Slide into 2018

Welcome to the 2018 school year and special warm welcome to new families to the school. Only a few days into the new school year the strong sense of community has never been more evident. If the first few days of school are anything to go by, this year is going to be outstanding. I’m sure by now you have heard about the slide in our school. I would like to give you a bit more of the background behind this new icon. I believe the slide sends and very important message to every student, parent, staff or community member. It reminds us that the school is a place for kids and makes a statement that kids are what matters in our school. As a school we have adopted a student centred approach. This means we place the students’ needs and interest at the heart of our decisions. When we thought about whether student would prefer a slide or a set of stairs, the decision was already made for us.

The feedback from the community and on social media has been overwhelmingly positive. More importantly the feedback from the students was priceless. I am confident our students feel as though their voice has been heard and that as a community we are working together to give them the best education we can.

Our slide even made the Channel 7 news on the first day back at school, and Mr Clark was interviewed by Marnie and Campo on 94.9 River FM.

I am sure you can think of dozens of reasons why we should not put a slide in our school and I am sure you can also think of one good reason that we should. Our students. The topic of safety is what first springs to mind. It is possible a student could injure themselves falling down steps, but I am yet to have someone suggest we start teaching stair walking classes. We have had every student in the school down the slide already, many of them multiple times. Not surprisingly, they know how to safely use it. For me, the slide reminds me that sometimes when we put our adult lens on, we can lose sight of how this impacts on students. We go out of our way in the interests of our students.

It is hard to walk past the slide and see a student (or an adult) exiting the slide and not have a smile on your face. I hope that it reminds everyone in our school that learning should be challenging and fun. Learning should be exciting and full of wonder. I know many of you have wondered what it would be like to wiz around, down to the bottom. Stop wondering and have a go.

I feel so privileged to be a part of a community that want our students to not only have a great education but also a well-rounded, childhood experience. Many thanks to our amazing P&C who funded this project. They have really delivered on their goal of enhancing the learning experiences, environment and opportunities for all students.

The School Calendar is available on the QSchools App
Welcome to our New Staff

In 2018 we have some significant changes to key positions across the school and you will see a new leadership and line management structure as we bring on board a third Deputy Principal. This year I have taken on a year level to work with so I can get a closer look at the core business of our school. This will add an extra demand on my workload, but I believe it is very important as an instructional leader to see firsthand our strategic agenda in action.

Your key contacts for each year level are listed below. Of course, as always, your child’s class teacher is always your first point of contact.

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Welcome to our new Inclusivity Team:

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Save the Date

In week three we will have a ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening. We will have the mini markets and food vans again, like last year. This will be spread across two nights on Tuesday and Wednesday. More details from your class teachers in the near future.

Brad Clark
Principal

NEW DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Thank you to everyone who has already made me feel so welcome into the Samford community as the new Deputy Principal. I am delighted to be here and look forward to many years of working with students, staff and parents to provide the best education possible for each and every student in an inclusive and engaging environment.

My background is as a classroom teacher, literacy intervention teacher and special education teacher and in more recent years as Head of Curriculum, Deputy Principal and Principal Education Advisor for the Metropolitan region of the Department of Education.

In my role, the needs of every student sits at the heart of my work and I am dedicated to building the supportive partnerships that will ensure engaging learning environments and exceptional learning experiences that will allow our students to flourish.

Katie McIntyre
Deputy Principal Years 2 & 3

SENIOR ASSEMBLY

Welcome back to all the staff and students. Our first Senior School Assembly will be held on Monday 5th Feb 2pm in the Hall. The Leadership Badge Presentation will be conducted at this first assembly announcing the student leaders for 2018. This is a proud moment of recognition for the students and we encourage all parents to attend if able.

I look forward to working with the student leaders throughout the year and congratulate them on their appointments.

Adrian Ryan
Deputy Principal, Year 5 & 6
The Team and I are excited about the year ahead and welcome our new and returning families. It has been a busy first week for everyone so I would like to highlight a couple of items to help keep you on track.

**Administration Team**

I would like to introduce our fantastic team of ladies in the office for those new to the school community. The team consists of:

- Tanya Buskens - Accounts and payments
- Racheal Whyte - Reception
- Julie Hall - Reception
- Mieke Brookes - Reception
- Kylie Neville - Facilities management

**Student Resource Scheme**

Distribution of resources has been conducted this week through the classrooms.

The scheme is fully endorsed by our P&C and provides a cost effective and convenient way to resource your child for the year ahead.

