

Principal's Prose

Everyday, every student engaged and learning!

Every student achieving at least one year of improvement for every year at school!

That is the bottom line for every school, and it's these principles that drive me to come to work every day. Our staff (teachers, teacher aides, and visiting specialists) are working hard to deliver a rigorous and engaging curriculum that gives each of our 41 students the best chance of achieving success and growth.

Please be sure to ask your children how their day was. Ask *open* questions that will elicit more than the usual 'yes or no', or 'it was ok' answers. Try some of these questions, and give them time to answer:

- ✓ What was one thing you learned today?
- ✓ Tell me about the best things that happened today?
- ✓ Tell me something that you needed help with? Who did you ask?

On Thursday and Friday this week (Feb 18-19) I will be in Toowoomba at the Regional Principal's Development Conference. In the coming weeks I will feed back to the Severnlea community some of the initiatives that our school will be part of both locally and more widely across our district and region.

The new pathway markings are a MASSIVE hit with the students and have added a great deal of colour and vibrancy to our school grounds. Thanks to the P&C for their work in raising the funds for this fantastic project.

Finally, my chooks want me to tell the kids in our P-2 class that they love their daily supply of yummy food scraps. "*Cluck, cluck, cluck. Cluck*" (translation: *Thanks kids!!*)

Please contact me at any time with questions or concerns.

Mark Robertson

News from the P-2 Classroom

Two full weeks into the school year and we are powering along in the P-2 classroom. Everyone is settling in well to the new routines and working hard at learning new concepts. Show and Tell has been a popular part of our morning routine, especially with Polly's (and Archie's in yr 4) extra

special show & tell last week, introducing her new baby sister Audrey to us all. Congratulations to the Elliott-Roberts family!

Also in show and tell, Anthony Patane brought along a wonderful crop of capsicums his family had grown.



This prompted us to cook “stuffed capsicums” seeing as our preps have been learning the sound “S”. We all really enjoyed the process of cooking our stuffed capsicums although there was a missed response when we sat down to eat them Friday afternoon....



News from the 3-6 Classroom

With routines settling into place, our 3-6 classroom is a very busy place. This week our students have started to explicitly learn about writing persuasive texts. This has led to lively debates and discussions about which is the best season of the year, and which is the best character in *Charlotte's Web*. Mrs Jamieson is very busy on Thursday's with Science, and the investigations are very engaging for the students, as are the fun Art creations.

Student leadership roles

Last week our Year 6 students went through a rigorous process of selecting school leaders for 2021. Congratulations to:

Louella Tomkins and Alissa Cannavo - School Captains

Jacob Cockerell - Stannum House Captain

Blake Temple - Severn House Captain

Tamalyn Johnstone - Arts and Cultural Captain

Leo Cannavo - Environmental and Sustainability Captain

Our Captains will be presented with badges in the next few weeks – details to be announced.

On Thursday 25th February they will travel to Toowoomba with Mr Robertson to attend the GRIP Student Leadership Conference with other student leaders from across the Granite Belt and other parts of the Darling Downs South West Region.

PBL focus for the coming week

Be Resilient - Use nice words to solve problems

PBL Students of the Week

Stephanie Wilkinson and Mia Dullahide

For always being in the right place at the right time, and for being prepared.
Congratulation girls!! You are setting a great example to your friends at school.



Bell times

Some minor changes have been made to bell times to smooth our transition times and minimise time lost in teaching and learning:

8:50am Bell rings – students gather downstairs

9:00am Students settled in classrooms – learning begins

11:00am Bell rings for eating time – students need to be seated in shady areas

11:10am Playtime

11:25am Bell rings for end of playtime. 5 minute transition – toilet, handwashing, drink

11:30am Students settled in classrooms – learning recommences

1:00pm Bell rings for eating time – students need to be seated in shady areas

1:15pm Playtime

1:40pm Bell rings for end of playtime. 5 minute transition – toilet, handwashing, drink

1:45pm Students settled in classrooms – learning recommences

3:00pm Bell rings for home time

School bus update

Thanks for the responses to the letter I sent home earlier in the week. To better meet the immediate needs of families, Crisps will now provide a daily service in the afternoons starting immediately.

I invite interested people to a meeting on Tuesday February 23rd at 6:00pm to make some decisions in regards to the frequency of the bus and the cost to families.

Concession Card holders can contact Crisps directly to apply for cost relief, and the following website has information that may provide additional financial support for families accessing school bus services.

