Welcome back to the 2017 school year and a very warm welcome to our 155 new students and their families and our new staff.

The school leadership team for 2017 is:

Principal: Anne Lamont
Deputy Principals: Tanya Scanlan, Greg Johnston
IB Senior Leader: Sarah Button
Counsellor: Rachel Pontifex
Business Manager: Jean McGuire

This week classes and teachers have been focussing on reinforcing the 5 concepts from Play Is The Way – please read the newsletter insert for more details about KidsMatter Week for 2017.

The first newsletter of the school year is distributed as a paper version to all families. After this the Stradbroke School newsletter is distributed to families through the Skoolbag App, an email distribution list and is also available on the school website. Families can request a paper copy of the school newsletter. Please complete and return the attached form if your family would like to request a paper copy of the school newsletter for 2017. A new request form needs to be completed each year.

The Stradbroke School priorities for 2017 are:

- **Social & Emotional Learning** – supporting and engaging children to develop self-regulation and positive relationships with their peers. Managing emotions is central to positive wellbeing therefore socially competent children learn how to manage many emotions including joy, fear, anxiety, anger and sadness.

- **STEM** – engaging children in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics with a focus on digital technologies including coding and robotics.

- **Independent Reading** – developing confident and competent readers through targeted teaching and consistent practice at home and school.

### Acquaintance Nights 2017

**Rec-Year 5 classes: Tuesday 14th February**
- 6pm R-2 parents meet in classrooms
- 6.45pm R-2 parents meet specialist staff in the Resource Centre
- 6.30pm Year 3-5 parents meet specialist staff in the Resource Centre
- 6.45pm Year 3-5 parents meet in classrooms

**Year 6-7 classes: Tuesday 21st February**
- 6pm Yr 6-7 parents meet in staffroom
- 6.15pm Yr 6-7 parents meet in classrooms

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**DIARY DATES**

**2017**

**FEBRUARY**
- Tues 7th–Fri 10th: Year 1/2 Swimming Lessons
- Thurs 9th: Yr 4-7 Swimming Carnival
- Fri 10th: Yr 3-7 Assembly
- Tues 14th: R-5 Acquaintance Night
- R-2 6pm, 6.45pm Yr 3-5
- Fri 17th: Second Hand Uniform Stall, 8.30am
- Fri 17th: R-2 Assembly
- Tues 21st: Yr 6-7 Acquaintance Night 6-7pm
- Fri 24th: Yr 3-7 Assembly
- Fri 24th: RAN Training for volunteers

**MARCH**
- Fri 3rd: R-2 Assembly
- Wed 8th: Governing Council AGM
- Fri 10th: Last day for payment of Materials & Services Charge
- Fri 10th: Yr 3-7 Assembly
- Mon 13th: Adelaide Cup
- Fri 17th: R-2 Assembly
- Fri 17th: Family BBQ Night
- Tues 21st: Harmony Day
- Tues 21st: School Photos
- Fri 24th: R-7 Multicultural Assembly
- Tues 28th-Fri 31st: Rec Swimming Lessons
- Mon 27th-Fri 31st: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Fri 31st: R-2 Assembly

**APRIL**
- Mon 3rd – Fri 7th: Yr 3 Swimming Lessons
- Fri 7th: Yr 3-7 Assembly
- Fri 7th: Stradbroke Movie Night

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**Save the Date**

This year, the Stradbroke Governing Council are very excited to announce these two new events. Put the dates in your diary.

**Family Movie Night** on the Oval: Friday 7th April. Details regarding time and tickets will be available soon.

**Quiz Night** in Rehn Hall: Saturday 5th August. There will be auctions and prizes. Proceeds from these events support Stradbroke School. More details to follow soon.
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CLASSES 2017

class Teachers

reception jordan o’malley
lia bearzotti
vanessa d’angelica
matt wilks
maxine timbs