*Note - final payment is due by Friday 9 February.*

If you are not participating in this scheme please contact the office. We will arrange a resource list each term for the supplies you will need to provide for your student. You will also be invoiced separately for the online Mathletics and Reading Eggs component of the Student Resource Scheme. [Further Information on the Scheme can be found on our website.](#)

**Term 1 Year Level Newsletter**

Our teachers produce a year level specific newsletter each term keeping you informed of what is happening in your child’s class. Included is an outline of the curriculum, relevant permission forms and information on upcoming events.

These newsletters also include payment information and an invoice for any activities.

Newsletters will be issued this week so be sure to keep an eye out on your emails.

Our door is always open and we look forward to seeing you all this term.

**Thanks**

Nunzi and the Administration Team

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**Library**

Welcome back to another busy year in the Library. A very warm welcome to all of our new families starting at Samford State School for the first time. We hope to see many of you in the Library over the year.

**Borrowing**

Children are most welcome to borrow in their break times during the first week. Class borrowing, however will commence next week.

All children in years Prep, 1 & 2 **MUST** have a Library bag of some description to enable borrowing. The uniform shop sells Samford State School library bags or alternatively a drawstring bag may be used. The eco shopping bags are also a good alternative. Please ensure you clearly name your child’s bag. If you have any queries please call in and see us.

Happy reading

*Deb Gimson, Jodi Ferguson & Kerry Rosenberg*

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**Music**

Welcome back to Term 1! The Music calendar already looks exciting for 2018.

**Beginners’ Music Camp**

All beginning instrumental students will be attending music camp this Thursday 25 January and Monday 29 January. Please refer to your camp note for more information.

Brass students will be at Samford State School. Woodwind students will be at Ferny Grove State School. Strings students will be at Ferny Hills State School. Percussion students will be at Mitchelton State School.

**Vivace Choir Camp**

All students in the Vivace choir will be attending choir camp on Friday 2 February in the Hall. This is during school hours.

Families will be invoiced $10 for the day.

**Instrumental Music Lessons**

Instrumental Music lessons will commence in Week 3. A timetable for lessons and ensembles will be out soon.

Thanks

*Bridget Anese*

*Music Teacher and Instrumental Music Lessons*
A big welcome back to all Samford SS families!!

Each week I like to recognise some amazing students and their achievements. This week I had over 200 heroes!

It was fantastic to see such a smooth transition to school for our Prep students and our new Year 1 students. The excited faces in the morning and the positive stories being shared in the afternoon has been magical.

The teachers have done an amazing job of establishing new relationships and building a positive environment for all the students to learn within. I look forward to working closely with the Prep and Year 1 families, teaching teams and most importantly the students!

Amy Honsa
Deputy Principal

Banking

Annual sign up day
Tuesday 30th January 2018
from 8am-9am

All you need to bring along is a parent and their drivers licence to open up an account and you be able to start banking the very same week. If you have any questions, please come along as we will be happy to help you out.

**Always looking for parents/grandparents to help volunteer on a Wednesday- call Andrea on 0412597644 if you can lend a hand for 30mins or so.**

Our banking day is every WEDNESDAY that we are at school.

Cheers
The Banking Team

Weather Reporters

Next week five of our senior students will be weather reporters each morning at 8:25 am Monday- Friday.

Make sure you tune into River 94.9FM to listen to our students present the weather.
The North West District Swimming Carnival will be held on **Thursday 8 February 2018** at Lawnton Aquatic Centre.

This carnival is a selection trial for North West District Schools to select a team to compete at the Metropolitan North Swimming Trials (10-12yrs) at Lawnton Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 20 February.

**PLEASE NOTE, 9 YEAR OLDS (BORN 2009) DO NOT COMPETE AT THE DISTRICT OR REGIONAL CARNIVALS.**

*John Picken*
*HPE Specialist*

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**CHAPLAINCY**

We are very excited to be back at school and getting involved with the students.

**The Chaplains will be holding our annual PANCAKE day on Monday 12th February so save the date.**

Further details will follow in the next newsletter.

*Josslyn Catheart*
*Chaplain*

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**SEEP**

**Textiles** : We will be working with appliqué and learning embroidery stitches to make a beautiful textile for your child’s room, with lots of colour and texture. Embroidery is a fantastic technique, which helps concentration and fine motor skills.

**Easter Mosaics** : Mosaic is an ancient technique kids love. The results are quick and easy, with lots of colour. We will be working on an Easter themed project that is always lots of fun and very popular, and great for motor skills too!

