Principal’s Prattle

SCHOOL VISION AND VALUES

Over the past two terms the staff, parents and students have been working together to develop new Values and Vision for the school. These Values and Vision were sent out during third term for feedback. The feedback has been taken on board and the final document has been produced.

This week I have included our Mission and what we aim for our teachers and parents at South St.

Our Teachers:

- Have high expectations, are motivated and enthusiastic to ensure students grow in their learning.
- Believe that all students can learn
- Build positive relationships and communicate with students, parents and colleagues to create a safe and nurturing environment.
- Are lifelong learners that work collaboratively to develop and implement best practice.

Our Parent Community:

- Develop positive and respectful relationships with the school to support their child’s education and social and emotional development.
- Supporting their child by actively being involved in their child’s education and making sure they attend school every day.

PARENT REQUESTS FOR CHILDREN TO 2016 GRADES

If you have a specific request of an exceptional nature, which may affect the placement of your child, please put your request in writing and send it to me by Friday 20th November. Within your request please indicate the following:

The issue (if any) which concerns you.

With whom you want or don’t want your child placed (if applicable) – e.g. other children (not teachers).

Why you want this particular placement. (The Exceptional Nature of this issue)

We will deal with all requests confidentially, equitably and with understanding, but in the end the school will make the decision for placement based on your child’s needs in context within the greater context of the needs of all children.

NB: Please do not ask for your child to be placed with a specific teacher.
ENROLMENTS FOR - 2016 - A massive number of enrolments for Foundation students in 2016 have been coming in. While this is fantastic, it has come to our attention that there are still some brothers and sisters of currently enrolled students who ARE NOT ENROLLED YET. We urge the parents of these children to attend to this matter as quickly as possible.

By now children and young people will have seen and heard about the terrorist attacks that occurred in Paris.

Most children will experience normal reactions to something that is distressing and with support from trusted adults around them reactions will subside.

Here is some advice for parents:

- Monitor your child's exposure to television coverage, print media and social media.
- Acknowledge that the event was distressing.
- Reassure children that they are safe.
- Look for signs of distress, eg: child might appear scared.
- Normalise responses—typical response will range from anger to general upset or sadness.
- Allow children to express feelings as they arise.
- Maintain a normal routine-keeping the structure at home or school in place.

HOUSE COMPETITION UPDATES

As mentioned last week in Snippets, a race was meant to have been held on Friday 6th of November, but I was informed later that this race didn’t happen due to bad weather, so there will be no update on scores this week.

The Amazing Race

This Monday our grade 6 students will be holding South Street’s very own The Amazing Race. 20 teams (consisting of students from F-5) will be working together to complete challenges to earn clues. These clues will lead the teams to a ‘secret location’ where the first team to arrive will win. The grade 6 students have been organising the event for the past couple of months through our Blueearth program utilising activities learnt over the past two years.

JSC and Bunnings

Today we have had the JSC and representatives from Bunnings completing work around our school. The JSC, Mrs Luxford and Mr Rilen have been busy planning to make improvements to our school environment. I would like to thank them for all their hard work in raising funds, beautifying the school and for the organisation of today.

Also, thank you to Allan Murphy for helping with the walls around the sand pit and thank- you to the parents who assisted today.
Large Photo Frames Needed!!!!
Thank you to the people who have already donated large photo frames for the Art room. If you know of anyone who is able to donate any frames, please have them sent to the office or Art room as we are still in need of more. Thank you, Mrs. Luxford.

Grade 5/6 Excursion
On Wednesday 9th December Grade 5/6 students will be travelling to Science Works and the National Sports Museum in Melbourne. The cost of this excursion is $60.

The second payment of $20 is due tomorrow Friday 20th November 2015.

Grade 6 Graduation
This year’s Grade 6 Graduation will be held at the Yallourn Golf Club on Friday the 11th of December. Students will arrive at 6pm to have dinner with the teachers. At 7.30pm (after dinner) parents will arrive for the awards ceremony.

Parents will need to pay $28.50 for students to attend. This will cover the student’s meal, hall hire, drinks and graduation cake. The $28.50 payment needs to be sent to your child’s classroom teacher before the 1st of December.

GRADE 6 TRANSITION DATES
PLEASE NOTE THE DAYS, DATES AND TIMES FOR THE GRADE 6 TRANSITION:

Lowanna transition days are Friday the 4th and Tuesday the 8th of December.

Trafalgar transition days are half day (12.30 - 3.30) Monday the 30th of November and Tuesday the 8th of December.

BOOK FAIR 2015

THEME: UNDER THE SEA. EXPLORE AN OCEAN OF BOOKS

Dear Parents/Guardians,
Just a reminder that the Book Fair Family Event Night is on today Thursday 19th of November between 3.30pm & 5.00pm in the library.
I look forward to seeing you there.
Thank you, Mrs Jenny Jones (Teacher-Librarian)