Dear Stafford Heights Families and Friends

Welcome back to all our returning families and to the many new families who have chosen our school to educate your children.

We also welcome some new staff members. Mr Malouf on 5/6 and Mrs Redman on 4/5, as well as Mrs Davidson our Advisory Visiting Teacher (AVT).

Enrolment and Classes
As you may be aware, schools receive resources, including staffing, based on the student enrolment on Day 8, which is Thursday 2nd February. Based on our current enrolment we have formed the following class groups:

- Prep/1 – Mrs Bourner
- Year 1/2 – Mrs Wood-Richardson
- Year 3/4 – Mrs Cooper
- Year 4/5 – Mrs Redman
- Year 5/6 – Mr Malouf
- SEP – Mrs Joseph
- Music – Mrs Shepheard
- PE – Mrs Jardine
- LOTE – Mrs Tsang
- Instrumental Music – Mrs Shepheard

Stafford Heights is fortunate to have dedicated staff to ensure your children are receiving the best education in a safe, clean environment.

Student Wellbeing and Unexplained Absences
To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our students we would ask that all families follow procedure when a student will be absent from school:

- All children must be present in their classroom for roll marking by 9.00am.
- Teachers will mark the roll. Any child not in the classroom will be marked as absent.
- Children who arrive after the roll has been marked are required to go to the office to collect a late slip to give to their teacher.
- Office staff will check and clear phone messages left regarding student absences and a Daily Unexplained Absence report will be generated.
- Office staff will contact all families on the list by 10.00am, advising of the child’s absence and requesting an explanation.

How you can help us to keep your children safe:
- Provide a preferred current phone number/mobile number. If your number changes, advise us immediately.
SCHOOL NEWS

School Banking
Welcome back to all our wonderful SCHOOL BANKERS. Our first week started off well with 15 deposits. We will continue to have school banking on a WEDNESDAY.

Each student should have received a 2017 School Banking program pack. The packs are filled with lots of valuable information for new or continuing bankers and also gives an opportunity for parents to open accounts for their children online.

This year the Dollarmite Team are going on a futuristic savings adventure to Savings Hover Park.

There are a number of students who have held their prizes over from the end of last year. For First term there is a CYBER HANDBALL or COLOUR CHANGE MARKERS on offer, so get your orders in.

Looking forward to an exciting year ahead. 😊

For further enquiries please contact Sharron and Lindsay Krause 07 3359 3173, SHSS Schoolbanking Co-ordinators

Birthdays
Happy birthday wishes to the following students who will be celebrating birthdays in December & January:

Haythem, Katie, Tyler, Bree, Ryder, Peppa, Aiden, Charlie S, Akira

Absences
Please use any of the following to report an absence:

- Phone: 3621 2333, OR
- email Absences@staffordheightss.eq.edu.au, OR
- send a note to the Office

Don’t forget that ALL absences are included on report cards at the end of each semester.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KIDS ACTING CLASSES NOW IN SAMFORD, MITCHELTON, CHERMSIDE, BALD HILLS & PADDINGTON

Does your child love performing? The Australian Acting Academy Brisbane’s best acting school for young people is now open in Samford, Mitchelton, Chermside, Bald Hills and Paddington. Collaboration, creating, devising and performing are all part of this unique program specialising in Devising Theatre, Performing for Green Screen and fostering creativity in kids. Your child will flourish under out "safety net" philosophy which creates total support for the ensemble and supports each child to take creative risks. Your child is welcome to come along
Does your child love to sing around the house?

Leading children’s choir, Voices of Birralee, invites young singers to join their training choirs; Birralee Piccolos (prep – 1, ages 5 – 7), Birralee Kids (years 2 – 4, ages 7 – 10) and Birralee Singers (year 5 – 8, ages 10 – 13).

The non-profit organisation nurtures a child’s love of singing in a fun and educational environment, focusing on holistic education, building social and cognitive skills, emotional resilience, confidence and musical expertise.

Tuition is provided by professionals who are highly regarded and experienced in their field. Members can enrol by semester, with rehearsal details below. For more information and to enrol, visit www.birralee.org.

Wednesday – Birralee HQ, Bardon
Piccolos 4 - 4:45pm
Kids 4 - 5pm

Thursday - Birralee HQ, Bardon
Singers 4 - 5:30pm

Saturday – Eagle Junction State School, Clayfield
Piccolos 1:30 - 2:15pm
Kids 1:30 - 2:30pm
Singers 3 - 4:30pm

Footy Sign On – Wilston Grange Gorillas
Junior & Youth sign on days
Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th 12-3pm
Hickey Park, Barbara St, Stafford
Contact:- Donna Telfer – 0400 829 954
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