Help Shape South St. P.S.

On Tuesday 19th May at 6pm we are going to have a family session to form a new vision and values statement for South Street Primary School. Families are extremely important to us in developing this new vision and the values that go with it.

We are going to begin with a Pizza tea at 6:00pm followed by a workshop with children and parents discussing what attributes and skills you would like your child to have by the time they leave S.S.P.S. The evening will finish at approximately 7:30. We will have children from our 3/4 classes talking about Growth Mindsets and children from our 5/6 classes talking about what they are doing in their rooms in relation to being an independent learner.

This is a very important process for our school so parents, students and school staff are working together to achieve the same goals for our students.

Developing a new vision and values was a major recommendation from our school review in 2014.

Please refer to the attached document and return the cut off slip so we are aware of how many people we need to cater for.

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.

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 them for a longer appointment.

Thankyou for your support with this.

Mother’s Day Stall

I would like to thank the group of parents that have organised the Mother’s Day stall today. It was very successful. Thank you to all the families that were able to support this event.

The fundraising group are currently looking at replacing the basketball/ netball rings.
Junior School Council

The JSC are doing an outstanding job working to improve our school. They have started Popcorn Thursday. Last week they raised approximately $120. This money has already been used to top up the sand pit with new sand. Thank you to all the hard work of the children, Mrs Luxford and Mr Rilen.

The J.S.C. have a list of areas in the school that they are looking at improving. Some of these projects include repainting the snack attack area, borders around the sand pit and painting the wall near the art wing where the blackboard is mounted. They also have many other items they wish to achieve.

YOORALLA NEWS

Yooralla Gippsland Service is excited to inform your community that they will be able to provide Occupational Therapy services at South Street Primary School. Occupational Therapy can assist in areas such as fine and gross motor development, sensory processing, social development and behavioural support.

PLEASE NOTE This service is totally independent of South Street Primary School and it is not funded by the Department of Education.

Yooralla services can be accessed through Helping Children with Autism, Better Start initiatives, Medicare plans or privately. Please contact Claire Albano on 0407057124 for further information.

PYJAMA DRIVE FOR LOCAL FOSTER KIDS

For the last 7 years Andrea Cobb (one of our mums from school) has been co-ordinating an annual pyjama drive for foster care children. Last year, Andrea was able to make donations to six foster care agencies spanning from Dandenong through to Sale. This was achieved by the generosity of the community.

As we know, everyone loves a new pair of pyjamas and local children in foster care don’t often get new things. If you are able to help, please drop any donations 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.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

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 then 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 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 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 that commenced on Friday 17th April.

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

JUST A REMINDER THAT THE 3rd INSTALMENT OF $10 IS DUE, FRIDAY 15TH OF MAY.
5/6 Excursion to Healesville Sanctuary
Students in Grades 5/6 will be travelling by bus to Healesville Sanctuary tomorrow Friday 8th May.

Students are to arrive at school by 7.45am in FULL School Uniform. If your child suffers from travel sickness we strongly suggest that you give them medication before arriving at school and medication (clearly labelled with child’s name and dosage to your child’s class teacher) for the return trip.

Students are to come with a day bag packed with drinks, recess and lunch. Please make sure that children pack a hat and a rain coat. Children are allowed to bring I-pads/tablets and cameras if parents are happy for them to bring them. If time permits, students will be able to visit the souvenir shop and purchase items if they wish to.

We will depart the sanctuary at 2pm and expect to be back at school at around 3.45 to 4pm.

5/6s to Tour Gippsland Waste Facilities
Students will travel by bus to a range of facilities involved in waste management around the Latrobe Valley. Each class will travel by bus with a Sustainability Education Officer.

Monday 18th May – 5/6C (Miss Kilpatrick)
Wednesday 20th May – 5/6B (Mr. Rilen)
Friday 22nd May – 5/6A (Miss Di Nuzzo)

Morning tea will be provided on the excursion day. Students will 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.

The cost of the excursion is $13.50, which is due by Friday 15th May 2015. Please return the permission form (sent home in the first week of Term 2) and payment by this date.

FOOTY TIPPING
With round five completed in the AFL we have a jam packed leader-board in our Blind Footy Tipping Competition.

Mr. Rilen and the Witham family are leading with a score of 30 and there’s 15 people/families sharing 2nd and 3rd place at the moment. For full leader-board and table scores please check the notice-board, 3/4 wing and 5/6 wing.

Thankyou and happy tipping.

MOTHER’S DAY FUNDRAISER
Thankyou to all the families who supported the Mother’s Day fundraiser this year. We hope all parents have a great Mother’s Day this Sunday.

A very BIG thankyou goes out to Kate McCulkin, Kerren Cake, Hayley Howlett, Rochelle Jennings and Lisa Moy for running the stall. Your support is always appreciated. We were also fortunate and very thankful for the beautiful hand made gifts donated by Christine Mason.

Another BIG thankyou goes to three local businesses who donated to our raffle. The three businesses are:

LAUREN WILSON MASSAGE THERAPY, BUTCHERS ON GEORGE AND K-MART, MOE.

WESTERN VALLEY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL REMINDER
Congratulations to all those students who have been chosen to represent South Street Primary School at the Western Valley Primary School Association Athletics Carnival on Thursday May 21st.

Permission forms MUST be returned to the class teacher by today Thursday 7th of May. Mrs. Ross
If anyone has any information on the above lost pet, could you please ring the number provided. 0412008808