FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we approach the end of week 2 I would like to point out that the safety of our students is an absolute top priority.

On Wednesday afternoon one of our students was riding home on his bike and was knocked off his bike around Richards Road. As there is no bike lane on Wights Mountain Road it is even more important to slow down and take care around bikes and pedestrians. I urge you to never be in such a hurry that you may put yourself and others at risk. We are all busy but as the slogan goes “Don’t die for a deadline”. I would also like to bring your attention to new legislation regarding bikes on roads and I refer you to [http://www.qld.gov.au/transport/news/features/cycle-safe/index.html](http://www.qld.gov.au/transport/news/features/cycle-safe/index.html)

As I mentioned last term, rhythms and boundaries are key to happy children. This gives them a sense of belonging, purpose and focus. Please allow enough time in the morning to get your children to school in plenty of time before school starts so they can be ready for their school day. A healthy breakfast and no media are also key to a good start to the day. Quiet time in the car, a chat, story or singing is a great way to start the day and share this time together with family or friends if carpooling. If catching the bus chat with a friend or make a new friend. As the weather warms up I would also like to refer you to the schools dress code in the School Handbook, available on our website. School hats are a must, enclosed shoes and appropriate clothing. Have a great weekend and enjoy this beautiful, safe country we live in.

Zsofia Kennedy

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

And just when you thought winter was over another cold snap hits! The mornings have been particularly freezing this week as the cold descends into the valley overnight. The warmth of sunny days has been much appreciated. Around the school the term is humming along. Main Lessons are underway and preparations for the music concert and spring festival can be heard in the song emanating from the middle and upper Primary School.
Teachers have taken up recorders and ukuleles and music can also be heard in the Faculty Meetings each week. Whole School Faculty discussions have continued following Bodo's visit and the teachers have been reflecting on the essence of education here at Samford.

Janet Bitschine and Jenny McDonald have returned from the Learning Support Conference at the Casuarina School in Coff's Harbour last weekend linking up with other practitioners and developing their work. Jane shares her work with Class 1. The children seem to have shot up over the holidays! Assembly will be on Tuesday, 12 August with Classes 1, 2 & 3 presenting; all most welcome.

Chris Jack
Education Administrator

FARWELL
Class 4 are sad to farewell Lawrence and his mum Denni back to South Korea. Our class is the richer for having Lawrence join us for the last 6 months. He brought his confidence, intelligence, his sporting prowess, his graceful and artistic movement, his curiosity and his warmth. On behalf of our community I wish you well- Lawrence and Denni-you will be welcome back anytime!!!!

Lydia

CLASS 1 NEWS
'To what has just been described must be added what can stimulate the child to reflection, you explain to him what lies near at hand and this will later be brought to him again as Geography and Natural History. These subjects are brought close to his understanding by linking them to things familiar to him – plants, animals, configuration of the land, mountains and rivers....we bring about an awakening as regards his environment, so that he learns to connect himself to it.'

Rudolf Steiner - Curriculum Lectures

In the younger classes the children engage in bushwalks, outdoor play and practical gardening experiences. All of these are the introduction to Science.

When the child can learn to really feel the earth, experience the subtle seasonal changes, plant a seed and watch it grow, find a worm, feel the soil between their fingers, gather beautiful leaves, pick a pretty flower, marvel at a wasp nest, watch an ant on its journey, gaze at clouds, just see the beauty of nature, then, as a growing child and an adult, they will have developed a connection, respect and awe of our wonderful environment.

Sometimes there are little places in our beautiful school that have been neglected or become overgrown. Just near the Class 1 room is a narrow garden bed just growing pebbles. Well, last Friday during our gardening lesson the enthusiastic children of Class 1 listened to a nature story then removed the pile of leaves, picked many of the pebbles, mulched the garden bucket load by bucket load and the planted some bulbs donated by Jo from Class 2. Very exciting was this exercise and during the week many loving hands watered our precious bulbs. We will continue to plant this little strip of garden and then we will attend to the garden bed directly off our verandah. Not only do the children just love gardening it is also infectious with parents. One mum asked if we would like little seedlings to plant in our vegie patch. ‘Yes please!’ To grow our own food and eat it is a pleasure so great.
When you come to our next Working Bee, have your child work alongside you. When they are involved in beautifying our school then they learn to care about how it is treated. We are so fortunate to have such beautiful school surrounds where children can truly play. Childhood is precious like our world. We need to revere both!

