



Our School Core Priorities

*Educational
Achievement*

*Wellbeing &
Engagement*

*Cultural &
Inclusive*

**Our Positive
Behaviour for
Learning (PBL)
Focus for this week is:**

**“Being at the right
place at the right time
doing the right thing”**

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Stafford Heights State School Community,

Welcome to our last newsletter of the year. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our students for a year of hard work. Every one of you has risen to this challenge, not only academically, but also through our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework, on the sporting fields, and in the playground.

Thank you to our P&C for your tireless efforts in making our school a welcoming community, and to our parents and carers for your invaluable role in supporting your child's learning and growth.

I want to express my heartfelt thanks to every staff member at Stafford Heights State School for their unwavering support and dedication this year. As always, it has been a busy, full, and action-packed year. Together, we have accomplished many wonderful things, many of which will carry forward into the coming year. 2025 promises to be an exciting chapter for Stafford Heights State School, and I look forward to sharing it with you all.

Events – Week 11

Monday 9 December	2:00pm- 2:45pm	Step Up Session
Tuesday 10 December	9:00am 9.45am	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony
Wednesday 11 December	All Day	End of Year Class Celebration Day Dress in a Christmas outfit Annual Staff Christmas Dress Up Competition Report Cards emailed to parents

Swimming Carnivals

Congratulations to Laver House who won the Senior Swimming Carnival.

I enjoyed seeing the student's demonstrated enthusiasm, persistence and great swimming skills in a variety of races. Special congratulations and thanks are due to Mrs Jardine for her organisation of these events, all the other staff members who did their part in ensuring that the whole day ran smoothly, and to our fabulous student House Captains who supported and encouraged all the swimmers and led some amazing war cries!

2025 Staffing

I would like to welcome the following staff who will be joining the SHSS community in 2025



Sarah Breakwell



Mary Ann Duke



Anna Kelleher



Manijeh Wood

Step Up Session

Our 'Step Up' session will be held on Monday 9 December this is where students will visit their 2025 classrooms and meet their teacher. We aim to make balanced classes and do our very best to consider individual needs. Many aspects are taken into consideration including learning styles and preferences, academic ability, friendships and Behaviour. The teachers and leadership team have worked hard to ensure that your child is placed in the class that is best for them. In the afternoon students will bring home information about their teacher for next year.

Report Cards

On Wednesday 11 December, **Semester Two report cards** will be emailed to parents. I encourage parents to discuss any concerns, comments or questions you may have with your child's class teacher.

Look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 28th January 2025.

I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas.



Sarah Abdy
Principal

Term 1 / 2025		
Week	Date	Event
1	Tuesday 28 th January	School Starts Back

SCHOOL NEWS

QParents

We're streamlining our office processes by making the most of QParents and encourage all parents to create an account. It's a user-friendly portal which provides secure online access to information about your child's schooling including attendance, report cards, invoices and payment history. QParents also provides ease of viewing and updating your child's details (including address and medical conditions) and helps both schools and parents through improved administration efficiencies and reduced printing and mail-outs.

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QR codes for each section.

To all New Prep Students 2025

You will be sent an email from admin regarding how to register and sign into Qparents during the first week of school next year. This email will show you how to register and will ask for an EQ ID (this can be found on the enrolment acceptance letter that you received when you first enrolled your child).

Student Awards

Students of the Week Week 8

Prep A	Sage – a great start to school life at Stafford Heights
Prep B	Hazel – always committing her 100% best work at all times
1A	Abby – improvement in handwriting
1B	Frankie-Rose – growing into a beautiful, responsible and reliable year 1 student
2A	Skylah – her active participation in English groups
2B	Ryan – fantastic perseverance with his writing Abby – fantastic written Tashi story
3A	Harlem – participating with enthusiasm during SSP
3B	Theo – applying himself to his work and doing his best
3/4A	Angus – showing resilience and determination during his narrative writing
4/5A	Ashton – using feedback to bump his writing
5/6A	Millie – working hard in all learning areas
5/6B	Tahir – putting 100% effort into his English assessment
LOTE	Prep A – using simple sentences to talk about the name of the objects in Chinese
PE	2A – wonderful listening skills at the pool
INSTRUMENTAL	Dylan – being an excellent leader and helper in Concert Band