<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/public/school/school-transport-assistance/apply-for-school-transport-assistance>

Please continue to contact Mark with any questions and concerns.

Absences

Please ring the school and leave a message or text a message through to 0448 759 848 if your child is going to be absent from school. Absences of longer than 3 days should be accompanied by a medical certificate. If students will be absent for a period of time for any reason other than medical please write or email the Principal of your intentions. In some cases Education Queensland requires a formal application process to be followed e.g. family holiday during school time.

Late arrivals and early leavers

Schools have a legislative obligation to keep a record of students who arrive late or are picked up early from school and the reasons for this occurring. There is a register in each classroom and in the office. Please ensure that you leave yourself enough time when you are dropping off late or picking up early to fill in the register.

Our school day starts at 8.50 am with parade or our daily fitness run and ends at 3.00 pm.

Arriving early

Students are not supervised by school staff until 8:30am each morning, therefore, we ask that parents ***do not*** drop children at school prior to this time unless by prior arrangement with Mark. If it is necessary for children to be at school prior to 8:30am they **MUST** move immediately to underneath the main building and sit and **NOT** play on playground equipment or walk around the school grounds.

P&C

The P&C will meet on **Thursday 18th March, at 4:45pm** for its annual AGM. All parents and interested community members are welcome to attend. Membership forms were sent home during last week, and one can be found at the end of the Newsletter.

Calendar of events

February 23 – School bus meeting at the school at 6:00pm

February 25 – Year 6 students to GRIP Conference in Toowoomba

February 26, March 5, 12 and 19 – Whole school swimming

March 18 – P&C AGM



Tuesday 16th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

It's that time of year again.... P&C membership renewals....

The P&C is ALL of us - the adults in this school community sharing their time, talents, passions, idea's and resources for the benefit of all the children and families. We welcome your support and involvement.

There is no obligation for the P&C members to attend meetings, volunteer time or participate in activities, (but is very welcomed and appreciated if able to) BUT membership IS essential if you want to be involved in voting on any P&C decision during the year, including how the money that we raise is spent. Due to rules outside our control, you will have to complete a new membership form every year. Make sure you fill it in and return it to be sure we have your current contact details. You will receive agendas and minutes for P&C meetings by email. You will be eligible to help determine the direction of the P&C, how we raise money and how we spend it.

****This form must be returned before the AGM (Annual General Meeting) or bring in person to the AGM on Thursday 18th March, so that your application can be approved.**

Thank you

Severnlea State School P&C

Emma Lofaro-President

Liza Cannavo-Vice President

Venessa Cannavo-Secretary

Jane Kerridge-Treasurer

Application for P&C Membership for 2021

Severnlea State School P&C Association

Please complete and return to the P&C Secretary

Name:

Address:

Home phone:

Mobile phone:

Email address:

I am:

- ☐ a parent of a student attending the school
- ☐ a staff member of the school
- ☐ an adult interested in the school's welfare, and my date of birth is .

I am:

- ☐ applying for new membership
- ☐ renewing my membership.

I apply for membership in the [Severnlea State School] Parents and Citizens' Association and I undertake to:

- a) promote the interests of and facilitate the development and further improvement of the School and the good order and management of the School; and
- b) comply with the Constitution of the P&C Association, including the P&C Association Code of Conduct as specified in Schedule 2 of the Constitution, and any valid resolutions passed by the Association.

If a person has been convicted of an indictable offence, it is grounds for removal in accordance with the *Education (General Provision) Act 2006*.

Signature:

Date:

P&C Secretary Use

Date received:/...../.....

Date accepted:/...../.....

Secretary's signature:

Entered in P&C Register. ☐

FOR A HEALTHY LUNCHBOX SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP 1-6!

PICK & MIX



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SOMETHING FROM EACH GROUP

1-6!

FRUIT 1

FRESH FRUIT

- Apple
- Banana
- Mandarin
- Orange quarters
- Passionfruit halves (with spoon)
- Watermelon, honeydew, rockmelon chunks
- Pineapple chunks
- Grapes
- Plums
- Nectarines, peaches, Apricots
- Strawberries
- Cherries
- Kiwifruit halves (with spoon)
- Pear

MIXED FRUIT

- Fruit salad
- Fruit kebabs

DRIED FRUIT

- Dried fruit, nut, popcorn mixes*

TINNED FRUIT/SNACK PACKS/CUPS

- In natural juice (not syrup)



