Next Wednesday’s Parade
Next Wednesday’s Parade will be hosted by 4N. In addition to being one of our special class parades it will also feature some other important items. First and foremost our Year 6 student leaders will be presented with their leadership badges. These will be presented by the Regional Director North Coast Ms Tracy Corsbie. From past experience I know how much the students enjoy receiving these badges. We will also introduce our new school chaplain Mrs Carly Hockey (Chappy Carly). It will be her first day at the school. It would be great to see as many parents as possible attend on what will be an important assembly.

Enrolments
Our enrolments are currently sitting at about 320. Now that the classes have been established and are settled I will only be accepting out of catchment enrolments in Years 1 and 4, as the other year levels are close to capacity (or over it). Of course, siblings of current students and those who live in the geographic catchment are guaranteed entry. As in previous years, students from out of catchment can be placed on a waiting list for next year when we can consider whether the school has the capacity to take the enrolment.

Explicit Improvement Agenda
I have recently met with Tony McDougall and the Assistant Regional Director to determine our improvement agenda for 2015. Our school is in the enviable position of having very good school data, both academically and in terms of satisfaction. However that in itself creates the challenge to maintain it, and where possible strive to be even better. We have identified the following priorities:

- Targeting spelling and reading in English. Spelling has always been our weakest area in NAPLAN and internal school testing. Our reading results have been good and we want to keep them that way.
- Targeting problem-solving in mathematics. Our school numeracy performance has always been a little below our performance in literacy and we want to focus in this area. We will do this by developing staff capability in the teaching of mathematics as well as introducing some school based diagnostic assessment.

Great Results Guarantee
This year the government have provided approximately $78 000 in additional funding through the Great Results Guarantee for the school to improve literacy and numeracy. At the last P & C meeting a strategy was endorsed to spend this money on providing extra teacher aide assistance in classrooms, develop teacher capability and to purchase resources. This strategy is similar to the one which was employed in 2014. I know that some teachers have referred to this funding in the class meetings which have been held recently.

Peter
Upcoming events

25th February

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep G  Georgia Smith
Prep O  Joey Rosso
1B  Noah Cole
1H  Caylum Allen
2P  April Ries
2R  Charlotte Smith
3G  Tara Bowers
3Q  Harry Crohey
4F  Jed Cumes
4N  Kate Dash
5G  Teacher absent
5H  Connor Taylor
6B  Annika Spencer

Parent Notices

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AFL- MT SAMSON TEAMS

Training for the Mt Samson AFL Teams will commence Friday 27 February 2015 at 2.45pm. Players please meet in the tuckshop area. If anyone is still deciding whether to join the teams, feel free to come along and have a try out - no obligation just fun with friends. If you have any additional enquiries please call Di 0417 794314 or email at moestavern@bigpond.com

Uniform News

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 8.15 TO 8.45
AND ALSO THURSDAY AFTERNOONS 2.45 TO 3.15

Tuckshop News

We had another great week at Tuckshop. Thank you to our volunteers Nicole B, Leanne, Nerida, Shannon, Regina & Wendy.

We would like to make a special thank you to IGA Cashmere. The fresh fruit and vegetables they supply for the fruit salad, salads and burgers/sandwiches are always of the highest of quality. They provide excellent prices & service. Don’t forget to support them.

We are always looking for home bake, the kids love chocolate brownies, slice and muffins.

Another reminder that we offer Gluten Free sandwiches, wraps & biscuits. If you have any suggestions please come and see us.

See you Friday.
Sue & Di

Players Sign On Now  Samford Netball Club
Wanted Players  Samford Netball Club – Mixed Social Competition
Wanted Players all ages  Dayboro Cowboys NRL
February - June  Healthy & Active Moreton Bay – Ramp Up Scooter, BMX & Skate clinics
February 20th  Pine Hills Hockey Club – Hook in2 Hockey come and try program
Saturday 21st February  Dayboro Lions Family Cinema- The House of Magic
Players wanted  Ages 5-13  Ferny Grove Junior AFL Club (The Falcons)
February 25th – April 1st  Encircle – Life’s Journey
Thursday’s (school term)  Encircle – Playspace
Friday’s (school term)  -  Dad’s Playgroup
School Term  PEACH – Lifestyle program
Mondays 6-30 – 8.30  Samford Community Church – Girls Brigade for girls in Years 3-12
Fridays  Samford Community Church- FriDayz KidsClub
Various Dates  Sensory Movie Day - Various Events
March 15th  Sensory Movie Day- Penguins of Madagascar

