Calendar of Events - Week 8 Term 1

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Reminder to families - School commences Term 2 - Monday, 11 April 2016.

School Watch

Remember, if you see anything suspicious around our school over the holiday break the School Watch phone no. is 13 17 88.
Principal's Message
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School Priorities:

Improve student achievement in reading and writing
Establishing community partnerships that support student learning
Fostering productive teams and providing distributive leadership opportunities

Student Attendance
Target – 94%
Year to date – 94.1%
Prep – 95.9%, Year 1 – 94.8%, Year 2 – 93.1%, Year 3 – 92.5%, Year 4 – 93.9%, Year 5 – 95.3%, Year 6 – 93.7%
Attendance percentages have dropped over the past two weeks in all years levels with the exception of Year 4!

Every Day Counts
Every day counts is a state wide initiative that aims to assist in improving student attendance at school through a shared commitment by students, parents, caregivers, schools and the community.

To do this, Every day counts promotes four key messages:
* all children should be enrolled at school and attend on every school day
* schools should monitor, communicate and implement strategies to improve regular school attendance
* truanting can place a student in unsafe situations and impact on their future employability and life choices
* Attendance at school is the responsibility of everyone in the community.

As we commence the start of the 2016 school year, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school on every school day unless there is a reasonable excuse for the student to be away, such as illness. Research shows that students who have a good attendance record are more likely to achieve high results. Going shopping, visiting family, staying up late, being tired or extending school holidays are not acceptable reasons to be away from school. Visit the Department of Education and Training website for more information: www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts
Bullying - No Way

It doesn’t matter whether it’s physical, psychological or even cyber. Bullying is a concern that our school takes very seriously and is working to address whenever it occurs. Bullying is an ongoing misuse of power in relationships through repeated verbal, physical and/or social behaviour that causes physical and/or psychological harm. It can involve an individual or a group misusing their power over one or more persons. Bullying can happen in person or online, and it can be obvious (overt) or hidden (covert). Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders. Single incidents and conflict or fights between equals, whether in person or online, are not defined as bullying. However, these conflicts still need to be addressed and resolved.

Behaviours that do not constitute bullying include:

• mutual arguments and disagreements (where there is no power imbalance)
• not liking someone or a single act of social rejection
• one-off acts of meanness or spite
• isolated incidents of aggression, intimidation or violence.

Online bullying (sometimes referred to as cyberbullying) is bullying carried out through the internet or mobile devices. If you suspect your child is being bullied, you should make an appointment with the teacher or school principal to discuss your concerns. Some signs of bullying include:

• Loss of confidence
• Changes in eating or sleeping habits, possibly bedwetting
• Health problems such as headaches or stomach aches
• Unhappiness or mood swings with sudden temper tantrums
• Reluctance to go to school and changes in academic performance.

What you can do:

• Talk with your child about school and keep the lines of communication open so children are more likely to confide in you.
• Encourage your child to feel okay to ask others for help and to keep their own safety in mind.
• Ensure your child knows how to report bullying and to ask you for help when needed.
• Report the incident to a teacher. Don’t try to sort out the situation yourself.
• Make sure you are modelling healthy behaviours to your child, especially in relation to conflict resolution and anger management.
• Help protect your child from harassment and cyber-bullying by closely monitoring internet use and installing free internet filters.

Bullying – what can you do? If it happens in person:

• ignore them
• tell them to stop and then walk away
• pretend you don’t care
• go somewhere safe
• get support from your friends.

Bullying – what can you do? If it happens online:

• avoid responding to the bullying
• block and report anyone who is bullying online
• protect yourself online – use privacy settings and keep records.

Bullying – what can you do? If you see someone being bullied:

• leave negative online conversations – don’t join in
• support others being bullied.

Bullying – what can you do? If it doesn’t stop:

• talk to an adult (parent, teacher) who can help stop the bullying
• keep asking for support until the bullying stops.
On Wednesday March 23, 2016, the Strathpine State School P&C Association will conduct an AGM with a general meeting to follow the AGM. The AGM will commence at 6.30pm in the staffroom. The AGM will elect the P&C executive for 2016.

