

Newsletter

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Stafford State School

Independent Public School

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

What an amazing result for Stafford this year in our NAPLAN results. Well Done Everyone!

NAPLAN Report Highlights

Overall our student results are very good and have shown great improvement. Year 3 and Year 5 have improved in nearly all strands tested. Our results overall are similar to the National Standards (NMS) and above in some of the Upper 2 Bands (U2B). I am so proud of our results and commend all Year 3 and 5 students on the results they have achieved and our teachers for the pedagogical focus that they have committed to improving on.

These results are confirmation that we are on the right track. Students and staff have worked really hard to achieve these results which have come through strong student engagement and instilling the love of learning.

A summary of our school data is below with Australia and Queensland results. NMS which is the percentage of students performing at or above the National Minimum Standard and U2B is the percentage of students achieving in the top 2 bands in each year level.

	Year	Reading		Writing		Spelling		Grammar & Punctuation		Numeracy	
		NMS	U2B	NMS	U2B	NMS	U2B	NMS	U2B	NMS	U2B
Australia											
	Yr 3	96.1%	52.9%	96.9%	51.0%	93.3%	48.1%	95.1%	56.5%	95.7%	39.8%
	Yr 5	94.9%	37.0%	93.1%	16.9%	94.1%	33.9%	92.6%	34.1%	95.6%	29.2%
Queensland											
	Yr 3	96.1%	49.4%	96.3%	43.8%	92.8%	44.3%	95.0%	52.4%	95.2%	34.6%
	Yr 5	94.7%	34.8%	91.2%	13.4%	94.0%	30.5%	92.6%	32.7%	95.5%	26.9%
Stafford SS											
	Yr 3	94.1%	64.7%	94.1%	41.2%	90.9%	57.6%	97.0%	54.5%	100%	48.4%
	Yr 5	91.7%	33.3%	91.7%	12.5%	91.3%	34.8%	87.0%	21.7%	100%	21.7%

Over the next few weeks our staff will go through the NAPLAN results in much greater detail to look closely at the areas where we can build on our performance.

Although NAPLAN results form a useful piece of information, they are not the be all and end all upon which to judge a school's success. It is important to remember the results represent a point-in-time testing over a few hours each May. The NAPLAN results are important but are just one of the many pieces of information our school uses to improve learning outcomes for our students.

Bush Dance

What an amazing time had by all at our Bush Dance on Thursday 29 August. It was a fantastic night and the atmosphere and community spirit was electric. Thank you for your support and help on the night. Great Dancing



Prep Interviews

Mrs Robertson, Mrs Prebble and myself have had the pleasure of meeting all of our Prep parents and students for 2020. We are very excited about them joining our school community. We will be seeing them again at our Learning in Prep Mornings next term.

Teacher Aide Day

This Friday is Teacher Aide Day. At Stafford we will celebrate the wonderful work that our teacher aides do for the students at our school on Monday. Our teacher aides work tirelessly every day to actively engage in supporting our students' skill development in our classrooms. They are very important to the life and success of our school and we appreciate the daily commitment, expertise and care.

We are lucky to have such a wonderful group of ladies and gentlemen who work well as part of our team to help make our school the place it is today. On behalf of our entire Stafford community I would like to extend a very special thank you to all our Teacher Aides and ALM's.

Book Week Dress Up Parade

We had our Book Week Dress Up Parade for the Book Week Theme – READING IS MY SECRET POWER. Once again there were some amazing costumes, prize winners and most important, the enjoyment of reading to someone else. A great morning was had by all. Thank you again teachers and parents for a great morning and to Mr Troy Bird for a wonderful morning.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews are on Tuesday 17 September. Please send back an appointment time to your child's class teacher to learn more about the teaching and learning strategies affecting your child. Educational theory identifies the delivery of accurate and timely feedback as one of the most effective practices to support student achievement. Another practice is ensuring that parent, student and teacher have agreed goals and expectations. At Stafford we strive to achieve the best for students and base our actions on sound theory.

A reminder about Car Park Safety

We have had a few near misses with children in the car park. Please be mindful about parking in our school while picking up and dropping off students.

- Staff parking is beside "A" Block.
- Parent parking is in the designated parks behind "B" Block. (Fence side) This side is reverse parking. There is to be **NO PARKING** or **STOPPING** next to the "B Block" building. The "safe set down area" adjacent to the oval is also available for parent parking. Vehicles must park in this area, **NOT STOP** to let children in or out. Children and parents need to use the oval gate to enter and exit the school grounds if using this car park.
- Children need to use the pathway near the Prep Playground to enter and exit the oval gate.
- Watch your speed in the car park. Please **SLOW DOWN** - 10km
- Please adhere to these parking areas

Active School Travel Class Award

Fantastic - **Week 8:** 6A for having the most students Actively Travelling to school.

