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Maximising Possibilities: The Independent Public Schools initiative empowers schools in conjunction with staff, parents and the broader community to make important decisions regarding their school and respond directly to local needs and aspirations.

- Increase innovation in order to achieve the best possible outcomes for their students and local communities.
- Stronger partnerships with industry and the community
- Further tailoring of local school programs

Enhanced Local Governance: All independent Public Schools are required to establish a school council. School councils enable greater involvement of the school community and other stakeholders in setting the strategic direction for the school.

- Monitor the school’s strategic direction
- Approves plans and policies and other strategic school documents including the annual estimates of revenue and expenditure
- Monitors the implementation of the plans, policies and other strategic documents
- Advises the Principal about other strategic matters

Opportunities for innovation:

- A direct line of communication with Central office
- The opportunity to recruit staff and to build a team that is fir-for-purpose to drive innovation
- More autonomy to manage and use infrastructure, financial resources and human resources.
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https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XYJT35Z

Student Absences

Strathpine State School will launch an SMS messaging service commencing on September 12, 2016. If a student is absent without a note, message on the absence line or exemption, an SMS message will be sent. The message will identify the student that is absent and ask parents to ring the school absence line to state the reason why the student is absent. If the school does not receive a message on the absence line by 2:00pm, a follow-up phone call will follow.

Process

Classroom rolls marked - 9.00am
Absence Report run – 9.45am
SMS for all unexplained absences sent by 10.30am
Absence Line checked - 1.30pm
Follow-up phone calls from 2.00pm

QParents is now live!

For more information, please see the school office staff or google QParents
Enrolments
Strathpine State School is now taking enrolments for 2017. Please contact the school office to organise an enrolment pack and interview.

Deputy Principal News
Published by Kerri McGrath

Another wonderful fortnight of learning has been happening at Strathpine! I have continued to visit classrooms to observe the teaching of problem solving in action. I continue to be impressed by the quality of teaching and learning I am seeing in each of the classrooms. We are very fortunate at Strathpine to have very talented teacher aides working closely with the teachers to ensure our students get a high quality education. Our teacher aides participate in the same training sessions as our teachers when it comes to what excellent teaching of reading and problem solving looks like. These training sessions use the most up to date knowledge of quality teaching practices to ensure teaching practices are of the highest quality.

This week we welcome back Mrs Fowler to 2A, she has had a wonderful holiday and is back feeling fresh and enthusiastic to see her students once again. We thank Mrs Schmidt for all her hard work while she was with us and also thank the rest of the year 2 teaching team who supported Mrs Schmidt in ensuring all the year 2 students were working through the curriculum at the correct pace.

In other staffing news Mrs Nunn has made a return to work in a limited capacity and Mr Simpson will continue to teach 4A with Mrs Nunn until she is ready to return full time. Miss McNally has also returned from leave and we are delighted to see her back at school the children are excited to see the return of Funky Friday!

5C of the Week
This fortnight we are focusing on the 5C ofCourtesy. The key phrase that students should be able to state is: I display courtesy and allow others to learn.

They demonstrate this by following these simple guidelines:

- I talk politely to others while having conversations
- I finish eating when the bell goes
- I am waiting in line only if I am buying
- I am collecting others lunch only if I am the lunch monitor
The focus area for this fortnight has been the tuck shop and the eating areas. It was great to be able to congratulate the children on the great manners and courtesy being used at the tuck shop lately, out tuck shop workers were very impressed.

Term 4 Swimming

Swimming and Water Safety lessons for children in Year 1 - Year 4 will be held on Thursday and Friday from Thursday 6th October to Friday the 18th November at the Pine Rivers High School pool. Students will walk with their class across the oval to the pool to participate in a 30 min lesson. The cost of this program is being finalised and a note will go home this week with the final cost. All students will require a swimming costume (one piece togs for girls), sunshirt, sunscreen, bathing cap and towel, goggles are recommended, to be carried in a swimming bag. The wearing of a swimming cap is compulsory.

Further information about lesson times, requirements will be provided closer to the date.

Thank You From Mrs Nunn

Thank you for the warm welcome back that I received on my restricted return to work duties. I am on the mend and it seems an appropriate time to say how much I appreciated the help and support I received from staff, parents and students on the day of my less than graceful fall. I consider myself very fortunate to be working in such a caring community.

