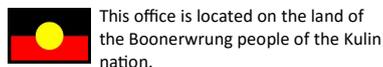




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This office is located on the land of the Booneroo people of the Kulin nation.

IMPORTANT DATES

MAY

Monday 1-5

SSG Week

Wednesday 10th

Curriculum Day 2

Thursday 11th

Mother's Day Stall

Post School Options Expo

Wednesday 17th

NDIS Information Session

Saturday 20th

Bogan Bingo

Wednesday 31st

Bringing Up Great Kids Program

JUNE

Wednesday 7th

Bringing Up Great Kids Program

Monday 12th

Queens Birthday

Wednesday 14th

Bringing Up Great Kids Program

Wednesday 21st

Bringing Up Great Kids Program

Thursday 22nd

Parent Conference

Friday 23rd

Curriculum Day 3

Friday 30th

Last Day Term 2

JULY

Monday 17th

First Day Term 3

Monday 31st—August 4th

SSG Week

AUGUST

Thursday 31st

Father's Day Stall

Please visit our website for latest newsletters, community notices and further information.
southernautistic.vic.edu.au

What's News

TERM 2 ISSUE 2 WEDNESDAY 3RD MAY 2017



Principal's Report

After reading Justin's newsletter article for Week 1 during my absence it was great to see how the school started the term with a very full agenda. Parent quiz night later this month, SSG meetings this week, Mother's Day stall, our Parent Conference in June plus two Curriculum Days makes for a hectic agenda ahead.

Parent involvement seems to be the unintentional focus for the term. Every opportunity to meet with families is intended to foster our sense of community in supporting the education of the students. Your support of the *Bogan Quiz Night* and the *Parent Conference* are two standout events this term. Parents, family members and friends are very much welcome to join these events. It would be fantastic to have record-breaking attendance at both events to foster our community support.

ANZAC Day Ceremony

Our annual ceremony for ANZAC Day gave particular acknowledgment to Les Coleman. Though Les has had to withdraw from school council, he remains a much valued and highly regarded member of SAS who has made an outstanding contribution over many years.



Facility Improvements

Ongoing school funded improvements to our school continued over the last term break with painting throughout the Upper Primary building (\$14,000), landscaping to the Upper Primary and Secondary areas (\$9,000), installation of large screen televisions to the four new secondary buildings (\$10,000), modification of gym air conditioning (\$4,048) and completion of the two new school leader offices (\$17,667).

These projects mark the near completion of improvements funded through school savings over the past four years. Converting the old Resource Room to a staff workshop and professional learning area later this year will enhance the very limited accommodation for our increasing workforce.

With our projected significant enrolment increase over the next three plus years we continue to consult with the South Education Region in developing a plan and funding for permanent new facilities. Purpose built secondary facilities would support more relevant programs that are focussed on teenagers preparing for transition to post school opportunities.

Increased Therapy Support

We welcome back occupational therapist Jessica Bothe this term for two days per week. Our therapy team now comprises the equivalent of six fulltime positions offering comprehensive support on a referral basis.

Jeff Innes
 Principal



EEP and Foundation School News

Camp Quality is a charity organisation that's purpose is to create a better for life for every child living with cancer. They positively support at school, at home, in hospital and out in the community.

In 2015/16 one of our school students families were faced with the devastating news that their precious little boy had been diagnosed with Leukaemia. He subsequently underwent a bone marrow transplant and after months of treatment at the Royal Children's Hospital he has now been able to return to school full time. Although he continues to have a compromised immune system we are delighted to report he is doing very well.

Last week, the Foundation students were treated to a wonderful puppet show presented by Camp Quality. The puppets were engaging and interactively dispelled the myths and misconceptions about cancer in an age appropriate way.

The students loved the show and all demonstrated their sitting and attending skills throughout the show. We were thrilled to be able to pass on the money collected via the gold coin donation to this wonderful charity.