Class Attendance Awards

Well Done - **Week 8:** P1 for your Attendance.

Class Uniform Awards

Well Done - **Week 8:** 6A for wearing your School Uniform with Pride.

Kind Regards,

Stafford Prep

Prep is
the First
Year of
School



If your child turns **five** by June 2020, enrol now!

Lee Martin

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER	
17	Parent Teacher Interviews
20	Pancake Breakfast
20	Principal's Morning Tea
20	Last Day of Term 3

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Public Notice of the holding of an election for members of the Stafford State School Council

Notice of Election

In accordance with the Stafford State School Constitution, as returning officer, I hereby give public notice of the election of the School Council's **Parent Elected Members**.

Date of election: **Tuesday 22 Oct 2019**

Final Date for Nominations: **Tuesday 8 Oct 2019**

Election venue: **Stafford SS Library**

All P&C Association members are eligible to vote

Voting will occur at the P&C meeting on **Tuesday 22 October**

Time for acceptance of new P&C members: 7:00pm at the Tuesday 22 October P&C Meeting

Time for election: 7:16pm - 7:31pm

Elected Parent Members

6.1 To be eligible for election as an elected parent member, a person must:

- not be an official member;
- not have been convicted of an indictable offence, unless the minister gives approval under the Act;
- be the parent of a child attending the school; and
- submit a nomination in accordance with the election procedures described at Schedule 3.

6.2 A person is eligible to vote for an elected parent member if that person is eligible to be elected as an elected parent member.

6.3 Each elected parent member holds office for a term, not longer than two years, determined by the school council prior to conducting the election for that member.

Who can Vote

Current parent members of the P & C Association can vote for the 'Candidate'.

How to be a P&C Association Member

If you are not a current member of the P&C Association and would like to join:

- you must fill in an Application for P&C Membership for 2019 (available on the Stafford State School website)

- bring the completed application form and attend the P&C Meeting on either Tuesday 22 October at 7:00pm in the Library
- in person give completed form to the P&C Secretary for ratification at the meeting
- once ratified you will become a current member of the P&C for 2019 and be able to vote at P&C Meetings.

Nomination Form for Stafford State School Council Elected Member

Download the *Nomination Form on the Stafford State School Website*

<https://staffordss.eq.edu.au/Ourcommunity/Schoolcouncil/Pages/Schoolcouncil.aspx>

or collect the nomination form from the school office.

In accordance with the Stafford State School Constitution, as returning officer, I hereby give public notice of the election of a non-teaching staff member. All Stafford State School staff members are eligible to vote.

PARENT ELECTION PROCEDURES AND TIMELINES

- The Returning Officer – Leonie Dowse gives public notice of the holding of an election on Thursday 5 September 2019
- Nomination forms available for positions on School Council available from school office or website on Tues Thursday 5 September 2019
- Final date for receipt of nominations and optional biographical information on Tuesday 8 October 2019
- After the final date for receipt of nominations, the Returning Officer – Leonie Dowse must, without unreasonable delay, prepare voting papers by setting out the names of the candidates in an order determined by lot.
- Election for Parent Members on Tuesday 22 October 2019 at P&C Meeting and Staff Members on Wednesday 23 October 2019 at special Staff Meeting
 - ⇒ At the time at which the election is to be conducted, the Returning Officer must give a voting paper to every person entitled to vote at the election.
 - ⇒ The Returning Officer must record the name of each person to whom a voting paper is given at the meeting at which the election is conducted.
 - ⇒ Each voter must deposit their completed voting paper into a sealed ballot box before leaving the meeting.
 - ⇒ The Returning Officer must take such steps as considered necessary to ensure that only persons entitled to vote at an election have voted and that the secrecy of the ballot is preserved.
 - ⇒ If there are fewer nominations than required elected members, then the nominees are elected.

POETRY RECITAL COMPETITION

We are very excited to announce for the third year in a row, our very own Poetry Recital Competition open to all students in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. **The competition will be held at 10:55am on Friday 13 September, in the hall.** Parents are invited to come along to listen and offer their support during the competition.

For the first time, students can choose to recite a poem they have written themselves. If they choose to recite a poem from a book, it can come from any poetry book and it doesn't have to rhyme. A copy of the poem must be handed to Ms Compton before the cut-off date. Students can enter the competition either individually, in pairs or in small groups. Enrolment forms for the competition are available on the desk outside the office.

The cut-off date for entries into the competition is Friday 6 September. Participating students are encouraged to come along to the Q&A and practice sessions being conducted by Ms Compton in the hall each Thursday at first break.

