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**SAMFORD STATE SCHOOL**
**NEWSLETTER**
**WEEK 5 TERM 1**
**Wednesday 22 February 2017**

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**School Council**
As we promoted at the Parent Information Evening the School Council Elections are fast approaching. There is no particular skill set we are looking for, other than parents who are passionate about improving outcomes for our students. There is a small workload between each monthly meeting, researching, planning and communicating with the council, I am certain you will not only get to know our school better, you will also play a vital role in shaping and monitoring the strategic direction. It is a great way to show your children that you also own one of the growth mindsets that we are always talking about. The election process may feel a bit scary and it is possible you may not be successful, but you would be an amazing role model for your children and for all of the students in our school. Below is a reminder of the key dates:

- 7 February  Nominations Open. Collect forms and information from office, website or our returning officer, Chaplain Dave.
- 28 February  Nominations close. Please return this nomination form by delivering to the school front desk during school hours or e-mail Chaplain Dave Hockey to Returning Officer, c/- Chaplain Dave Hockey, Samford State School, PO Box 854, Samford, QLD, 4520.
- 13 March  P&C Annual General Meeting—Speeches from candidates
- 13 March  Face to face voting begins – at P&C AGM
- 20 March  Online voting process begins – details to be advised

**Parent Rep Meeting**
Our first Parent Rep meeting for 2017 is scheduled for Tuesday next week, after the Chaplaincy breakfast, and an evening option on Monday. We invite a representative from each class to provide feedback, ask questions and talk about ways of making our school an even better place. These meetings are a great opportunity for parents to find out more information about our school and for the school to get feedback from parents. No questions are off-limits and they can be passed on to your class parent rep. Please contact your child’s class teacher if you are unsure of who your class parent rep is. Alternatively, you can pass on your feedback to our Community Engagement Officer, Stella Sheil.

Each class can send along more than one rep. The most important elements are that each class sends along at least one representative as their ‘voice’.

The agenda for the first meeting includes (but is not restricted to):

- School Council and P&C Elections
- What does being an ‘Independent Public School’ mean for Samford?
- Role clarification of Class Parent Rep
- Digital Technologies (ICT)
- Enrolment Management Plan

*Brad Clark*
Principal
Administration news this week brings reminders to all that our final payment day was last Friday 17 Feb, 2017 for Student Resource Scheme, Year level activities and music payments. If you are unsure of what your balance is, please contact Tanya on Mondays, Tuesdays or Fridays. Tanya also opens our new payments window for counter transactions on these mornings, be sure to drop in and make use of this facility.

Interschool sport starts on Friday 3 March. Invoices for the 12 weeks of bus transfers to the various sports have been produced and you should have received them last Friday. Payment must be finalised by Tuesday 28 Feb.

And lastly a reminder that we offer various methods of payment plans to ensure your child does not miss out on an activity or excursion. Just drop in and discuss this with Tanya or myself and we will happily set this up. Thanks

Nunzi Hyde
Business Services Manager

Climate change action is an important part of our daily life. There are still a few classes yet to fill the role of class parent rep. If your class does not yet have a rep, why not consider sharing this role with a friend?

We will be having a parent rep forum next Monday 27 Feb and Tuesday 28 Feb. As always in the first term we will offer 2 sessions for your convenience. Tuesday 28 February 9:00am in the DISC Room and Monday 27 February 6:00pm—in the Seminar Room. If you think this is a role for you. Please let either your teacher know 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 Paulene Cook, our Admin Officer and PA to the Principal and Executive Staff.

What is your most favourite book?
There are many favourites that I would happily read over and over again....The Happiest Refugee by Anh Do, A Place Called Here by Cecelia Ahern, The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks.

Favourite book growing up?
The Little Red Caboose, The Magic Faraway Tree and all of the Famous Five and Secret Seven adventures.