Functions of the P&C

• To foster community interest in educational matters
• To encourage closer co-operation between parents of students attending the school, other members of the community, staff and students of the school
• To provide advice and recommendations to the Principal of the school, when asked, on issues and concerns in respect of students and general operation and management of the school
• To provide or assist in the provision of financial or other resources or services for the benefit of students of the school
• To perform other functions, not inconsistent with the ACT, as the Minister may decide.

Staff Changes

Mrs Donna Cassimatis has been appointed the Master Teacher for Kippa-Ring and Clontarf Beach State Schools. This is a promotional role for Donna and she will take up her new postition at the beginning of term 2. Her knowledge, expertise, compassion and care will be missed here at Strathpine State School. On behalf of the school community, I wish Donna the best of luck in her new role.

Term 2

Term 1 finishes on Thursday March 24. Term 2 commences on Monday April 11

Deputy Principal News

Published by Kerri McGrath

We are now drawing to the close of term 1 and we will certainly be ending with a BANG! On Friday we will commemorate Anti Bullying by wearing orange and saying no to bullying. Harmony day is celebrated on March 21st and we will celebrate this on Friday with our anti-bullying day. Harmony day celebrates the divers culture we get to experience and encourages us to embrace the cultures which make Australia such a special place to live.

Camp

Last week I had the privilege to spend a day at Maranatha with our year 5 and 6 students on camp. This camp was a very successful experience for all involved and I was proud of each and every child who attended. The camp put them out of their comfort zones and made them try new things. For some children the experience of being away from home alone was a new and frightening experience for them, throw in a few challenges high above the ground and the experience could of turned out to be very daunting for them.

The group I got to work with were so good to each other and offered encouragement to each child while they were thrown high into the air. They taught me what bravery was about and how even though many of them were absolutely terrified of heights they trusted their team enough to fly through the air 14m above ground. As Hope said to me "Mrs McGrath if I can do it you can!" We supported each other to overcome our fear of the unknown and ended up loving flying through the air. Even if the kids in charge of my ropes made me stay up there a little longer than necessary and tricked me into thinking I was coming down to ground before throwing me back into the air again... it was certainly another day that made me reflect on how much I love my job and the people who make up the Strathpine Community - it certainly is a special place to be.
National Young Leaders Day

Every year the Halogen Young Leaders day is held at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition centre. This was my first year to attend the event and I was lucky enough to get to take our 4 leaders with me. On Monday four very excited captains jumped into my car to brave the peak hour traffic and headed for the big smoke. It was amazing to walk into one of the great halls of the Convention Centre and be met by a massive stage and a crowd of 3000 student leaders. Our leaders have written a report on their experiences on the day and once again I was proud to share the day with wonderful students who were exceptional role models for our school.

Behaviour

This fortnight we are focusing on the 5C of Courtesy. 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 take pride in my work and try my best
- I include others by encouraging them to join in
- I am prepared and ready for learning

Learning about courtesy allows us to think about how our actions impact on other people. It helps to make the world a better place to live in as we strive to treat others the way we want to be treated.

A school is a diverse community of learners who all come to us from different backgrounds having experienced many different things and at times issues arise which need to be addressed. Part of our core duty as educators is to support ALL students to grow into responsible, resilient, caring members of society. It is inevitable that when you work with such a large group of people all with different personalities, experiences and needs that conflicts will occur. These same conflicts provide us all with learning opportunities on how to handle situations better next time, how to respond appropriately with others and how to develop some resilience. Arguments between children is a perfectly normal part of childhood and is also necessary for students to learn how to relate to each other and become good communicators in the future.

When issues arise our staff work very hard to get to the bottom of the issue and make decisions on consequences or management of different behaviours. At any one time we have a number of plans in place for students with complex needs, discussions with parents, case management processes with stakeholders, medical professionals and specialist staff. Due to confidentiality we cannot discuss with you how we are managing any child other than your own but be assured that it is in our best interest to ensure that children with complex issues are being handled in the best possible way to ensure they have success in a school environment. We are very fortunate at Strathpine to have developed very good relationships with parents and are having a lot of success in ensuring ALL children receive the support they need to be successful at school.

Please don't hesitate to speak with us about concerns you have so that we can address them in an efficient manner. The best way to raise your concerns is to first speak with the class teacher as they usually have more information on the individual needs of your child.

