



### Postponement - School Photos

Due to unforeseen and unavoidable circumstances, our school photos will now not be taken until 4th term. The date is Tuesday 15th October. Mark it on your calendar!

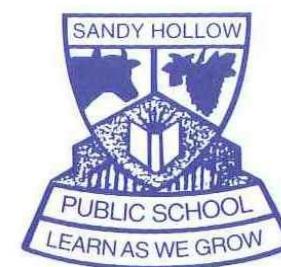


### Additions and Attachments

- Stewart House envelopes - due back no later than Friday 10th May.
- Leadership permission and driver note for Year 6.
- NAPLAN letters for parents of students in year 3 and year 5.
- Mother's Day stall flyer.
- Parenting Ideas flyer.

**Save the Date –  
Sandy Hollow Trivia Night  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Starting at 7.00pm**

Thank you to the students who represented Sandy Hollow School so well at Denman's Anzac Day commemorations, and to their parents for supporting their participation.



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### Welcome Back

I trust everyone has had the opportunity to relax and wind down and is now ready to tackle a very busy term. We have a bush poet performance, Leadership day for Year 6, Singleton Beef competition, athletics, Pittman Cup and two sessions of Go Go Golf, just to name a few. Years 3 and 5 will be participating in NAPLAN testing in week 3. I look forward to hearing holiday stories from the students.

### Staff Development Days

Over the last two days, teaching staff have spent time training in Scone with staff from all small schools in the Invermeir network. Day 1 was spent reviewing best practice in teaching numeracy, using the numeracy continuum and using Best Start data to inform teaching programs. We had lots of fun trying out some of the games available for use in the classroom. The afternoon was spent doing school planning. We specifically focused on reviewing our learning support team policy and processes.

Day 2 was spent learning about the new curriculum. We completed two online modules based around the development of the new national curriculum, learning about how our classroom programs will need to change to keep pace with skills students need in the future – skills of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. We also looked at quality practices in our schools in relation to the new curriculum– What is going well? Why it is going well? Where to next? We spent the afternoon finishing our learning support team policy.

The next step for us will be to look specifically at the new English syllabus which is to be implemented next year and the new mathematics syllabus, which we have already been implementing for over twelve months. I hope to

run some parent information workshops later in the year, to better inform everyone about the new national curriculums.

### Athletics

Athletics starts tomorrow. The cost is \$2.50 per week or \$12.50 for the full five weeks. Only those students who have paid will be participating in the athletics program with Tanya Penfold. Alternative sporting activities will be on offer with classroom teachers for those students who have not paid. Our athletics program is in lead up to Pittman Cup on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Woolworths Earn and Learn is on Again!**  
Start collecting stickers for school.

**Bush Poets visit      Fri 3rd May 2pm**  
**Mothers Day stall    Tues, Wed, Thurs**  
**Leadership Day Year 6   Tues 7th May**  
**Mothers Day Luncheon**  
**Fri 10th April 12MD**  
**@ James Estate Vineyard**

**Canteen Monday 6th May -**  
**Michelle Stennett & Melissa Gillespie**  
**Canteen Monday 13th May - Nicola Field**

**Next Toybox**  
**Monday 6th May**

**Claim the Date**  
\* **Pittman Cup      Wed 5th June**  
**Trivia Night      Sat 22nd June**



### Singleton Beef Competition

An opportunity exists for those students who participated in the Beef Bonanza last year to enter the Singleton Beef competition being held on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Students will be participating in a range of activities including caring for steers, parading and judging. It is a good opportunity to brush up on skills ready for Beef Bonanza next term. There will not be a teacher accompanying the students, so it will be the responsibility of parents to transport their child/children to and from the event and to supervise them for the duration of the event. Students wishing to participate need to let me know by this Friday.

### NAPLAN

All students in years 3 and 5 will be sitting NAPLAN assessments for writing, reading, grammar, punctuation, spelling and numeracy. The tests will take place over three days – 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May.

