Term 1, No.1
Friday, 05 February, 2016

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Note: This calendar will be added to as future activities are confirmed.

From the Principal

Welcome to school for 2016!
We have continued our journey to grow our school and we welcomed 21 new Prep students and 7 students in other year levels.

PLAYGROUND
Thanks to our P&C our new playground was completed over the holidays and students have been exploring the different elements over the past week and a half. There are special colour codes for the playground and students are to keep their shoulders below the level of all RED BARS.

PARKING
The carpark nearest to the pool is available for parents to drop off and collect students.

A reminder that only staff or Current Permit holders are able to use the top carpark in the morning or afternoon. Recently some of our staff were unable to access the staff car park because all spaces were taken. On some days we have over 30 staff requiring car parks. I will be working with permit holders to ensure the closure of the gates for all other drivers.

The safety of our children is at stake.

SWIMMING
Many thanks to all our parent helpers who braved our hot days to help out with swimming lessons (not that I am jealous!)

IMPROVEMENT AGENDA
Each year we work hard to improve our school performance and curriculum delivery with the aim of being the best possible school for our children and their families. In 2016 we will have as our foci improving our:

A. COMMUNICATION with:
   - Students
   - Staff
   - Families
   - Local Community

B. READING
We will improve Reading through:
- Staff training
- Individual student goals
- High expectations
- Regular explicit teaching

✓ Regular assessment for learning
✓ Allocation of resources
✓ Before school Reading Club
✓ Recognition of achievement
✓ Implementation of a whole-school Reading Program

C. BEHAVIOUR
We have joined a regional initiative to become a Positive Behaviour for Learning School. Mrs French will lead the implementation of this initiative building on all the positive processes we already have in place.

SCHOOL AUDITS
Shortly we will have a Business Audit which will provide us with information to improve our business management processes at our school. Following this audit the School Improvement Unit will visit for several days to assess our Teaching and Learning processes. The auditors will also speak to some of our families. If you are interested in providing feedback to the group please let me know. After this visit I will work with our staff and our regional Lead Principal to address areas of growth which will then be presented to our school community for feedback.

Yours in Education,
Janet Bannan

CLASS CORNER
We would like to welcome all our new little Preppies and their families to Somerset Hills State School. The children have all now settled in to the routine of having to come to school EVERY day and wearing our shoes ALL day. The children have now met most of the staff and had walks around the school. We have survived the hot days and have
enjoyed playtimes in the air conditioned library. On Wednesday we all hopped in the pool with Mrs North and had a wonderful time learning how to put our face in the water and blow bubbles. Mrs Stockhill has already started to teach them a song which will be performed at the Easter Hat Parade. As always the Preps are all very popular and we enjoy having the older students come to visit and help when they can.  

Mrs Cash

And finally remember:

“I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.”

— Maya Angelou

CHAPPIE NEWS

Hello and welcome back to school. My name is Bev Brown and I have the privilege of serving this school as the chaplain. I volunteered last here at Somerset Hills and, this year, have been fortunate enough to be employed officially. So I will be at the school every Thursday.

Let me start by sharing a little about myself. I have been married for 25 years this year and have 3 young adult children, a daughter and two sons. In 2012 my family and I emigrated from South Africa to Australia and we all love this country.

I have a degree in Social Work and worked with adoptions and foster care families in South Africa. I started working as a chaplain in 2013 at Petrie State School, where I still work two days a week. I love being a chaplain and look forward to serving my school community.

As soon as I’ve found my feet here at Somerset Hills, I will set up an opportunity for parents and carers to meet me. Until then if you see me around the school, please come over and say “Hi”.

If you would like to contact me for anything, the best way to do that at this stage is via email. My email address is beverleyb@chappy.org.

Best Beach outfit (female)
Day: Saturday
Date: 13 July
Time: 12-3pm.

A reminder to parents/carers to notify the school about your child’s health

Somerset Hills State School is committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing, and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff required to supporting your child.

For any enquiries, please contact the school office on telephone 3624 2222.

UNIFORM SHOP

Our large order of new school uniforms have arrived and are now available from our uniform shop.
ATTENDANCE
Our target for each student is 96% for the year. This equates to less than 2 days per term absent from school. If your child arrives late for school or leaves early please let our office know so that we can code the absence on our rolls.

In 2016 we celebrate Somerset Hills SS 50th anniversary. We are holding a meeting on Feb 10th at 7pm in the Library to discuss how we will celebrate this fantastic achievement for our school. Please come along and contribute to our 'Brains Trust'!

CIRCUS SKILLS AT SOMERSET HILLS!
A new circus skills program will be starting on Thursdays from 3:15-4:15pm in the Somerset Hills School Hall. Learning circus skills is a great way for children to develop coordination, flexibility, strength and concentration in a fun and supportive environment. The classes are open to children in grades 1-6 and the term fee is $80. Classes start on the 11th of February. To make a booking, email claires.circus.school@gmail.com or phone 0439 532 299. For more information visit www.clairescircusschool.com.

GREATER BRISBANE JUNIOR TENNIS (GBJT) conducts weekly tennis fixtures at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson and The University of Queensland for children up to 18 years of age. Grading day for new players is to be held on Sunday 7 February at the Queensland Tennis Centre, Tennyson from 3pm to 5pm. Further information is available at www.gbjt.org.au or by phoning Mrs Peta Davis on 3374 0516.

WEST ARANA TOUCH
Registrations are open for U10, U12, U14, BOYS, GIRLS, MIXED (Min 2 GIRLS)
$80 FOR 8 WEEK COMPETITION
All players to register individually through following link:
INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FORM - https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regform.cgi?formID=55521

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Open Day
Sat 20 Feb
1pm - 4pm
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