



Our School Core Priorities

*Educational
Achievement*

*Wellbeing &
Engagement*

*Cultural &
Inclusive*

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

“We go, flush, wash”

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Stafford Heights State School Community,

Staff Appreciation Day

On Friday, we will come together to celebrate the amazing individuals who make our school the thriving community it is. Every member of our team plays a unique and essential role in shaping SHSS into a vibrant, exciting environment where everyone feels valued, supported, and encouraged to grow.

The dedication, teamwork, and passion of each staff member are at the heart of everything we do. Without their combined effort, our school wouldn't be the incredible place we all know and love—a place where students flourish and our community feels connected.

Let's take a moment to express our gratitude and thank every staff member at SHSS. It's their energy, commitment, and care that make this school such a wonderful place to learn and belong.



Morning Drop-offs

We've observed an increase in students arriving at school before 8:30am. Please note that supervision begins at 8:30am. If students arrive earlier, they should be part of a supervised activity or enrolled in OSHC, which operates from 6:30am to 9:00am. For families needing to drop off students earlier, OSHC is available to ensure a safe and supervised environment.

Students not returning in 2025- Moving to a new location?

To assist us as we complete our class lists and staffing models for 2025, if you are moving away from Stafford Heights State School in 2025, i.e. your student/s will not be returning in the new school year, could you please take a moment to notify us of this intent by email admin@staffordheightsss.eq.edu.au or contacting the school office on 3621 2333.



Sarah Abdy

Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Planned events are listed – we may have to postpone or cancel based on advice closer to the time.

Term 4		
Week	Date	Event
5	Thursday 31 st October	Year 6 Graduation Fundraiser
	Friday 1 st November	No Assembly Gala Sport – select students only Booklists emailed out to families
6	Wednesday 6 th November	Prep 2025 Orientation 1 9am-10am
	Friday 8 th November	Assembly – 9.10am Gala Sport – select students only
7	Monday 11 th November	Remembrance Day
	Friday 15 th November	No Assembly Last day of Library book borrowing

		Gala Sport – select students only
8	Monday 18 th November	Prep 2025 Orientation 2 9am-10am
	Tuesday 19 th November	P&C Meeting – 6.30pm
	Wednesday 20 th November	Leadership 2025 Student Elections
	Friday 22 nd November	Assembly – 9.10am
9	Monday 25 th November	Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival Staffie Celebration
	Friday 29 th November	Assembly – 9.10am
10	Monday 2 nd December	Years Prep-2 Swimming Carnival Staffie Celebration
	Friday 6 th December	No Assembly
11	Monday 9 th December	Step Up Session – 2pm-2.45pm Class allocation email sent to parents
	Tuesday 10 th December	Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 9-9.45am
	Wednesday 11 th December	End of Year Awards 9.15-10am Report Cards emailed to parents
	Thursday 12 th December	End of Year Class Celebration Day Student Council Fundraiser – Dress in Xmas Outfit (gold coin donation)
	Friday 13 th December	No Assembly

From Our Head of Curriculum

<https://learningplace.eq.edu.au/cx/resources/file/a0ba1327-a69e-474d-a220-acfff7542960/1/parents/importance-respect.html>

The importance of respect

From a young age, children may start to believe there are reasons or certain situations that make disrespectful behaviour acceptable. Some of the things adults say or do may unintentionally give the message that particular behaviour towards others is ok.

It is important to be aware of the things we say to our children. Parents, carers and other family members have the greatest potential to shape positive attitudes.

Factsheet: [Role of parents and carers in building respectful relationships](#) (PDF)

Respectful relationships education in schools can support families and communities to ensure students understand how to interact with others and to develop positive, respectful relationships as they grow and become adults themselves.

Respectful relationships education in schools, and educating children and young people about healthy and respectful relationships at home, is an important strategy for helping to prevent and reduce domestic, family and sexual violence. More information on what respectful relationships education students may learn in schools is available in the [What students learn in the Respect program](#) page.

Where society, communities, workplaces, sporting clubs, faith organisations, classrooms and families insist on respect and equality, gender-based violence, such as domestic and family violence and sexual assault, along with other issues like harassment, bullying or discrimination based on race, ability, gender and sexuality are far less likely to occur.



Majella Cooper

Head of Curriculum

From Our Head of Inclusion

We would like to thank all the Occupational Therapists who work in our state schools to support our students. Occupational therapy services support to identify and address barriers to access, participation and achievement for students with disability in all aspects of school life. Working together in partnership to identify and implement reasonable adjustments.



Shelley Kemp

Head of Inclusion

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.

Please see the QParents Fact Sheet below for details about how to sign up.



Pre-Prep News

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2025

Applications for Prep 2025 are now being accepted.



Please visit our school website at: <https://staffordheightsss.eq.edu.au/enrolments> to download our enrolment forms.

Once you have completed the necessary forms please return them to admin@staffordheightsss.eq.edu.au or contact Sonia Yates our enrolments officer directly at syate29@eq.edu.au

The right age for Prep 2025 is for all children born between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020. Our Prep program is planned and designed to cater for all children at all levels of development who are born in this 12 month period.