Respect Award Week 8

Prep A	Ethan – always listening and following instructions diligently
Prep B	Kaleb – always following and listening to instructions
1A	Paddy – respect for learning, taking on feedback to improve his writing tasks
1B	William – always contributing to the classroom discussion and being a king friend
2A	Spencer – being a wonderful classroom helper
2B	Levi – wonderful effort bumping up his work
3A	Dorian – using manners with adults and following instructions
3B	Thomas – leading by example and following instructions
3/4A	Amelia – always bringing a positive attitude to learning
4/5A	Remi – following all of SHSS expectations all the time
5/6A	Dylan – always listening to teacher instructions
5/6B	Savanna – respecting the class, school and rules

Students of the Week Week 9

Prep A	Manny – being an all round excellent learner
Prep B	Ryder – his awesome writing skills and asking for help
1A	Indigo – writing an excellent recount about “Peggy”
1B	Lena – her hard work this year, very proud
2A	Aubree – a strong start at Stafford Heights
2B	Thea – a wonderfully detailed Tashi story
3A	Bon – trying your best during learning
3B	Amalia – excellent work on her multiplication
3/4A	Hannah – trying her best in all learning areas
4/5A	Zen – writing an engaging adventure narrative
5/6A	Ali – working hard at writing his short story
5/6B	Brianna – starting her first week at SHSS with enthusiasm

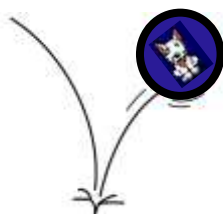
LOTE	3/4A – engaging in discussions and showing great enthusiasm while learning about Chinese Dragon
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Respect Award Week 9

Prep A	Caleb – excelling and loving all aspects of school life
Prep B	Owen – always displaying respectful manners and trying his best at all times
1A	Luca – always showing respect for learning and working hard to improve his writing
1B	Hayden – being a kind and friendly class member
2A	Mannix – putting his best effort into all he does
2B	Ollie – wonderful enthusiasm and dedication to his learning
3A	Spencer – encouraging others at the swimming carnival
3B	Tyrone – being a kind and helpful student
3/4A	Indi – always using respectful communication skills with staff and students
4/5A	Cadence – consistently following all of SHSS expectations
5/6A	Olly – for always following teacher instructions
5/6B	Sebastian – treating others with respect

PBL Week 10 – “Be in the right place at the right time doing the right thing”

Our behaviour focus for Week 10 is to **Be in the right place at the right time doing the right thing** which falls under **Respect for Self** and the Staffie Life Skill of **Resilience**.



Safe to say with so much excitement in the air and some changes to routine during the last weeks of the school year, students can become a little distracted or confused as to where they are to meant to be so this is a good focus to ensure that despite the excitement,

students are still tuned in to the school expectations, making sure they are still in the right place at the right time. Staff will take the opportunity to remind students to pay close attention to messages at line up in the blue area each morning and also make sure that they frequently remind students of any changes to our usual classroom routines to give them as much notice of changes as possible.

At home, students may need a little more encouragement than usual to ‘get across the line’ to the end of term. This might look like reminders of their schedule, what equipment they need for school or what they are going to do after school may help ease the load and ensure success during the last couple of weeks of term. The PBL committee hope you all have a restful holiday and look forward to seeing you back in 2025.

Health & Physical Education

Over the last couple of weeks we have hosted our annual Swimming Carnivals.

After a delayed start for our Seniors the event finally went ahead on Tuesday 26th November. Congratulations goes to Laver house for taking out the Interhouse Competition.

Congratulations also goes to our Age Champions.

- 9 years – Joe Molloy and Mary Nahak
- 10 years – Phoebe Chamberlain and Alex Lipovski
- 11 years – Elise Green and Max Jupp
- 12 years – Daniel Smith and Taila McCormick





In sweltering conditions our Junior School had their Carnival on Monday 2nd December with lots of fun and smiles had by all.



As the year draws to a close and our Sports Calendar has been completed. I wish to thank all the staff, students and families who have been involved in every part of our annual Sporting Calendar. I cannot run these events without you.

Wishing you all a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and I look forward to seeing most of you in 2025 ready to do it all over again. To the year 6's – I wish you the very best in your new adventures and hope that you continue to build on your connections to sport and the opportunities that it brings for you.

Instrumental News

To all those students who are in the Instrumental program next year (new and existing) please ensure you hand into the office all the necessary paperwork. Please note: instrumental invoices will be invoiced next year.

Instrument returns – if you have not done so already, please return your instrument including the folder and book to the office asap.

LIBRARY NEWS!

