KAREN’S CATCH UP

2017 Staffing

There have been a couple of changes to our staffing in 2017. I have already welcomed Shaun Taylor to our school and he will be attending our transition days. I also would like to welcome Mrs Shell Bartlett to our school, she will be working alongside Tracey and Rusty in the Junior school. Shell has been working in London for the last couple of years and since returning, doing relief work around Cranbourne. She has come well recommended and we look forward to working with her in 2017. We are also lucky that she will be with us Friday and next Tuesday.

Sadly we will be saying good bye to Nathan Mitchell who is moving closer to his family. This has been a very difficult decision for Nathan. Unfortunately, Nathan has not been able to be at school the last couple of weeks due to an unexpected family emergency, however we hope that he will be back soon so that we can give him a San Remo send off. Nathan has been with us for 18 months and has enjoyed his stay with us, as we have enjoyed his.

We are also saying good bye to Tomoko Gross, who has been doing a wonderful job working in each classroom with Japanese language and culture. We currently have a shared position with Newhaven advertised for Japanese and I will keep you informed on the outcome of this.

Transition Days

This Friday from 9.00 to 11.00am and next Tuesday from 9.00 - 1.30pm will be our whole school transition days. All children will be progressing to their next grade level and teacher for 2017.

Each year all staff work tirelessly to ensure that every child at SRPS is catered for educationally, socially and emotionally and this year is no exception however, our decision may not be one that you prefer. 2017 is going to be a great year for all students with teachers continually developing and delivering curriculum that will support, challenge and engage your children. Multi-age grades provide a setting whereby students are able to make friends across age groups, are more confident and assertive and are comfortable in a group. In the long term, they become more adept at problem-solving and independent learning. The skills of co-operating, sharing, tolerance and being able to mentor other students are very strong in multi-age classrooms. Being resilient and bouncing back from disappointment and making the most of a situation are great learning goals and may be relevant to your child this year. One way parents can do this is to
embrace the new year with excitement and enthusiasm and to give their children the tools to do this also.
The grade structures, programs offered and staffing for 2017 will be:

Prep/1  Mrs Tracey Wilson
Prep/1  Mrs Shell Barlett
Grade 1/2  Mr Rusty Steel
Grade 3/4 T  Mr Shaun Taylor
Grade 3/4 M  Mr John Manning & TBA
Grade 5 G  Mrs Theresa Gifford-Cox
Grade 6 H  Mrs Alyce Houston
Educational Support  Mrs Amber Goldsbury, Ms Kylie Howe & Mrs Meisha Milner
Art & 5/6 PE  Ms Virginia Baxter
PE (P-4)  Mrs Cathy Kallstrom
Music  Mr Ian Chambers
Library (5&6)  Ms Karen Bowker
MARC Van  Mr Tony Latham & Mr Pete Matthews
Japanese  TBA
Administration  Mrs Rosalyn Cleeland
OSHC  Mrs Jennifer Ramage

Have a great week,  Karen ☺

WORKERS OF THE WEEK  Week Ending 25/11/16

P/1 M  Lana for an excellent approach to all tasks.
P/1 W  Gus for his great effort and positive attitude at school.
2/3S  Charlie for consistently making good choices and always displaying the SRPS values.
3/4 M  Pirren for displaying the school values.
5/6 G  Syanna for always working co-operatively in group situations.
5/6 T  Blake for challenging himself in maths activities.

PINK STUMPS DAY

This Thursday 1st December we will run a Pink Stumps Day to raise money for the Glenn McGrath Foundation.
Students can dress in pink for the day and we will collect a gold coin donation in the morning.
The Fundraising committee will be holding a sausage sizzle during lunchtime. Sausages $2; Snow cones $1; Watermelon 50c; Water $1
We need helpers for the stall from 1pm-3pm. Please contact Sancha or the school office if you can assist on the day.
**BOOKCLUB**

Bookclub orders for the latest catalogue are due back to the office by tomorrow Wednesday 30th November. This is our final bookclub for the year so get your orders in … and don't forget it's only 26 days until Christmas.