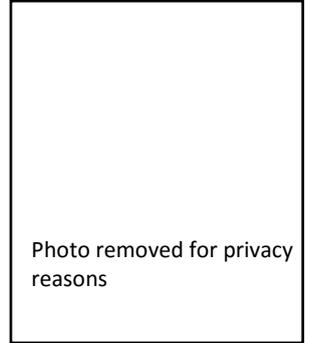
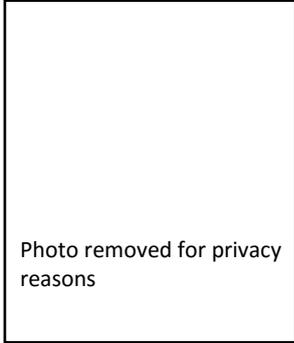
Natalie Walsh
Foundation School Leader

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Lower Primary School News

It is very encouraging to see so many parents taking time out to discuss the students' progress, during SSG week. I know staff are eager to share their students' educational journey and we are ready to get the report writing underway. During my visits to the classroom, I can see that staff are working hard to ensure engagement by including individual interests and creating an environment that supports learning.



It is that time of year again where the weather is turning cold and wet. I would like to remind parents to please mark your child's clothes, as students do tend to take their jackets and jumpers off, especially in the yard when they are running and playing. Students often need some spare clothes in their bag, just in case they get wet. Extra socks, undies and pants are recommended. It is worth checking that their shoes are water proof, as wet feet can be very uncomfortable and distracting.

Denise Van Der Nest
Lower Primary School Leader

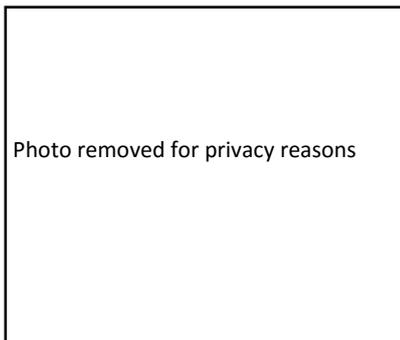


Upper Primary School News

Staff in Upper Primary School participated in the STAR program training during the school holidays. We are piloting the program in two classes this term and there will be a wider school implementation later in the year, with a whole school implementation over the next few years. The pilot classes are successfully implementing and embedding the program and staff are honing their skills in order to position Southern Autistic School as a centre of excellence in the future.

Last week Senior School hosted an ANZAC assembly and the whole school gathered to remember the brave soldiers that have protected our way of life in the past, the present and the future. Tazmin Salter and Caleb Mitchell laid a wreath created by Upper Primary School student to show our respects.

RDA has been a successful program enjoyed by Upper Primary this year. Later this semester, we will be sending home an expression of interest form if you want your child to participate in the program.



Nat Proctor
Upper Primary School Leader



Secondary School News

SSG's are already upon us which means the term is flying by much too quickly! It has been lovely catching up with some of our families this week and sharing in our students' achievements to date. For those families whom I didn't see, I can hopefully catch you at the EXPO.

ANZAC DAY Service

Congratulations to the students in 4.07 who assisted with our ANZAC Day service here at school this year.

Caleb and Tristan read an ANZAC story - "Here They Come", which was accompanied by a slide show showing illustrations from the book. Caleb also read the Ode.

Daniel was our master of flags and Austin and Jason laid the wreath on behalf of the Secondary School.



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Post School Options EXPO

Please mark the 11th May in your calendars.

Open to all families but especially relevant to secondary aged students and their families, the EXPO show cases some of the service providers available to students as they enter the later years of schooling and after school. Students are welcome to attend with their families. **Wine, cheese and light refreshments will be provided.**

Please contact me for more information.

Cindy Longley
Secondary School Leader



POST SCHOOL OPTIONS EXPO 2017

Southern Autistic school

Thursday 11th May

6.00 pm - 8.00 pm



I _____ will be attending with _____ people .

