Digital Technologies

As part of our four year plan we are beginning to explore this concept in the context of our school. This year sees the introduction of the Australian Curriculum subject of Digital Technologies. This is a subject that is being implemented across the country and many schools have already started making headway with this agenda.

At this stage our school is not yet ready to make the most of every student having their own iPad or laptop at school every day. This is known as Bring Your Own Device or BYOD. As a school we are still learning how to make the most of digital devices in a way that improves learning outcomes for all students. For now, we are working on teaching the students how to use digital technologies as a learning tool, as they have already seemed to have mastered how to use them as an entertainment tool. Our students already have a lot of skill using devices like iPads, but they have very limited capabilities using these devices to learn, communicate, collaborate and create.

This year we are trying to catch up to our replacement schedule of digital devices. In total we have about 300 devices (laptops, PCs and iPads) and we aim to replace them every 3-5 years. This means we need to replace at least 70 devices a year to keep on track. The school already dedicates a large amount of our budget to this, but most of our expenses go towards replacing data projectors, providing internet access, software licensing, teacher professional development and a system technician. It does not leave a lot of change for purchasing new devices.

That is where we need your help. This is a plea for parents to assist us by paying the ICT Voluntary contribution. A little amount from every parent can go a long way. Check out the DISC – Digital Innovation Student Centre in the room opposite the office. This modern flexible learning space is where we are implementing innovative projects like our German - Digital Technologies trial.

With your continued support we can introduce innovative technology into our students’ learning environment. The ICT voluntary contribution was introduced in 2001 to supplement the funds available to support our school’s ICT agenda. The P&C has endorsed a contribution of $45 per student or a maximum of $100 per family. I want to reassure parents that all money received from the voluntary ICT contributions will be spent during that same year. A contribution of $45 per student translates to approximately $1 per week. This is a great investment in your child’s education and future.
Homework
It is about this time of year that we start to see homework coming home each week. As a school we do not want to add extra pressures to families. I stress every year that if homework is causing stress to your child or to you, then please stop and make contact with your child’s teacher. As outlined in our School Homework Policy- homework is aimed at developing independence and promote organisational skills. It should be a positive activity that reinforces links between home and school. Homework should not be a stressful or time-consuming task. Any concerns about homework tasks or completion of activities should be discussed by parents and teachers in order to facilitate the best outcomes for students.

In summary, homework:

⇒ Should not cause stress.
⇒ Can be negotiated with your child’s teacher.
⇒ Always includes reading.

Brad Clark
Principal

Many classes are still yet to fill the role of class parent rep. We only have 12 out of the 35 classes.

We will be having a parent rep forum on Tuesday 28 Feb. As always in the first term we will offer 2 sessions for your convenience. 9:00am and 6:00pm—in the Seminar Room.

If you think this is a role for you. Please let either your teacher or email Stella.

Stella Sheil
Community Engagement Officer

Our reading corner will feature each week where we ask our school community what are they reading? In the age of connectivity its so important for us all to find time to read.

Perhaps you may find your next reading inspiration from this newsletter column.

Our reader this week is our Deputy Principal, Adrian Ryan.

What is your most favourite book?
The Testament, John Grisham

Favourite book growing up?
Lord of The Rings series

Which book do you want to read next?
Any legal thriller will do!

What are you reading at the moment?
Instruction Based on Feedback, by John Hattie and Cam Brooks

Dear Prep Families

We would like to invite you to our annual Prep Picnic, to be held on Wednesday evening 15 February 2017.

