Practical’s Prattle

TEACHING STAFF 2016

The following is a list of teachers for 2016. As you can see the children will be having 1 hour of Art, PE, Science and another area which will be confirmed.

You will notice a number of changes on the staff list. Mrs Jenny Jones is retiring at the end of the year, Mr Duncan Ireland is moving closer to home and will be teaching at Drouin Primary School, Mrs Lisa Fenech will be back for a short time in 2016 before she goes on Maternity Leave and Miss Di-Nuzzo will be leading Teaching and Learning, which means she does not have a classroom role. We also welcome back Mrs Mel Keltie who will be working 2 days a week with Mrs Michelle Shearing.

Principal – Mr Jamie Tactor            Assistant Principal – Mrs Irene Ballard
Teaching and Learning Leader – Anna Di-Nuzzo
Foundation                         1/2’s
Kathryn Murphy                    Gillian Connolly
Lynette Blunt                     Maggie Caffry
Dale Palmer                      Rachael Fairweather
                                 Michelle Shearing / Mel Keltie
                                 Jenna Shaw
3/4’s                                5/6’s
Kim Cranston                     Sandi Kilpatrick
Louise Webb                      Ben Rilen
Anita Houston                    Ashleigh Vuillermin
Specialists
Art – Allison Luxford             PE – Jessica Ross
Science – Dom Commerford        4th Area - TBC
Office – Cathy Tisdale/ Anna Henley
Primary Welfare Office – Brooke Chatterton
Language Support – Val Hemmings

ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS – STUDENT SUPPLIES

The Essential Education Items payments will be the same as it was this year. Any families with a current health care card will contribute $40 per child for supplies and other resources that are used in the classrooms. Families that do not have a health care card will pay $125 for supplies. This amount is the same as last year.
We will again be selling the book bags with some of the children’s essential items. Parents will need to pick up book bags at the start of the year. *(Please see the attached letter).*

**STATE WIDE TRANSITION DAY**

Next Tuesday 8\(^{th}\) December is state wide transition day. On this day the new Foundation children come to school and the Grade 6’s go to their Secondary school.

This year we are going to do an internal transition where all the children will be moving up to their new grade for 2016. Children will be notified on Monday afternoon of their teacher and classroom for 2016.

**END OF SCHOOL YEAR**

Our final day of school is Friday 18\(^{th}\) December. The children will finish at 1:15pm on this day. We will have a final assembly at 1:00pm.

**SCHOOL REPORTS**

School reports will be sent home on Monday 14\(^{th}\) December.

**Grade 5/6 Excursion to Science Works and National Sports Museum**

On Wednesday 9\(^{th}\) December, students will need to be at school by 7.15am in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM. Students are required to bring morning tea and lunch in separate, labelled bags. Please bring disposable drinks/containers.

Children who get travel sickness should take medication before school. Please also hand medication to your child’s class teacher (labelled with name and dosage) for the trip home.

We expect to arrive back at school by 5.30pm.

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**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.**

P.S.– Form groups and languages for Lowanna will be given to the children, today, December the third, ready for their transition on December the fourth.

**Parent Helper Thankyou Morning Tea**

Thankyou so much to all our wonderful parents/grandparents and guardian helpers who do a tremendous amount of work for South Street during the year. We are having a thankyou morning tea for all those parents who have accompanied us on excursions, read with children, helped with cooking, helped in the canteen/classrooms/Library/Art room, on working bees etc. We try to remember all the parents who helped us throughout the year and these parents have received a special invitation to our Parent Helper Thankyou Morning Tea. If you did not receive yours and you are one of our parent helpers, please see Lynette Blunt to get your invitation.

**SCHOOL CONCERT AND B.B.Q.**

*Please make sure that you get your orders on for the BBQ by Monday 7th December for catering purposes.*

Drinks will be available for purchase on the night. If you need another order form, please see the office. The concert will be held on **TUESDAY 15th DECEMBER.**
5/6 SCIENCE FAIR

The Grade 5/6 students have been exploring simple machines for their Inquiry Unit this term. As part of this unit, they have built machines with the intention of marketing them. Students will have their machines on display for our Science Fair and would love to share them with all parents and students at South Street. We would like to invite parents to the Science Fair, which will be at school in the breakout area on Thursday 10th December at 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Please support the 5/6 students who have spent a lot of time and effort with designing and creating these machines. We look forward to seeing you there!

SINGERS WANTED

To be part of a choir at Carols in the Park at Old Gippstown on Friday 18th December. Singers across all ages are very welcome to attend rehearsals at the Moe Baptist Church (cnr of Fowler & Vale Sts) to practice with the Latrobe City Community Band.

Dates: Monday 7th Dec (7.00-8.00pm)  
        Monday 14th Dec (7.00-8.00pm)

Those singing at the park will be on stage giving a lead with the band to encourage community participation.

If you can hold a note come along and join in. Let’s support this community event.
For any further details please contact Val (Mrs. Hemmings) on: 51276973

Christmas Raffle—WIN AN IPAD MINI $2 tickets.

We shall be running a Christmas raffle at this year’s Christmas concert. Tickets are $2.00. Children will be sent home with raffle books early next week. Please ensure these are returned by Monday 14th December. The lucky winner will be drawn on the evening of the Christmas concert. There will also be prizes drawn on the night. A big thank you to the following local businesses who have supported this raffle so far—

LAUREN WILSON MASSAGE THERAPY
BUTCHERS ON GEORGE
INDULGE YOURSELF BEAUTY THERAPY
EVOLUTION BY EBONY
& MORE TO COME

Also a big thank you to all the parents who have donated gifts, this is greatly appreciated.

Robyn Wildblood. rlwildeblood@gmail.com
Second Hand Uniforms
If there are any parents with children who are leaving school and have any school uniforms in good condition they have no further use for, we would gratefully accept them. Please see Mrs Mandy Wiggins.