For inclusions in the Newsletter please email wrobi16@eq.edu.au Tuesdays by 10
PINE RIVERS DISTRICT 2015 SWIMMING CARNIVAL - today

Liana Arkell, Lucy Chapman, Annika Spencer, Olivia Close, Emma Boxall, Kate Zanolini, Maddy Collins, Paige Edwards, Charlotte Heffernan, Alyssa Mortensen, Mollie Terrett, Liam Heffernan, Benjamin Mortensen, Patrick Vayro, Jack Devlin, Sean Fredricks, Josh Miles, Luke Miles, Ethan Close, Cambell Harrop and Callum Close will be competing at the Pine Rivers District Swimming Carnival today.

GOOD LUCK MOUNT SAMSON TEAM !!

MORNING TRAINING - NO TRAINING WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY THIS WEEK
7:30 Monday - Thursday on the oval

Students of all ages and ability are welcome to join our “Mount Samson Super Stars” Squad on the oval at 7:30am on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Our focus for this term is preparing for our Interhouse Cross Country to be held on April 2nd and the remaining triathlon events.

TERM 1 PROGRAM -
NEXT WEEK’S PROGRAM
MONDAY ENDURANCE - DISTANCE RUN OR RECOVERY RUN
TUESDAY MIDDLE DISTANCE
WEDNESDAY SPRINTS - no training this week
THURSDAY HILLS AND BIKES FOR TRIATHLETES (no helmet - no ride) no training this week
FRIDAY SWIM/TRANSITION TRAINING FOR TRIATHLETES AT DAYBORO POOL (pool entry to be paid at pool office) no training this week

Please do not wear your school uniform to training. Well-fitting shoes must be worn to all sessions.
To replace lost energy, a small piece of cut up fruit or a snack that is easily and quickly eaten after training is advisable. All students should also have their own named water bottle.
Please remember to bring a spare pair of socks and shoes (if possible) and also a small towel as the oval is often quite wet.

Your uniform, change of clothes, snack and water bottle are to be placed in a plastic bag and hung on hooks on the amenities wall. Please put your school bag outside the classroom before coming out for training.

For more information please contact Anne White in the office.

PINE RIVERS DISTRICT SPORT SELECTION TRIALS

AFL - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - CHILDREN BORN 2003, 2004 & 2005 - CLOSING DATE TOMORROW

Please collect nomination forms from office and return by Thursday 19th February

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country Season is already here.

There is only 6 weeks until our Interhouse Cross Country Championships.

It’s great to see so many of our Mount Samson Super Stars coming to morning training.
Students turning 10 this year are eligible to represent Mount Samson at the Pine Rivers District Cross Country Championships on May 1st.

Six boys and six girls from each age group will be selected from our Interhouse Championships on April 2nd, providing qualifying times are reached.

LET’S SEE IF WE CAN BRING HOME THE PINE RIVERS DISTRICT TROPHY AGAIN THIS YEAR.

TRIATHLON NEWS
February 22
Triathlon Queensland Aquathlon Southport www.triathlonqld.com.au * part of state series - GET ENTRY IN NOW!
March 1 Queensland Tri Series race 6 Raby Bay
March 7 & 8 Bribie Island Series race 4
March 21 Samford Kids Triathlon - Samford Pool - this is the final race for the season
March 29 Queensland Sprint Dist C’ships Redcliffe *part of state series
April 19 Queensland Tri Series race 7 Raby Bay
May 2 & 3 TreX - Queensland Champs - Ewan Maddock Dam www.tre-x.com.au *part of state series
May 17 Weet Bix Kids Tryathlon - sleeman sports centre
May 24 Weet Bix kids Tryathlon - Kawana

GOOD LUCK TO ALL OUR KIDS
WHO WILL BE COMPETING AT THE TRIATHLON QUEENSLAND AQUATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS ON SUNDAY

GOOD LUCK ALSO TO OUR PAST MOUNT SAMSON STUDENTS - JACQUELINE AND CHARLOTTE VINCENT, INDIGO PATTERSON, LOCHLAN HARROP, AND RHIANNIN ARKELL
WHO WILL BE REPRESENTING METROPOLITAN NORTH AT THE STATE AQUATHLON/TRIATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

RACE HARD EVERYONE