We invite you to join us at the prep playground for a picnic dinner and play from 5:30 – 7:00pm.
BYO everything!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Regards,
The Prep Team
Positivity Cards
This week we are introducing our positivity cards for all children whom attend our service. We would like to acknowledge the positive behaviour that our children display through interactions, conversations, mentoring others, taking leadership and guiding others on our responsibilities at OSHC.
These cards will work by acknowledging children’s behaviour through a rewards system, when a child is doing something we would like to recognise as great they will be able to punch a hole in their card – when they reach 5 stars they can choose a reward from the list that will be displayed in the office and so on. Once they have hole punched their entire card they get to choose to celebrate with a party at OSHC or with another reward from the list.
By focusing and acknowledging positive behaviour we hope to encourage more of this behaviour and assist children in receiving positive feedback so they want to do the right thing. Our children here at OSHC are magnificent beings and all you have to do is find what makes them tick to allow them to shine bright.

We are wanting to introduce some real life practical skills into our service, what skills would you like to see your children achieve?

Friendly reminder:
We are currently full for After School Care for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, if you have not enrolled please do so ASAP. We do have a wait list for those 3 full days please see Jo, Kristy or Travis if you need your child/ren to go on this list.
When calling to cancel a booking for OSHC it is our policy that you call by 9am the morning before for Before School Care cancellations and by 6pm the next day before for After School Care cancellations, we will not be able to remove charges if we do not receive notice to cancel at these times so you will be charged for care.
When collecting and dropping off you children please remember that the carpark behind OSHC is for teachers ONLY and is not to be used by families using the OSHC facilities. We noticed the past week or so that some families are accessing this area and we ask you to park at the front of the school on School Road or on Trentham Place just past the drop off area.

OSHC 3430 9145 or oshc.samford@gmail.com

Kristy, Jo & Travis
OSHC Team
Thank you to all who supported the Tuckshop stall at the Meet the Teacher Nights last week. It was a great chance to meet some new volunteers.

Volunteers
Thank you to everyone who volunteered in the tuckshop this last week, your help is always greatly appreciated.

If you can spare a few hours to volunteer please go to our online roster and put you name down, it will be so appreciated. Also don’t forget our Movie Passes we are giving away to all tuckshop volunteers this term.

Menu
I would like to remind you all that there are no items on the tuckshop menu that contain any Fish or Nuts.

This Friday 17 February is Random Acts of Kindness Day.

Random Acts of Kindness week (#RAKWeek2017), Feb 12-18, is an annual opportunity to unite through kindness. Formally recognized in 1995, this seven-day celebration demonstrates that kindness is contagious. It all starts with one act – one smile, one coffee for a stranger, one favour for a friend. It’s an opportunity for participants to leave the world better than they found it and inspire others to do the same.

This year our annual P&C fundraiser is going to follow along these same lines. We will be holding a RAK-a-thon. We will be tying this in with our You Can Do it Program and our Mindset Beliefs. More information will follow in the coming weeks about this so stay tuned.

Stella Sheil
Community Engagement
Greetings folks, it was good to meet some parents last Wednesday evening at the Parent/Teacher Info Night. Thanks to those who came and chatted, and gave me a little more insight into this great community. Kacie and I are pleased to be amongst the energy and vitality that is so evident at Samford State School, and are committed to serve the school community as best we are able.

To refresh your understanding, according to the Department of Education and Training, one of the main purposes of a school Chaplain, is to provide Social, Emotional and Spiritual support for students and staff. This "big picture" purpose finds expression in a myriad of ways, and is essentially shaped by the needs and agendas of local school communities. Generally speaking, Chaplains will work with school administrations, partnering with Guidance Officers and other support staff, to provide support through "one to one" pastoral conversations; facilitating small group programs focussing on a particular theme or issue, and general role modelling or mentoring.

Our goal, as I'm sure is your hope as parents, is to see these (your) children grow and mature, and discover success in their lives. Of course the definitions and descriptions of that success will vary from individual to individual, household to household, but success nonetheless, is a great goal to pursue.

I believe that ultimately, if children are able to learn and integrate positive habits or skills for healthy interpersonal communication and relationships, then they are a good shot at negotiating a successful life. For all of us, between where we are now, and a story of a successful life lived, lies a great adventure. An adventure riddled with pitfalls and roadblocks, detours, victories, achievements great or small. Nobody could ever make this journey alone, and Chaplains endeavour to ensure that nobody has to. Thank you again for your support of what we do.