National Say No to Bullying Day

Wear orange on Friday to show your support for the National Say No to Bullying Day! Strathpine State School Says NO to bullies.

Bullying No Way!
At our school we aim to create a safe and supportive school community for everyone. Sometimes, it can be difficult for parents or carers to know what to do when their child talks to them about bullying. You are an important part of our work to prevent bullying and to respond effectively if it happens.

Stopping bullying involves everyone.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. **Listen** calmly and get the full story. Your calm response is important to allow your child to tell you all about the situation. After they’ve told you their story, ask questions to get more details if you need to: who, what, where, when. Although you may feel some strong emotions about your child’s experience, try to keep calm to avoid more distress to your child.

2. **Reassure** your child they are not to blame. Many children blame themselves and this may make them feel even worse. You could say things like, ‘That sounds really hard to deal with. No one should have to put up with that.’ or ‘I’m so glad you told me. You should be able to feel safe at school; that’s not fair at all’.

3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do. A critical part of your response is to avoid jumping in to solve the problem. While it is natural to want to protect your child, helping them to find their own solution is a better option. It helps them feel they have some power in the situation.

4. **Visit** www.bullyingnoway.gov.au to find some strategies. The website has tips and ideas for different bullying situations. One idea is to practice strategies at home to help your child feel more confident.

5. **Contact** the school. Your child may be reluctant for you to do this, so discuss the idea and reassure them that the school would want to know and is able to help. Make an appointment to meet with your child’s teacher and, if you need to, ask to talk with the principal. Contact the school immediately if you have a concern about your child’s safety.

6. **Check in regularly** with your child. Keep the conversation going. It can take time to resolve issues, so check in regularly with your child about their experiences and their feelings. Your ongoing support is important.

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**Curriculum Coordinator**

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The end of term is quickly approaching and holidays will soon be here.

Information was sent home this week regarding the ICAS assessments for students in Years 3 - 6:

- dates of assessments and relevant costings.

The Life Education Team and Harold the Giraffe will be visiting our school from 23rd – 27th May, 2016.

- Cost: $5 per student.

Next week we are taking the opportunity to stocktake the resources in our school library. We will need all books returned to the library by Friday 18th March to help us complete the huge task of stocktake.

We want everyone to keep reading so explore the wonderful resources available in our local library – Moreton Bay Region Library at Strathpine. Wonderful school holiday activities are available to keep children of all ages entertained.

Below is information taken from the website of Moreton Bay Region Libraries to highlight the exciting events available for kids and parents.

Explore the website to find something your children will enjoy and get along to the Moreton Bay Region Library at Strathpine. Bookings are essential for the School Holiday Program for kids, places are limited so don’t delay – book through the website or call in to the Library.

There are so many things for kids to do at the library! Find out about our range of activities below and contact your local library for further details. All kids’ events are FREE.

- Find more events for all ages by browsing or searching the What’s On calendar.

What’s on for kids?

School Holiday Program for Kids

Try our competitions, treasure hunts, live shows, craft and information workshops over the school holidays. You might even win a prize! Be sure to book your place as spaces are limited. For kids 12 years and under.

First 5 Forever

Choose from a range of fun and informative First 5 Forever activities at the library and help your child develop early literacy skills. First 5 Forever programs offer language development and literacy experiences for children 0 -5 years and support parents/carers as their child’s first teacher.
Baby Rhyme Time
Help your child develop the skills needed to communicate and to learn to read at Baby Rhyme Times. In a friendly and relaxed environment you and your baby can learn rhymes, action songs and finger plays to share together. For parents and children 2 years and under.

Storytime
Introduce your child to books and encourage a love of reading at Storytimes. Experience the magic of stories, action rhymes and songs with your child at the library. For parents and children 2-5 years.

Pyjama Storytime
Bring along teddies and blankies and snuggle in for fairytales, stories and songs. Pyjama storytimes are fun and interactive evenings for the whole family.

ReadUp
Would you like to encourage your child to use the library? ReadUp rewards your child for visiting the library and using their card to borrow books. You can earn 10 collectable ReadUp certificates, including designs from Australian children’s book illustrators. For kids 8 years and under.

GameOn
Looking for something to do over the school holidays or after school? Drop in and play giant games, board games, puzzles and jigsaws at the library. Fun for the whole family.

