



Samford State School
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Week 5 Term 1, 2021

24 February 2021

Principal's Message

School Council Nominations Open

As we promoted at the recent 'Meet the Teacher' parent information evenings, School Council nominations for the 2021-2023 tenure are now open for two parent positions and two staff positions.

Under the School Council Constitution, School Council members maintain their position for two years. This means that every year we have a 50% turnover of our 8 elected members of our School Council team. Over the last few years, our School Council has been instrumental in developing our school values, mapping out a direction for the STEAM curriculum, the development of the POD (Place of Design) thanks to the wonderful support of the P&C, and creating our four year Strategic Plan.

Our School Council also plays a crucial role in monitoring the school's improvement agenda and ensuring alignment to our agreed upon plans, goals and targets. In essence, our School Council plays a significant role in shaping and monitoring the strategic direction of the school, which has a direct impact on student outcomes and opportunities.

Nominations for our School Council Membership open today. **Click [here](#) to download a nomination form.**

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, but I am certain you will not only get to know our school better, you will find the time rewarding.

Below is a reminder of the key dates:

24 February Nominations Open

Collect forms and information from the office or online [here](#). Please return the form to:

- school front desk during school hours;
- email Chaplain Josslyn on jcath27@eq.edu.au; or
- mail to Returning Officer, c/- Chaplain Josslyn, Samford State School, PO Box 854, Samford 4520

11 March 3:00pm Nominations close.

15 March P&C Annual General Meeting - Face to face voting begins at the P&C AGM.

16 March Online voting process begins - one vote per parent. Parents sent individual email.

22 March 2:00pm voting closes.

Elected members option to attend Samford State School Council meeting on this evening as observers.

17 May New members officially appointed at School Council Meeting - 6:30pm.

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 promoting 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 between 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

School Emergencies

Nothing like a good headline to grab attention. In two week's time we will be having a practice 'Lock Down' at school. In Term 2 we will then have a practice fire drill. Even though this is a practice, any person in the school must adhere to the lockdown and evacuation procedures. Our teachers will teach and explain this process to our students. We remind students that the most likely cause for a lockdown in schools is storms or unknown dogs roaming the school.

Part of our Emergency Response Plan is also to contact parents in the event of a real emergency. This will be done through our SMS system where we can send a text to all parent mobile phones simultaneously or via email, depending on the situation. Now is a good time to make sure that your contact details are up to date on our system. You can do this via QParents or by completing a 'Contact Details Update Form' and emailing administration on admin@samfordss.eq.edu.au.

Brad Clark
Principal

School absences contact before 9:00am

School absence line: (07) 3430 9160

School email: absences@samfordss.eq.edu.au

Advise via QParents App

OSHC Absence Line: (07) 3430 9145

All student messages MUST be received by 2:30pm

Respect

Citizenship

Growth Mindset

Curiosity

Kindness

Administration



Interschool Sport Starts Next Week (Week 6)

Invoices for Interschool Sport bus travel will be sent out to families in Year 4, 5 and 6 shortly. Students participating in all off-campus sports will be able to travel on the busses for the first week, regardless of payment status. All bus payments will be due by the following Thursday, 11 March 2021 (Week 7).

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SPORT - Year 4, 5 and 6

HATS REMINDER

Students in Year 4, 5 and 6 attending interschool sport on Fridays are required to have their school hat at school. Their hat is their pass to go on the bus. To ensure your child is able to attend sport, please make sure they have their school hat.

Position Vacant - Cleaner



A position within our School cleaning team has become available. This position is a split shift, Monday to Friday, 3 hours per shift, totalling 30 hours per week. Please supply a one page resume and a brief outline of your employment history to Nunzi Hyde, Business Manager, via email [here](#). Must have a blue-card to start. For further information, please contact reception on ph 3430 9111. All applications are to be received by close of business, Friday 5 March 2021.

Term Payments

A friendly reminder that Term 1 payments, including the interschool sports levy, were due on Friday 12 February. If you have an outstanding invoice, please make payment via the QKR app or via the payment window.

Amenities Refurbishment

Our school has been selected to be part of the Department's 'Washroom Refurbishment Program'. This will commence on Monday, 1 March 2021 (Week 6). Please be aware there will be additional vehicles in our carparks and our K block toilet (closest to the tuckshop) will have safety fencing erected around it, excluding it from use. Only the front side of the block will be refurbished at this time, so all students will be asked to use the rear of the amenities block whilst refurbishment is undertaken.