*Jane Blomkamp*

**HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

This week seems to have swept by like the ebb tide untroubled by wind - somewhat quickly but quietly and efficiently. Week 2 and the students are back into their daily rhythm, starting the day learning a pretty complex south Indian choral composition lead by Brendan, playing games as the morning begins to gain warmth and then into Main Lesson.

Our Class 12’s are really feeling the strain now as their work and research towards their Independent Research Projects (IRPs) approaches the end point, in less than two months their project report will have been submitted and the presentations will be behind them! At the moment though, they are under quite a bit of deadline pressure, so feel free to give them an encouraging word or two if you see them around. If you would like a chance to see what kind of education our students receive at Samford, make sure you come along to the Class 12 IRP Presentations Saturday 18 October. This has always been a moving and affirming experience for me, to see our graduating students present work that has arisen from their own interests, deepened by their thinking and manifest by their own activity.

I am also fortunate to be working with the 12s in the current main lesson - Optics. This is one of my favourite Main Lessons because it is so full of wonder and surprise. We began last week investigating brightness, darkness and shadows, including an experiment using candles and rulers to allow us to derive a formula to lawfully predict the relationship between brightness and distance. This week we have explored the world of colour and the way it arises only at the boundary of lightness and darkness. We recreated Newton's experiments with a band of light passing through a prism to form the 'light spectrum' (Red, Green and Blue), but took it another step to look at what happens to a band of darkness through the light - which forms the inverse 'Shadow spectrum' (aka the Goethe spectrum of Cyan, Magenta and Yellow).
As this Main Lesson unfolds, it begins to touch on profoundly mysterious phenomena surrounding the true nature of light and dark, and how colour manifests in the boundary in between... another way of looking at this could be the relationship between spirit and matter, and the boundary in between.

Enjoy your weekend.

Tim Dunn

BOARD HAPPENINGS

SVSS as a Community School

Occasionally the Board receives questions from parents and others about how the Board consults with the community on different matters, given that “we are a community school”.

Throughout the School’s history, representatives from all parts of our community have been involved in shaping the structure, roles and boundaries within which we operate the School. As we have grown in size, structure has become increasingly important to ensure the effective running of the school.

The community, having established the structure, has entrusted governance of the School to the Board. Governance has been defined in a previous article. Essentially, it is a broad oversight of the operations of the school, without being involved in the day to day activities.

The Board welcomes the input of the wider community. Given the governance nature of our role, it is important that our approach to seeking feedback is able to clearly maintain the separation from operations and is, therefore, both systematic and considered.
The Board consults with the school community in two key ways:

- It considers issues and makes decisions through specific consultation (e.g. with Board Members only, with the College of Teachers and / or with the Senior Leadership Team). This form of consultation is typically used on issues relating to legal and governance matters and is the method we use most often.
- It considers issues and makes decisions through wider School community consultation. This form of consultation has included: online surveys sent to the whole community or to different subsets (e.g. staff, parents); facilitated workshops over varying time periods; one-off meetings with staff and/or parents; ongoing discussions with the Director, College of Teachers, and others; and both formal and informal input from PAFA. When consultation and community input is considered necessary, then the Board will ensure that this occurs.

Beyond Board consultation, there are various ways in which the community maintains a living connection to the School: through the role of PAFA; through day to day interactions with the school community across a number of areas; and from time to time at meetings of the Association, including the Annual General Meeting.

The Board has identified some areas in which it would like community input and involvement. These will be outlined in our next article. So please get involved as your contribution is what keeps our community thriving.

Karen Dunshea
President
RSEGB Board

**MUSIC NEWS**

This term will see our major concert for the year when all the ensembles come together to perform on Thursday 28 August at 7pm. This is a great chance for you to hear the growing depth of musical ability among the students.

Also a possibility for some out of school music at the *Sunshine Fiddle Camp* – 24 – 29 September 2014.
In the past a number of students from our school have attended this music camp for string players from upper primary and up and have said it was a positive experience. The camp focuses on playing celtic and folk music, brings in international artists and could be of interest to our string musicians. If you are interested and would like more information for your child, please go to their website where you can also book online.

http://www.fiddlesticks.co.nz/sunshinefiddlecamp/

Brendan Hook
Music Coordinator

**GARDENING AT THE SCHOOL**

The gardening programme is humming along nicely at the school with many projects growing as we speak. Not only are the Primary and High School vegetable garden beds starting to come to life after the winter slowdown, but on a broader scale many schemes are being hatched.