**PROJECT PENCILS**

SRPS have teamed up with a not for profit organisation called Project Pencils. Project Pencils accept pencils, pencil cases, textas, crayons, rulers, erasers, sharpeners, calculators, exercise books and more, old or new, and redistribute items to 12 countries and over 5000 children in need. There will be a tub at the school office to collect these. All items must be in a usable state as they are reorganised into packs for children in need. This is a great opportunity, especially at the end of the year, to donate your old pencils etc to children less fortunate than ourselves. The Founder of Pencils Community, Cindy, will be visiting our school on Monday 12th December to tell us about the project and collect the pencils etc. For more information contact the website www.pencilscommunity.com

**2017 BOOKLISTS ETC**

The 2017 Essential and Optional Educational items invoices will go home for all students on Friday (at transition time). We have included the approximate costings of the Junior excursion and the 3/4 and 5/6 camps as well as the swimming program so that families have a rough idea how much money they will need for these activities. Payments for the books, mathletics and insurance can be made at any time from then until the beginning of next year. If you pay by direct deposit please include your family name and 2017 as your reference and write the receipt number on the invoice and return to school.

**ART SHOW**

San Remo PS art work will be showcased at the annual Art Show on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December. If you are able to assist Virginia with setting up the displays please contact the school.

**DISCO - Friday 9th December**

The end of year Disco will be held on Friday 9th December from 1:45pm-3pm. The cost is $5.

**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Our LAST breakfast club will be on Tuesday 13th December. It will be a special 'Egg & Bacon Muffin' breakfast for everyone.

**GRADE 6 GRADUATION**

The grade 6 students will have their graduation dinner on Wednesday 14th December. More information will be published next week.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

Once again San Remo PS students have been asked to sing at the carols on the San Remo Foreshore on Friday 16th December. See the flyer on page 4 of the newsletter. SRPS children will be singing their 2 carols at 7pm.

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS**

All parents/carers/family and friends that wish to help with school activities must have a Working With Children Check card. A volunteer card is free. If you have updated your card or have newly applied and received one please bring a copy to the school office.

**END TERM 4**

A reminder that Tuesday 20th December is the last day of the school year. There will be an early dismissal time of 1:30pm. After school care will be run from 1:30-6pm.
UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop is open for viewing from 8:45—9:15am each day and from 3:30-3:50pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Purchases can be made at any time by placing your order WITH payment in the box in the office. If you make payment via direct deposit please make note of the receipt number on the order form. Please do not ask to view or purchase outside these times.

STAFF CAR PARK
The Staff Car park is OUT-OF-BOUNDS to all parents at all times unless prior approval from the Principal. Please do NOT park in or walk through the staff car park to drop off or pick up your child. This is a safety issue.

Please do NOT park in the No Standing Zone in Thomas Grove. Please remember our safest and preferred parking area for student drop off or pick up is the parking area at the top of Wynne Ave in front of the Recreation Centre.

STUDENT SUPERVISION
Children are supervised in the playground from 8:45am until 3:45pm.
Parents are reminded that all classes begin at 9am sharp. If your child comes to school earlier than 8:45am or later than 3:45pm they need to attend OSHC.

STUDENT BANKING
San Remo Bendigo Bank offers student banking for SRPS. Bring your bank book with your deposit to the office each Monday morning by 9am. What a great way to see your savings grow.

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SCHOOL TIMETABLE
MON
Student banking
Music
3pm Assembly
TUES
Breakfast Club 8:30am
Music
WED
Gr 5 & 6 Library
Gr 3-6 Art
Sushi orders
THUR
Gr P-3 Art
Gr P-6 PE
MARC Library

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PRESENTED BY SAN REMO-NEWHAVEN LIONS CLUB
San Remo celebrates Christmas
SAN REMO FOreshore FRI DEC 16
TRADERS RIDES
SANTA (5-7pm)
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT (from 7pm)
FEATURING: Wonthaggi CJD, Jeans Band, Newhaven, San Remo & Cowes Primary School Singers, Dave Manning & Mark Howard, Brin Carroll, Teresa O’connor plus MORE!