VEGETABLES 2

FRESH CRUNCHY VEGIES

- Corn cobs
- Carrot sticks
- Capsicum sticks
- Green beans
- Cucumber sticks
- Celery sticks
- Snow peas
- Tomatoes (e.g. cherry and Roma tomatoes)
- Mushroom pieces

Can serve with either:

- Hummus
- Tomato salsa
- Tatziki
- Beetroot dip
- Natural yoghurt

SALADS

- Coleslaw and potato salad (reduced fat dressing)
- Mexican bean, tomato, lettuce and cheese salad
- Pesto pasta salad*

BAKED ITEMS

- Grilled or roasted vegetables
- Wholemeal vegetable muffins or scones
- Vegetable slice (with grated zucchini and carrot)
- Popcorn

SOUP (In small thermos)

- Pumpkin soup
- Potato and leek soup
- Chicken and corn soup

MILK, YOGHURT AND CHEESE 3

- Milk
- Calcium-enriched soy and other plant-based milks
- Yoghurt (frozen overnight)
- Custard

Tip:

- Freeze the night before to keep cool during the day

- Cheese cubes, sticks or slices
- Cottage or ricotta cheese
- Cream cheese
- Tatziki dip

Can serve with either:

- Fruit
- Wholegrain cereal, low in sugar
- Vegetable sticks
- Rice and corn cakes
- Wholegrain wheat crackers

MEAT OR MEAT ALTERNATIVE 4

- Tinned tuna or salmon in springwater
- Lean roast or grilled meats (e.g. beef, chicken, kangaroo)
- Falafel balls
- Lean meat or chicken patties
- Tinned tuna or salmon patties
- Lentil patties
- Lean deli meats (e.g. ham, silver-side, chicken)
- Boiled eggs
- Baked beans (canned)
- Tofu cubes
- Hummus dip
- Lean meat or chicken kebab sticks
- Peanut butter*

Can serve with:

- Wholegrain sandwich, roll, pita or wrap bread with salad
- Rice and corn cakes
- Wholegrain wheat crackers
- Side salad

- Vegetable frittata
- Skinless chicken drumsticks
- Savoury muffins or scones (e.g. lean ham, cheese and shallots)
- Homemade pizzas with lean roast or deli meats and vegetables

Can serve with:

- Side salad
- Steamed or roasted vegetables

GRAIN AND CEREAL FOOD 5

MAINS

- Wraps
- Sandwiches
- Rolls
- Toasted sandwiches

Tip: Use breads such as wholemeal, multigrain, rye, sourdough, pita, flat, corn, mountain, lavash, white fibre-enriched, soy and linseed, herb, naan, bagels, foccacias, fruit bread and English muffins.

- Pasta dishes
- Rice, quinoa or cous cous dishes
- Noodle dishes
- Sushi

SAVORY BAKED ITEMS

- Homemade pizzas
- Wholemeal savoury muffins or scones (e.g. ham, cheese and corn muffins)
- Vegetable based muffins
- Pasta or noodle bake

SWEET BAKED ITEMS

- Fruit loaf
- Wholemeal fruit based muffins

SNACKS

- High fibre, low sugar cereal (e.g. muesli)
- English muffins
- Crackers
- Crisps
- Rice cakes
- Corn thins
- Wholemeal scones
- Pikelets
- Crumpets
- Hot cross buns (no icing)

WATER 6

- Take a water bottle (for refilling throughout the day)

Tip:

- Freeze overnight to keep foods cool in lunchboxes

Sweet and savoury snack foods (e.g. muesli/fruit/nut bars, biscuits, crisps, cakes, muffins, slices) should be limited in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake if consumed in large amounts.

Sugar sweetened drinks and confectionery should not be provided in lunchboxes. They can lead to excess energy intake and tooth decay.



*Check your school's policy regarding the use of nuts and products containing nuts.



COME AND PLAY FOOTBALL!

The playing season is fast approaching and we are excited to see Football back on in Stanthorpe for 2021!!

Football is a great way to meet fellow families and to get involved in our local community whilst your children (or yourself) enjoy participating in the 'beautiful game'!



FS Facebook page

GRADES INCLUDE
Junior (Mini-roo's Under 6's - Under 11's)
Competitive Grades
(Under 12's and up with Junior Colts, Fillies,
Senior Colts, Ladies and Mens divisions)



Club contacts

FIND YOUR LOCAL FOOTBALL CLUB



REGISTER AT - [PLAYFOOTBALL.COM.AU](https://playfootball.com.au)