Booklets
Are you a parent with children 6 years and under? Join Booklets! Play, sing, talk, draw and explore the wonderful world of books with your child to help build early literacy skills. Every child has the chance to win prizes and join in storytelling activities. Get free reservations on children’s and parenting resources too.

Chatterbooks
Aged 6 to 8 years old? Want to hear and talk about stories, have fun and make new friends? Join Chatterbooks to share books and movies, participate in games and activities, get free reservations, and enter our prize draws. Families welcome!

Readiculous
Are you 9 to 12 years old? Want to read, share and talk books, films and magazines? Join Readiculous to review, swap, recommend, and chat about what you’re reading or what’s screening. Meet friends, play games, have the chance to win prizes and get free reservations too!

Have a great holiday. Happy reading, Helen McGoldrick

Moreton Bay Regional Council Library
the steps to greatness, he also told us that you learn by your mistakes not by your success. He taught us that you have to treat people fairly and honestly no matter what. The next speaker was Josh Richard he wants to be the first person to land on Mars in 2026. He inspired us by saying not to let life kick you into the adult you don’t want to become and to always follow your dreams.
The second last speaker was Pippa Sheehan she is a news reporter on Ten Eyewitness News. She told us that coming out of your comfort zone gets you great opportunities and that the past can hurt but you could either run from it or learn from it.
The last speakers were Lisa Stojanovski a You Tuber, Sarah cutler a women that eats ice-cream 24/7 (owns an ice-cream factory), and Hannah Purss she milks camels and spreads positive vibes and they all gave us inspiration that there is always another chance to change things and that you’re in control for what you do.
It was a great day and we learnt so much.
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### Year 5 and 6 Camp Comments

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Camp Accommodation

Maranatha Camp has comfy, soft, bouncy beds. If you thought that camp is just a messy place where you have to sleep with mountains of dirt and mud, then you are wrong! The beds at Maranatha Camp have the squishiest and most comfortable mattresses. The dormitories hold up to 16 bunk beds with safety rails to stop you from rolling over during sleep. The shower and toilet blocks are easy to use and there are plenty of lights at night. Mikaydi, Nataysia, Danny and Gabby.

On Tuesday we woke up excited for Mid-ropes and Abseiling with the teacher T-bomb and Crunchy.

In mid-ropes they teach you to put a harness on. In the Mid-ropes you go through obstacles in the air to get on a flying fox to get to the ground.

After Mid-ropes we went Abseiling in Abseiling you climb 11 metre in the air! And when you get to the top you go down a high wall with nothing but a harness to hold you but do not worry you won’t fall the harness will defiantly keep you up so you can keep on going down.

In the end you feel amazed and proud for yourself for doing what you didn’t feel convertible with. I hope year 4 next year love camp. Brayden Phillips 5A.

Camp Food

Food! Maranatha Camp had WONDERFUL combinations of recipes to fill up our hungry tummies! Even fussy eaters were still able to enjoy their meals. The desserts are designed especially for our liking from chocolate cake to ice-blocks. The delicious meals made every child want to have seconds!

Lilee, Zoe and Kaela.

5A Camp report

When I woke up my adrenaline was pumping through my veins! I was so excited when we were about to go on the endless Mid-ropes and the terrifying Abseiling. I was...
terrified when I saw the Mid-ropes challenge. I nearly passed out on the dangerous Mid-ropes because it was like a nightmare that would never end. There were five devastating tasks on the Mid-ropes. The first task was the slippery logs of death, the separate greasy logs, and two ropes that felt like flammable liquid and the last task was the never-ending flying fox. I was so glad when I touched the muddy ground it felt like I was in an atrocious nightmare and I could never wake up. Just when I was about to go back to my clean, peaceful and wonderful, cabin something way more dangerous popped up the fatal Abseiling. It was 11 metres high but it felt like 100 metres. When I got to the top I could barely see one of my friends Brendan Waddy. I thought it would be smooth sailing from that point because I thought it would be another slippery ladder but I was wrong. It was a flat surface it turns out you that we had to jump on the wall over and over until you reach the sweet dirty ground. Crunchy my awesome instructor even said I was a natural at the horrible Abseiling. And I think everyone who went on camp should be proud of themselves. I was even brave enough to go on the Abseiling a second time. I was heart-broken that we had to leave the next day. I love Camp Maranatha! By Tupuna P 5A

