FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Parent Information Evening
Next week we will host a very important event in our term 1 calendar, the 2018 Meet the Teacher Evenings. Below are the times and dates for your children’s class and we look forward to welcoming you.

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You are invited to the undercover area outside the tuckshop on Tuesday, and the courtyard outside the office on Wednesday before your class information session. There will be food vans and stall displays from our school community.

It is an excellent opportunity for you to learn more about the various groups that support and are a part of our school, including the P&C, School Council, Swim Club, OSHC, Swim Club, Chaplaincy, Tuckshop and much more.

Come early, grab a bite to eat, learn more about your Samford State School Community, go down the slide and meet your school’s Leadership Team.

The office will be open from 5:30 - 8:00pm each evening, so parents are able to make payments, hand in permissions forms, update personal details or register for QParents.

Brad Clark
Principal

For all school absences please contact the school before 9:00am
School absence line: (07) 3430 9160
School email: absences@samfordss.eq.edu.au
Alternatively you can advise any absences via the QParents App

The School Calendar is available on the QSchools App

Strengthening Communication
Strong, committed partnerships between our school and our parents play a crucial role in your children’s learning and development.

Attending the Parent Information Evening is an important step to ensuring strong communication between home and school and developing collaborative, supportive relationships. I trust that it will be the beginning of a happy and rewarding relationship and do hope you can attend.

In the first week of school each class teacher sent an email to the parents of their students. If you have not received your email, please contact the office to make sure we have your correct contact details. Being on the various contact lists is a way of staying connected to your child’s learning as our teachers send regular email updates to parents. We also use the class mailing lists to send out the weekly school newsletter and your child’s report card at the end of each semester, so up to date details are paramount.

I would also like to encourage parents to sign up for the QParents App if you have not yet done so. It provides you with access to a range of information about your child, including attendance information, academic data, your child’s timetables and personal contact details. This app also allows you to monitor and pay school invoices with a great deal of ease.

WHAT’S ON

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**GUIDANCE OFFICER**

This is my third year working at Samford and I still feel really fortunate to belong to the Samford school community. Samford is a truly special place to work and learn. I know many students and families from my previous role as Head of Special Education Services.

This year as the school Guidance Officer, I look forward to knowing many more families as I support the inclusion and wellbeing of all Samford students.

You can find me in the Reading Room underneath the year two classrooms alongside our Inclusion Support Team. My email address is drenn5@eq.edu.au.

*Deb Rennick  
Guidance Officer*

**DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

**#Digital Technology_2018@SSS**

Welcome to SSS, 2018. We have plans to increase ‘Connected Learning’ (see current strategic plan) across all grades, using critical and creative thinking skills, more access to digital technologies, connections with local and global communities (to help solve real problems) and exploring STEM maker spaces.

To begin the year, all classes are learning about [Cybersafety and Digital Citizenship](#), before going online.

**Join the conversation at home**, by getting involved in the global [Safer Internet Day](#), 2018 (#SID2018; 6 February). This year’s theme is,

‘Create, connect and share respect: A better internet starts with you’.

Three core principles that responsible digital citizens should practise are:

- ENGAGE positively,
- KNOW your online world and
- CHOOSE consciously.

Three key cybersafe practices people choose are: don’t talk to strangers, don’t overshare and don’t reveal your location. Please help reinforce the key messages by discussing ways you demonstrate cybersafety and positive digital citizenship.

For further information on supporting your child in online environments, click here.

Take & show care,

*Justin Marchesi*
**Student Resource Scheme**
Distribution of resources has been completed 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 due 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.

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**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 were issued last week. If you have not received your Term Newsletter please contact the office and we can provide you with a copy.

*Nunzi Hyde*
*Business Manager*

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**TUCKSHOP**

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

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**

*Kylie Littlewood*
*Tuckshop Convenor*

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**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.

Borrowing is now up and running. Books can be borrowed for up to 2 weeks. If you need it longer please come in to renew the loan. It’s better to renew the loan than to get an overdue notice.