Curriculum Coordinator

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Welcome to Week 8.
As the term draws to a close we have some very exciting events planned.

Book Week Celebrations

We are excited to be celebrating Book week, commencing Monday 29th August. Throughout the week, a variety of book themed activities will take place to celebrate The Children’s Book Council theme of ‘Australia: Story Country’.

We will be celebrating with storytelling, an author visit by Dr Cameron Stelzer (students Year 2 – 6) and a display of books by various Australian authors in the library for the students to read. On Friday 2nd September, we will conclude our celebrations with a ‘Come dressed as your favourite book..."
character’s dress up day for the whole school and a Book Parade to show off our fabulous costumes for the Prep – Year 2 students.

The Book Parade will commence at 12:00pm in the hall, families are welcome to attend. We encourage our students to come dressed as a character from a book written by their favourite Australian author and to bring a picture of the character or the book to share with their classmates. There will be a prize, awarded to one student in each class from Prep – Year 2, for those students who come dressed in a wonderfully creative costume.

Time to put your thinking caps on and come up with a fun costume to represent your favourite book.

Author Visit

On Thursday 1st September, as part of our Book Week celebrations, we are very fortunate to have Author and Illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer visiting our school to run workshops with our students in Years 2 – 6. Cameron will be engaging the students in Years 2 - 6 a workshop exploring exciting and descriptive writing. This event has been funded by our Student Council.

In conjunction with the Author Visit, Strathpine State School families have a special opportunity to purchase signed and personalised copies of Cameron’s books at special prices. Individual items are $15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Students will receive an order form on the day of the workshops. Forms and payment can be returned the following day, Friday 2 September, to the colourful box in the Office. Cameron will personally sign all books (including the child’s name and a message), and students will receive their books the following week.

Students and teachers are looking forward to a fantastic day!

Transition to Prep

Many thanks to the parents who came along to our Ready, Set Prep – 2017 Prep Information morning on 19th August. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to spend time with everyone.

QPARENTS Information - Going Live

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QPARENTS - Reminder

QPARENTS is an online portal that provides parents with secure access to their child's student details. Anywhere, anytime, you can:

- View and update attendance and student details
- View and download report cards, timetables and invoices
- Make payments online
- View other important information

QPARENTS will be available from your smartphone, tablet or PC and it's free.

Please return your QParent information letter as soon as possible as we have gone live. If you do not have your QParent letter please see the office staff.

Instrumental Music Performance

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On Monday night August 22 the Strathpine State School Concert Band took part in the Pine Rivers State High School Gala Concert. The school band performed...
with bands from six other local primary schools as well as a number of ensembles from Pine Rivers High School. To cap off a fun filled night, special guests The Barksdale Brass Band entertained students and parents with their high energy jazz tunes. As a grand finale, students from all the ensembles jumped on stage to perform Party Rock alongside each other and the Barksdale Brass Band. A big thanks to all the parents of students in the Concert Band who brought their students out for such a fun evening.

A quick reminder also that band rehearsals are continuing at 7:30am on Tuesdays and that instrumental music lessons are on the same day. If your student can’t make it to a rehearsal please let Mr Gynther know by emailing him at jgynther@eq.edu.au beforehand.

Mr John Gynther, Instrumental Music Teacher

Tournament of Minds
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The North Brisbane Regional Tournament of Minds Competition occurred on Saturday 27th August, and Strathpine State School had two teams competing. The Shining Blue Stars Team (Millana, Stefanie, Alexavier, Bonnie, Madisyn, Lisa, Astha) competed in the Language and Literature section and the Red Devils (Nethravanni, Hayley, Natalie, Woodrow, Rocco, Mikayla, Shamika) competed in the Mathematics and Engineering section. Both teams displayed amazing teamwork, positivity and quick thinking. Both teams have spent months of practises in lunch times, after school and in their own home time preparing for their long term challenges. On the day, they were each given a spontaneous challenge that they had 4 minutes to prepare and 1 minute to present.

The Strathpine State School community should be extremely proud of these students and the way in which they represented our school. This is a long term commitment that requires many hours and is entirely driven and executed by the students themselves. Staff can facilitate time for students but we can in no way suggest ideas, help to create props or engage in writing of their scripts. We can be proud of the work ethic, enthusiasm and commitment that all these students
displayed in preparing for, and competing in, the competition.

