Principal's Report

Mrs. Kat Bloxham - Jnr 2

Many thanks to staff, students and parents for your patience whilst we worked through the additional allocation process.

Ima Star Launch

You're invited to the launch of our very special Ima Star. Come along on Tuesday the 28th at 9:15am in the Hall and learn all about Ima and the opportunity to meet and take a photo with our very own Super Star. Following the launch there will be class room activities.

GREAT NEWS!
Metropolitan Regional Office approved our application for an additional teacher due to the growth in our student numbers post Day 8. After interview several teachers we welcome Mrs Kat Bloxham who has been contracted to be our year 2 teacher for the remainder of 2017. This has resulted in a re-jigging of classes and class names. Our classes will now be:

Prep  Mrs Cash
Jnr 1 (Year 1)  Mrs French
Jnr 2 (Year 2)  Mrs Kat
Jnr 3 (Year 2/3) Mrs Sharley
Snr 1 (Year 4) Mrs Banks
Snr 2 (Years 5/6) Mrs Martin/ Mrs English

Mrs French and Mrs Sharley were consulted to nominate students from the Year 2 class to become part of the 2/3 class. Consideration was given to student age, social groups and academic grouping. At the end of the year we will go through a similar process to choose students for the composite class for 2018.

A clever parent has come up with an idea for a whole school vertical garden with each child having ownership of their part of the garden. To get this started we are after clean plastic 1.25 litre soft drink bottles (only 1 per child). If you have a bottle please send it along to the box in the hall foyer.
Welcome to all the new families in 2017. There was a big turn out of families at the Welcome Beach Party and it was a great way to catch up and cool off on such a hot day.

Our first P&C meeting was on Tuesday night and with the news of a new teacher and new classroom being used, the P&C approved the installation of air conditioning to the extra classroom upstairs in B Block. We hope that the current Junior 1 and Junior 2 classes have been enjoying their recently air conditioned rooms. The P&C has committed funds to ensure that all classrooms are air conditioned this year. Once the renovations are completed in A Block later this year, air conditioning will be installed and then all students and teachers will have the benefit of cool rooms. The cold water fountains have just been put in near the library, so big steps are being made in improving the comfort of our children.

Then the next day, Saturday 11th March, there’s a School Working Bee from 8-10am. We’ll be doing some light gardening work to help beautify the school and also some packing up of some books in the Library in preparation for the Library renovations. We’ll pack up at 10am and then have a swim in the pool from 10:30-11:30am. Bring your children to the working bee – they can help too and it gives them a real sense of ownership of their school.

The Bunnings BBQ on 25th February has been postponed and we’ll have a date allocated for some time in Term 2.

The P&C AGM will be on Tuesday, 14th March at 8pm following the regular meeting at 6pm. More information will be sent out shortly. If anyone would like to join the P&C for the 2017 year, please see Anita or Dee for a membership form or ask for one at the office.

You can sponsor our School by searching ‘Somerset Hills State School’ on www.worldsgreatestshave.com

Our staff are helping to beat blood cancer by taking part in the Leukaemia Foundation’s World’s Greatest Shave!

Please sponsor us to give Aussie families facing blood cancer the emotional and practical support they need. You will also help fund vital research so more people survive blood cancers like lymphoma, leukaemia and myeloma.
Active School Travel Program for 2017

SHSS Participated in the BCC Active School Travel Program over the last 3 years. This program finished in 2016.

We will continue to run our own Active Travel in 2017 using what we have learnt from this program and adjusting it to suit our school.

The 2017 Active School Travel program will have Active Travel days on Wednesday and Friday.

To be Active in the morning before school and/or in the afternoon after school you can;

- walk
- ride a bike
- ride a scooter
- park and stride (drive part way to or from school and walk the rest)
- catch public transport (eg Bus)
- car pool (drive with another family to or from school)

Prizes will be awarded at the milestones throughout the year and presented to students at the end of each term. The 2016 passport counts have been reset to 0 to start 2017. The milestones are 6, 14, 24, 36, 50, and 72

To be eligible for the prizes, students who are active on Wednesday and/or Friday will need to meet outside the library between 8:30 – 8:45 on Wednesday and Friday to have their name ticked off.

Each Wednesday we will tally the number of students from each class to determine the winner of the “Active Star Trophy” which will be announced on assembly each Monday.

During the year we will hold group events for the active travel program. Details will be announced when they are on via flyers, Facebook and assemblies.