, with 3-4 volunteers working, and Fridays with 4-6 volunteers. Please, if you would like to help volunteer your time it will be very appreciated.

Jacqui Barron, new Tuckshop committee member



with student news reporters Kieran and Sasha.



Terri-Ann, Amellia & her Mum at morning tea after the senior leader ceremony; captains and seniors cutting their cake.



## THE JUNIOR BELL

At Stanthorpe Primary School, the year 5/6 are starting activities on a Friday afternoon. They are split up into different activities, like softball, cricket, chess club, art and don't forget student newsletter. The teams in Friday activities are co-operating very well. Last year it was Friday sports instead of activities but this year it has been changed to activities so students can choose what they desire most. This is the first Belltower Newsletter featuring stories written by the Student Newsletter Team.

## Senior Leader Induction Ceremony

By Shivanii, Josh, & Amber

On Thursday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, all of our schools wonderful 2016 Senior Leaders came to the stadium to be inducted as leaders for their last year at our school.

All of the senior leaders received a badge and a certificate and also signed a pledge to uphold the responsibility of being a senior leader. Most of the year 6 students participated in the ceremony. The ceremony went really well. After the ceremony the year 6's went to the library and had a delicious morning tea.

We interviewed Caydence Werner and Amellia Farrugia about what they thought about the Ceremony.

*What was the Ceremony about?* "The Ceremony was about the Senior Leaders receiving their badges and Certificates".

*How did you personally feel the Ceremony went?* Amellia says "It went really well and then we got food at the end". Caydence says "I personally feel the ceremony went well although I had butterflies in my stomach".



## Apple and Grape Harvest Festival Parade



Congratulations to all the students, parents and staff who marched for our school at the Apple and Grape Festival. Our school won 1st prize in the schools section, taking home the trophy and the \$250 prize.



## P&C News



We welcome the many new P&C members who signed on at the Annual General Meeting this month, and thank retiring P&C Executives, Gretel Diluca and Jenny Whitaker, for their invaluable contribution and years of service to the P&C. Congratulations to our newly elected executive committee, Mrs Jen Costanzo (President), Mrs Sheryn Bannon (Vice-President), and Mrs Kylie Kemp (Secretary). We look forward to seeing great things in 2016 from our re-invigorated P&C.

### Cutlery in Lunch Boxes

Parents please note that we do not have nearly enough cutlery at school to cater for students who have not brought their own spoons for yoghurt or forks for their lunch. Please double check that your student has the cutlery they need to eat their lunch. Students could even keep a 'spare' spoon in their bag, for the odd occasion it is forgotten.