speech & language class
anne pennifold/sue keogh

Year 1
Catherine Zola
Sue Thalbourne
Jan Sillett
Gillian Cockburn

Year 2
Lucy Cameron
Sera Smith
Paul Henderson
Carol Schofield

Year 3
Cathy Kepa
Lezanne Rademeyer
Paul Byford

Year 3/4
Kyle Shipard
Vince Condina

Year 4
Anja Rees
Molly Affolter/Olivia Crinion
Kaye Smyth

Year 5
Anna Bartlett
Pete Harrison
Shae Perilli

Year 6
Ela Pickering
Jane Angove
Cheryl Hindle/Heidi Harding

Year 6/7
Rino Tranfa
Courtney Cox

Year 7
Eli Awwad
Beau Lee/Karen Corbett

specialist Teachers

library
emma green
tali deLacy

italian language
Anna-Maria Cauvuto
Lucia Baldino
Laura Sartoretto

performing arts/choir
Penny Kitchen

PE
Kay Mathie
Debbie Bishop
Molly Affolter/Beau Lee

Science
Belinda Laver
Rachel Pontifex

EALD
Heidi Harding
Carly Verhulst

JP Reading Support
Carly Verhulst

Ancillary Staff

Student Support: bev mcEgan, Phyl Pupi, Mattia Sfarra,
Kris Giles, Caroline Svanborg, Michelle Hart,
Kirstie Leslie, Nadina lenzi-bruno,
Vonnie Gooding, Maria Sfyrios

Resource Centre:
Christina sapio

IT Systems Manager:
Shaun Falkenberg

Grounds: Barry Mercer, Tom Giordano

Student Services:
Mel Sharpe, Christina Sapio

administration and Finance:
Anona Burden, Kathy Minuzzo, Jean McGuire,
Krisen Johnston, Amanda Zberski

Pastoral Support Worker:
Pamela Hansen

Canteen Manager:
Kate Majewski

School Bus Driver:
Michael Keune

SCHOOL & LESSON TIMES

8.30am Teachers on duty in the school yard. Students who arrive before 8.30am need to book into Kids’ Zone.

8.40am Classrooms open

8.50am First lesson begins

11.10am Recess

11.30am Recess ends and lessons begin

1pm Lunch play begins

1.40pm Lunch play ends and lessons begin

3.10pm School day ends

3.30pm All students to have left the school grounds unless attending Kids’ Zone or sports practice.

We ask students not to return to the school grounds until after 5pm when all sports practices have ended. Siblings must be supervised by an adult when sports practices are occurring as they are not the responsibility of the sports coaches.

STRADBROKE HIGH ACHIEVER

Emerson Warren (Year 4) won Bronze in the U9 State Multi-event Athletics meet on 21 Jan. She competed against 40 other girls in 800m, Long Jump, 100m, 60m Hurdles and Discus achieving three Personal Bests on the day. She has qualified in 5 events for the State Individual Championships in March.

SKOOLBAG APP

Stradbroke School uses the Skoolbag app to share school news, newsletters, events calendar, cancellations, school notices, school information, school timetables, school documents and much more. In the event of a power failure or school emergency the Skoolbag app is the quickest way for us to communicate with families.

Please see the school website www.stradsch.sa.edu.au for instructions about how to download this app to your device. If your device is unable to download the app all information shared through Skoolbag can also be viewed by clicking on the Skoolbag image on the school website.
On Tuesday this week, every student at Stradbrooke School received an amended ICT Use Agreement. Previous Agreements were signed upon enrolment or in 2013 when they were first introduced. The ICT Use Agreement sent home this week has an amendment regarding the use of Office 365 and the cloud service. An information letter for families about O365 was also sent home with the new agreement. Please read and understand the agreement, sign the last page and return the tear off slip to your child’s teacher by Friday 16th February.

BEHIND THE NEWS

Behind the News is an ABC children’s show about news and current affairs. This year we have been invited by Behind the News to be one of the regular schools for student interviews for their show. It’s likely we will receive very short notice for these interviews therefore the student consent page sent home today has been adjusted so that parents are asked to consent to the use of photographs, videos and work samples for two different purposes:

1. The use of photographs, videos and work samples for school purposes e.g. newsletter, website, Edmodo, See Saw, Skoolbag
2. The use of photographs, videos and work samples for external purposes e.g. TV, newspaper, websites, social media, magazines

EARLY MORNING ARRIVAL

Students are allowed to start arriving at school from 8:30am. Students who arrive before 8:30am must be booked into Kids’ Zone. Students who are on the school grounds before 8.30am will be taken to Kids’ Zone and families will be sent an invoice. This is duty of care issue as there are not teachers on duty prior to 8:30am.

Classrooms will be opened at 8:40am and students may enter the buildings to put away their bags, talk to the teacher and get organised for the day. Music is played at 8:48am followed by a siren at 8.50am indicating that classes are commencing and all students need to be in their classrooms ready to start.