Nunzi Hyde, Business Manager, & the Administration Team

Upcoming events

MONDAY

22 February

Senior Assembly
(Yr 4-6)

School Council Meeting

TUESDAY

23 February

Junior Assembly
(Prep-Yr 1)

Prep Vision Screening

WEDNESDAY

24 February

School Council
Nominations Open

Prep Vision Screening

MN Swimming 10-12 yrs

THURSDAY

25 February

Prep Vision Screening

FRIDAY

26 February

Prep Imagination Day
(Dress Up Day)

Year 1 'Future' Day
(Dress Up Day)

WEEK 5

1 March

Parent Rep Meetings
9:00am / 1:30pm
Seminar Room

Student Leadership
Camp

2 March

Junior Assembly
(Year 2-3)

Student Leadership
Camp

3 March

4 March

5 March

Interschool Sport Starts
P1 Committee Meeting
9:00am POD

WEEK 6

8 March

Senior Assembly
(Yr 4-6)

Prep AB Bunyaville-AM
Prep CD Bunyaville-PM

9 March

Junior Assembly
(Prep-Yr 1)

10 March

Yr 5 Reptile Adventures

11 March

School Council
Nominations Close
3:00pm

Yr 5 Reptile Adventures

12 March

Interschool Sport

WEEK 7

School Council

School Council Elections



Are you interested in joining the School Council? We are seeking both new Parent and Staff Representatives for 2021. Elections will be held in March. If you are interested in becoming a member of our School Council or would like more information, please speak to a current School Council member (by emailing [here](#)).

Nominations are NOW OPEN and forms and information can be collected from the office or by downloading the nomination form [here](#). Nominations close at 3:00pm on Thursday 11 March 2021. A role description can be downloaded [here](#).

What it means to be on School Council

Want to know more? [Read about our current School Council members and learn why they joined the School Council.](#)

Amanda Holding
School Council Chair

Student Leaders

Year 3 Leaders for Term 1

Last week at assembly, our first Year 3 student leaders for Term 1 received their badges from Mr Clark. Year 3 students completed a self-reflection tool on how well they demonstrate our school values of Kindness, Respect, Curiosity, Growth Mindset and Citizenship.

Students then wrote speeches about how they model our school values and presented their speeches to their class.

Well done to all the students who showed courage in presenting a speech to their classmates. Congratulations to our Term 1 Year 3 student leaders:



3A- Sophie G. and Ben J.A.
3B- Charlie K. and Chloe O.
3C- Indi B. and Paola S.S.
3D- Andrew T. and Amelia O.
3E- Caden W. and Eloise F.



We wish them a wonderful term of growth in their leadership positions.

Donna Maguire
Deputy Principal - Year 2 & 3

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P&C News

Big news! At our P&C meeting last week, we discussed the allocation of \$200k to be spent across learning, play spaces and infrastructure this year. Ideas were shared from Brad and attendees, and children will have their say prior to a survey being sent out to parents in the coming weeks.

Your input is important so please take a couple of minutes of your time to fill it in! Decisions will then be made at the next P&C meeting on 15 March 2021.

We also approved funds for sound-proofing the library (much needed, particularly for those children who use this as a quiet space during break times) and replacing the microphone/sound system in the hall.

Our AGM is next month, Monday 15 March 2021 at 6:30pm in the Seminar Room. As usual, at the AGM all Executive positions will become vacant and volunteers will be sought to take on these roles. The existing President and Secretary roles will not be nominated by the current volunteers in those roles so if you are interested in an Exec role, please let us know. The P&C cannot function without volunteers and is an integral part of the school community.

In case you aren't aware, members are required to renew their membership each year. The AGM is the only meeting of the year where you are not required to be present in order to have your membership approved. Please [click here](#) for a current 2021 membership form or collect one from the front office.

Claire Limbrick
P&C President

P1 Committee

What is the P1 Committee?

The P1 Committee was formed a few years back to raise funds for special projects dedicated just for the Preps and the Year 1's of Samford State School. The P1 Committee is a group of Mums (and Dads too) that get together every now and then and put forth ideas to help raise funds for extra equipment and items for the Preps and Year 1's. It is also a great way to meet other parents and to get involved at the school.

The special projects that are approved by the P&C that we fundraise at are:

- Bake Sale at the Junior School Cross Country
- Under 8's Day BBQ
- Junior School Disco in Term 4
- Organise Prep Tea Towels in Term 4

Here are some amazing ideas where our funds have gone to in previous years:

- Playscape in the Prep area (with waterfall etc)
- Headphones for iPads for the classrooms
- Ergonomic furniture for the classrooms
- Toys for the Prep and Year 1's for lunch time play i.e. balls

We are currently confirming the school calendar and then we will be asking for volunteers to help organise each of the fundraising activities. These are all repeatable activities so we have run sheets of what needs to be done when, so many hands will make the tasks light. Our first meeting is on Friday 5 March (Week 6) at 9:00am on the POD (Makerspace) – we would love for you to join us for our first meeting this year – why not bring a friend!

If you would like to help or you have some amazing ideas of where our funds should go, please do not hesitate to contact myself, tahnee.ross@intersystems.com.