Dates to mark in your Diary

To help us with staffing please ensure you RSVP to the office if you and your child are attending

Prep Orientation Sessions

Students will spend the morning in the Prep Classroom, getting to know their surroundings and possible teachers. Students are encouraged to attend both of the sessions, so they get to spend time to familiarise themselves with Prep.

While students are busy having fun, parents will be invited to attend a morning tea and purchase uniforms



Student Awards

Students of the Week Week 3



Prep A	Maddie – persisting in writing tasks
Prep B	Audrey – her detailed sentences and drawings during writing
1A	Alyrra – improvement in handwriting
1B	Emily – her ability to gather, display and and analyse her data effectively during maths this week
2A	Mavleen – using noun and verb groups to add detail to her writing
2B	Vivienne – a wonderfully enthusiastic start to Stafford Heights
3A	Bella – writing a wonderful narrative in English
3B	Thomas – actively participating in class discussions
3/4A	Grace – going above and beyond in SSP
4/5A	Eva – putting an awesome effort into learning how to simplify fractions
5/6A	Marcus – being a hard worker and for always giving 100%
5/6B	Chidinma – working hard in the classroom
LOTE	3A – your effort in learning shopping phrases and counting money in Chinese
ARTS	Prep A/Prep B – their outstanding dance performance at our grandparents day assembly

PE	5/6B -being well organised for swimming with almost 100% bringing swimming gear
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Respect Award Week 3

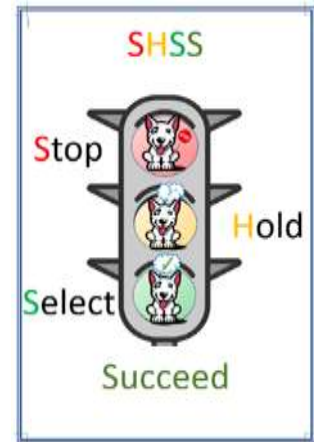


Prep A	Everly – fabulous detailed writing
Prep B	Taidem – always showing an enthusiastic attitude towards learning
1A	Robati – always using a quiet voice during the school day
1B	Roma – always being quiet and respectful to teachers and her peers
2A	Pippa – being an active participant in classroom discussions
2B	Eli – fantastic perseverance with his SSP
3A	Sanvi – following instructions the first time
3B	Evie – helping out others when needed
3/4A	Aileen – always being kind and respectful to other students and teachers
4/5A	Kalarni – using her manners and speaking respectfully to her peers and teachers
5/6A	Taila – always showing respect to teachers and classmates
5/6B	Ayden – showing respect in all areas of school

PBL Week 4 – “We go, flush, wash”

Our PBL focus for this week is to **We go, flush, wash** which falls under **Respect for Self** and **Responsible Decision Making**.

This week we will be reviewing, with the students, our processes of going to the toilets whilst at school. In our classes in particular, we will discuss the correct times our students should be trying to go, the procedures of asking



permission before leaving an area in order to go to the toilets and then reminding the students of the behaviour expectations while they are there.

At home, we would appreciate if you could remind your students that it is important to make responsible decisions at school in the place where there isn't an adult to supervise in order to keep them safe.

Health & Physical Education

Swimming

Swimming is off to a great start. Our swimming timetable is as follows:

Time	Monday	Tuesday
9.00am to 9.40am		5/6A
9.40am to 10.20am		4/5A
10.20am to 11.00am	3/4A	5/6B
First Break		
11.50am to 12.30pm	2B	1A
12.30pm to 1.10pm	2A	1B
Second Break		
1.40pm to 2.20pm	3A	PA
2.20pm to 3.00pm	3B	PB

Forgotten items

We still have a lot of students either forgetting or only bringing parts of their gear. Please make sure they have packed the following:

1 – *Swimmers* – that they can actually put on themselves

2 – *Sunshirt or Rashie* – all students must be wearing sun safe swimming gear – if their swim wear exposes shoulders or midriffs then they must wear a sunshirt or rashie over the top. (If they don't have one they can wear an old T-shirt)

3 – *Swimming Cap*

4 – *Goggles* – if they wish to wear them, these are not compulsory

5 – Towel

6 – Bag to put everything in

Outgrown Swimmers

Each week we have a number of children who forget their swimmers, thankfully we also have a reasonable collection of spares but we do have a few gaps in sizes. If your student has outgrown their swimming and they are still in serviceable condition and you have no-one else to pass them onto, then we would love to add them to our spares. We would especially love swimming trunks for boys.

Naming items -

We have lots of items being mixed up in change room and we lose a considerable amount of teaching and learning time sorting it out. This process becomes so much more difficult when student's belongings are not named. Please name all items including uniforms and check items regularly to ensure that the name is still legible.

If your child brings home anything that don't belong to them in their swimming gear please ensure you bring them back to the office asap.

Skipping

Skipping will continue on a Monday and Wednesday Mornings at 8.30, weather permitting and staff availability. Students need to wait in the blue area until they are collected by Mrs Jardine.

