DATES TO REMEMBER

Saturday 8 November
Working Bee 8am – 1pm

Friday 14 November
G20 Summit
(Holiday for Brisbane City only)
Normal school day for SVSS

Saturday 22 November
Christmas Markets

Thursday 4 December
Class 12 Graduation
Preschool & High School last day of term

Friday 5 December
Primary School last day of term

Tuesday 27 January 2015
Start of Term 1

-working bee tomorrow
8am to 1pm
This is what Hannah, Class 5, said about working bee "It’s really fun. You can go to the office and get a rubbish bag, fill it up and in exchange you will receive a bag of popcorn! If you are lucky you will see your friends".

Please join in this weekend at our whole school working bee. It should be a fun filled day getting involved in the ongoing beautification of our school grounds. There will be a delicious spring lunch served in the kitchen garden at noon. The jobs list includes: gardening, painting, staining, high pressure cleaning, Class 3 building project, and construction of another garden seat. This Saturday please consider what you can bring from the equipment list.

Equipment List
High pressure cleaner, scrubbing/cleaning equipment, gardening equipment, paint brushes and sanding equipment, hats and water bottles, children are most welcome but please no bikes or scooters.
Looking forward to making progress together. See you Saturday.
Fiona Williams

CLASS 12 PRODUCTION

An Inspector Calls by J. B. Priestley by arrangement with Origin ™ Theatrical, on Behalf of Samuel French, LTD

Opening Night: Sunday 30th November, 6.00pm
Tuesday 2nd December 7.00 pm
Closing Night: Wednesday 3rd December 7.00pm
ENROLMENTS
A reminder that the school requires a term’s written notice for any withdrawals.

Preschool and Class 7 families have been provided with a notification slip. Thank you to those who completed and handed them in. If you have not completed one your child will be rolled over to the next level in 2015.

Mercedes Logan
Enrolments Officer

CLASS 6 NEWS
Class 6 ended last term with a Main Lesson on Islam and Christianity. Within this context the children were able to compare and contrast the life of this prophet to the life of Christ and the uprising of Christianity. As Rome fell, Christianity spread and the strong message of compassion, humility and love spread. Similarly the messages in the teachings of Mohammed resonated with these same sentiments. Beautiful window mandalas were created as part of this Main Lesson.

This theme of the teachings of Christ were then deepened at the beginning of Term 4 with a Main lesson where we heard stories of the Parables and the Miracles. These stories reinforce for the children moral lessons which in some way bring them back to the beauty and grace of what was before Rome and her barbaric, power hungry, military regime. The children can be reminded in this of the gentleness and beauty of the world of Greece.

In the last few weeks Class 6 has been occupying themselves with preparations for their play ROMA AMOR.....a Roman take on “Twelfth Night”. This is a play that reinforces for the children the harshness of the power of Rome and asks the question ...”What if there was a power greater, what if Love is greater than any other power?” This year the class has taken full participation not only in the acting but in the designing and preparation of the set for the play. They have been fully engaged in this process and now look forward to pulling it all together for their performances in week 7.

Currently we are working with a Main Lesson called Our Land and the People. Each child researched the biography of an influential personality in the History of Australia. They then presented this to the class along with a portrait of their personality. The selection of biographies covered areas such as exploration, engineering, architecture, artists, politics and agriculture. Within these stories we heard about the harsh conditions the land sometimes imposed on the journeys of the explorers and also the gifts it may have provided for the establishment of agriculture. Within this context we now look at the geographical features of the landscape and study river systems, mountain ranges and weather patterns. We will continue this Main Lesson for 2 more weeks and then finish our year with a Main Lesson on Geometry.

Warmest Regards
Carla Deiana
**HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

I had the wonderful experience this week of spending three days teaching the Class 7 some of their Physics Main Lesson. They are a delightful class, thanks to you Lindsey and all the mums and dads, and this was my first opportunity to get to know them a little. I will be their class guardian on their journey through High School, and I feel lucky to be offered such a fun loving open class.

In some way it balances the feeling that arises when I think of "my Class 12s" not being at school with us next year. I really enjoyed the Class 7 play too!

In my brief few days with the 7s, we explored some of the phenomena that on the surface seem so simple and apparent, but get more and more interesting the more they are considered. This idea is one of the strengths of our K to 12 curriculum I think, giving students the experience of phenomena, developing their own age appropriate relationship with what might be happening and allowing them over many years to gain a really deep understanding. Over the years, I have a picture of an "integrated spiral" developing where students revisit things they have seen before, but, crucially, there is still mystery to work with!

Have a lovely weekend.
Tim Dunn
Education Administrator

**HIGH SCHOOL ADMIN NEWS**

A big congratulations to Amy Weir who was successful in her application for the National Youth Science Forum which will be held next January. Amy we know it was a difficult process to go through and you have done very well to be selected.

For more information on the Forum go to [http://www.nysf.edu.au/about](http://www.nysf.edu.au/about)

We are all super proud to have Amy representing the school and we look forward to hearing about it next year.

Mercedes
on behalf of High School Faculty

**VACATION CARE BOOKINGS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Please see the links in the Newsletter emails for the Program and Booking Form.

Bookings close Monday 24 November and numbers are limited on Excursion Days, so first in will get the places.