Tahnee Ross
P1 Committee



Next P&C Meeting:

A.G.M.
Monday Night
15 March 2021

6:30pm
Seminar Room

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Values In Action

Respect for the Environment

This fortnight our school focuses on respect for the environment. We are lucky to live in such beautiful natural surroundings here in Samford. Caring for our environment is an integral part of our commitment to living with respect.

There are lots of simple things we already do every day in our school to show respect to our environment. When we stay on the paths and out of gardens and when we give space to animals in our school we are showing respect. When we put rubbish in the bin, use our resources mindfully and conserve water and energy we are also showing respect to our environment.

There are also many opportunities for our school community to do better. This fortnight we invite everyone to consider the ways we can respect our environment and make a commitment to change one behaviour that will contribute to a healthier planet for everyone.

What can you and your family pledge to do this year?



Deb Rennick
Guidance Officer



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Student Council

Community Libraries

In Term 3 last year, the Student Council held a Pyjama and Movie Day which raised \$1963.70 for the purchase of mini 'communities' libraries for Samford State School.

They have now arrived and we have the exciting project of painting them and we need your help! If you are an arty, crafty Mum or Dad, or even if you aren't arty crafty but you like to paint, we would love you to help us! OSHC are painting one of them, and we have two more that are ready for painting. The painting can be done at home or you are welcome to come up one day and help us paint.

If you would like to help, please email Kimberley Maguire on kmagu39@eq.edu.au.

Kimberley Maguire
Year 5 Teacher/Student Council



Student Fundraiser

Come and Support Iona, Bronte and Freya!

Year 4 students Iona M, Bronte F and Year 1 student Freya M are raising money for Breast Cancer Support and Research and would love your support!

Over the next two Friday afternoons straight after school, starting THIS Friday, 5 March 2021, the girls will be holding a stall in front of the stage in the tuckshop area where they will be selling a variety of pink items, including cupcakes and wrist bands to help raise money for their cause.

Then on Sunday, 7 March 2021, the girls will take part in the RACQ International Women's Day 5km Fun Run!

So please come along and support their stall and help fundraise to make a positive impact for women affected by breast cancer.

*thank
you*

Belinda Smith
Community Liaison Officer



Tuckshop



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Mon - Fri
From 8:00 am
Breakfast, 1st and 2nd breaks

Ph: 0477 537 465

Uniform Shop



Shop Hours

Tuesday 8:00am - 10:00am
Wednesday 8:00am - 10:00am
Thursday 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Online Ordering through QKR
Samford.uniforms@gmail.com

Inter-School Sports Lunch Packs



Inter-school Sports lunch packs will be available to order for **Year 4, 5 and 6 students** on Fridays, starting next week (Week 6), 5 March 2021.

The pack will include a sandwich, frozen popper, chips and a piece of fruit. The sports lunch packs will be available to order on the

Qkr! app for \$8.00 and will be delivered to students at **1st break only** on Fridays. (Please do not order for 2nd break).

How to Cancel a Tuckshop Order

If you have already ordered and paid for a tuckshop order and wish to cancel it, for example, when your child is sick, follow the below instructions. The tuckshop is not informed when a child is sick unless the parents inform us themselves.

Q. How do I cancel food orders that have already been paid for?

A. To cancel a food order from your itemized eReceipt:

1. Open Qkr! and tap Activity.
2. Scroll down to 'Order History' and sign in with your password.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.
4. If your eReceipt contains food orders for more than one child, you will need to cancel one by one.

OR

To cancel a food order from the calendar view:

1. Open Qkr! and select the relevant menu.
2. Tap on the tick icon on the date for which you want to cancel the order.
3. Tap the red circle with a minus symbol on the order to be cancelled. Select the entire order or individual items to cancel and tap 'OK'.

Cancelled items are shown in red on your eReceipt confirming they have been cancelled and a credit is available for future food orders. The value of any credits will be automatically deducted from your next Qkr! food order.

Please contact your school office to cancel any other (non-food) school payments according to school policy.

Change of Opening Hours

Great news! The Uniform Shop is re-opening on Thursday afternoons from 2:00pm until 3:30pm.

NEW SHOP HOURS

Tuesday 8:00am - 10:00am
Wednesday 8:00am - 10:00am
Thursday 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Kylie Neville
Uniform Shop

Update Student Profile On Qkr!

There are some children who are still recorded in the Qkr! App as being in last year's class. Please check and update your child's profile on the app, ensuring they are listed in the correct year level AND class for 2021.

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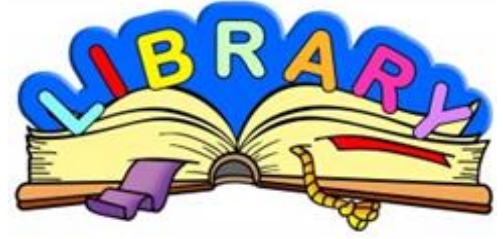
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Overdue Books

As we're going into the fifth week of borrowing, **overdues** are starting to occur. Borrowers can only lend a new book providing they don't have any overdue books. Loans can be renewed by taking the book/s to the library and requesting a renewal.



