Dear Stafford Heights Families and Friends

Our year has started off busy and continues to be so with lots of exciting things in the next coming weeks. I enjoyed taking time to visit and work with students in every class last week. It was so wonderful to see our PBL Framework in action, with lots of respect for learning visible in the classroom and lots of happy faces.

At Stafford Heights State School reading remains one of our school priorities, to this end we have our teacher aides in the classrooms already supporting the students and teachers in their “Reading Blocks”. I am looking forward to spending more time in the classrooms to be a part of the learning.

Our Leader Induction and Badge Presentation Assembly will be held on Friday 17 February. Congratulations to the following Senior Student Leaders for 2017.

School Captains - Mia Hertrick and John Pokia
Wickham House Captains - Georgia Ferguson and Logan Woolnough
Norman House Captains - Amy-Rose Krause and Kai Lothian
Laver House Captains - Mia Hertrick, Aiden Myśliński and Dylan Deacon
Choir Leader - Jacqulyn Hicks
Band Leader - Amy-Rose Krause

Student Council Representatives will be elected this week before the assembly. Parents of the successful students will be contacted to allow you to attend the assembly should you wish.

Our Thursday Playgroup – “Staffie’s Pups” will be held in the school hall this week from 9:30 – 11:00. All families with under 5’s are welcome to attend. This program is an important part of our transition to Prep program.

Please remember we have a very special day with Pink Stumps Day on Saturday 18th February, 10am-3pm. This day supports the McGrath Foundation. I am looking forward to seeing as many people in “dress up” on the day, with Darth Vader choosing the best costume at noon on Saturday. Make sure you take a look at the flyers about the day to know all the exciting stuff that will be on offer.

Community Well-being. At Stafford Heights State School we pride ourselves on our strong sense of community both in and around the school. To this end, all families are encouraged to depart the school grounds promptly at the conclusion of the school day. This is to ensure safety and supervision for all students and allows the staff to continue on with their work after hours without interruption. Children on bikes and scooters need to safely walk with their bikes or scooters until outside the school grounds. I ask that parents do not allow children on any play equipment before or after school.

Abi Hurdley
A/Principal
**P&C NEWS**

**Friday morning tea and coffee** – For those parents and caregivers who are able to come to Friday assemblies, please feel free to come a bit earlier for a free tea/coffee outside the Hall; it’s a nice opportunity to touch base with other parents and take a moment for ourselves at the start of the day.

**Staffie’s Pups Playgroup** - Don’t forget our new playgroup is running fortnightly on Thursday mornings in the School Hall from 9.30am. It was lovely to see new and familiar faces at our first get together two weeks ago. The playgroup meets again this week (16th February) so, if you or friends have young children, come along for a relaxed and playful morning.

**Pink Stumps Day** - it’s going to be hot, but the Redback Garrison are selling COLD drinks and are running a BBQ to raise money for the McGrath foundation. The PandC will be selling ice blocks, chips and holding a cake stall. Any donations to the cake stall can be dropped at the Tuckshop on Friday. Cake boxes and ingredients labels are available if you need them. It will be a great family day out (let’s face it, how often do you get to see Darth Vader and storm troopers playing cricket?) and there’s raffles to be won and prizes for the best costume. 10am - 3pm this Saturday on the lower school oval. Some marquees will be up to provide shade, but you may like to perch under a tree or bring your own shade.

Our next P&C meeting is next Tuesday, 21st February, with our AGM to be held a month later on the 21st March. New faces are most welcome.

**Tuckshop volunteers for the coming weeks:**
17th Feb – Kelly Spriggs

24th Feb – Helen Doyle

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**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.

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**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**February 3**

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COMMUNITY NEWS

This exciting multi-sport children's program can:
- introduce children to the joy of sport
- help develop essential motor skills
- cover the basic rules of 9 exciting sports
- gain a head start to a healthy lifestyle
- practice fair play
- make new friends

Contact details
Phone: 3376 3388
Email: info@youngsports.com.au
Web: youngsports.com.au

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 - 5 pm

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

Australian Girls Choir – February Open Classes
Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Contact us if you would like to attend a free trial class in February.
Phone: 3256 0207
Email brisbane@aspagroup.com.au