Dear Stafford Heights Families and Friends

Welcome back to Term 4, we have an exciting and very full term ahead, with lots of chances for school community involvement and fun.

On the last day of Term 3 we had our 100 and 200 Reading Club morning tea. It was great to see such an increase in the member numbers for these special clubs, as this lets us know that more and more Stafford Heights students are reading at home. We all enjoyed delicious pizza kindly donated to us from Carlo’s Naples Pizza. I encourage all students to read at home and work towards gaining their reading bands and therefore becoming members of these clubs and am excited to see how many will be at our Reading Club morning tea at the end of this term.

We also had our Staffie Celebration Day on the last Friday, celebrating all the students that had reached the next milestone on their Staffie paw. Students enjoyed a disco, along with a delicious spider drink. Big thanks to Gloria Jeans at Carseldine for donating cups and straws. Thanks to all staff that helped out on the day from organising to ice cream scooping.

Year 5 students will be working with Ms Redman from week five around formal leadership positions in our school for 2018.

Written applications will be completed in class and submitted. This application will outline leadership qualities and reasons for election to leadership roles. A cover page to the application will outline leadership role preferences. Students will be shortlisted from this application and speeches and voting will follow. Student leaders will be announced at our whole school awards ceremony on Wednesday 6 December.

Stafford Heights State School is starting to plan for the 2018 school year. Staffing is determined by enrolment numbers, so it is very important that our enrolment information is up to date. Please advise the office staff if your child will not be returning to Stafford Heights State School for 2018.

We are currently in the process of interviews for our 2018 Prep intake. Please contact the office staff asap if you have a Prep age child that will be attending next year so we can arrange to complete the required paperwork and interview. Our final Prep Open Morning will be on Tuesday 31 October at 9.15am, please advise the office if you are planning on attending. I look forward to meeting our prospective new prepies.

Abi Hurdley
A/Principal
The next P&C meeting will be in the Library at 7pm on Tuesday October 17.

Community Education - The Term 4 timetable is up and running. Don’t forget that parents of students at SHSS are eligible for a discount when enrolling in a Community Education course.

Paid Position Available: Community Education - We would like to thank Di Mott for her valued coordination of this program over the past 11 years. As she concludes her tenure in this position at the end of this month it provides a unique opportunity for someone new to join the team as the On-site Coordinator, responsible for opening and closing the venues, welcoming tutors and students in a face-to-face capacity. This person will be working closely with Bridget Deuble, the new Community Education Coordinator responsible for marketing, media and timetabling, as well as with the P&C committee. If you are interested in finding out more about this paid On-Site Coordinator role please contact the P&C Executive via their email: staffordheightspandc@gmail.com

Uniform Shop - Do you have any uniforms in good condition that you no longer have any use for? Would you like to donate them to the Uniform Shop? If so, the Uniform Shop is happy to take them off your hands. Drop in to see our Uniform Shop Convenor, Kelly, on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning.

Senior Shirts - Just a friendly reminder that deposits for Year 6 Senior Shirts are due by November 17, 2017.

Woolworths Earn and Learn - thank you to the many families and community members who shopped at Woolworths during the promotional period and who brought in their stickers.

School News

We are currently working to finalise the 2018 student Booklists. These should be ready to go home next week and need to be returned by Friday November 18.

The school Dental Van is currently on site – if you would like your child’s teeth to be checked please enquire at the Van during the week.

Hi Everyone,

The Jabiru Play Bus is visiting Stafford Heights. It is a bus full of fun with loads of activities and games you can play and explore.

It is first visiting Preps to Year 3 Wednesday October 25th first break (top oval) and then Years 4-6 the next Wednesday, November the 1st (bottom oval) They will both run first break after eating time. Hope you can come and join me Haley

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Term 4 – weeks 3 and 4 - Communicate Respectfully

The PBL focus for Weeks 3 and 4 is to communicate respectfully. Students will discuss and revisit how to speak respectfully to all people. This includes using manners by saying please and thank you and speaking to others with a clear, calm and appropriate tone at all times. Staff will be giving out Good Ones to all students who communicate respectfully at any time of the school day.

Respect Award
September 15

Dayna, Charlie, Zarah, Ella, Riley, Tamiyah

October 6

Shieun, Emma, Holly, Willow, Alex

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 October: Charlie B-J, Dylan D, Geordie, Uniqua, Starlea, Jacquelyn, Riley M, Talitha, Jacobe and Louella,

Absences

*** PLEASE REPORT YOUR CHILD’S ABSENCE ***
using any of the following:
- Phone: 3621 2333 OR 3621 2360
• email Absences@staffordheightss.eq.edu.au. OR
• send a note to the Office

Unless you give us a reason for the absence an UNEXPLAINED absence is entered into One School. We will be sending a letter home for you to advise the reason of any unexplained absences – please return this letter to the office.

Please remind children to come to the office for a late slip if they arrive after 9:00am.

Student of the Week

September 15

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3/4 Joshua – A great start at Stafford Heights

5/6 Dayna

LOTE Harry – focusing on the Chinese character writing. Good job!

Music Emily C – making great choices in Music to be in the right place at the right time doing the right thing.

PE Year 2/3 – respect for learning at the Pool and following instructions

> Hello and welcome to Term 4 to all parents and Carers

We are proud to say that Jabiru has completed one successful term at Stafford Heights. We are happy to say that we have been welcomed by the community very positively.

Vacation Care at Stafford State School was attended by a good number of Stafford Heights kids. We had very interesting Incursions and Excursions planned for the kids which most of them enjoyed immensely.

Our numbers at After School Care look a bit better now this term and we hope to keep them increasing.

We still offer Before School Care services at Stafford State School and taxi the kids from there in the morning.

Enrolling into Jabiru is quite simple and easy and you can fill up a form online or a hard paper copy, whatever you feel comfortable with. Bookings and payment systems are very simplified as well.

Any questions, come and see us at the Jabiru room and afteroon. Adieu till next newsletter

We are open AT STAFFORD on the Pupil Free Day (16-10-17) from 6.30 am to 6.00 pm

Community News

Reading OUR Way is an innovative reading program aimed at helping struggling readers to learn to read. We use innovative strategies and techniques to deliver a visual approach to reading. We are currently seeking expressions of interest from individuals wishing to participate in a community reading class. The class will be run from the Down Syndrome Queensland Learning Hub in Stafford. Down Syndrome Queensland initially created the program for its members, but mainstream schools have found success for all visual learners, which studies show is approximately 1/3 of every classroom. The goal of this reading class is to assist children to improve their reading, reading comprehension and word recognition.

The Reading OUR Way program will cater to your child’s reading needs by delivering a targeted approach that is engaging and enjoyable for the learner, using their interests and visual abilities to help them reach their potential.

Expression of interest forms and a cover letter have been given to the school Office.