DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 12 & Tuesday 13 May
School Photos

Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 May
NAPLAN testing

Tuesday 20 May
Assembly, The Hall – 8:45am
Class 2 & Class 5 Parent Teacher Night, 7pm

Wednesday 21 May
Class 1 Parent Teacher Night, 7pm

Thursday 22 May
Preschool Parent Teacher Night, 7pm

Saturday 24 May
Bush Dance – The Hall, 6:30pm

Saturday 31 May
Working Bee

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Saturday 31 May 8 am – 1 pm
Please come along and lend a hand
**ADMINISTRATION NEWS**

**School Photos**
School photos are taking place on Monday and Tuesday next week (12 & 13 May). Please see timetable below. **There has been a slight change for Class 3 & 4.** Class photos will be taken first, immediately followed by individual shots taken nearby.

**Monday 12 May**
- 8.40am - Class 7
- 9.00 am - Class 5
- 11.20am - Class 1
- 11.45am - Class 2
- 12.10pm - Class 8
- 1.40pm - Class 9
- 2.00pm - High School group photo

**Tuesday 13 May**
- 8.30am - Star Gold
- 9.00am - Briar Rose
- 11.20am - Class 6
- 11.45am - Class 3
- 1.20pm - Class 10
- 1.40pm - Class 11
- 2.00pm - Class 12

**Photo Orders**
Each child should have received an envelope. If not, please see your teacher. To order, please return **ONE ENVELOPE FOR EACH CHILD.** Spare envelopes will be available from the office.

**NAPLAN**
NAPLAN testing for Classes 3, 5, 7 & 9 will be next week. Withdrawal forms are to be completed and returned to the Front Office by Friday 9 May.

*Joan, Judy & Mercedes*

**REMEMBER OF CAR PARK RULES**
We would like to remind parents of our car park rules. By following these rules our car parks will be safer and tidier. We also ask that you consider neighbour’s properties when parking at the school:

1. No parking in Atanie Court on the non-school side or back from the Preschool fence in front of neighbours houses. This is particularly important in respect for our neighbours in the cul de sac. All parents must follow safe traffic rules on Atanie Court and at all other times at or near school.
2. Do not block residents’ driveways under any circumstances and keep a clearance of at least 2 car lengths for safe entry and exit of residents’ cars.
3. Use Atanie Court for turning, rather than turning around in residents’ driveways and park on the street next to the curb.
4. Do not park outside of the school grounds in areas marked as no parking by Council signs.
5. Take care to park within the lines so we can make optimal use of the parks available.
6. Do not park in the designated no parking areas or the drop off zone. The drop off area is purely for short stops and parents are not to leave their vehicle. By leaving these areas free it greatly assists our bus drivers in being able to easily get around our very tight car park.
7. Parents from Classes 5, 6 and 7 and visitors to The Hub, please park in the High School car park, rather than the small car park near the Library. This will free that area for staff parking.
8. Ensure that children use the crossing in the car parks and do not cross when cars or buses are blocking their vision.
9. Do not drive above the car park speed limit of 5 kilometres an hour.
10. Please ensure that your rubbish is not left on the school grounds. If you see rubbish left in areas that are used by school members, please pick it up and dispose of appropriately.

Your cooperation in this is most appreciated!

*Margaret King*
**PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

There are three Festivals this term; Ascension, Whitsun and the Winter Festival. Their significance and relationship to the earth and how we celebrate them in the Southern Hemisphere is something we have been working on for a number of years.

**Ascension:** *“Looking up”*

By turning our eyes to the heavens and in particular the cloud formations, we - and the children - can experience a sense of wonder, a sense of being part of a bigger universe, and the thought that we are all under the same heavens, no matter where we are in the world. Excursions up Camp Mountain in the past have been well received, connecting us more deeply with the local landscape.

**Whitsun:** *“Community – the world is one community”*

No matter what our convictions, we are one community of human souls and we can know and recognise each other as individuals, as spiritual beings. Beyond this, we can join together in communities who share a common and selfless purpose, communities fired by a vision or an ideal for the future, (for example building and maintaining a school such as ours...).

**Winter:** *“Solstice- shortest day/longest night”*

The Sun has reached the northern limit of its journey and begins its return to the south. It is the moment in the year of the greatest outer darkness with the possibility for the greatest inner light and warmth. In all ages this time of the year has been accompanied by celebrations, which highlight the possibilities for the human spirit that come with the season. In the northern hemisphere, Christmas occurs at this time. We celebrate with the winter spiral, lantern making and walks, soup, fire eurythmy, singing and a bonfire.