A huge shout out to all students that have returned their overdue library books in the last couple of weeks. For the students who have still not returned an overdue book, please have a search for it at home. If the book has been lost or damaged beyond repair, your parent will need to pay the replacement value of the book/books to SHSS.

Congratulations to all SHSS parents who have supported their children in reading at home.

A special thank you to all parents, grandparents and carers who have supported the SHSS Library by purchasing books throughout the year from the Scholastic Book Club for their child/children. By purchasing these books, it enables SHSS Library to earn points and use them to purchase new and exciting books for the students to enjoy and borrow throughout the year.

Tuckshop News



P&C



As you all know, the rain hasn't been kind to our events lately! However, the new date for a Movie Night will be Saturday 1st February (more details to come in the new year) to make up for all the missed fun. Keep an eye out for updates on any scheduled events planned during the summer holidays!

Unfortunately, our secretary and vice president will be stepping down from their roles next year,

so we're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to fill these positions. If you're interested, please contact the P&C at staffordheightspandc@gmail.com.

On behalf of the P&C, we want to wish you a happy end of year and a great summer holiday☺

The first P&C meeting of the year will be held on **Tuesday, 11 February 2025**, in the library at 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there! If you're unable to attend in person, you can join the meeting online. Please email staffordheightspandc@gmail.com to request the meeting link.

Dalia Khamis
SHSS P&C Vice President.

CLASS PARENTS/CARERS WHATSAPP CLASS GROUPS 2025

The P&C have created a WhatsApp parent/carer group for each class for 2025. Please click on the link to join. Feel welcome to post/interact/connect with fellow parents of your child's 2025 class.

They have been created under the Stafford Heights State School WhatsApp 'community'.

OSHC NEWS!



Wow, the term has flown! Congratulations to the students, families & staff for a fantastic year! We are gearing up for plenty of Vacation Care fun at OSHC, planning out 24 unique days & experiences fit for everyone – make sure you don't miss out!



We are super impressed by everyone's contributions to the Nexus Care Christmas Hampers. There's a ton of completed crates

already - currently 1A & 5/6A are tied for the top, well done to them! Final donations are by 13th December, be sure to get them in!



Students & staff alike have been showing interest in nature & sustainability as we finish up the term, with plenty of helpers decorating & setting up our new bins, helping in the garden, and investigating the insects we see around the grounds – including native teddy bear bees! This desire to experience & protect our environment is an important value of ours to nurture.

See you at Vacation Care,
The SHOSHC Team

Office Reminders

- **Office Hours – 8.15am-3.15pm**
- No Hat No Play Outside
- **Students with Long Hair**
All students with long hair should tie their hair back with a blue hair tie while at school (as per the Stafford Heights SS Student Dress Code)
- **Early Pick Up of Students**
If you need to pick up your child early throughout the day please come up to the office and sign your child out on the ipad.
- **Medication at School**
If your child requires medication at school, please bring the medication in the original packaging with a label from the chemist along with a letter from the Doctor stating the child's name, medication, dosage and time to administer. You will then be required to fill out

forms to give us permission to administer this medication during school hours.

Please note: where the dosage of a medication requires tables to be halved, we have to request that parents/carers supply a pill cutter, labelled with your child's name.



Students who have Medication/Ventolin at School

As the school year is drawing to a close, we need to remind all parents with children who have medication at school (including Ventolin) to make sure you collect this medication by the last day your child will be attending school.

Medication Drop off Time for 2025

The day to drop off medication for 2025 is

**Tuesday 21st January
between 8am and 2.30pm**

Please make sure all medication is in original package with child's name, dose to give, Dr name and also Dr letter. Please make sure if your child only has half a tablet that you bring a pill cutter along with the medication (if you haven't done so already)

When you drop off you will be required to sign new paperwork for 2025

- **Family Holiday's during School Term** – if your family is going on a holiday during the school term, please email the office to inform them of the dates so that we know why your child will be absent from school. If the time away from school 10 school days or more the office will require you to fill out a specific form)

- **Students Late to School** – if your child is late to school (arrive after 9am), please make sure you come to the office first to receive a late slip to hand to their teacher.
- **Animals on School Premises** – Please note that no animals are to enter school grounds at all as per the signs on each of our school fences.

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1. Leave a message on 3621 2333 OR
2. SMS: 0426 305 697 OR
3. QParents App – Submit Absence OR
4. Email:
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Even though absences may result in missed learning opportunities, the main reason we ask that you notify us when your child is away is so we then know that your child is SAFE.

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