The High School is sporting a huge new chook yard built by Peter King and parents from a working bee which is surrounding our orchard. Class 8 have been painting palings bright colours during a few gardening lessons.
Robbie Stephenson has been working on various parts of the school grounds and I’m sure you have noticed the lavender growing strong adjacent to the bus stop.

In addition to Robbie’s work our Class 10 gardening group is planning landscaping projects around the school using native plants left over from our re-vegetation project last year. It also gives me great pleasure to announce that the school has become a Land For Wildlife property.

Our wonderful PAFA has been supporting the gardening programme by purchasing two wheelie bin worm farms that, once established, will be accepting food waste from across the school.

Dave Rule

PAFA NEWS
We’ve got some exciting things lined up for this term:
- Friday Foodies will continue on a fortnightly basis
- Music Under the Stars on 30 August - an 18+ plus event. Friends and family from outside the school community also welcome!
- Connie Grawert will be taking a 3 week Study Group on the Temperaments

Music Under the Stars - Saturday 30 August, 7pm til 10pm.
A night of amazing music, Govindas, Genuine BBQ, wine and fabulous company.
What a line up we have!
The Iranas - Original three piece acoustic
Ten Minute Musical - A mini-musical by Kerry Beaumont and Lesley Roberts. The previously untold story of a group of choral singers dragged kicking and belting into the world of musical theatre....... 
Dale Jones - Dale Who?
The Nightinguys - Men wot sing
Barb Fordham and Friends - from "Woman in Voice" (not to be missed)
Denvar - Dave Gilbert and band

Book your Babysitters!
Tickets selling this term!!

Friday Foodies
Wow, what a way to kick off Foodies this term! Thank you to all the stall holders and all our lovely cooking fairies who made the beautiful contributions for our table. The next Friday Foodies will be in week 4 (Friday 15 August).
We have asked for feedback and we are happy to announce that we will be providing lots of local, organic produce and healthy affordable snacks.
Also look out for the second hand clothing stall organised by the lovely Sam Lindsey-German and Sam Gibson!
If you are interested in having a stall at Friday Foodies next term please send Angelina an Email angelinap@cartridgeciti.com
If you or your children would like to perform at Friday Foodies please send Brendan an email bhook@samfordsteiner.qld.edu.au
Parents Study Group – The 4 Temperaments
This term we are delighted to bring you a Parent Study Group run by Connie Grawert on the 4 Temperaments. The group will run on Friday mornings in weeks 5 (22 August), 7 (5 September) and 8 (12 September) at the Hub. There is a small fee of $20 or all three sessions! Registration forms are available at the office and please ensure you have the correct amount as the office will not be able to give out change. See the flyer attached to the newsletter email for more information.

Imogen (PAFA President) and Amy C (PAFA Vice President), Angelina (PAFA Treasurer) and Amy V (PAFA Secretary)

ASSOCIATED INITIATIVES
These Steiner/Anthroposophically related activities and services, whilst not directly related the school, can be seen to be in sympathy with and supportive of the impulse of Steiner education.

Queensland Teacher Professional Development
Teach the Children Well – Term 3 Workshops (5hrs CPD) www.qtpd.com.au
ONLY $125 school funded *** $100 self funded *** $50 student/unwaged concession

Click on workshop title for further information and registration details

SUNSHINE COAST - NOOSAVILLE
Learning from Finland: Why NAPLAN and National Testing are Irrelevant - The Global Education Reform Movement and Australia’s educational direction (EY, P and S)
Monday 4th August 9.30am - 3.00pm, Noosa/Tewantin Bowls Club, Noosaville, Sunshine Coast.

Creatively Teaching English, Grammar and Punctuation in the Primary School - Creative engaging lessons which follow the wisdom of child and faculty development (P)
Friday 8th August 9.30am - 3.00pm, Noosa/Tewantin Bowls Club, Noosaville, Sunshine Coast.

Creatively Teaching Number, The Four Operations and Geometry in the Primary School - Creative engaging lessons which follow the wisdom of child and faculty development (P)
Friday 15th August 9.30am - 3.00pm, Noosa/Tewantin Bowls Club, Noosaville, Sunshine Coast.

BRISBANE - UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND
Storytelling in the Early and Primary Years - The why and how of storytelling in the early and primary years (EY and P)
Thursday 14th August 9.30am - 3.00pm, St Leo’s College, University of Queensland, Brisbane.

Movement and Sensory Learning in the Early Years - Supporting the development of movement, touch, balance and joie de vivre in the early years and primary school. (EY and P)
Wednesday 20th August 9.30am - 3.00pm, St Leo’s College, University of Queensland, Brisbane.