A would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who were endlessly supportive of giving their children the time to work on this, letting them stay back after school and for coming to the competition to show their support. This could not have been done without you, and I know your children loved having you there to cheer them on. I would also like to give a huge thank you to Mrs Nunn and Ms Simpson who organised and supported the teams on the competition day as I was the schools nominated judge for the day and could not be there with the team itself. More thanks go to the staff members who came on the day to show their support including Mr Caudwell, Mrs Martin, Mr Clegg and Mrs McGrath. Final results are still to come and will be announced as soon as we have them. Students will be receiving a participation award on assembly on Friday and we invite the parents to come along and celebrate their accomplishment.

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Student Awards
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We really enjoyed working with our buddies in 3A to create drawings for the 5C Poster competition. We have come up with lots of great ideas to show how we care for ourselves, our school and how we demonstrate courtesy.
3A would like to welcome Miss Cribb, who is completing her final year as a preservice teacher with us. She will be here for another two weeks and then for a four-week internship in Term 4. Miss Cribb is doing a wonderful job in 3A.

We are getting towards the end of a very busy term and 3A isn’t slowing down just yet! We are planning to do a lot of work between now and the holidays so that we can learn as much as we can in the short time we have in Year 3.

We have been learning about how to write procedures in English, about heat production and transfer in Science, and learning about how line, colour and choice of medium can create effective visual effects.

For the past 6 weeks, a few other students and myself from Years 4 to 6 have been doing Tournament Of Minds. We’ve just completed our big presentation at the Lakes College in North Lakes. It was a really fun and great experience to put behind us. Our school sent 2 teams consisting of five year 4 students and two year 6 students. I was leader of one of those teams which gave me a big responsibility of helping and leading my teammates. We did one big Maths and English
presentation that we were practising for 6 weeks and a small challenge that they threw at us on the day. All of us thought that we did really well, and even though the results aren’t out yet, I still thought it was something to remember for a long time. Vani 6B

Music - Strathpine's Got Talent
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Please see the attached file for a program for our Strathpine’ Got Talent to be held on Monday 12 and Tuesday 13 September commencing at 2pm.

Click here to download 1472526339_Strathpine'sGotTalent2016Program.pdf

Community Corner
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Is your child interested in Junior Indoor Soccer - Sign On Saturday 10 September. See website for more information.
http://www.insidesportz.com.au

South Pine Touch Association
Gala Day
Thursday, 22 September
South Pine Sports Complex, 620 South Pine Road, Brendale.

Gala Day activities run from 9am to 1pm

Who: Children aged 6-12yrs old
Cost: $25 registration fee (paid at the Gala Day). This includes a STEEDEN Junior Touch Football for each child and morning tea.

What to Bring: Water bottle, hat, sunscreen and clothing suitable to wear for games of Touch Football.

Gala Day Information: Children will be taken through a broad range of Touch Football specific skills and drills for the first half of the day. The day will conclude with children being split into teams, then playing full games of Touch Football. The aim of this day is for children of all abilities to get active, have fun and learn more about the game of Touch Football.

FOOTBALL
Registration is available now at the following link:
https://membership.sportstg.com/regoform.cgi?eventID=3590&formID=61719

For more information please contact Glen Walker.
Salvation Army, Pine Rivers Spring Fair & Expo will be held on Saturday 10 September 7.00am to 2.00pm. See attached for more information.

P & C Association
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Father's Day Stall
This week there will be a Father's Day Stall with gifts ranging in price from $1.00 - $5.00 per item. The stall will be held this Thursday 1 September and students will be able to purchase gifts in allocated times as the teachers will escort their class to the stall. If there are still gifts left over these will be on sale before and after school on the Friday. All funds raised will contribute towards a new playground.

Outdoor Cinema Night
We are currently planning this fundraising event. A flyer with information about the Outdoor Movie night will be sent home this week.

Strathpine State School Flea Market
The Flea Market is held every Saturday from 6am til 12 noon at Lawnton Showgrounds, Gympie Road, Lawnton. There is a huge variety of stalls with something for everyone. Come along and support your school and have a fun, family outing with lots of interests for everyone. If you would like to hold a stall or would like any further information please phone 0403 054 085. Phil Beaumont, Flea Market Convenor.

5 Cent Challenge
There will be a Pizza Party for the 2 winning classes - 2B and 5A for collecting to most coins for the 5c Challenge on Wednesday 14 September, the last week of Term 3. Well done to everyone.