**Coding** : Learn computer programming (by noahcode.com.au) in a simple and easy to understand way. Coding in our classes is taught in a way that is fun, has easy-to-grasp concepts, and builds a foundation for achievement. Each session is designed and delivered to cater for each and every individual child as the curriculum ignites the child’s curiosity and interest and helps them become creative and lateral thinkers.

**Guitar** : There have been some cancellations in the guitar classes this year and orders are open in Flexischools. The maximum number of students are 5, so book early to get a placement.

**Soccer** : Training starts in week 2 and orders close on 28 January, so book early.

*Most courses start on week 3 in Term 1, so book in quick to avoid disappointment.*

*Note some changes in our regular courses.*

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Welcome back to a new year. I trust your children are all looking sparkling in their new uniforms. It was great to see so many familiar faces come through the doors leading up to the school year, as well as many new faces.

If you haven’t had a chance to get up to the uniform shop lately please come and say hi. You may be surprised at the vast variety of stock we supply. From lunchboxes, chairbags, pencil cases, even shoes - all at very reasonable prices.

Swim lessons start next week for grades 2-6 so be organised and grab a swim cap - $5.50 and a sports bag - $16.

If you don’t have a chance to get into the shop, place your order online and we’ll gladly deliver to the classroom. [www.flexischools.com.au](http://www.flexischools.com.au)

Kylie Neville
Uniform Shop Convenor

Tuckshop is excited to be launching a NEW MENU for the start of 2018.

We will be open for 1st Break only from Tuesday next week.

Please try to remember to place orders the night before to assist with food planning and preparation.

Tuckshop welcomes any helpers, so please join us in delivering healthy food to happy kids. Sign up using the links below.

Term 1 Tuckshop
Term 2 Tuckshop
Thanks
Kylie Littlewood
Tuckshop Convenor

Welcome back 2018

A big welcome to all of our new families that have joined us this year, we look forward to getting to know you all better throughout the year.

Vacation Care

What fun we had this January with waterslides, swimming days, Australian wildlife visits, Bounce with X Park, Candle making, Carnival day, snow cones, popcorn and lots more... The most popular by far was the waterslides which also had a few big children interested and in turn participate which the children thought was quite impressive, (we’re all big kids at heart) ... watch this space for what’s to come for next vacation care!

Friendly Reminder

When paying fees to OSHC we ask that you please write your child’s full name as the reference as we are unable to allocate these payments to any particular family if we do not have all the details.

We are currently full for After School Care for Tuesday and Thursday and the other days are filling up quickly, if you have not enrolled for 2018 please do so ASAP.

Please note your 2017 enrolment form does not roll over to 2018, you can find our enrolment form on the school website on the OSHC page in the right margin.

Any questions or queries please don’t hesitate to call or email us.
OSHC 3430 9145

Kristy, Jo & Travis
OSHC
COMMUNITY NOTICES

OPEN DAY
Samford Parklands Tennis Club
SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY
9AM-12NOON

- Fairy Floss
- Speed Serve
- Sno Cones
- Adult Tennis
- Sausage Sizzle
- Prizes & Raffles
- Hotshots Tennis

Come along and try the game

SEASON 1, 2018
8-week competition
31st January to 28th March

SIGN ON @ HANRAN ST, KEPERRA
Tues 16 January 4.30 – 6.30pm
Wed 17 January 4.30 – 6.30pm

ARANA TOUCH
32 Hanran St Kepperra
Administrator or Registrations:
0414 916 689
Email: aranatouch@gmail.com
Webpage: www.aranatouch.com
Facebook: https://facebook.com/AranaTouch

HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

- Centre: Arana Aquatic Junior Hockey Club
- Contact: Tammy Elmes
- Location: Tramway St, Ferry Grove
- Start Date: Tuesday 16th January 2018
- Time: 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Additional Information: A fun 5 week come & try hockey program for children aged 5 to 10 years old. The cost is $15 per player which includes a beginners equipment pack to keep.

Samford Netball Club

SIGN-ON
3 February 2018
9am to 2pm
At Samford Netball Club
Samford Parklands, Mt Samson Road
Or
www.samfordnetball.org.au
Enquiries to registrar@samfordnetball.org.au
2018 SIGN ON

Home of Qld State Champs & BJRU Rugby 7's

Boys & Girls Rugby

UNDER 6-7
$95.00

UNDER 8-17
$320.00

SIGN ON FEE INCLUDES
- Being apart of a family orientated club
- Sibling discount
- Total match fees for the year
- Official club training shirt, game day shorts & socks. Jersey provided on game days
- End of season trophy & presentation day
- Invitation to all club events
- & more to come

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

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