I hope everyone enjoyed Friday Foodies!

*Chris Jack*

*Education Administrator*

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**HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

We have welcomed the (rapid) change of season in the High School. Many of our students have taken to the clear sunny days, relaxing on the grass during break times, and our rose garden is blooming spectacularly, great credit to the care and dedication of Dave. A number of people have described the High School as "humming", and it does feel that way.

Our visiting Class 10 students from Hyderabad feel welcome and included by our school and are quickly developing friendships. Our bi-cultural Class 10 is preparing for the surveying camp in the coming week, with our students giving advice and support to our Indian visitors who are heading into western Queensland for the first time. The Class 8's get back today from their bicycle journey through some of Queensland's beautiful cattle country, coincidentally they ended their Food Chemistry bike hike near Chinchilla, where Class 10 is heading in week 4 for their surveying camp.
Steiner schools world-wide strive to foster and guide the healthy development of our young children as they grow into caring positive adults who have a strong sense of self and a clear understanding of how they fit into the world - and importantly a belief they can contribute. There is an information evening next Tuesday 13 May aimed at families new to our SVSS school community. We will talk about the important ideas that inform our approach to educating human beings as they grow and develop from Preschool to Class 12. We will also make sure there is plenty of time to answer the questions you may have.

Enjoy your weekend!
Tim Dunn
Education Administrator

Indian Feast – Saturday 7 June - 6- 8.30pm
Class 10 and the visiting students will be hosting an Indian feast.
This is a Class 10 fundraiser.
More info to come.

Can you help the High School with kitchen donations?
The HS is trying to source a working second hand fridge. Would you, could you, are you able to donate one? Do you know somewhere I could source one at a good price?

This fridge will go out to the property in Kilkivan where we hold our farm camp each year and will provide us with enough cold storage for our veggies. Our Farm Camp is truly wonderful and Shane’s generosity makes this camp possible. He has one fridge and freezer for our use but has told me we really need one more…..So fingers crossed!

Also, if you are de-cluttering and have any kitchen items, including glasses/mugs, crockery and cooking utensils, old tea towels etc, please don’t op shop them….give me a hoy!! Please email me - mbrumm@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au

With gratitude in anticipation,
Molly for the HS

INTERESTING ARTICLES
Handwork as a social affair by Gia Davis
This week we would like to offer an article posted on the “Portland Family” website by Gia Davis who is the handwork and practical arts teacher at Cedarwood Waldorf School. She says “The Waldorf handwork curriculum endeavors to fill that gap by enabling children to have the healthy experience of making real things that serve real needs, while at the same time developing their applied thinking and understanding. The Waldorf approach to learning through doing is a fundamental aspect of what we teach”. If you would like to read the full article, please click on this link:
http://www.portlandfamily.com/posts/handwork-as-a-social-affair/

BOARD HAPPENINGS
Last week the Board had its second regular meeting of the 2014 tenure. A large portion of the agenda for each monthly meeting is governed by the Board Annual Work Plan. This plan captures the key responsibilities of the Board and defines when they need to be addressed. This ensures we plan sufficient time to discuss and decide on issues and that nothing is overlooked. It also forms part of the induction process for new Board members as it provides a picture of what the Board will be discussing each month throughout the year.
During this early part of the tenure our Work Plan focusses on education to help new members get up to speed and refresh returning members. This meeting always includes a presentation from Chris Murphy, the School’s Work Place Health and Safety consultant. The liability for the Health and Safety of the School rests with the Board and its individual members so it is essential that we understand the legal responsibilities and are confident there are sufficiently adequate Health and Safety processes in place.

The other important Work Plan item for this month is a meeting of the Board with the College. It is important that the 3 leadership groups of the school – Board, College and Senior Leadership Team (all of whom are members of College) - have a strong relationship built on trust and understanding of the responsibilities and contribution of each. This discussion enables individuals to get to know one another and identify how we can best work together through the coming year. It was decided that early in Term 3 we will have a Board and College focus day to discuss the vision and ways of moving forward. This will ensure we all share the same picture of the School’s future and understand how each of us will contribute to achieving it. Continuing to maintain and build on this good relationship is an important objective of the Board as it recognises it is key to the strength and stability of the School and is an important connection for the Board to operation and wellbeing of the School.