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

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Senior School Parents: PARENTING PROGRAM for Term 2

REMINDER TO ALL SENIOR SCHOOL FAMILIES: IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS GROUP, PLEASE RSVP. ANY QUERIES FEEL FREE TO CONTACT JESSICA TANG ON 9563 8139

The Wellbeing Team is excited to be offering a parenting program in term 2 at Southern Autistic School. The program is based on the Australian Childhood Foundation's evidence based parenting program 'Bringing up Great Kids'.

The major aim of the program is to promote positive, respectful parent/child relationships. Through the program it is expected that parents will come to:

- Learn more about the origins of their own parenting style and how it can be more effective.
- Identify the important messages they want to convey to their children and how to achieve this.
- Discover how to overcome some of the obstacles of being the kind of parent they want to be.
- Discover ways for parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it.
- Develop strategies to manage their parenting approach despite the mounting pressures on their time and role.

This program will be facilitated by the Wellbeing Team. We hope to create a relaxed and informal setting. This program will run over a 4 week period and attendance at all four sessions is essential:

Session Dates: Wednesday May 31st, Wednesday June 7th, Wednesday June 14th and Wednesday June 21st.

Session Times: 9.30-11.30am

Please feel free to contact Jessica Tang on 9563 8139 if you have any queries about the program.

PLEASE FILL IN THE FORM ATTACHED AND RETURN IN YOUR CHILD'S COMMUNICATION BOOKS OR AT THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY MAY 17TH. PLEASE NOTE PLACES ARE LIMITED.



Bringing Up Great Kids Parenting Program Enrolment Form

Name of Parent(s) Attending:	
Name of Child:	
Class and Teacher:	
Contact Phone number:	

⚠️ Guaranteed to offend somebody!

Bogan Bingo

ITS BINGO WITH BALLS

Where: Bentleigh McKinnon Youth Centre
1-5 Higgins Rd, Bentleigh

Cost: \$20 per head (tables of 10)

If you haven't got 9 mates we'll find some for you!

When: Saturday 20th May.

Time: 7.30 pm

Eyes down at 8.15 pm

There's no BAR mate!

BYO Esky, drinks and nibbles!



BOGAN DRESS ESSENTIAL

WARNING
POLITICALLY INCORRECT



Cash/Cheque made payable to Southern Autistic School

Direct Deposit Bank: CBA | BSB: 063-144 | Account #: 10083680 Ref: BB *Your Surname*

Payment may also be made at the school office



PARKING INFRINGEMENTS

Dear Parents,

We have been advised by Glen Eira Council that they have had reports of illegal parking at school drop-off and pick-up times. The Council have asked me to advise parents that they intend to strictly enforce parking conditions – specifically in Leo Street and Wards Grove.

Please be aware that parking inspectors will attend the area around the school and will issue infringements for parking in no-standing zones.

Leo Street can be very congested in the mornings and afternoons and, with limited legal parking, should be avoided where possible.

Bricks 4 kids in Mentone

Five Lego building workshops have been organised for children on the Autism Spectrum or for children with disabilities.

These sessions provide a safe environment for children to engage in learning through play while developing their critical thinking, fine motor and social skills.

Dates: These workshops will be held fortnightly on a Saturday, 29 April, 13 May, 27 May, 10 June, 27 June.

Time: 10.30am - 11.30am

Cost: \$14/class

Venue: Mentone Primary School, Multi-purpose room, 6 Childers Street, Mentone

To register: go online at: <http://bricks4kidz.com.au/melbourne-baysideportphillip/classes-children-with-a-disability-incl-autism> or email/call Mitchell Wu from Bricks 4 Kidz on: 0418 170 190 or mwu@bricks4kidz.com



NDIS INFORMATION SESSION

When: Wednesday 17th May 2017

Time: 9:30am - 11:30am

Where: Southern Autistic School

Presenter: Association for Children with a
Disability

Please RSVP by Tuesday 9th May. Please return to the office or in your child's communication book. Any questions please contact Jessica Tang, SAS social worker on 9563 8139.

Name: _____

Child's name: _____

How many attending: _____