Skipping Troupe is practicing on Thursdays at first break. We are trialling new moves to pulling together a skipping routine which we are hoping to share with the school later in the year.

Term 4 Gala Sport

Our first week of Gala Sport is scheduled for next Friday 1st November. Our boys and girls

Cricket team will both be playing here at Stafford Height with games starting at approximately 11.30. and finishing at approximately 2pm. Parents are welcome to come along and watch.

Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP) News



Recently in our Early Childhood Development Program (ECDP), we have been preparing for our future school journeys by reading Ollie's School Day by Stephanie Calmenson. This week, the students have been busy with fun activities to help them feel excited and confident about starting school. They counted and sorted school supplies, painted pictures of themselves in school uniforms, and talked about the characters in the story and their day at school. These activities have helped our students imagine what starting Prep will be like!



Zareena Shekell

Teacher

Instrumental News

Don't forget to fill out the survey for Instrumental Music if you want to be included in Instrumental music testing for week 5. Closing date for this is this Friday 25th October.



Enrolments are open to current year 3's and above

Tuckshop News



This week we are giving out Virtual High Fives!

To Meredith for embracing our new daily lunch specials, we hope you are enjoying them.

And to Ava for being our bag model for School24, you really were the finishing touch to our new online uniform shopping experience.

Did you know our Uniform Shop is now online?

You can now order your uniforms online to quickly and easily collect from the Uniform Shop or have them delivered to your child's class. Just log on to School24 and select 'Uniform'.

Our Uniform Shop is also open 8.15am to 9am, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for collections, purchases and to try on new uniforms.

Happy ordering,

Your Friendly Tuckshop/Uniform Shop Team.

P&C

As Term 4 started with celebrating our grandparents, we hope that you all enjoyed the BBQ brekkie and the coffee that complemented the joy of that day! A big thank you to all who helped organize this event and volunteered on the day.

More BBQs are coming up on Saturday, October 26th, which is Election Day. There will also be a **bake stall!** Baked donations are much

appreciated for this stall; they can be dropped off at the tuckshop this Friday.

Halloween is just around the corner! Get your outfits ready for the FREE FRIDAY MOVIE IN THE PARK on November 1st. everyone is welcome!



From the P&C Vice President

Hello everyone,

I just wanted to introduce myself. My name is Dalia Khamis, and I am a mum of two kids: Kenzie and Jude. I am originally Palestinian, but I was born and raised in



Jordan due to the occupation. I worked in the banking field in Jordan, but when I moved to Australia with my husband and it was time to grow our family, I decided I wanted to be a stay-at-home mum for my children, as I believe this is the most important job I will ever have.

My hope in life is to see children all around the world safe and happy, with no wars and no domestic violence. I hope this gives you a little glimpse of who I am! 😊

Please reach out to the P&C if you have any suggestion or want to get involved.

The next and last P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, in the library at 6:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you there. If you are unable to attend in person, you can join the meeting online. Please email

staffordheightspandc@gmail.com for the meeting link.

Dalia Khamis
SHSS P&C Vice President



OSHC NEWS!



Welcome to Term 4!

Here at Stafford Heights OSHC, we've just had an amazing Vacation Care!

In the first week we had a great time on excursions to Urban Xtreme and Thornlands Park, while our OSHC-based themed days were Board Games, Ancient Rome, and OSHC's Got Talent. On our Rome day, we even practiced foam archery!



Week 2 was just as fun, with excursions to Amaze World and Wellington Point Reserve. At OSHC, we spent time playing in the sprinkler, setting up camping tents, and bringing our bikes and scooters to school! We just hope you had as much fun over the break as we did.



Email us at staffordheightsoshc@gmail.com to enroll!

Class News

From 3/4A & 4/5A

Hello there Stafford Heights family, the start of Term 4 has been a whirlwind for 3/4A and 4/5A, with so much happening in such a small amount of time! In English, both classes have been looking at writing Narratives and creating interesting stories! We have also been reading 'Kumiko and the Dragon', and it has been a blast! In Maths, we are looking at Fractions and Decimals, but soon we will be moving onto Money and Financial Maths. In Science, we have been researching materials and properties of materials, and 3/4A were lucky enough to make Oobleck! Lastly, both classes have been putting time aside every day to cover their sounds and working closely with SSP. Have an amazing week and here's to a successful end to the Term!

3/4A and 4/5A

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.

- **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.



- **Student Absences** – please remember to advise the office when your child is away from school. Please note: all Unexplained absences are noted in a child's Report card.

1. Leave a message on 3621 2333 OR
2. SMS: 0426 305 697 OR
3. QParents App – Submit Absence OR
4. Email: admin@staffordheightssss.eq.edu.au

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.

Community News!

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enrol@staffordheightskindergarten.qld.edu.au
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Before School Care 6:30am - 8:30am
After School Care 3pm - 6pm


Email: Staffordheightsoshc@gmail.com

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DECEMBER PRIMARY HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

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16 - 18 DEC
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