The students will be judged by Mrs Martin, Ms Dowse and Ms Compton on the day of the competition according to their facial expressions, eye contact, volume, tone, pace and gestures. **All poems must be recited off by heart.** Props such as hats, toys etc. are permitted, however, all participants must wear school uniform.

The winners of each category will have the choice to recite their poems again at an assembly in the future.

There will be prizes for the winners of each category for each year level.

So, recite a poem and
Have some fun.
There's great prizes
To be won!

Best of Luck!

*Ms Compton
Poet and EAL/D Teacher.*

LIBRARY

Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 6 has been sent home. It is full of great books for all. All orders must be in by **6 September.**

At Stafford State School we only use the Loop for purchasing from Book Club. Details for this process are on the website.

Book Week

Our celebrations are in full swing! Perform Musicals presented "Big Dream" last Thursday and a great time was had by all the students. Yesterday we had our wonderful Book Week Parade and I would like to say a very big thank you to all the students who came dressed as their favourite book character! Thank you to the wonderful parents who made this happen.

Mr Bird and Mrs Knox

HELPING HANDS

Good Morning Stafford State School Community, Over the last two weeks it's been very busy at Helping Hands with the Science Club in full swing on Wednesday afternoons. The children have been learning about and doing activities on friction, sound, Rockets and Water Rockets. The children have really enjoyed the hands-on activities.

In other news, we have been checking our fitness with the Beep Test being the main source of testing. We have been getting a lot of enjoyment out of it. Head Chef Tom has been running cooking master classes with the children and we have created - Blueberry Muffins and Tom's Special chocolate brownies (Certainly Not burnt!). If you want to enjoy Tom's cooking master classes come and see me (Tom) at Helping Hands to enrol or book your child/ren in for Before or After School Care.



**Tom Nicholson
Helping Hands
Stafford Coordinator
0438 666 077**

COMMUNITY NEWS

**COME & PLAY
CRICKET
WITH WILSTON NORTH'S**

**BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5 - OPEN. ALL WELCOME!
SEASON STARTS 11-12 OCTOBER**

FRIDAY NIGHT CRICKET BLAST UNDER LIGHTS!

Junior Blasters - ages 5-7 (mixed)

Master Blasters - ages 7-10 (mixed and girls only)

Saturday Cricket - ages U10 to Open (boys and girls)

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STAFFORD STINGERS SWIM CLUB

FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 6PM - 7PM

FUN NIGHT OPEN DAY

FREE SWIM AND REGISTRATION

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER 6PM

1ST COMPETITION NIGHT

ARRIVE EARLY IF YOU HAVENT REGISTERED ONLINE

Come join us for our first night of the season.

All welcome, existing members and new.

All ages 15m swims - 200m races.

Come and try your first night for free.

Membership \$30 for half season (term 4 only)

\$60 for full season (term 4 and term 1)

STAFFORD STATE SCHOOL POOL (BEHIND HALL) BALERANG ST, STAFFORD.

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Stafford State School

After School Soccer Programme In Association with Soccer X Pty Ltd

We are excited to tell you about the after school soccer programme we will be running at Stafford State School during Term 4.

Throughout the 9 weeks our coaches will lead fun, educational and active sessions sending your child home energised and with a smile on their face.

Why choose Soccer X?

As well as providing fun filled Soccer sessions which teach the players new skills & techniques we aim to provide & improve the following skills:

- > Social Skills
- > Team building
- > General Fitness
- > Sense of achievement

We believe by integrating these skills into our programmes it will help your children become well rounded young adults.

All standards are welcome, so do not worry if you have never played before.

Most answers to your questions can be found by checking our website, but if you do not find an answer, please call Sam on 0415324917 or email: admin@soccer-x.com

For wet weather updates please follow Soccer X on Facebook or see us at www.Soccer-X.com



FAQ's

What happens if it rains?

The session will take place undercover. In extreme weather conditions sessions will be cancelled and parents notified via SMS & Facebook.

What should my child wear for soccer?

Anything that is comfortable. Shorts, t-shirt, runners/boots. Soccer boots are not essential.

Programme Details

Day:	Thursday
Start Date:	17 October 2019
Time:	3-4pm
Where:	School Oval
Ages:	Prep - Yr 6 (Boys & Girls)

Registration:

To avoid disappointment ALL registrations and payments must be completed ONLINE prior to the first session.

Cost: 108 (9 weeks)

Please visit www.Soccer-X.com to register and pay

Soccer X Training Kit (optional):

- 1) Shorts, T-Shirt, Bag & Cap = \$50

