Dear Stafford Heights Families and Friends

It's hard to believe Term two is almost over. Stafford Heights State School has had a very successful term across all areas, from our teaching and learning core priorities to community events showcasing our wonderful school.

This term sees the first group of students to become members of the 100 Reading Club. Congratulations to those students who have completed 100 reading sessions - they will be wearing their bright blue wrist band. It's very important that our students continue with their reading sessions over the holidays. We would love to see those session numbers moving ahead in leaps and bounds over the break. Remember all those books being read can be counted towards totals in The Premier’s Reading Challenge that concludes next term.

A number of our students have reached their first milestone by receiving a piece of "Staffie's" paw after earning themselves 250 Good Ones. It is wonderful to see our PBL framework becoming part of our school community, with all our students engaging in our PBL reward system. These students will be taking part in the Staffie Celebration event on Friday. Staffie will be joining them for games, including cricket and an ice block to finish off. Next term, students who earn a piece, or another piece of Staffie’s paw, will be celebrating with a "Staffie" disco. Please take some time to chat about the ideas around PBL with your child and encourage them earn those Good Ones.

Our group of SHSS students who attended a Broncos training last week came back with some wonderful stories, the most popular being the amazement that the club has a "hot tub" and a pool inside, as well as a couch and an Xbox!!! The group were also thrilled that when they were thirsty there wasn’t any water, but there was Pواء!! There were so many stories and loads of excitement around their bus ride, training participation and BBQ lunch. A big thanks to Ms A for organising this fantastic treat for some of our students, and also a number of our parents who went along to assist.

Community is an integral part of SHSS, and this term, especially the last couple of weeks, has been jam packed with involvement. Our school disco was a wonderful success with the hall full of "groovers and jivers", thanks to Lily Hodge and Clint Hertrick for their musical expertise. Saturday saw our car park full of open boots for the P&C Car Boot Sale. There were loads of treasures to be found and lots of community in our school for the morning. Thanks to the P&C for always being on the ball with raising not only money but awareness around our school, and of course the famous SHSS sausage sizzle. Saturday morning also saw lots and lots of dirty cars lining up at our Year 6 Car Wash. The Year 6 students, parents and Mr Malouf did an amazing job of transforming dirty cars into shiny new ones. Lots of fun was had, and funds raised, towards the year six graduation at the end of the year.

On Saturday afternoon Staffie and I had the pleasure of attending the Stafford Heights Kindy disco. So many cute princesses, fairies,
batmen and spidermen dancing away. Staffie and I officially opened the disco and Staffie spent time dancing with the students. It was a delight to spend time with some future students and chat to their parents.

Next term is looking to be as busy as the previous two, with our NAIDOC Celebrations, Prep Open Morning and school fete. Term three will also see our students and staff continuing to focus on our core priorities of Reading and PBL.

Term three will also see prospective students coming to the school with our Prep interviews happening later in the term. If you, or anyone you know, are planning to enrol your child at SHSS for 2018 it is very important that completed enrolment forms are handed into the office as soon as possible.

Abi Hurdley
A/Principal

P&C NEWS

As we come to the end of another busy and productive term, we would like to thank all those volunteers who have helped out with our various fundraising initiatives throughout the term. Thanks also to everyone in our School community who came and supported our events such as our most recent endeavour: the Car Boot Sale and car Wash.

Car Wash - A big Thank-you to the Year 6s, their parents and Mr Malouf for making the Car Wash a huge success; it was great to see happy students working hard and happy customers!

Year 6 students washed up a storm on Saturday – students and parent had a great time.

Entertainment Books - it’s never too late to take advantage of those terrific discounts and 2-for-1 deals across a range of restaurants, attractions and activities and with holidays almost upon us, Urban Climb, Inflatable World, Baskins Robbins and many more could make time with the kids even more special. Available from the uniform shop or online at http://www.entbook.com.au/226h525

SCHOOL NEWS

Premier’s Reading Challenge
There are only 79 days left of the 102 days allotted for Premier’s Reading Challenge reading. The Prep/1 class has already completed the Challenge! Our school wants 100% participation in this event, so keep reading and recording what you read on your record sheet. Happy Reading 😊

Birthdays
Happy birthday wishes to the following students who will be celebrating birthdays in June: Brhea, Dexter, Darren, Jacob F, Ryan, John, Kaliede, Willow, Harleigh, Jack

Absences
Please use any of the following to report an absence:
- Phone: 3621 2333 OR 3621 2360
- email Absences@staffordheightsss.eq.edu.au, OR
- send a note to the Office

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

June 9

| 1/2    | Allira – trying hard in writing |
| 2/3    | Bassy – following instructions first time |
| 3/4    | Savannah – working hard on writing pieces |
| 4/5    | Cooper – improvement in concentration in class |
| 5/6    | Jacquelyn – effort in Art |
| LOTE   | Quinlan – actively participating in the lesson |
| Music  | John P – making a great effort in learning the first three guitar chords |

June 16

| Prep/1 | Jack – working well in class this week |
| 1/2    | Ricardo – always following instructions and trying his best |
| 2/3    | Aiyana – following instructions and trying her best |
| 3/4    | Lewis – always showing a mature and... |
4/5

responsible attitude to work

Kyah – great work using reading comprehension strategies

5/6

Samoa – always striving for her best

Music

Katie – a great effort in recording and presenting ‘Ode to Joy’ on the keyboard

PE

5/6 – exceptional teamwork, enthusiasm and effort during PE activities

COMMUNITY NEWS

Want to play softball October 2017 to March 2018 with a well-established (40 year old) Club?

Join REDSOX SOFTBALL CLUB for the 2017-2018 season

Girls and boys welcome!

Sign-on/trials/trainings are at Windsor Park on Mondays with games at Downey Park on Saturdays.

So come along on these dates:

17th July - SIGN ON - Juniors (Under 13 and 15) at 4.30pm and Seniors at 6.30pm
7th August - TRIALS for all ages and grades
21st August - TRAININGS start

For more details call 040 787 3348 or check out the website: www.redsoxsoftball.com

Homestay Families Required

Home stay families required to host study tour groups (3-4 weeks) from China and Japan

- Families are paid $260 per week per student and provide breakfast, lunch and dinner Monday to Sunday.
- Students are over 18 years of age
- Students are attending QUT Kelvin Grove to learn English. English must be spoken in the home and the home must be 40 minutes or less total travel time to Kelvin Grove busway (behind P Block)