Which book do you want to read next?
The Lyrebird, Cecelia Ahern

What are you reading at the moment?
The latest edition of Wellbeing Magazine
Greetings folks, recently I was marking in my diary “key dates” for the term, specifically the 28 Feb, as “Pancake day”. I was surprised to find that next Tuesday is Pancake Day, not just for the Samford State School community, but for many all around the world. This discovery piqued my interest, so I deferred to that modern font of all knowledge (Google) to find out more….

Pancake Day is the popular term, it is also known as Pancake Tuesday, or even Fat Tuesday, but it is traditionally called “Shrove Tuesday”. Shrove Tuesday precedes Ash Wednesday – the beginning of “Lent”. More about Lent another time, but suffice to say that Lent is a season of self denial, in preparation for Easter, where people would traditionally avoid foods containing fats, eggs and dairy products. So what do you do if the fridge (or whatever it’s Middle Ages/ pre-electricity equivalent was) is well stocked with milk and eggs the day before you begin Lent? The English tradition was to find a way to use them up fast. Hello warm, fluffy, golden fresh pancakes. Don’t waste the eggs, whisk them instead. Pancake Tuesday – the feast before the fast. Now if Lent is not part of our experience, as it hasn’t been mine, I’m not going to let that be an excuse not to enjoy the party beforehand. For more information, or to increase your general knowledge, why not do what I did and Google search Pancake/ Shrove Tuesday or Ash Wednesday – the beginning of “Lent”.

Looking forward to meeting you,

Dave Hockey & Kacie Ball
Chaplains

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Please see below some notes about our next P&C meeting & AGM. We encourage all parents to become a part of their school P&C.

- Our AGM and General P&C meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Monday 13 March in the Seminar Room.
- There will also be the opportunity to listen to the School Council nominations at the start of the AGM.
- Please see an outline of executive positions, which will become vacant at the AGM and a link to the executive nomination form.
- Click here for the link to the 2017 membership application form. These can be returned to the office or emailed to the P&C secretary. Please note that the AGM is the only meeting at which individuals can become a member of the P&C without having to attend the meeting and be ratified as a member - so we encourage you to get your membership form in and returned to the office or emailed to P&C Secretary before the AGM.
- All executive nomination forms and membership application forms are also available at the office for completion.

P&C Executive Team

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Thank you

We would like to say a big thank you to Neil Lossberg who kindly gives so much of his time to our school as the Chess Tutor for SEEP. He has taught our 3 boys to play chess which is so wonderful! All three love the game and the boys have gained so much confidence through him. They are now not afraid to challenge even adults. We appreciate all his patience, kindness and mentorship he brings to our school.

People like him make this school so special - thank you.

Edmund & Barbara Kienast (Daniel, Robert and Philip)

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SEEP REMINDER—CHESS

Please note that this Thursday 23 February, there will be no chess class due to the tutor being away. There will be a make up class held on Thursday 20 April next term. Please advise our SEEP Coordinator Martine shall you have any questions in regards to this change.

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Samford’s Leading Agency

Ray White
Samford
3289 1122
Update on Garden Installations

Through many calls and a few favours called upon, we have begun the planning for the construction of our wood fired pizza oven. We will be constructing the base out of besser blocks that are reinforced with a concrete top and then the fun will start.

The children will partake in a workshop on how to build a cob oven; this will involve the children getting very dirty so we will allocate this to a vacation care program. The children will then form the top of the oven, and follow the process through to the end when we will have a fully working cob pizza oven. We wish to encourage family involvement in this project and would love to see some families attend the workshop with the children and educators so we can further educate the wider community on how to use natural materials through a creative and meaningful project.

We hope to gather some of our materials from the local community so if there is anyone that can donate some besser blocks, concrete, timber for framing, and pit sand. If you are keen to donate or participate please let Kristy, Travis or Jo know down in OSHC, thank you in advance.

Bookings

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 night 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.

Uniform Compliance Award

Congratulations to Mia L from 5B and Lily C from 5C for being our Uniform Compliant students of the week.

Some quick reminders

- Look hot for your school photos. Buy a sparkling new polo before picture day.
- Sports socks for senior's available now.
- We are accepting all pre-loved uniforms. Please do not throw them out, we may be able to re-use, recycle and/or repurpose your items. Please donate them today.
- Swimming caps and bags available now.

