Calendar
22 October - 50th Anniversary Celebrate our 50th birthday! Come along and celebrate with us from 1:30pm to 5:30pm. There will be guest speakers, student performances, Bush Garden re-dedication, a tour of the school, cake cutting, photographs from 1966 to today, plus fairy floss, pop corn and much much more!
- 6:00pm to late Evening Event; come along and reunite with old friends. There’ll be a cash bar, guest speakers, a DJ spinning tunes from the 70s, 80s & 90s and finger foods served until 7:30pm.
28 October - World Teacher’s Day morning tea

Principal’s Report
What a great week of activities to celebrate our 50th birthday!

The Art Show on Wednesday showcased our talented students through Visual, Musical and Performing Arts. Congratulations to our student artists who drew, painted, sculpted and crafted their art for display and huge thanks to staff for teaching their classes the art techniques. Thanks also to all our staff and volunteers who worked many hours to make the display so memorable.

Our Instrumental Music and Extension Music Programs were ably led by Mrs van Gaalen and Mrs Stockill who prepared the student performances ‘under the fairy lights’. Many of our students have talents in multiple area and we are very proud of all their achievements. Our dramatic performance of “The Dragon Returns” was a fine example of ‘the show must go on’ and all performers are to be commended for the way they handled the technical issues. Many thanks to parents for hard work in making costumes and putting make-up on the performers.

The Colour Run on Thursday was an opportunity for children and some parents to make their lives a little bit more colourful. We ran the Colour Run as an Orienteering event on the oval. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped to turn our students into rainbow runners.

Our Quadrennial School Review and School Review provides the basis for our next 4 year plan. This plan becomes the strategic driver behind the direction we will move in for the next 4 years. I encourage parents to give feedback as the plan is gradually released.

- Janet Bannah - Principal

Attendance
School attendance has improved considerably since the same time last year. The majority of our classes now regularly have attendance above 92% - Well done families!

Attendance for October to date:
Jnr 1 95%
Jnr 2 95%
Jnr 3 92%
Snr 1 96%
Snr 2 95%
Positive Behaviour For Learning
Soon you will start to see our icon Ima around the school reminding our students of the expectations for activities such as lining up, moving around the school and using the pool. Ima will also appear in classrooms encouraging students to follow school rules. Ima is always a STAR. Ima is Safe, Trustworthy, Active and Respectful.

Enrolment reminders
Prep: If you have or know of a prep who is still to be enrolled for 2017 please contact the office as soon as possible to help with our preparations for next year.
Year 6: Parents of any Year 6 students who are not yet enrolled in high school for 2017 may contact the office for enrolment assistance.

Volunteers Needed
Swimming
Without our wonderful parental helpers we cannot have swimming classes. Volunteers are needed in the pool and out of the pool. If you could spare some time to help out on Wednesdays or Fridays please contact the office on 3624 2222.

Reading Club
Volunteers are always required to listen to our enthusiastic before school readers. If you can help out from 8:30am-8:50am on any day Tuesday to Friday please drop into the library. We are looking forward to our first student reaching the 400 Days of Reading milestone.

Chess
Enrolments are now being taken for Term 4 Chess coaching at Somerset Hills State School. New students are always welcome, so come along Thursday mornings (7:30am – 8:30am) for a free trial. For more information contact Chess coach Brodie McClymont on 0405 135 130 or by email to info@chesspeople.com.au

Outdoor Education
Somerset Hills Outdoor Education Policy will be sent home before the end of the year. This policy will outline the planned events for Outdoor education for 2017 and beyond. Approximate costs (based on 2016 prices) will be included. Students in each year level will have part of the curriculum delivered through enjoyment in activities outside of the classroom which may include picnics, sleepovers at school and camps.

Library
Please check at home for any library books that may have slipped under beds or become hidden in cupboards as we have a large number of overdue or missing books. Library borrowing will continue until Friday 25 November.