Dave Hockey & Kacie Ball
Chaplains

WANTED!!
Any used old stockings, knee highs, tights etc. These are required for a Prep Project commencing next week. Please drop them into the Teacher Aide room any time. Many thanks in advance.

Nunzi Hyde
Business Services Manager

North West District Swimming
Congratulations to all our swimmers who participated at the carnival last Thursday. It was a great team effort from all of them. The following children gained selection in the NWD team and will now compete at the regional carnival:

- Aoife B (50 back, 50 breast, 50 free, 100 free)
- Doug C (50 back)
- Fletcher M (50 free)
- Noah R (50 fly)

Pictured: Left: Bailey N, Isaac B, Jack D, Cristian K, Noah R & Cooper N
Right: Gemma N, Imogen C, Annabelle G, & Georgia W

We wish these swimmers the best of luck.
This year the NWD carnival doubled as an inter-district carnival between swimmers from North and North West districts. The inaugural winner was North West district.

John Picken
Head of PE

Further to communication you may have received in regards to music invoices and adjustment notes.
We have recently been advised by the Education QLD finance department that there has been a glitch with these invoices. New invoices for the music program will be sent out this week. All students are to pay the $80 program fee and then depending on if the child is hiring an instrument or in the percussion group they will receive a further invoice for the other amount.

With thanks,
COMMUNITY NOTICES

PLAY RUGBY UNION
Call for more information 0414 951 825
Make Friends, Have Fun, Learn Team Skills
ONLINE REGISTRATION
WWW.EPJRU.COM.AU/MEMBERSHIP

CYCLING AUSTRALIA, LET’S RIDE

Did your child do Let’s Ride in 2016? The next level up is called 3rd Gear, and is open to all children who did the first course, 2nd Gear, in 2016.

Registrations are now open at www.letsride.com.au.

Let’s Ride is a national junior riding program designed by Cycling Australia (CA) to be a fun learning experience for kids. The program teaches them to ride safely by developing their knowledge, skills and confidence – giving parents peace of mind.

Let’s Ride is a six-week after-school program, held on school grounds, delivered by CA accredited instructors and supported by Cycling Australia, the Australian Sports Commission and state and territory cycling associations.

The program starts on Thursday 16 Feb 3:15pm and goes for one hour. It runs for six weeks and all fees are paid by the Australian Sports Commission so it is free for families.

To register, go to www.letsride.com.au and enter your postcode to find your school’s program. If you have any questions you can contact our Let’s Ride Delivery Centre at moretonbay@letsride.com.au, or via 0468 671 135.

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

DATE: Thursday, 16 March
TIME: 4:00pm – 6:00pm
PLACE: The Hairologists, Charter Hall (Coles)
REGISTER: https://worldsgreatestshave.com/take-part/
ENQUIRIES: Kaye

Shave or Colour your hair, and fundraise for the Leukaemia Foundation, to support patients with Leukaemia, Lymphoma, Myeloma and other blood cancers.

Thank you, in anticipation

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Workshops

18th March 2017
8.30am – 1.30 pm
$125 (includes a scrumptious lunch)
Mediterranean Seasonal Cooking School
Robert Bewsana from Lukehana Food
Cooking delicious traditional Mediterranean food with chef, Robert Bewsana, using seasonal ingredients grown at Millen Farm and surrounds.

7th May 2017
9am – 12 noon
$65 (includes morning tea)
Raising Chickens For Eggs
Kala Velga from Beefiest Chickens
Learn this hands-on workshop with the confidence and knowledge of how to raise happy and healthy chickens for egg production.