On Tuesday we woke up ready to tackle the Mid ropes and Abseiling. I reckon Mid ropes was not as scary as Abseiling because Abseiling is 11 feet in the air and Mid ropes is only 7.5 metres in the air. It was at this camp called Maranatha and for both of the activities we had to wear a harness and all ropes connected to a doughnut. After that we went for a hike. Enrique and Montana didn’t hop in the pool. Our instructors were Crunchy Fever and T-bomb. After that we had archery and Fever was there. Archery was very hard and we did really well. Tupuna was the best and then we had our own session. We went hiking which was easy and we saw a jeep which was yellow and then we went back to our cabins. We played a game of nukum and a game of cricket. We had dinner which was spaghetti and meatballs. There was an owl show on Monday night. The camp is called Maranatha recreation camp. It was the best camp ever. Thanks Maranatha for the best experience in my life time. THANKS T-BOMB, CRUNCHY, FEVER AND TO ALL THE OTHER INSTRUCTORS. Brendan Waddy 5A
Camp Recount

Camp!!!! Camp is a fun thing to do. We had Crunchy and T-Bomb who help us do mid ropes and it was fun but it is seven and a half metres high. Mum and dad told me to try all the activities and I did. Mr Watt told me to try my best at every think and I did. Possum Pull was fun but I went half way up then I went even higher. I was scared to go up and I got rid of my fear. When I was about to go on the wood I fell over and lucky I had a helmet on my head. I got back up and did it.

The Leap of Faith is where you have to climb up the ladder. It is really wobbly but then you have to jump and touch the ball and it was so cool but scary, so try it. The pool was so good as it was a warm day and the water was nice. You can play lots of games in the pool which is fun to do. You can play, you know what is the dark forest, which is when kids get lost a lot of times in the dark forest. Tiara McAteer 5A

Here is a snap shot of Year 5 and 6 Camp.
Easter Hat Parade Prep - Year 2
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Easter Hat Parade - Prep - Year 2 Thursday 24 March

Classroom Capers
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In Prep B, we have been having a great time learning about the needs of living things in Science. We have planted some seeds and have been observing the changes we see as they grow into seedlings. We have discussed what they will need to survive, and what might happen if we do not meet those needs. We are looking forward to taking care of our seedlings and seeing them thrive.

P & C Association
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P & C AGM
The 2016 Annual General Meeting for Strathpine State School P&C Association will be held on Wednesday 23 March 2016 commencing at 6.30pm in the staffroom. A General P&C Meeting will follow. At the AGM the updated P&C Constitution will be addressed.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Executive please collect a roles and responsibilities sheet from the school office or visit the P&C Qld website for more information. If you have any further enquiries regarding the AGM please email pandc@strathpnss.eq.edu.au. Thank you.

Noticeboard
The P&C Noticeboard is now up. Please check the notice board regularly for Tuckshop and Uniform updates and any upcoming events.

Fundraising
Next term there will be a Pie Drive at the end of May. More details will be given closer to the date.

Fleamarket
The Flea Market will not be opening on Easter Saturday 26 March 2016 and will resume normal trading from Saturday 2 April 2016.

Courtyard
The P&C have received approval for a Grant of $5,539 for the Community and School Courtyard Upgrade project, to replace the existing six seat table and seating bench in the Technology Centre courtyard. The project is supported by funding from the Australian Government under the Stronger Communities Programme. This upgraded area will benefit all the students at Strathpine State School.

Community Corner
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Active Kids Park Sessions - March & April School Holidays - Moreton Bay Regional Council

Join in the fun of the Moreton Bay Regional Council’s Active Kids Park Sessions this school holidays (Tuesday 29 March to Friday 8 April 2016). This free program is suitable for children aged 3 to 12 years who live or go to school in the Moreton Bay Region. Children will have the opportunity to participate in a range of great activities being delivered in local parks throughout the region, including tennis, rugby, soccer, drum beats, hip hop, gymnastics, basketball, rock climbing and low ropes. No bookings are required. For a full schedule of Active Kids Park Sessions and more information visit www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/activekids