WEATHER POLICY

At Stradbrooke we have a hot weather policy for days over 38°C. When the forecast maximum is temperature is over 35°C daily fitness will be before 10am. The temperature is checked on the Bureau of Meteorology website just before recess and lunch and if the temperature is 38°C or higher all children remain in their classrooms for the recess and lunch breaks.

CANTEEN

Welcome to the 2017 school year, I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas and school holidays.

- The term 1, 2017 menu (and back instruction page), Ice block details, price list and counter selections pricelist have all been uploaded to the schools website www.stradsch.sa.edu.au and the Skoolbag app.
- There are a few price increases due to the cost of supplies increasing. As we always try to minimise any increase, but some are unavoidable.
- The Term 1 menu includes the summer selection of fruit salads, strawberry frozen yoghurts have returned and the popular fruit slushy is available at recess and lunch (flavours this term are Wildberry and Mango). In order to streamline the lunch process with the increase of students, pasta will not be offered until the term 2 and 3 winter terms when the other warmer foods are reintroduced. Also, due to the time restrictions for preparation, sushi will no longer be offered every week. I will advertise it is available as a Friday treat.
- We have a number of GLUTEN FREE items that are available on the menu and over the counter: Vanilla Ice cream tubs, Jelly, Mousse, Plain Chips, Ham/salad tubs and Fruit salad tubs.
- Wednesday Afterschool Ice blocks: We will again be open from 3.10-3.30pm every Wednesday for the sale of ice blocks and Slushy. If you are able to jump behind the counter to help serve for 10 minutes or so, I would really appreciate it.
- Term 1 Volunteer Roster: If you would like to help in the canteen, please call in to see me and add your name, or phone the front office. Your children get so excited when someone they know is in the canteen. If you are the parent or grandparent of a new student, it is a great opportunity to see and learn about the school and meet other parents. We provide you with tea/coffee and lunch, I hope to see lots of new faces. We can only provide the high standard of counter and menu items with the school community support.

Thank you, Kate Majewski, Canteen Manager

RESOURCES CENTRE

Welcome back to the school library for 2017! Our staff team remains the same in 2017 with two Teacher Librarians: Emma Green, who will be supporting Reception- Year 4 classes and Tali de Lacy, supporting Year 5-7 classes. Christina Sapio is our Library Technician.

Some reminders about Library ‘need to knows’:

All students have access to the school library on a weekly basis for borrowing with their class. Borrowing and returning can also be done most mornings 8.30-8.50am and afternoons 3.10-3.30pm. If the library is unattended there is a sign displayed and borrowing will need to be done at another time, however returns can still be posted through the return slot. Most classes also have a returns box in their classroom that is sent over regularly.

Reception – Year 2 students must have a library bag to be able to borrow. These bags provide greater protection for the books as well as making it easier to carry books to and from the library. Our general rule is ‘No bag, no borrowing’. All reception students, as well as Year 1 and 2 students new to the school, receive a complimentary bag. If bags are then lost it is the responsibility of families to replace them.

Students who have returned from holidays with overdue books still on their borrowing cards will be restricted to borrowing one book at a time until this matter is resolved.
Different year levels have different **borrowing limits**. We restrict Reception children to one book at a time, Year 1 and 2 students can borrow 2 books but increase to 4 when needed. Year 3-5 students can have up to 6 books but we generally encourage no more than 4 at a time and Year 6 and 7 students can have up to 8 books with dictionaries and other text books included in this limit.

From the Resource Centre Staff

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**STRADBROKE RECYCLED**

The second-hand uniform stall will be held in the Koonga Quad from 8.30-9.30am on Friday 17th February (Week 3). All proceeds go to the school.

Donations of clean uniform items with logos in good condition with name tags removed can be left in the hamper outside the Finance Office and are gratefully received.

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**EMERGENCY DRILLS**

Each year we practice Emergency Drills (evacuations and invacuations) so that we have procedures in place to respond quickly and carefully to a variety of situations. We have four types of emergency drills and these are practised at least once each year. Class teachers discuss with their classes the types of emergency drills and talk about what they will do as a class. The specific day and time of an emergency drill cannot be notified in advance. The drills also include all staff and any visitors on site at the time of the drill. The four types of drills we practise are:

1. **Evacuation – on site:** A series of short blasts of the siren is used to alert all adults and children on site to evacuate to the oval. This type of emergency drill could be used for an internal fire.
2. **Evacuation – off site:** A series of short blasts of the siren followed by an announcement is used to alert adults and children on site to evacuate to the Rostrevor Tennis Club Courts. This type of emergency drill could be used if we were advised to evacuate by emergency services e.g. a creek flood
3. **Invacuation – shelter in place:** A continuous blast of the siren followed by an announcement to stay inside buildings is used to alert all adults and children to stay inside or to move inside the nearest building. This type of emergency drill could be used if there was a fire in the hills and smoke was blowing over the school. A few years ago we also used this drill when there was a kangaroo in the school grounds. During this drill people can move around inside buildings.
4. **Invacuation – Precautionary Building Confinement:** A continuous blast of the siren followed by the announcement “LOCK DOWN” is used to alert all adults and children to stay inside or to move inside the nearest building. Once inside they must stay down on the floor, away from windows and doors, turn off lights and close blinds. This type of drill is used if there is an extreme violent threat.

After we practise each drill feedback is collected from staff to identify any issues with the procedure and improvements are made. All drills include a roll call to ensure that all students, staff and visitors are accounted for.

**POWER FAILURES**

In the case of a school wide power failure (which thankfully happens very rarely) we lose access to our phone and computer systems. In this situation the only way we can communicate to school families is through the Skoolbag app as we are able to access this through an iPad and post messages for school families. If you have not yet downloaded the Skoolbag app to your phone or tablet we encourage you to do this so that you have access to the latest information sent from the school. Information about how to download the Skoolbag app is available on the school website.

**TRAFFIC MONITORS**

| Week 2 am | Thumith Chandrasena, Oliver Reilly, Sebastian Cole |
| Week 2 pm | Rienia Henderson, Charlotte Godfrey, Coco St Vincent |
| Week 3 am | Ethan Donato, Charlie Haynes, Lewis Warren |
| Week 3 pm | Charlie Carson, Vangelli Leonardos, Jamie Moriarty |

**PIANO/KEYBOARD LESSONS**

Piano lessons are available at Stradbroke School during school hours. Children learn to read music, keyboard skills, theory and music history using fun contemporary and classical method materials in a weekly lesson with a qualified and experienced teacher and state examiner. Learn for fun and participate in performances, or take it more seriously and do exams.

There are very limited places left for this term, get in quickly to avoid disappointment. Call 8251 4765 for more information or visit [www.baerpianostudio.com.au](http://www.baerpianostudio.com.au)

Thanks, Yvette

**SPEECH AND DRAMA**

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**CRICKET REGISTRATIONS FOR TERM 1 & 4 2017**

If your child is interested in playing in the Cricket competition, please come into Students Services and see Mel for a registration form.
SPORTING SCHOOLS
RUGBY UNION

Tuesday 4:15 – 5:15pm
Rec-3 Rugby

Wednesday 3:30-4:30pm
Yr 4-7 Rugby

Sporting Schools will start in week 3 of Term 1 2017. Beginning 14th February and finishing on 29th March.

Registration forms are available from Student Services.

Please Note: If you are registering your child for the Tuesday night program run by Kids’ Zone and your child is not enrolled in Kids’ Zone, a parent/caregiver will need to remain at the session for supervision.

SCOUTS

Stradbroke Scout Group has vacancies for girls and boys aged 6 to 10 years in the Joey and Cub Scout section. All other sections are full.

To find out more about us, please visit our website at www.stradbroke.sa.scouts.com.au or contact Jim Bond on 0447 007 061 or email stradbroke@sa.scouts.com.au Stradbroke has over 80 youth members and is rated as a 5 Star Scout Group by Scouts SA.

MILO IN2CRICKET PROGRAM

MILO in2CRICKET is the national grass roots program for cricket in Australia, with the aim of introducing kids in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to the great Australian game. It provides children with an opportunity to develop fundamental movement skills, meet new friends and have fun with their whole family in a safe and interactive environment.

If you wish to try the program there will be a FREE Come and Try held at:

Action Indoor Sports Salisbury, on Friday 10th February at 4:00pm (Clayson Road, Salisbury)
Brahma Lodge Cricket Club, on Wednesday 1st February at 5:00pm (Cnr Francis & Harrow Road, Brahma Lodge)
Elizabeth Super Centre, on Saturday 11th February at 8:30am (Argana Park, Elizabeth)
Salisbury Super Centre, on Saturday 11th February at 8:30am (Bagster Road, Salisbury North)
Trinity Community Centre, on Friday 10th February at 4:00pm (Waldeck Oval, Alexander Ave, Evanston South)

There are multiple programs running in your local community and by registering at one of them, not only will you enjoy some great cricket fun this term but every registered child receives a MILO in2CRICKET Participant Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack, drink bottle and other goodies! They will look just like their Aussie Cricket heroes!