Thank you.
Kylie Turner
OSHC Coordinator
PAFA NEWS

Parent Study Group 6 Year Old and 9 Year Old Change

We would like to thank Connie Grawert for coming in and talking to us about the 6 Year Old Change this morning. It was very informative and gives us lots of new angles in which we can “see” our children.

There is still time to sign up for the 9 Year Old Study Group if you are interested. It will be on Friday 14 November (week 6) 9:30am-11:30am at the Library. The cost is $15 and you can register at the Primary School office or email svsspafa@gmail.com. Please bring the correct change to the office when registering or you can pay on the day.

2015 School Calendar

You should have by now received a calendar order form (which was distributed to the eldest child attending the school). If you haven’t then we have spares in the Primary School office or you can click on the link in the newsletter email. Please fill them in and drop off at the Primary School office drop box along with the correct amount of money if paying by cash before Tuesday 11 November.

Annual Christmas Market

The Christmas market is coming together beautifully. Mark down the date Saturday 22 November 4pm-7pm.

Lindsey and Class 7 will be putting on a variation of the “Magic Christmas Cave”, we have a lot of stall holders ready to come and show us their beautiful products and we are nearly finished putting together a raffle with some lovely prizes!

We still need more food stalls, especially savoury food such as pizza, scrolls, and soup etc. There is also room for snack foods such as fruit kebabs, Christmas cookies and little treats. We also need someone who is very good at setting up extension cords in outdoor environments. If you are interested please contact Amy amyni82@gmail.com.

Teachers and Class Contacts, the Christmas Market is always a great fundraising opportunity and we would love for you to run a stall or event. They could be anything from a kids craft to a cake stall or live entertainment (busking). Please feel free to contact Amy amyni82@gmail.com to discuss your ideas.

Friday Foodies

It has become a lovely tradition now. Come join us for great coffee, live music and delicious home baked afternoon tea, every second Friday after pick up.

If you’ve been considering holding a stall or if you would like to perform please send an email to svsspafa@gmail.com or have a chat to any of the PAFA execs around school. These are the dates for the last 2 Friday Foodies for the year, Week 6 (14 November) and Week 8 (28 November).

Your support with homemade goodies for sale such as cake, cookies, pizza etc. is much needed and appreciated. Please drop it off before 3pm at the Hub. With your support we have been able to raise over $1000 so far, just at Friday Foodies, which was donated to the school for much needed educational resources.

Management Committee Nominations for 2015

According to PAFA’s constitution “at each annual general meeting of the association, the members of the management committee must retire from office, but are eligible, on nomination, for re-election.” The PAFA exec team is currently consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

We are inviting any parents who wish to volunteer for a position in the next year, to please come and talk to us now. New members are welcome as they bring new ideas and energy to our association. Being a member of the PAFA management team is a really important role and a
rewarding way to contribute to our school community. Please read PAFA’s constitution for more information on the various management roles and the association’s objectives and operational rules. We can forward it to you via email, as our web page is currently under reconstruction.

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

www.facebook.com/SVSSPAFA, www.svsspafo.org.au, info@svsspafo.org.au

PARENT CRAFT GROUP NEWS
Thank you to the ladies who attended Craft Group with such enthusiasm this week, and a special thank you to those who brought morning tea to share. As usual, wet-felting was very popular and we all had a fabulous time making Christmas decorations and gift soaps. Check the Treehouse shop for some of our creations in coming weeks.

All this hot weather has got us thinking about Summer and the sea. Join us this Wednesday (12 Nov) and next (19 Nov) to make a Magnetic Fishing Game. This charming set includes fish and other sea creatures made from hand-dyed felt, complete with a little wooden rod and magnetic ‘hook’. What a great Christmas gift this would make for little girls and boys alike. Crafters keep an eye on your inbox for more details coming soon. If you would like to join the Craft Group mailing list, send an email to Cindy at the address below.

With warm regards,
Cindy and Lisa
Cindy.Rylands@bigpond.com

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
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Only $125 school funded *** $100 self-funded ***
$50 student/unwaged concession
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NAPLAN and International Test Results. Are They Justifiable Educational Drivers? - The Global Education Reform Movement, Finland and Australia’s educational direction (EY and P)
   Friday 14th November 9.30am - 3.00pm, Noosaville, Sunshine Coast.

Teaching Literacy and Numeracy via Storytelling in the Early and Primary Years - Creative ways to imbue children with the love of learning at school or at home (EY and P)
   Friday 21st November 9.30am - 3.00pm, Noosaville, Sunshine Coast.

Brisbane – University of Queensland

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) In The Early And Primary Years - A critical review of ICT in relation to child development, evolving human faculties and recent neuroscience research (EY and P)
   Monday 24th November 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 26th November 9.30am - 3.00pm, St Leo’s College, University of Queensland, Brisbane.

Samford Valley Steiner School – Wights Mountain

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) In The Early And Primary Years - A critical review of ICT in relation to child development, evolving human faculties and recent neuroscience research (EY and P)

Monday 10th November 9.30am - 3.00pm, Samford Valley Steiner School, Narrawa Drive, Wights Mountain 4520

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)

Wednesday 12th November 9.30am - 3.00pm, Samford Valley Steiner School, Narrawa Drive, Wights Mountain 4520

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