DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday, 8th March – Whole School Athletics

Tuesday, 15th March – School Council Meeting at 7.00pm.

Wednesday, 16th March – School Photos

Monday 21st, March – Harmony Day

Thursday, 24th March – End of Term 1

Snippets

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Principal’s Prattle

Farewell to Mrs Fenech
Mrs Lisa Fenech will be finishing with us tomorrow. We wish her and her husband all the best for this very exciting stage of their life. I will keep you informed when the baby arrives. Lisa is going to be sadly missed at South St. We know she is going to make a great mum and we all wish her the very best.

Assembly Friday at 2:45pm.
We will now be having assemblies 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 will 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. We are having parents and children enter the building before 8:30am. 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.

EBM Insurance
Attached with the newsletter is a letter from EBM about taking a personal insurance policy on your child, this is an option for all parents to do privately if they wish. Our obligation as a school is to pass it on to you. If you wish to take additional insurance out for any personal injury then you can enter into a private arrangement, please read the attached letter.

Parent Contacts
As a part of our emergency management process we are checking the accuracy of all parent contact details, so that they can be contacted in an emergency.

Thank you to all parents who have sent these forms back into the office. If you haven’t completed the form yet, could you please review your information. If they are correct please tick and return. If they are incorrect please update your contact details, including your address. We are also asking for you to list 3 emergency contacts. This is important as there are times we are not able to contact parents or the numbers are incorrect.
Absences

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school, the student will have missed over **ONE YEAR** of school, over their schooling years!

We all want our students to get a great education and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, reading and writing.

There is no safe number of days for missing school—each day a student misses, puts them behind and can affect their educational outcomes.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

We will be holding our annual Athletics Carnival on **Tuesday the 8th of March** at Joe Carmody Reserve, Newborough. Students will come to school in their house colours, with plenty of food, water, hats and sunscreen. We will make our way down to the venue in groups.

Foundations will be at Joe Carmody from 9.30am-10.30am.

Grades 1 and 2s will be at Joe Carmody from 11.30am-1.15pm.

The 3-6s will be at Joe Carmody from 9.30am-2.15pm.

There will be no extra cost for buses. Students will be expected to attend.

SWIMMING

Well done to all the children who represented South St. Primary School at the District swimming sports on Tuesday. Congratulations to Leeta P., John S., Isabelle J., Jai H. S., Callan H., Leon T. and Sam M. for qualifying to compete in the Division swim sports to be held next Thursday, 3rd of March in Traralgon.

On Monday 22nd February, students from grades 3-6 walked to the Moe Racecourse to participate in the Moe Lions Football Club football clinic. Students had lots of fun learning how to handball and kick a football. It was a great morning and we would like to thank the Moe Lions Football Club for having us!
**WOOLWORTHS B.B.Q. FUNDRAISER**
We are looking for some helpers who are able to give an hour of their time to help with the Woolworths B.B.Q. fundraiser.

If you are able to help on the day, please call or text Kate McCulkin on 0408 058 029

Date: Thursday 24th of March.
Where: Woolworths Moe.
Time: 10am - 2pm.

**EASTER RAFFLE**
On Friday the 11th of March, we will be having a casual clothes day. Anyone who comes out of uniform is asked to donate an Easter egg or a gold coin donation. Raffle books will be sent home next week. If you require more raffle books, you can obtain them from the office.

Raffle tickets and money need to be returned by **Friday the 18th of March**. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday the 22nd of March at 9am.

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**Pre school Storytime @ your local library**

Pre school Storytime is a special time to share with your child.
It is held at the Moe Library on Wednesdays and Fridays at 11 am during the school term.

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**SPARGO PHOTOGRAPHY**
School photos will be taken on Wednesday, 16th March, 2016.

To ensure that your photos are returned as quickly as possible, please follow these quick and easy guidelines.

- Please write clearly on your child’s envelope (Block letters preferred).
- If possible please don’t use small change as this can break or fall out of your envelope. If this is not possible, please tape up the sides or put the money in a freezer bag then inside your envelope.
- For on-line orders, complete an envelope and record the Order Number in the “online Order#” section on the envelope.
- All children must have their own envelope with them when being photographed.
- Do not use one envelope for multiple children.
- Children without an envelope when having their individual photos taken will not have an order placed against their name.
- For Family/Siblings & Friends Portraits please see your school office for an information flyer and red family envelope.
- Do not place a family envelope inside another envelope or an individual envelope.

We will only photograph family/siblings with a completed family envelope.

**ON LINE PRE-ORDER**
We now provide you with the flexibility of pre-paying your child’s photos online. Simply follow the links below to place your order. Once completed, print out your confirmation invoice and include this in your child’s envelope.

To order click on the following links:

- Individual Photograph Packs
- Family Photograph Orders

If you have any inquiries, please contact us on (03) 59425234.
AWARD WINNERS