To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for this term log on to www.playcricket.com.au and type your post code into the centre finder.

MILO T20 BLAST PROGRAM

MILO T20 Blast is a fun, safe, action packed cricket program for boys and girls in Year 2-5. The program involves modified games of cricket, where each child gets an equal turn at batting, bowling and fielding.

There are many centres starting soon with the first session at each centre is always being a FREE Come & Try Session.

Your nearest MILO T20 Blast Centre will be run at:

Modbury
Hazelgrove Road, Ridgehaven
FREE Come & Try: Saturday 11th February, 9:00am – 10:30am

By registering for MILO T20 Blast everyone will get a full season of fun, excitement, new skills and also a MILO T20 Blast Participant Pack including playing shirt, Adelaide Strikers cap, bag and more!

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GIRLS GUIDES

Hi Girls,

• Do you like games, campfires and songs?
• Do you like helping others, making friends and learning new skills?
• Would you like to try sleeping over, camping or adventurous activities?
• Do you want to be yourself just with the girls?
• Then why not try Girl Guides?

Eastern Plains have vacancies in all age groups at Magill, Norwood and Leabrook.

We are having an Open night on Friday 24th February 2017 at Knightsbridge Guide Hall, 56 Rochester St, Leabrook from 7pm – 9pm.

Come a long and learn about Guides in 146 countries around the world and earn a badge! Contact via email easternplainsdistrictGGSA@gmail.com or call Michelle Stone on 0403435155 to arrange a free visit, or RSVP for Open night.

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STRADBROKE SCHOOL GYMNASTICS

Gym will be recommencing on
Thursday 8th February 2017
6.30-7.30pm
7.30-8.30pm

There are no vacancies at present; enquiries can be made preferably by contacting the email address below.

You are welcome to visit the sessions at any time, however there is a waiting list and your child will need to wait until a position is available.

Merv Moriarty Ph: 8337 9053
Email: merval@aapt.net.au

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

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REQUEST FOR A PAPER COPY OF SCHOOL NEWSLETTER FOR 2017

☐ In 2017 please provide a paper copy of the school newsletter for my family:

Child/ren’s names and classes

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Parent signature: ................................................
One of the priorities at Stradbroke in our Site Improvement Plan is Social and Emotional Learning. Our staff truly value building relationships with students because as educators and know that children will meet their full learning potential when they have a trusting and healthy relationship with their teacher and the students in their class.

Think about your own relationships you have with other people, at work, in social settings or within your family. How do these relationships make you feel? How does your potential as a person enriched because of these relationships.

This week at Stradbroke we have ‘collapsed the curriculum’. This means that your child has not had regular spelling, maths, science, English or maths lessons. In each lesson, each day, with their class teacher or specialist teacher, they have been involved in focussing on the development of relationships; with their teacher, with others in their class as well as getting to know themselves better. Throughout term 4 of 2016, a range of activities and lessons were developed specifically for this week.

The Stradbroke staff use a social and emotional learning program called Play Is The Way. This program uses a common language to encourage children to reflect on their behaviour, games that have been designed specifically to challenge students socially and emotionally and involvement in activities that explore key concepts of the program. The five key concepts we regularly talk with the children about are;

- Treat others as you would like them to treat you.
- Be brave - participate to progress.
- Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with.
- Have reasons for the things you do.
- It takes great strength to be sensible.

The philosophy of Play Is The Way is quite clear.

“We must train children to pursue their personal best rather than trying to beat others. They can learn to be resilient when encountering failure and taught to persist against great difficulty... Not only do we encourage children to play, we must make the time for them to do so, by themselves, with each other and with us. Play is the universal pastime of children. A childhood with too little play ill prepares children for the requirements of adulthood.”

Wilson McCaskill Play Is the Way founder and creator.

Feedback about this week from the teachers and students has been very positive. It has been a wonderful way for our staff to get to know your children and for the children to explore their identify in the class amongst the other students.

Later this term I will be inviting parents to attend some information sessions about Play Is The Way and the social and emotional learning strategies we use at Stradbroke. I hope to meet you then.

Regards,
Rachel Pontifex
School Counsellor