### Leadership Day

Next Wednesday, all year 6 will travel to Tamworth to participate in the Impact Leadership Conference. The school has paid for the students and two parents to attend the conference at a cost of \$35 each. Students will need to wear full school uniform and take their recess, lunch, a drink, pen and notebook. The students will be required to pay \$10 petrol money to their driver. We require two parent drivers to transport the seven students involved. A permission note is included in the newsletter this week. All notes and money need to be returned by this Friday.

### Bush Poets

On Friday, two bush poets, Greg North and Milton Taylor, will be visiting our school for a performance. The performance will take place after lunch. There will be no cost to the students, as the school is covering their expenses.

Christina Darlington  
Principal

### 3-4-5-6 Class News

This term we are focussing on being organised. Every student is expected to arrive at school ready to start the school day. They need to have a red pen, blue or black pen, lead pencil, pencil sharpener, eraser, ruler, scissors and glue. They also need to have something suitable for fruit break. We will be doing random checks for equipment, and those students who are organised will be rewarded for their efforts. Over the next week, please take the time to check your child's pencil case to ensure they are prepared for the school day. Being prepared enables us to get through all planned activities with minimal disruption. Lessons are often disrupted when we wait for students to borrow necessary equipment from others.

### Weekly Awards

- Katie Pike - being a quiet achiever.
- Nickolas Roberts - excellent attempt at persuasive writing.
- Jake Pike - trying hard to stay on task.
- Amy Thompson - great descriptive writing in AL.
- Thomas Gillespie - great measurement in his investigation.
- Tarni Sheen - a wonderful effort in Science.
- Angel Blackhurst - great work in Maths.

### Workers of the Week - Week 11

K/1/2 - Bill Chambers, Andrew Harris and Nicholas Terrell.

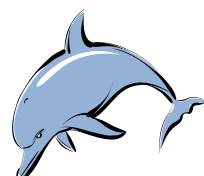
3/4/5/6 - Olivia McLean, Mia Gillespie and Hunter Marsh.

### Stewart House

The annual Stewart House donation drive is on again. For just a \$2 donation you have the chance to win a \$4000 family holiday.

Envelopes are attached to this newsletter. Please send your donation back to school before Friday 10th May.

For more information on the wonderful work done by this organisation go to [www.stewarthouse.org.au](http://www.stewarthouse.org.au)



### Student of the Week



Bella Wallace - positive attitude to all school work.

### End of Term Awards

Homework Awards - Chelsea Borradaile, Simon Budden, Amelia Harris, Codi Marsh, Olivia McLean, Jackson Stair, Shanay Turner, Abby Cooper, Angus Higgins, Amy Thompson, Kristy Walker, Jackson Whalan, William Stair, Sam Thompson, Natasha Marsh, Nicholas Terrell, Andrew Harris, Cambell Hinze, Riley Borradaile, Bill Chambers, Lucas Stair and Rowdy Walters.

Attendance Awards - Simon Budden, Amelia Harris, Tylana Cox, Codi Marsh, Abby Cooper, Jake Pike, William Stair, Natasha Marsh, Dustynn Turner, Andrew Harris, Lucas Stair and Rowdy Walters.

Congratulations to you all for a wonderful effort.

### From the P&C

Next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (if there is anything left) there will be a Mother's Day stall at school, each morning from the time the bus arrives until first bell. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter.

The P&C will be holding a 4 course gourmet BBQ at James Estate to celebrate Mother's Day. The luncheon will take place on Friday 10th May, dining at 12pm, so plenty of time to be back for the children at 3.15pm. Or, if you are lucky enough to be chaperoned, wine can be purchased from the cellar door to enjoy with your meal.

Thank you to the parents who have offered their help. We now have sufficient numbers to run this event successfully. We would like to send an invitation to any parents or friends of the school who wish to bring their mum along. Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$30pp. Bookings can be placed with Kim on 6547 6037 or Michelle 0400 190 239 by Wednesday 8th May.

Mother's Day Raffle to be drawn Friday 10th May.

