

South Street Primary School – Information for 2023

Dear Parents, Guardians & Carers,

On behalf of the South Street Primary School community, I would like to extend a warm and sincere welcome back to school for you and your family in 2023. I hope that you and your families enjoyed or are enjoying a relaxing holiday break. Following the events of the past few years, this is certainly something that you all deserve!

The year ahead promises to be another exciting school year as we strive for excellence in our two key priorities: Excellence in Reading and maintaining our strong and established wellbeing practices – which we refer to as Positive Behaviours for Learning. Throughout 2023, I look forward to sharing this work with you through Snippets – our weekly newsletter publication.

As part of this work, we will be utilising the first two curriculum days (Friday, the 27th of January 2023 and Monday, the 30th of January 2023) to work with Leah Mether, a leading local communication, leadership facilitator and coach, to refocus our vision and purpose. There will be a strong focus on student achievement and resetting high expectations post COVID-19 and following changes within our staff and leadership teams.

This means that school will resume for all students on Tuesday, the 31st of January 2023. The rest of this letter contains other important information that will make the start of 2023 a successful one for you and your family.

As we prepare to welcome students back to our school in 2023, I believe it is important that you have the necessary information needed to make this as smooth as possible.

If you require any clarification on the information provided below, please don't hesitate to contact us at school via 5127 1512 or at moe.ps.south@education.vic.gov.au. Our office will be unattended over the holidays except for Thursday, the 19th of January from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm when our Booklist Collection is happening. Whilst our staff resume on Friday, the 27th of January, the office will be unattended until Tuesday, the 31st of January. If you need to contact us, please leave a message or send an email.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage your involvement with our school. We have a fabulous and friendly School Council that would welcome you on board with open arms. There are also many school-wide events and fundraising activities where you can be involved. Our teaching staff would also love to have you volunteer in our classrooms and help with our learning programs. Your help is extremely valuable to our school and contributes immensely to the opportunities and experiences our students receive. If you are interested, please make yourself known at the office or get in touch with your child's teacher.

Once again, welcome back, and we look forward to continuing our strong and positive association with you and your child. I'm excited for the year ahead and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, the 31st of January 2023.

Kind Regards



Brendan Dawson

Principal

South Street Primary School – Important Start of Year Information

2023 SCHOOL STARTING DATES

Tuesday, 31st of January – all students in Grades Prep to Grade 6

OFFICE HOURS OVER THE HOLIDAY PERIOD

Thursday, 19th of January – 10:00am to 6:00pm

Tuesday, 31st of January – 8:00am onwards

During all other times, please phone 5127 1512 or email moe.ps.south@education.vic.gov.au

2023 PREP REST DAYS

To support Students transitioning to school and to allow for individual assessments, there will be no school for Preps on the following days:

February

Friday, 3rd of February

Friday, 10th of February

Friday, 17th of February

Friday, 24th of February

March

Friday, 3rd of March

STUDENT BOOKLIST ARRANGEMENTS

Your contributions and financial support assist your child's learning and our school programs and makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. Your 2023 contribution of \$100 can be made on Thursday, the 19th of January, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

All contributions made on this date will receive two tickets to win an Apple iPad. Contributions made after the 19th of January and before Friday, the 10th of February, will receive one ticket to win an Apple iPad.

Contributions after this date can be made but will not go into the draw for the iPad.

Please note that stationery items will be delivered directly to their classrooms and managed by their teacher. Paying your contribution on this day provides you with two tickets to win an Apple iPad valued at \$549.

As an incentive, if you have already signed up or sign up to Compass on this day, you will receive another bonus ticket!

For more information on our 2023 Parent Payment Contributions, please see the back of this information pack.

Thursday, the 19th of January 2023 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

SAVE THE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 25th August 2023 - Curriculum Free Day – No Students at School

Friday, 8th September 2023 - Curriculum Free Day – No Students at School

There will be another student-free day in Term 2. When this date has been set, we will advise our families through Snippets and Compass.