Kylie Neville
Uniform Shop Convenor

Please keep toys at home

Please encourage your children to keep their toys at home, as a number of toys are trickling into OSHC and unfortunately there has been some toys go missing, some get lost or broken and most of all there are a lot of arguments between children. If your child has brought a toy from home we encourage it stay in their bags if this is not occurring. Should any issues arise the item will be collected and stored at the front desk for safe keeping until the child is collected by a family member.

OSHC 3430 9145
oshc.samford@gmail.com

Kristy, Jo & Travis
OSH Team

UNIFORM SHOP

Shop Hours
Tuesday 8:00 am 10:00 am
Thursday 2:00 pm 3:30 pm
Save time — Order online at:
www.flexischools.com.au

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Kylie Neville
Uniform Shop Convenor

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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.

**We have no volunteers for next Thursday 2 March.** If you can spare a few hours to volunteer please go to our online roster and put your name down. Also don't forget our Movie Passes we are giving away to all tuckshop volunteers this term.

**Tuckshop Hours**
Tuckshop will now be open after school each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons.
Before school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

*Jan Garland*
Tuckshop Convenor

Samford Valley Garden Centre have recently donated a large number of plants to our school. We will be ensuring these plants are nurtured and put into a more permanent home shortly. Thank you to Della and Derek Holden for your kind generosity in giving these plants to our school.

*Andrew Long*
Grounds Officer

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**Who’s who in the Library?**
Our 2017 Term 1 Library staff:
Deborah Gimson: Teacher Librarian Monday - Friday
Jodi Ferguson: Teacher Aide: Monday – Wednesday
Kerry Rosenberg: Teacher Aide: Friday
If you ever have any concerns or questions please feel free to approach any of us.

**Library Bags**
It's good to see most Prep, Year 1 & 2 children using Library bags for borrowing. These bags are very important for protecting the books. They're also a good storage place. No more lost books in the bookshelf or under the bed.

**Volunteers**
We are always looking for people to give us a hand with covering and repairing books. If this sounds like a job for you, please drop in and see us. We would certainly appreciate your help. There is always a cuppa on offer.

**Overdue Procedures**
As we’re going into the fourth week of borrowing, **overdues** are starting to occur. In our school we implement the following procedures:

1. Class overdue lists are given to teachers on a fortnightly basis.
2. On the third reminder a letter is sent home.

**Dates for overdue notices for this term:**

- **Tue 14 Feb** – First reminder – sent to the class last week.
- **Tues 28 Feb** – Second reminder – class overdue list to the class teacher.
- **Tues 14 Mar** – Third reminder – Individual letter sent home by Friday 17 Mar

Please feel free to contact us at any time throughout this process. We may even be able to give you some hints about some of the more unusual places to look for missing books. **Happy Reading**

*Deb, Jodi & Kerry Librarians*
Many people have contributed to the Prep Playspace in one way or another through its journey so far.... a little way to go, but I thought it timely to recap on where we have been to give us all the energy and the drive to carry us forward towards its completion!!

Playspace Update
I have had many people ask me lately how the idea originated so here is the Playspace journey so far....From a small idea that originated from Suzanne Carstairs in a P1 Committee meeting back in 2016 the P1 Committee and Prep—Year 2 Staff thought it was a wonderful idea. Throughout 2016, the P1 Committee worked hard to raise as much funds through their various fundraising events - Under 8’s Day Sausage Sizzle, Samford Show Raffle, Prep Tea Towels and the Junior Disco. Whilst this was going on, the teachers and students in Prep (2016) put their heads together to come up with a concept of what the space should look like. The concept design was put to the P&C and they agreed to unanimously to go ahead. Andrew Long and Terry Rowbottom (our wonderful school groundsmen) worked tirelessly on the first stage of the project, the deck. Josh C, has taken on the roll of assisting with the creek irrigation and Christian B assisted with some earthworks. The idea of a ‘working bee’ was then thrown into the mix and a date was set for Sat 18 Feb.