28th May 2017
8.30am – 1pm
$65 (includes morning tea)
+ Materials $15
Collecting Stingless Bee Honey
Robert Luttrell: Bob the Bee Man
Do you already have a native stingless bee colony in a box? Bob will provide introductory information about the bee colonies, a design for collecting the honey and demonstrations for extracting the honey. As well, if you build a native bee hive last year with Bob, you will have the opportunity to construct the 4th layer to your box. If you do not possess a box the Bee Man box, he offers a "universal" level to suit any 30cm x 30cm box.

3rd June 2017
9am – 12 noon
$65 (includes morning tea)
Raising Chickens For The Pot
Scott Luttrell from Local Pastures
A comprehensive overview of keeping meat chickens including hands-on experience of how to humanely butcher chickens and prepare them for the plate.

For more Information, and to book your ticket, please visit the Eventbrite website.

For more information, please visit Events on the Millen Farm Facebook page.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

SAMFORD HEALTH&WELLBEING Expo

Saturday 25th February
9am - 1pm
John Scott Park, Samford

✓ Health & Wellbeing Stalls
✓ Holt Bolt Obstacle Course
✓ Food
✓ Interactive demonstrations
✓ Entertainment
✓ FREE Family fun

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*** Play Netball ***

Registrations still accepted for all ages

Samford Netball Club

Details Online: http://samfordnetball.org.au
Registration Fees for Season 2017
$300 per player
Further Enquiries Phone: 0428 648 154

Mayor Allan Sutherland invites you to the annual

Mayoral Prayer Breakfast

Friday, 10 March 2017
6.45am to 8.30am
Norths Leagues & Services Club
1347 Anzac Avenue, Kallangur, 4503

Tickets: $25 per person
Dress: Smart Casual

KIDZ CLUB Term 1

Fridays 4.30pm to 6pm
$5 per child (includes afternoon tea)
For kids in Year 1—6

27th Jan  Aussie Arvo—after Australia Day, continue the celebrations with us! Come and have some Aussie fun with some Aussie games, Aussie food and Aussie motel! Prize for best dressed Aussie.

3rd Feb  MICR My Kitchen Rules—cooking, decorating, eating. YUM! Can you make all our recipe?

10th Feb  Pool Party—join us at 17 Junction Street (2min from church) for a sausage sizzle, swim and games. Remember to wear your togs and don’t forget your towel!

17th Feb  Mystery Night—put on your detective hat and help us find the suspect. Who ate the chocolate cake?

24th Feb  Church Picnic—No Kids Club on the 24th Feb Come along to our church picnic for food, fun and fellowship on Sunday 26th Feb from 9:00am to 10:00am—more details to follow

3rd March  Kids Club Movie Night—get comfy for a great night in! Bring your PJs and favourite toy.

10th March  Mad Science—get ready for a wacky, wild and wonderful afternoon of experiments and explosions.

17th March  Kingdom Food Markets—Instead of Friday night, bring your parents along to KFM on Saturday 4—7pm.
Free kids disco, food trucks and live music. (Parents must attend to supervise as it is a whole church event)

24th March  Break-up Party—80s favourite games from home and have a great time celebrating the end of term

For more details contact Nicole O’Sullivan
Children and Families Pastor, 0410 769 456
nicole.osullivan@outlook.com

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Queensland Government
Dear Parent,

MSP Photography is excited to be photographing Samford State School again this year, we will be photographing Students and Staff on:

**Wednesday, 1st & Thursday, 2nd March 2017**

We are happy to advise that our price range has not changed with portrait only packages starting at $21, and our Portrait and Class photo packages ranging from $34 up to $45 for our very popular Premium Pack that includes a Free Gift Pack!

We will also be offering our convenient online ordering and free digital download with selected photo packs.

Please keep the personalised envelope that will shortly be distributed by the school, all students will need to hand their envelope to the photographer on photo day, as all students will have their photo taken on the day whether or not an order has been placed.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact MSP Photography on (07) 3865 4291.

It's Time To Smile!

* Portrait photo quantities and sizes vary depending upon photo package purchased.*