Family night to help Shape South Street Primary School

On Tuesday night we had a great turn out to discuss the future direction of South St Primary School. It was fantastic to see many parents, children and staff talking about the values we want our children to have, the role of parents in their child’s education and the expectations for teachers at our school.

I would like to congratulate the 3/4 and 5/6 children that spoke on the evening. The children spoke about their understanding of Growth Mindsets and how they are being supported to be independent learners. It was fantastic to see the confidence these children displayed when speaking in front of a large group of parents, children and teachers.

If you were not able to make the evening and would like to provide feedback for the direction of our school, the questions that we asked during the evening were:

1. What values and skills would you like your child to have when they leave South St. Primary School?
2. What role do parents play in their child’s education?
3. From a parent’s point of view, what is the role of the teacher?

You are more than welcome to write your thoughts and hand them into the office.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Victorian government has allocated funds over the next four years for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF), to ensure all eligible students are able to participate in school trips and sporting activities (Inc. Swimming).

Each eligible family will receive $125 for a primary school student. These funds will be given to the school and parents will have the money available for events. To be eligible for the fund, parents or the legal guardian must be holder of a current Health Care Card, Veteran Affairs Gold Card, Pensioners Concession Card or Temporary Foster Parent.

Please refer to the application form attached to the newsletter.
School Closure
Next Friday, 29th of May we will be having a school closure day. On this day children are not required at school. The staff will be involved in professional learning. We are going to be focusing on the elements of high performing teams and giving and receiving feedback to improve our teaching.

5/6s to Tour Gippsland Waste Facilities
Students and teachers will travel by bus to a range of facilities involved in waste management around the Latrobe Valley. They will be accompanied by a Sustainability Education Officer.

Friday 22nd May – 5/6A (Miss Di Nuzzo)
Morning tea will be provided on the excursion day. All students need to be in full UNIFORM. Students will also need to bring their lunch in a small backpack. On the day of the excursion, students are to wear sturdy shoes (no sandals/open toed shoes) and bring a clean, empty plastic or metal container to recycle. All grades will be back by the end of the school day.

Parents waiting in the Break Out Area
Parents, our classrooms and corridors are learning areas and as many of you are aware, children can be easily distracted (by conversations, peering in/tapping on windows, etc). It is also distracting for teachers who are trying to teach or give out important reminders at the end of the day. We ask that you refrain from coming into the building (unless you need to see a teacher/have an appointment) before 8.30am and before 3.00pm in the afternoon. The colourful seats outside classrooms were installed for waiting parents (weather permitting!). Teachers are in their classrooms from 8.30 to 8.45am and are happy to have a quick chat with parents, if you need more time, please ask for a longer appointment. Thankyou for your support.

PYJAMA DRIVE FOR LOCAL FOSTER KIDS
If you are able to help with donations, please drop them off to the front office and the collection will be picked up on Thursday 28th of May for distribution. The sizes vary from infant 000 to a large in adult size to cater for teenage children.

Thankyou for your support and generosity.

Snippets

Whole School Swimming Program
In Term four, South Street Primary School will be running a Prep to Grade 6 water familiarisation/school swimming program at the Newborough Leisure Centre. At the Leisure Centre, children will receive instruction from qualified swimming instructors who will assess their swimming ability and group them accordingly.

Children at all levels will be catered for, from the child who needs a water familiarisation/water safety program to the child who can competently swim but needs stroke correction.

Grades 3-6 sessions will be Monday 9th Nov-Friday 13th Nov.
Foundation-2 sessions will be Monday 16th Nov-Friday 20th Nov.

The five sessions will cost $60. This covers instruction from qualified swimming teachers for all sessions along with bus fare to and from the Leisure Centre. Payment in full is due on Friday 26th June.
There is a payment plan available of $10 a fortnight that commenced on Friday 17th April.
Thank you for your continued support. Lynette Blunt, Swimming Program Coordinator.

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE 4th INSTALMENT OF $10 IS DUE, FRIDAY 29TH OF MAY.
With round seven completed in the AFL we have a jam packed leader-board in our Blind Footy Tipping Competition.

Mr. Rilen is leading with a score of 43, the Lambert family is in 2nd place with a score of 41 and two families are in 3rd place on 39. For full leader-board and table scores please check the notice-board, 3/4 wing and 5/6 wing.

Thankyou and happy tipping.