Principal’s Prattle

I would like to welcome everyone back! We hope that everyone had a fantastic holiday and enjoyed the break. I welcome all of the new families and children to our school. A very special welcome to our new Foundation Children and their families. We are all looking forward to a success and enjoyable 2017.

I would like to welcome our new staff to South St. They are:

- Miss Rebecca Brown – Foundation/1
- Miss Madeleine Crofts – 1/2
- Ms Anne Welsh – 3/4
- Ms Ellen Rosa – 3/4
- Miss Megan Holt – 3/4
- Ms Lee Town – 5/6
- Miss Cassie Hill – Monash University Intern –Mrs Connolly’s room.

Also I would like to welcome back Lisa Fenech who will be working two days a week.

When you see these staff members please say hello and make them feel very welcome.

Assembly—Friday at 2.45pm

Our assemblies are on Friday afternoons at 2:45pm. This will be held down in the gym. This is a great way to celebrate the end of the week and the achievement of our students. Parents are more than welcome to attend. At the completion of assembly, students go back to their classrooms to be dismissed.

Doors to the classrooms and buildings open at 8.30am

A reminder that parents and children are not to enter the building before 8:30am in the mornings. Teachers are often getting ready for the day or in meetings before this time. The children and parents are not to be in their classroom without the supervision of teachers. This is for the safety of all.

Teachers are in their classrooms from 8.30am to 8.45am and are happy to have a quick chat with parents. If you need more time, please ask them for a longer appointment.

Thankyou for your support with this.
**Supervision in the morning**
We have a staff member on yard duty from 8:30am every morning. It is important that children are not dropped off before this time to play in the yard.

**Break-Out Area—Collecting children at the end of the day**

We would appreciate it if parents are able to wait outside their child’s classroom door and not in the breakout area. We are finding that the children are getting very distracted when parents are in the break out area. This is a very busy time of the afternoon when children are independently packing their bags, organising their property and getting notices to take home. The noise level from conversations is also very distracting for the children.

**The children will be dismissed through the outside doors of the classroom.**

Thank you for your support.

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**Swimming Sports—Tuesday 7th February**

Next Tuesday 7th February, we are having our whole school swimming sports. It would be fantastic to see as many parents and school community members come and support the children and help out if you are able to.

Please refer to the notice that was sent home earlier this week.

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**Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club will commence on Monday 6th February. It operates from 8.00-8.30am each morning in the canteen. Please don’t drop your children off any earlier than 8.00am (there is no supervision before 8.00).

We ask for a donation of $1.00 per family to help keep it running.

Volunteers are always needed. If anyone could dedicate a morning to assist, please see Brooke.

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**Office News**

Financial Assistance in the form of CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund) is available again in 2017. Parents who hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent may be eligible.

The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities to benefit your child.

The annual amount is $125 per student.

Application forms are available from the notice board in the office foyer or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

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Don’t forget to keep up to date with things happening around the school by downloading the Skoolbag App!

Available free for iPhone and Android.
South Street Primary School will be running a BBQ when Collingwood meet to play Richmond on 11th March here in Moe.
This will be our major fundraiser for Term 1.
Lots of help is needed on the day. If you can spare just an hour or so it would be helpful. Please see Mr Tactor or Mr Koot if you can help out.
Tickets are available from Ticketek or the AFL website.

WANTED
The library is in need of plastic lids from soft drink/milk/food containers.
They will be used for a lunch time craft group.
There is a tub in the reception foyer for you to drop these into.

LIBRARY BORROWING
The library will be open for students to re-borrow from 8.30am-8.40am each morning (once borrowing has begun).

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT
We have been able to purchase new playground equipment due to the proceeds of our fun run and SRC fundraising last year. The grade 5/6’s gave it the thumbs up this morning!!
Welcome back to Snack Attack!

There will be no lunch orders or canteen this week.

Canteen operation will resume as usual on Monday, 6th February as follows:
- Mondays—recess (run by Grade 5/6s)
- Wednesday—recess and lunch/lunch orders
- Friday—recess and lunch/lunch orders

I welcome any parents who may be able to help on these days to offer via a slip that is attached to the lunch order price list (sent home on Monday) or on the notice board. The slips can be handed back to the office. Volunteers help us to contribute funds towards school activities that benefit all children in the school.

If your child has a food allergy and you would like to have a look at our products, please let me know.

Please note:
- No phone orders can be taken.
- No credit.

Thank you,
Mandy

Hoping that we all have a positive start to 2017. Watch this space for award winners next week!!