Dear Stafford Heights family and friends,

Amazingly we are in the final week of term 3, where has the term gone???

Last Saturday saw our oval full of school community at our fete. It was a wonderful day, full of activities, games and smiles. Special events like this take a lot of hard work behind the scenes for weeks ahead of the actual event, so a huge thanks must go to our fantastic P&C, in particular Jo Brown for spearheading the logistics of the day. There were lots of volunteers from our school community that assisted P&C members on the day, from parents and staff, a big thanks to them also. A huge thank you to everyone that came along on the day, joined in activities and added to the great atmosphere. Fete days are always a huge day, from the early hours of set up to the late hours of clean up, but as I locked the gates late Saturday afternoon it was with a huge smile from being part of such a special day at Stafford Heights State School and once again being part of such a wonderful community.

We welcomed Mr Ben Thompson, Head of the Arts Department at Everton Park State High School, to our Assembly last week to present awards to the winners of our inaugural Visual Arts Competition. As our judge, Ben was very impressed with the pieces exhibited. Congratulations to all our class winners: Shieun, Geordie, Emily, Malya, Ella and Kalya.

Monday night was our annual Music Evening, where we celebrate all things musical at Stafford Heights State School. Once again it was a wonderful evening, full of great bands and choirs. I cannot thank Mrs Leah Shepherd enough for not only playing her usual role with our choirs, but for also taking on the role of conductor with our bands in the absence of Mrs Lynne Shepherd, who is away following shoulder surgery. Mrs Leah Shepherd did an amazing job juggling all our musical performances to showcase the amazing musical talent we have at SHSS. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr Jacob Hills to our school in the role of Instrumental Music Teacher for the remainder of the school year.

Term three has been so busy, but also so successful and amazing. We celebrated NAIDOC and book week. We welcomed new families at our Prep open morning and connected with our local high school for MADD day. Our students had learning experiences outside of the classroom with two class excursions and a 5/6 camp and a camp out. We excelled in extracurricular activities, participating in Craigieburn High School's volleyball competition and the Metropolitan regions Music Honours Camp.

At the end of each term I get the pleasure of reviewing our student reading data and celebrating our students' achievements and reading gains. It's always a pleasure to enjoy a special morning tea with members of our 100 and 200 Reading Club at the end of the term.

Stafford Heights State School achieves great things, big and small, each and every day, which only happens because of the fantastic school community.
It takes a committed team of people from parents to staff to students to make the amazing gains and achieve the smiles we see every day, a big thank you to everyone in our community for playing their part in our school. Enjoy your holidays and I look forward to a busy but wonderful term four.

Abi Hurley
A/Principal

P&C News

Spring Carnival - A huge thank-you to our fete convenor, Jo Brown, for her leadership on the day; but also to the many staff, parents and friends who chipped in with time, supervision, muscle, donations and good cheer. It was a really happy day, perfect to celebrate our school and the spring weather. It was also lovely to have representatives from Everton Park State High School, Stafford Heights Kindergarten, Girl Guides Australia, Marine Conservation Australia, Qld Fire and Rescue, Seido Karate, Lions Club (Inner North Brisbane), St Pauls Uniting Church and Jabiru join us on the day. Thanks again to our major sponsors of the day: Nuvohomes and Cr Norm Wyndham.

Raffle - Thank you to the many people who bought tickets in the raffle and congratulations to the winners. I would like to thank the following people and businesses for their very kind donations: Hon. Wayne Swan MP, Anthony Lynham MP, Cr Norm Wyndham, Number Works’n’ Words(Chermside), Fernwood Fitness(Everton Park), Deep Grey Photography, Amanda Cotton Photography, Tim Mellifont and the Alliance Hotel, Bek Morris and Louella DeVille Boutique, Rode Meats, Maple Cafe, Jerky Nuts Restaurant, Gloria Jeans Coffee (Rode Rd), Karen Rigby and Biella Beauty Salon, Georgina Lawson (Tupperware), Jabiru and Richard Norman and McDonalnds Stafford.

Camp Out - Thanks again to Peter White for his organization of this community building event. Eight families took advantage of the school grounds for their sleep-over with a few more families and staff members joining in the daytime activities on the oval. It was a great set up, complete with BBQ, Smoker and movie screen.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers - Thank-you to everyone who has been collecting these on behalf of our school, our total is looking great. There is one more week, so if you have any at home please remember to bring them in before the holidays.

Community Education - Keep an eye out for the Term 4 brochure. Remember that parents and carers of our school students get a discount on their enrolment fee for any of our Community Education classes.

Camp Out Report from Peter - Fun was had by all at the School Camp Out. There was a variety of camping accommodation from swags to tents, vans and camper trailers.

The entertaining area used by all was set up under a big tarp just by the undercover area on the main oval. Some cricket was played on the oval in the afternoon before we devoured a lovely warm savoury damper. Then BBQ’s were flared up and the feasting began - followed by some marshmallows toasted over the fire! Afterwards, the families all sat down to watch on old favourite 1980’s movie “The Goonies” before retiring at our camp out under the stars.

Breakfast was on early and one Mum’s missed out even though she went and got some of the Dad’s coffee.

School News

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Term 4 week 1-2
In week 1 and 2 next term, the Positive Behaviour for Learning focus will be Using the toilets properly and keeping them clean.

Students will be discussing and role playing ways to keep the toilets clean and using the toilets properly by going, flushing and washing and quietly returning to where they need to be.

All students need to take responsibility for proper use of toilets and for keeping them clean which means students tell adults if problems arise.

Respect Award
September 8

Nunia, Sophia, Emily, Lizzie, Emma, Dexter

Contact details
Parents - please ensure you update any change in contact details including email addresses.

Birthdays
Happy birthday wishes to the following students who will be celebrating birthdays in September:
Quinlan, Stephanie, Harry, Kai, Charlie P, Jakob R, Eve, Kimani, Logan
Absences

*** PLEASE REPORT YOUR CHILD’S ABSENCE ***

using any of the following:

- Phone: 3621 2333 OR 3621 2360
- email Absences@staffordheightss.eq.edu.au
- send a note to the Office

Unless you give us a reason for the absence an UNEXPLAINED absence is entered into One School. Please remind children to come to the office for a late slip if they arrive after 9:00am

Student of the Week

September 8

Prep/1  Riley – always making excellent choices and following directions
1/2  Geordie – a great result in reading this term
2/3  Nate – showing his best writing in his English assignment. Well done!
3/4  Savannah – consistently completing work
4/5  Mason – putting in a huge effort in Reading Groups
5/6  Jacob F – amazing work in Maths
LOTE  Emma D – always engaging into the lesson
Music  Eva – fantastic singing in Music

Hello from Jabiru

The September 2017 Holiday program is now available at the school office if you need to pick up a copy. Each day over the holidays is packed with fun and activities as well as some great incursions and excursions.