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Happy reading

*Deb, Jodi & Kerry*

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**MUSIC**

**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*
**INFORMATION**

**HONSA’S HEROS**

A big thank you to Miss Casey and Mrs Preston supporting our students in their first years of schooling with completing initial literacy assessments to inform our teaching! They are persisting to ensure they see all 232 students in Prep and Year 1. Well done.

*Amy Honsa*
*Deputy Principal*

The Year Ones have settled in well to the routines of their new classrooms and the Preps are enjoying learning how school works and belonging to Samford State School.

The Early Years team are busy working with our students to gather information about each individual student to target their teaching to meet the needs of each student, particularly in reading and spelling.

We look forward to meeting as a team and ensuring that our targeted teaching will support each student with learning to read and write.

*Michelle Preston*
*Master Teacher*

**WEATHER REPORTERS**

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This week five of our senior students have been on air doing the weather report for River 94.9FM. 8:25 am Monday- Friday. Make sure you tune into [River 94.9FM](http://www.river949.com) to listen to our students present the weather.

**BANKING**

**Parent Information Night Sign up**

Angela from the Commonwealth Bank will be available to open new accounts and answer any questions on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th at the parent information evenings.

**Join the Dollarmites on a savings adventure with School Banking!**

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

*Cheers*
*The Banking Team*
**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**

Kids looking for a bit of fun after school? You might want to try our 'SEEP' program (Samford External Enrichment Program)

SEEP is a program run by parent volunteers who engage external tutors to come and share their knowledge with the students of the school. It is an extension into programs that the school curriculum does not have time to explore.

The program was developed in 1996 and is still going strong today. For a small fee you can try your hand at an art class, fitness class, music class or even a spot of chess! All classes are held on school grounds immediately after school.

We have some fun and exciting activities planned for this term, so come along and have a go. There's something for everyone on offer.

**Courses**

**Embroidery**: 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.

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**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!

**BRICKS 4 KIDZ**: To grow the Bricks 4 Kidz SEEP term 4 course and the children’s skills, the class has been split into 2 groups, both still on Tuesdays.

**World of Science** *(limited to 12 spots)*

Calling all future scientists! Come learn, build and experiment with us! Our budding astronomers, meteorologists, zoologists, and inventors will learn about space, weather, animals, and more! We’ll build all sorts of awesome scientific models and gadgets that are sure to spark both imagination and intellect. If you just can’t get enough of hands-on science fun, then you won’t want to miss out on our World of Science unit!

**Junior Coding - WeDo 2.0** *(limited to 8 spots for grades 3-6 only)*

In our Junior Coding Program students will learn how to write programs using LEGO® WeDo® 2.0 software to control and operate the unique Bricks 4 Kidz® models that they build. This class follows on from those children who have already completed a Bricks 4 Kidz class.

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

Kylie Neville
Uniform Shop Convenor

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

Art Installation
Over vacation care we had an incursion to mosaic pieces for our garden space poles. The children were required to break their own tiles using the tools provided and create a pattern to reflect nature and OSHC and these were the results.

Cooking Damper
During vacation care we also used our pizza oven to cook some yummy damper and celebrated Australia Day in the most delicious way with extra golden syrup.

Kristy, Jo & Travis
OSHC
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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ARANA TOUCH
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

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
COMMUNITY NOTICES

2018 SIGN ON

UNDER 6-7
Boys & Girls Rugby
UNDER 8-17
$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
Sign on & more info contacts
President Michael Ivess 0450720410
email: president@albanycreekgps.com.au
email: registrar@albanycreekgps.com.au
www.albanycreekgps.com.au

Join the Dollarmites on a savings adventure with School Banking!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and eight new exclusive School Banking reward items.

In 2018, School Banking is helping children to become Super Savers. The Dollarmites are stationed in their superhero savings headquarters and are ready to help students with their Super Savings skills.

There are 8 new reward items for 2018 from the Super Savers range:

- Twister Power Handball
- Secret Scratch Pad
- Sparkle Glitter Pens
- Glow Light
- Mighty Boom Handball
- Heat Reactor Pencils
- Slushie Maker Cup
- Zoom Flying Disc

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2018 School Banking program information pack from the school office or visit commmbank.com.au/schoolbanking