A huge thank you to a group 20 fabulous parents that volunteered their Saturday morning on the weekend to assist at a working bee to move the project into its next phase. - Aaron M, Lauren C, Paulo S, Adrian T, Jo F, Adam F, Grant T, Bruce S, Stewart K, Liz C, Glenn C, Darren B, David H, Bec P, Kate G, Matt G, and of course our wonderful staff that always go above and beyond here at Samford State School - Terry R, Jane S, Jodi B and Mathew P a huge thanks you!

We are now looking at employing a carpenter to complete the deck section of the project (finishing the bridge, adding the rails and polycarbonate and installing the tin along the base/under the deck) . If you know of anyone who would like to quote the job, please contact me.

Terry will continue to work on bits and pieces during the next few weeks when he has a spare day not doing ‘Groundsmen Duties’ and there has been some talk about when the ‘next’ working bee is.

So if you are interested to assist in our next working bee next Saturday 4 March please email Laura. This will operate between 7am—12 noon.

We are aiming for the students to access the space by Week 7, Monday 6 March.

Thanks once again. I am sure once opened to the students this great Playspace will have many rewarding learning and developmental opportunities for them whilst playing in an engaging environment.

Laura Thompson
P1 Committee
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Samford State School
2017 School Photos

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 $40 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.

MSP Photography values the importance of keeping your child's information safe. All MSP Photography images are sent over secure to our secure dedicated production facility. There, the images are stored on servers, where physical access is restricted to IT staff and electronic access is controlled by industry standard authentication controls. The production facility network is protected from unauthorised outside access by enterprise grade firewall and virus protection. The portrait download site is housed in the same facility. Portraits on our download site are stored without ANY personal data identifying the student and it is also protected by a two-part 16 random character password. There are 100,000 possible combinations for this password, provided that the password and QR code, which is printed on the portrait itself, is kept in a secure place by the customer and these codes are not shared online or otherwise, the digital portrait image will be only accessible online by the customer.

It’s Time To Smile!

SAMFORD STATE SCHOOL

Meet the Farmer Series:
Healthy Soil = Healthy Food = Healthy People

25th February 2017
Compost! Compost! Compost!
10am – 12 noon
Free workshop: registration essential

20th March 2017
9am – 12 noon
Tickets $50

26th April 2017
It all begins with a great bed!
10am – 12 noon
Free workshop: registration essential

27th May 2017
9am – 12 noon
Tickets $50

24th June 2017
Water, water everywhere....but how do you keep it where you need it?
10am – 12 noon
Free workshop: registration essential

Workshops

Mediterranean Seasonal Cooking School
Robert Boussima from Lebanese Feast
Cooking delicious traditional Mediterranean food with chef, Robert Boussima, using seasonal ingredients grown at Millen Farm and surrounds.

8th March 2017
8.30am – 1.30 pm
$125 (includes a sumptuous lunch)

7th May 2017
9am – 12 noon
$65 (includes morning tea)

28th May 2017
8.30am – 1 pm
$85 (includes morning tea + Materials $65)

Raising Chickens For Eggs
Kate Valge from Beautiful Chickens
Learn this hands-on workshop with the confidence and knowledge of how to raise happy and healthy chickens for egg production.

3rd June 2017
9am – 12 noon
$65 (includes morning tea)

Collecting Stingless Bee Honey
Robert Latrell & Bob the Beeman
Do you already have a native stingless bee colony in a box? Bob will provide introductory information about the bee stories, a design for collecting the honey and demonstrations for extracting the honey. As well, if you built a native bee hive last year with bob, you will have the opportunity to construct the 4th floor to your box. If you do not possess a $60 the beemstar box, he offers a “universal” level to suit any 20cm x 20cm box.

Raising Chickens For The Pot
Scott Latrell from Local Pastures
A comprehensive overview of raising meat chickens including hands-on experience of how to humanely butcher chickens and prepare them for the plate.

Eventbrite
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
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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

For more details contact Nicole O’Sullivan
Children and Families Parent, 0410 746 456
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