TERM DATES 2023

TERM 1 – ends 6th April – 1.20pm dismissal. This is the finishing time for all terms.

TERM 2 – 24th April – 23rd June

TERM 3 – 10th July – 15th September

TERM 4 – 2nd October – 20th December

Term dates beyond 2023 can be found at: <https://www.vic.gov.au/school-term-dates-and-holidays-victoria>

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, 13th February – SSPS Swimming Carnival

Thursday, 2nd March – Grade 3-6 Open Water Learning Experience @ Blue Rock Lake

Wednesday, 15th March – NAPLAN Online Testing Period Begins – Grades 3 & 5

Monday, 20th March – SSPS Athletics Carnival

Wednesday, 12th July – Friday 14th July – Grade 3/4 Camp @ Coonawarra

All other dates and events throughout the year will be published on the Compass Calendar.

ATTENDANCE AND HOURS OF SUPERVISION

You can help your child make the most of each learning opportunity by ensuring that they are at school on time each and every day. If your child is absent, please login to Compass to explain their absence. Students arriving late or leaving early need to be signed in / out at the office. Our hours of supervision are 8.30 am - 3.15 pm. Our first bell sounds at 8:30 am. This indicates to students that they need to head to their classrooms and begin to prepare for their day of learning.

A focus on attendance is important for our school community and will be an increased priority in 2023. Students who attend school have better academic, social and emotional outcomes than their peers who regularly miss school.

BELL TIMES

In 2023, our school bell times are changing.

8:00 am – Breakfast Club starts

8:30 am – Supervision Begins – all students enter the classroom to prepare for the day

8:40 am – 10:40 am - First Period of Instruction

10:40 am – 10:50 am – Eating Time

10:50 am – 11:20 am – Playtime

11:20 am – 1:20 pm – Second Period of Instruction

1:20 pm – 1:30 pm – Eating Time

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm – Playtime

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm – Third Period of Instruction

3:00 pm – School Day concludes

3:15 pm – Supervision Finishes

COMPASS

In 2023, we will be transitioning to Compass – our new School Management System. Over the holiday period, you will receive an email with all the details you need to sign in and register for Compass. Please make sure that the office has your correct contact details so that you receive this information.

If you need support registering for Compass, please drop into the office on Thursday, the 19th of January from 10:00am to 6:00pm.

UNIFORM

In 2023, our goal will be to ensure that all students are in the correct school uniform. All uniform items can be purchased at the school office. Please refer to the attached Uniform Price list for more information.

GRADE AND SCHOOL STRUCTURES

Our School Structure was published in Snippets on Thursday, the 8th of December. Please refer to this edition of the newsletter on our website for information on our school and grade structure.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

South Street Primary School hosts a quality After School Care Program provided by In 2 Learning Gippsland. For all enquiries into our after-school care program, please get in touch with the service provider, Juliana, at juliana@in2learning.com.au

The rest of this letter contains detailed information on our Parent Payment Arrangements for 2023 and our Uniform Items.

PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS – 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear Parents and Guardians,

South Street Primary School is looking forward to another great year of teaching and learning and would like to advise you of our voluntary financial contributions for 2023.

Schools provide students with free instruction to fulfil the standard Victorian Curriculum, and we want to assure you that all contributions are voluntary. We are committed to minimising the cost of education whilst ensuring students at South Street have access to the curriculum items and activities needed to ensure they are successful.

Your contributions and financial support assist your child's learning and our school programs and makes a huge difference to our school and the programs we can offer. Your support:

- Provides stationery items your child uses throughout the year, such as pens, pencils, books, whiteboard markers, glue sticks, etc.
- Provides materials and supplies used in Visual Arts – such as paint and clay, for art projects throughout the year
- Provides for materials and supplies used in our Digitech program – such as filament for our 3D printers
- Provides digital and online subscriptions used for learning, such as Wushka – a digital reading program
- Provides for student affiliation, allowing them to compete at local district, division, and state sports competition

Our Booklist Information pack contains a detailed overview of all the items, materials and supplies your contribution supports. These are broken into three categories detailed on the one-page overview attached to this letter.