Book Club

Book Club is back again for 2021. Catalogues will be issued soon to students by their classroom teacher. Payment options and order due date will be attached to the catalogues.



Happy Reading,

Deb, Jodie & Kerry
Library



Reading Eggs 2021

Why Has It Gone?



As part of the SRS, our school subscribes your child to various curriculum based digital resources. We are now using an array of different applications as suited to each year level's curriculum needs. The \$20.00 fee that is included in the SRS covers these subscription costs. For many years we have used Reading Eggs.

This year Samford State made the decision not to use Reading Eggs.

As you may have heard at the Meet the Teacher parent information night or in your class teacher's communication, we are in the process of changing some of our Literacy practices to align with high quality, evidence-based practice in learning to read.

There are a number of reasons we have decided not to use Reading Eggs including:

- AUSPELD, the association that guides Australian schools on how to teach children with learning difficulties, has removed ABC Reading Eggs from its list of recommended resources for parents and teachers.
- The program lacks the explicit and sequential instruction many students need when learning to read.
- In some parts of the Reading Eggs program children are encouraged to use picture-guessing and memorising whole words, both strategies that children should not be using.

We will be investigating other apps that align with evidence-based practice in teaching reading.

Donna Maguire
Deputy Principal - Year 2 & 3

Parent Rep Meeting

Time to Chat!



Next Monday, 1 March 2021 (Week 6), your Parent Rep will be attending our first Parent Rep meeting for 2021! If you have anything that you would like discussed on the agenda, please let your Parent Rep know as soon as possible.

If you have a question that you weren't quite sure who to ask, or you have a great suggestion you'd like to offer or something interesting to share, now is the time to let your Parent Rep know! Communication and feedback are vital to foster growth and positivity!

I look forward to seeing our Parent Reps next week.

Belinda Smith
Community Liaison Officer

Kilometre Club

It's Coming! - Starts Week 7

Kilometre Club is coming back! Kilometre Club is essentially training for the inter-house cross country. All Prep to Year 6 students, parents and staff are welcome to attend. Please note - Kilometre Club will be cancelled in the event of wet weather.

Days: **TO BE ADVISED**
Time: 8:00am - 8:30am
Place: Senior Oval

John Picken
Head of P.E.



Music

Senior String Ensemble

Senior String Ensemble has started for 2021!

All strings students in Year 4-6 please attend rehearsals on Friday morning, in the hall, starting at 7:45am.

It's been a great start, we look forward to seeing you all there on Friday.



Bridget Anese & Mandy Colen
Music Teacher

Reminder

Samford State School 'Alumni Photo in the Park' Year 6's of 2020

Photo in your high school uniform

Friday 19 March 2021 at 4:00pm

John Scott Park stage

Photo to be taken at 4:15pm.

Photo will be cancelled in bad weather

Story Dogs



Looking for 4-legged friends!

Do you have a well behaved, fairly obedient dog who likes to be around children? Do you have a couple of hours free each week of the school terms? Then you and your dog could help the children of Samford State School become confident, accomplished readers.

If you are keen but not sure your dog is up to it at the moment, call or email the story dog coordinator. There

is a process to go through, and all dogs have to pass an assessment, but you are supported through the process by your coordinator. Also, please check out the webpage for lots of information on Story Dogs at www.storydogs.org.au.

Story Dogs is a volunteer program started in 2009 in Murwillumbah, NSW. It is based on an American program called Reading Education Assistance Dogs (READ) which has been going for 15 years. Story Dogs improves children's reading and communication skills by employing a powerful method – reading to lovable, gentle dogs.

Why dogs? Learning to read is often less about intellectual limitation than about overcoming fears. "Fear can destroy intelligence," says educator William Ayers. *Animals are ideal reading companions because they help increase relaxation and lower blood pressure, listen attentively, do not judge, laugh or criticise, allow children to proceed at their own pace, and are less intimidating than peers or adults.* (source: www.therapyanimals.org/read/).

Hilary Paull. Story Dog Coordinator North West Brisbane

Ph: 32894152 or 0401 935 750

Email: hilary@storydogs.org.au



Amanda Taylor
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Imagination!

The children have greeted the start of the year with amazing engineering abilities!

They have designed and constructed rocket stations and ships out of Lego, marble maze tracks with various exits and routes, re-purposed and up-cycled material into robots and discovered an interest in the 7th century game, Mancala.

The growth and imagination of the children is endless and we always look forward to each day and week of what we will discover, learn and teach each other.

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Kristy, Bubbles, Travis & the OSHC Team



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