Fiona Garnes  
Vice-President

PAFA NEWS
Wow, it seems like Autumn is trying to make up for its tardiness by turning up the wind and freeze factor!

Friday Foodies
Thank you to everyone who came to our very first Friday Foodies market! A huge thank you to all our lovely cooking and baking fairies who made our PAFA table so tempting! Next week we will also have some live music from our very own SVSS students!

Thank you Avril O'Brian for running the Treehouse for a second time on Friday. A simple "thank you" does not seem enough to express our gratitude for the things you do for this community!

Friday Foodies is a weekly event on every Friday from 3pm-4pm. If you would like to contribute any items for sale such as home-grown produce, home-made food or second-hand children’s books please contact Angelina via email angelinap@cartridgeciti.com or phone 0403 926 568.

We are also aiming to have some live music every Friday. So if you are musically inclined or your children would like some experience performing please contact Brendan Hook at bhook@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au Just a reminder to keep an eye on your children as the school is not responsible for your children’s supervision after school hours.

The Hub Upgrade

Finally, after more than 2 years of discussions, planning and organising it is finally happening! Thanks to many and many hours of hardwork from Kim Ryan, Mia Mitropoulos, Imogen Cusack, Mark Neilson, Samantha Gibson and Michael Ryan, we now have a kitchenette at The Hub and some new wooden furniture! A huge thank you to the team who not only did an amazing job but came way under budget with a saving of around $8,500! Watch this space for more information of how this money will be used.
Bush Dance
The Bush Dance will be on this term on Saturday 24 May at the Hall. The Board will be running the sausage sizzle and Chris Jack and some musical talents will also be playing! So write this date down and bring your dancing shoes for a fun night! Tickets will be available from the week beginning 19 May in the Primary School car park. Please remember to keep an eye on your own children as the school is not responsible for their safety. Areas beyond The Hub and the Hall are out of bounds during the Bush Dance. Thank you!

IGA Community Key Tags
At the end of last term your eldest child should have brought home an IGA Community Key Tag. There are spares at the office if you didn’t receive one or if you would like to give them to friends and family to use when they shop in Samford. Present the Key Tag every time you shop at the local Samford Drake Supermarket for a portion of your spending to go back to the school!

PAFA meeting
We will be having our first PAFA meeting in Week 4 Wednesday 21st May from 9am at the Hub. The school’s Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and the Board always present an update at the beginning of these meetings and it is always interesting and is also a good way to find out what is going on at the school. The second half is the fun half where we talk about all the exciting events we’ve got coming up.
See you all at Friday Foodies and the Bush Dance!
*Imogen (PAFA President) and Amy C (PAFA Vice President), Angelina (PAFA Treasurer) and Amy V (PAFA Secretary)*
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PARENT CRAFT GROUP NEWS
The days grow shorter, the nights cooler, and the wind brings a chill to my bones... King Winter must be on his way! Join us over the next three weeks and learn to make this King Winter doll for your seasonal table. Kits will be $25 to make the king as pictured with a crocheted silver crown, or $23 with a crown of silver cardboard.

We begin this Wednesday 14 May and aim to have our dolls finished in Week 5 (28 May), just in time for Winter. If we need more time we may extend the project into Week 6 (4 June) before we get stuck into knitting.

Please note there is no craft group in Week 4 on Wednesday 21 May as the PAFA meeting will be on. Those attending the PAFA meeting might like to bring along their craft materials to continue working on King Winter after the meeting.
If you do intend to purchase a King Winter kit, please email cindy.rylands@bigpond.com by Monday. We will prepare a few extra kits but letting us know in advance will make sure we have a kit for you on the day.

Thank you so much to the beautiful ladies who have offered to help with marking felt and putting together kits for this project!
With warm regards,
*Cindy Rylands cindy.rylands@bigpond.com and Lisa Cashion colourmepurple@hotmail.com*
CLASSIFIEDS

Please note: All Classified Advertisements are submitted by individuals for the community benefit. They do not in any way express the views, opinions, endorsement or policy of the school and should not be relied upon as such.

There is a flat $2 charge for each advertisement and payment is required prior to inclusion.

Lost and (partly) found
I lost my Italian silver 50cm necklace on the Friday of the Autumn Festival. The Moonstone pendant which was attached, has been handed in to the office already, but has anyone seen my necklace? Please let me know. Heidy, teacher's assistant Class 2, 0418 774 709

Free dental check-ups and treatment available now!
Regular dental check-ups and early preventive care are an important part of good oral health. The Dental Van is not currently at your school but Metro North Oral Health Services are offering your child an additional dental check-up between visits. Your child will also receive additional appointments if any treatment is needed – all free of charge!

