DATES FOR THE DIARY 2015

2nd swimming instalment payment of $10 is due Friday, 1st of May.

5/6s Healesville trip-Friday, 8th of May.

School Council Meeting-Tuesday 19th of May.

School Closure Day-Friday, 29th of May.

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Principal’s Prattle

Car Parking
We are having a number of concerns in regards to parents pulling into the area near the dumpster next to the MELC and dropping their children off or parking there. This is a safety concern for all parents and children as it is very busy on the footpath at the end of the day. This area is not a car parking area and it is illegal to park in this area. Please make sure that we all take care on the roads and around our school.

Parent Contact Details
At the start of the term we ask families if they have altered their contact details if their circumstances have changed. If your direct or emergency contact details change, please notify the school ASAP so that we can update them on our system.

Smoking Bans around Schools and Childcare Centres
As of last Monday, smoking was banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987. A similar ban also applies to the entrances and grounds of Victorian childcare centres and kindergartens. ‘No smoking’ signs will be installed at all entrances to the school premises. Thank you to all of the parents who abide by these rules already. This is for the health and wellbeing of our school community.

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

School Photos
We have spoken to the photographers and the photos will be here mid to late next week. We are sorry for the delay but this is out of our control.

STUDENT MANAGEMENT
Parents would be aware that we operate a Reflection Room where students are counselled for any aggressive behaviour in the yard. The reason we do this is to help students think about their behaviour, guide them in building strategies to cope with challenging situations and make good choices. As you would also be aware, we provide an extra 15 minutes reward play on a Friday afternoon to say “thank you” to all the children who have played nicely in the yard all week – in other words, we are rewarding those who do the right thing. Any child who has been in the Reflection Room during the week is not given this reward, instead, they are supervised inside. Please be very clear that they are not given a second punishment but rather they are not given the reward that the other children have earned.
**Footy Tipping**

Even though we have had three rounds of footy it is not too late to join. If you join now you will be given the average of the first three rounds. If you are interested please see Mr. Webber.

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**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 will be grouped 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 and 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 will $60. This covers instruction from qualified swimming teachers for five swimming sessions and bus fare to the Leisure Centre and back for each session. Payment in full is due on Friday 26th June.

There is a payment plan available at $10 a fortnight commencing on Friday 17th April.

Thank you for your continued support. Lynette Blunt, Swimming Program Coordinator.

**JUST A REMINDER THAT THE 2nd INSTALMENT OF $10 IS DUE ON FRIDAY 1ST OF MAY.**

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**2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools**

The **2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools** in English, Mathematics, Spelling and Science are now open for students in grades 3 to 6, and for Grade 2 students in English and Mathematics. If your child is talented in one or more of these areas, or, has shown an interest in entering, I have given them a form to take home.

These competitions are developed and marked by the University of New South Wales and students receive individual reports on their performance. This provides parents with an opportunity to see how their child performs against other children in that age group throughout Australia.

Parents who wish for further information about these competitions can see Mrs. Shearing in Room 5. Those students who wish to participate must send in their permission form, along with payment to Mrs. Shearing by **Monday 27th April.**

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**P.A.L.S.**

This year South Street will be holding a Peer Activity Leader Program (PALS). There has been three children selected from each 5/6 grade. The children who have been selected are: Serena V.G., Dylan B, Kyle D, Kristy Mc, Darcey S, Tanisha H, Leon T, Heath W and Georgia D.

What PALS does is run activities for the foundation grades through to grade 2 every Monday. The PALS team had a training session last Friday to learn games and cooperation skills.

This is a good way for the 5/6 children to take leadership and responsibility. Also a great opportunity for the foundation-2s to participate in fun fitness. Thankyou, Pals Team
Further information about POP’N THURSDAY will be given during assembly next week!!!!!!!
ELECTRONIC EMAIL

A number of families are requesting to have their Snippets sent via email. At present we will still send a paper copy home to all eldest in the family. Just a reminder, Snippets are available on the school website (www.moe-southst-ps.vic.edu.au) as well.

I would like to start receiving Snippets by email

ELDEST IN THE FAMILY AT SCHOOL: ..........................................

EMAIL ADDRESS: ..............................................................................

SIGNED: .................................................................................................

Snippets

AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the Baker family who successfully picked all 9 correct teams in round 3!!!!!!!!!

CANTEEN ‘SNACK ATTACK’

Term 2/3 Winter Menu.

Some of the winter items available are: Baked potatoes, nachos, raisin toast, milo and our regular favourite—chicken tender wraps. Salad sandwiches, wraps and rolls are also available.