SAMFORD VALLEY STEINER SCHOOL - WIGHTS MOUNTAIN
Steiner Education and the Finland Education System - Underlying elements that are shared by two of the most successful educational systems in the world (EY and P)
Monday 25th August 9.30am - 3.00pm, Samford Valley Steiner School, Narrawa Drive, Wights Mountain 4520

Key:  EY - Early Years;  P - Primary;  S - Secondary

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

House for rent - Ferny Grove
Easy drive to school and very close to train. We would like to break the lease on our current rental property as we have purchased our own house. 3 bedroom low set house with 1 bathroom, great yard - safe and fully fenced for children and pets. Large kitchen, lounge, dining and family room, covered patio, enclosed carport. Great neighbours & fantastic location. $390 per week. Currently managed by a property agent but please text Susan on 0452 663 408 for a viewing.

Organic Meat Co-op – All Welcome to Join
Fortnightly delivery of organic meat and gluten-free and preservative-free meat products at wholesale prices. You simply order via email and your meat is delivered in a refrigerated truck from The Meat-ting Place every second Friday afternoon during school terms. For further info, please contact Lesley McGregor (mum from classes 5 & 8) at lesleyamcg@gmail.com or mob: 0438-695991

Free packing cartons
We have approx 20 cardboard book cartons and 15 cardboard standard packing cartons going free if any family needs them for moving or storing items. Most are in very good condition the others in good condition. Anyone wishing to take them can call Bill on 0400 273 664 to either pick them up from Highvale or coordinate a handover during school drop-off or pick-up time.

Samford Blue Light Disco
Presented by Hills District PCYC
Friday 8 August 2014. 6pm-8pm
Samford Community Centre on School Road
Samford
Ages 6-13. Entry Fee $6.00
Drinks and snacks available at canteen.

Share house Arana Hills in friendly warm fun home
Looking for lovely ladies to share our home. People who respect others space, contribute and clean up after themselves. No telly in the common area (sure in your bedroom), we love music, art and occasionally sharing a meal. Pref mature minded females. Pref no 4 legged pets unfortunately. Share with female home owner and her son who attends school.

$170 plus shared utilities. Home is light and bright with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Room can be furnished for uni students. Available 23rd August. 300m to bus stop. 900m to Arana Plaza Shopping Centre. 1.5km to Grovely Train Station. 9k to Kelvin Grove uni. Phone Catherine: 0402 023 241

Sattva Yoga Centre
Many styles of yoga running days, evenings and weekends. Nourish and Restore 5 week course Tuesdays from 29 July.
Community Yoga 3rd Friday each month, $5 next one- Fri 15 August 6.30pm.
New beginner’s yoga course starting Mon 15 September.
Zenthai massage (by appointment) and Kirtan 2nd Friday each month, next one 8 August.
Yoga gear and gifts for sale. Space available for hire at great rates. hello@sattvayoga.net.au / www.sattvayoga.net.au or call Kate 0418 617 451 or Camille 0421 106 441.

Sustainable Songs and Storytelling
Songs and Storytelling for children's birthday parties. Show includes a special story and song written for your child, based on their astrology chart and using environmentally friendly puppets.
These stories are designed to remind your child of who they are and why they chose to be born upon this earth, in a beautiful, gentle, age-appropriate way. Show suitable for ages 6 and under. Stories suitable for all ages.
$120 for half hour show. Includes written copy of story for birthday child and special gift. $65 for birthday story without show.
$80 Adult and Child/Parent Astrology Readings. Please call Emma Forsberg on 0400 826 991, or e-mail emma.forsberg1@bigpond.com.
Emma is also available for performances at Schools, Family Day Care, Child Care Centres and functions.

**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.

**Ramp Up**
Skateboard, Scooter & Freestyle BMX Clinics starting in August – December 2014

Over 1000 participants have already attended RAMP UP clinics, now it’s your turn! Youth aged 5-17 have the opportunity to attend FREE Skateboard, Scooter and Freestyle BMX Clinics at skate parks throughout the Moreton Bay region this August to December. Clinics are designed for complete beginners and regular riders, participants will learn new skills every session from our experienced instructors at Skateboarding Australia, Pro Scooter Lessons and Core BMX.

For a full list of locations and dates visit [www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/rampup](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/rampup) or call 3205 0555

NO BOOKINGS are required for the RAMP UP clinics, just show up to the sessions with your ride and helmet and have a great time.