2018 DATES FOR THE DIARY

TERM 2

20th April
5/6C Quantum Excursion
Digi Tech

25th April
ANZAC Day
Public Holiday

27th April
Athletics Carnival
(Selected Students Only)

25th May
School Closure Day

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Principal’s Prattle....

We hope everyone had a fantastic Easter and an enjoyable break. We are all looking forward to a great term 2!!

ON A MUSICAL NOTE

This term the children begin music. During the music sessions, the children are beginning to practice songs and dance for the musical

Ali Baba & The Bongo Bandits

in Term 3. We are still in negotiations to book a date. It will be towards the end of Term 3. This week the senior children have auditioned for main roles in the musical and will be in full swing during lunch times and music sessions practicing.

ANZAC DAY

NEXT WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL

Next Wednesday, 25th April is Anzac Day. This is a public holiday in Australia. This is a very important day for all Australians. It is an opportunity when we are able to remember the sacrifices made by Australian personnel that has helped defend this great country of ours.

Our school captains will be laying a wreath on behalf of the school. The march will begin at 10:30. It will form at the corner of Gregory’s Lane and Albert Street. Any students and parent are welcome to join the march. If you want to join the march, please meet Mrs Wiggins on the lawn area at Gregory’s lane at 10:15.

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19th April 2018
2018 MOE & MELBOURNE CUP

HOLIDAY

In 2017, Latrobe City declared a half-day public holiday for both Moe and Melbourne Cup in the 3825 postcode. This caused many issues for schools in Moe/Newborough area. The many issues include attendance and parents working outside the 3825 postcode not having a half-day public holiday and have difficulty with supervision of children. Latrobe City has asked for community members to have their say on this public holiday. The link is:

Have_your_say_on_Moe_Cup_public_holiday

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We are anticipating the return of school photos by the end of next week.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

FRIDAY 25th May

We will be having a school Closure on Friday 25th May. On this day, children are not required to attend school.

Staff will be spending time working on our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS).

We are going to be looking at proactive strategies for student behaviours, techniques and body language to de-escalate students, as well as self-care and resilience.
SCHOOL BANKING DAY IS: WEDNESDAY

Don't forget to download the Skool Bag App. The app is a quick & easy way to notify the school about absences. It's also a great way to find out what's happening in the school.

CONGRATULATIONS To Our Easter Raffle Winners:


Please help us make South St a great school!

INFORMATION EVENING
Tuesday 1 May 2018
Parents of prospective students for 2019 are invited to an Information Evening commencing at 7:00pm in the Auditorium. Enrolment packages will be available on the night.

SECONDARY AWARENESS DAY
Wednesday 9 May 2018
Grade 5 & 6 students from the local Primary Schools are invited to Secondary Awareness Day at Lowanna, where they will get to experience a day in the life of a student at the College. Further information about this day will be distributed via your Primary School.

PARENT FEEDBACK
As part of our school self-evaluation, we are conducting a survey with parents. To do this School Council members will be walking around the school towards the end of the school day to obtain your feedback. They will be asking two simple questions:

*What do you like about South St PS?
*What would you like to see improve at South St PS?

If you do not come into the school, you are able to put it in writing and get your child to put it in the grey bags, OR you may email it to the school @ (mo.e.ps.south@edumail.vic.gov.au) attention Mr Tactor.

Please help us make South St a great school.

SCHOOL REVIEW
Every 4 years Victorian Government schools have a review based on our Strategic Plan that was developed in 2015. We are currently conducting a self-evaluation as a part of the process.

During this process:

* Staff are looking at all aspects of the school.
* We are talking to the students about their learning and the school.
* Asking parents about what they like about South St PS and what they would like to see improve.

The review will be conducted during term 2. Involved in the review will be the Lead Reviewer, Principal, Assistant Principal, Regional Leader, 2 Principals from other schools and the School Council President.

During this time, they will be spending time in classrooms, talking to students, parents and staff.

Please help us make South St a great school!
South Street Primary School is EXCITED to announce we are teaming up with State Schools Relief to offer the Glasses for Kids Program.

Students in grade Prep to 3 will receive a letter to take home tomorrow.

This program is providing free vision screening, further eye testing and glasses if required, for all Prep to Year 3 students in 250 of Victoria’s government schools. It has a potential to reach more than 30,000 students and is being delivered as a partnership between State Schools’ Relief and its partner providers, including Link Health and Community, with the support of the Department of Education and Training.

All children, regardless of their background or circumstances, should have access to high-quality services and the supports they need to thrive and prosper. Children with uncorrected vision deficiencies can experience difficulty in learning, which can lead to behavioural challenges in the classroom. Identifying and addressing vision problems early ensures students don’t fall behind. Children with vision deficiencies often do not report symptoms, assuming that everyone sees the world in the same way as they do.

Screening, testing, and the provision of glasses is backed by evidence as an effective means of supporting students and their families, by helping to improve learning behaviours and leading to better schooling outcomes.

The Glasses for Kids program will give an individual vision screening to students at school. Children who require additional eye testing will be referred to an established optometry practice for further bulk billed testing. Glasses will be dispensed for free, if needed.

The vision screening will be conducted at school by optometrists from Link Health and Community and final year optometry students from the University of Melbourne’s Department of Optometry and Vision Sciences.

The scheduled date for screening at our school is Tuesday the 29th and Wednesday the 30th of May 2018.

Parental consent will be required for students to participate in the program. Participation is voluntary.

An information sheet for parents which outlines key details about the program will be sent home with all Prep to Year 3 students. A consent form with a brief eye health questionnaire will also be sent home and these should be returned to school, completed and signed, to enable participation in the program.

Please read the information sheet thoroughly before giving your consent to participating in the program.

INTRODUCING SOUTH STREETS NEW SCHOOL MASCOT!!

South Street would like to say a huge CONGRATULATIONS to Stephanie Nowell and Lillian Hornsby who designed our new school mascot.