This offer of care is an opportunity to provide your child with more timely access to public dental care and we also now have the ability to offer more regular recalls for children who attend our service. So if it has been more than six months since your child’s last check-up ring us up now.

Call 1300 300 850 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tuesday - Friday and our friendly staff will arrange an appointment for you at one of our school-based dental facilities.

Forest Mulch
Aged clean forest mulch $14/m³ + Gst
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Ever wanted to Design and Build your own Biodynamic Flowform?
An essential part of Rudolf Steiner's biodynamic agriculture is stirring preparations to create vortexes. Flowforms recreate the infinity / lemniscate motion of natural streams, giving life to water. They are used to purify natural swimming pools, mix biodynamic preparations, treat grey and black-water, add life-force to water and build amazing landscape features. Australia's leader in flowforms is coming to Queensland for a 3 day workshop where people can not only design and build a flowform, but also a mould so that they can continue making more. Contact kestrel@bellbunya.org.au or visit www.bellbunya.org.au/events-calendar for more information.

Mowing and garden care
Looking for help with your gardens. I have good experience and work weekends and afternoons during the week. Competitive rates. Call Rory Kearney on 3289 3602

For Rent
One bed self-contained accommodation in Samford Village. Newly renovated accommodation: one bedroom/open plan kitchen/lounge/separate bathroom/toilet/laundry/ side patio and front porch. Suit professional single or couple. Please no smoking and healthy lifestyle preferred. $260 per week plus bills. Call Janet 0417 143 981 or email: jb_maplecottage@yahoo.com.au

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Animating Spaces - Samford Now
will draw together multiple art forms in a vibrant celebration of people and place in three unique projects. History will be created as local folk are invited to make short films to be premiered in the festival Samford Shorts. Bookings are now open for free public workshops with local filmmakers Athene Currie, Iain Anderson and Josh Wilkinson. Workshops will run on Saturday, 24 May and Saturday, 31 May - places are limited so book soon through the website. All locally-produced or themed films will be eligible for submission and will premiere at a screening to be held in the heart of Samford Village on Friday, 12 September. Stay tuned for more details about the other three projects and visit the website www.samfordnow.com.au or like us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/samfordnow.

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Sustainable Storytelling
Available for children's birthday parties. Show includes stories & songs written especially for your child, based on astrology and using environmentally friendly puppets. These stories are designed to remind your child of who they are & why they chose to be born upon this earth, in a beautiful, gentle, age-appropriate way. Suitable for ages 6 and under. $100 for half hour show. Includes written copy of story for birthday child. Please call Emma on 0400 826 991, or e-mail emma.forsberg1@bigpond.com. Emma is available for performances at Family Day Care, Child Care Centres and functions.

Nanny Available
20 years experience with babies and children. Excellent references. Passionate about good nutrition, positive social and learning experiences and gentle discipline. Care available at my home in Ferny Hills or at your home. Long day or occasional care available. Rates negotiable based on number of children, hours, frequency, travel distance, inclusions and flexibility. Phone Becky 0410 437 304 or email beckstar13@gmail.com

Tiny Trolls

Astrology Readings and Healings
Astrology is a tool or blueprint which is used to tell us who we are, where we have come from in the past and our life's purpose. A reading can be particular helpful during times of change or trauma, as it can help us find a new direction. Healings help remove emotional and spiritual blockages which can create disease in the physical body. Deep Memory Process sessions (past-life regression) also available for clearing karmic patterns which are being repeated during this life-time.
1 hr session: $50.00
Please call Asa Yanagi on 0414 615 899 for appointments or inquiries.

Yoga Centre Samford
Yoga classes to suit all levels of experience and busy schedules. All welcome. Iyengar, Oki Do Yoga, Hatha and Yoga Chi Gung. $5 Community Yoga classes Fri 9 May and 13 June 6.30pm. For the early birds Yoga Chi Gung Tues 6.00-7.00am and Open Yoga Class Sat 7.30- 9.00am. Yoga Workshop Mothers Day. Open Day Saturday 14 June. Yoga gear and gifts for sale. Space available for hire at great rates. Contact: info@sattvayoga.net.au, www.sattvayoga.net.au or 0421 106 441.
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