In 2023, we ask that parents make a one-off contribution of \$100, which provides for all student items and activities listed in the information pack. Please note that it doesn't provide for the optional items that occur throughout the year, such as camps and excursions.

Providing a broad range of opportunities and experiences for students is our goal, and we are extremely thankful for your support in assisting your child's learning.

For further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy please see a one-page overview attached.

Kind Regards



Brendan Dawson

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PAYMENT METHODS

Payment can be made on the day by cash, card or using your unique BPAY details. Please ask at the office for your BPAY code.

FAMILY SUPPORT OPTIONS

South Street Primary School understands that some families may experience financial difficulty and offers a range of support options, including:

- the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund
- *State Schools Relief (SSR) for uniform needs*
- *Payment plans for Extra-Curricular Items and Activities*

For a confidential discussion about accessing these services, or if you would like to discuss alternative payment arrangements, contact:

Monica Bethune, Business Manager

Ph: 03 5127 1512 | Email: Monica.Bethune@education.vic.gov.au

REFUNDS

Parent requests for refunds are subject to the discretion of the school and made on a case-by-case basis. Refunds will be provided where the school deems it is reasonable and fair to do so, taking into consideration whether a cost has been incurred, the Department's Parent Payments Policy and Guidance, Financial Help for Families Policy, and any other relevant information.

Our approach to Parent Payment Arrangements provides you with greater transparency and flexibility regarding our parent payments to ensure that your child has all the necessary essential items needed to participate fully in their education at South Street Primary School.

Please see a one-page overview for further information on the Department's Parent Payments Policy.



FREE INSTRUCTION

- Schools provide students with free instruction and ensure students have free access to all items, activities and services that are used by the school to fulfil the standard curriculum requirements in Victorian Curriculum F-10, VCE and VCAL.
- Schools may invite parents to make a financial contribution to support the school.



PARENT PAYMENT REQUESTS

Schools can request contributions from parents under three categories:

Curriculum Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for curriculum items and activities which the school deems necessary for students to learn the Curriculum.

Other Contributions

Voluntary financial contributions for non-curriculum items and activities that relate to the school's functions and objectives.

Extra-Curricular Items and Activities

Items and activities that enhance or broaden the schooling experience of students and are above and beyond what the school provides for free to deliver the Curriculum. These are provided on a user-pays basis.

- Schools may also invite parents to supply or purchase educational items to use and own (e.g. textbooks, stationery, digital devices).



FINANCIAL HELP FOR FAMILIES

- Schools put in place financial hardship arrangements to support families who cannot pay for items or activities so that their child doesn't miss out.
- Schools have a nominated parent payment contact person(s) that parents can have a confidential discussion with regarding financial hardship arrangements.



SCHOOL PROCESSES

- Schools must obtain school council approval for their parent payment arrangements and publish all requests and communications for each year level on their school website for transparency.

SOUTH STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

UNIFORM PRICE LIST

Please remember that all children should be in school uniform for the school year.

We look forward to your co-operation with this policy.

The following list of school uniform items are available through the school.

SIZES AVAILABLE

4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16



ITEM

COST

Polo Shirt (White or Navy)
Sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16

\$18.00



Polo Shirt (Navy only)
Sizes S, M, L & XL

\$20.00



Rugby Top

\$35.00



Bomber Jacket

\$45.00

Bucket Hat

\$ 7.00

School Logos

\$ 2.50



School Back Pack

\$35.00

Beanie

\$15.00

**Available,
minimum
purchase \$10**



School Spray Jacket

\$40.00

Please note School Spray Jackets are ordered from an external provider and take approx. 2 weeks to arrive



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