Date Claimers

- ‘Big Samba Percussion’ Performance this Friday 21st May—9am
- Queensland Symphony Orchestra free concert—next Thursday 28th May.
- Athletics Carnival—Thursday 11th June

Principal’s Address

Visiting Performances

South students have two visiting performances to enjoy this term. Firstly, the Arts Council production—‘Big Samba Percussion Performance’ will take place this Friday.

Next Thursday, 28th May, the Queensland Symphony Orchestra will be coming to Gladstone to perform for local schools. The Strings performance will be held at South School at 10am until 10:30am. All students will be attending this wonderful opportunity to watch and hear some world class performers. This event is free of charge.

Premiers Reading Challenge

This week the reading period for the 2015 Premier’s Reading Challenge commences. This is a great opportunity for our Prep to year 6 students to improve their literacy, cultivate a passion for literature, and for teachers and families to encourage them to read widely for pleasure. Interested students should check with their classroom teacher, or our Premier’s Reading Challenge coordinator, Miss Wran, to make sure they are registered.

Athletics Carnival—11th June

We will be holding the athletics carnival on the 11th of June. Students have been practicing their skills during PE lessons. More detailed information regarding this year’s carnival will be forwarded to families, in due course.

New Telephone Number—Ph. 48994333

We wish to advise all of our families that the school has a new telephone number. Our new number is 48994333. The old school number will be diverted to the new number for the next six months. After that the old number will be disconnected.

Yours in education

Kurt Goodwin
**HOSES REPORT**

**Updating your child’s medical information and emergency contacts.**

It is imperative that the school has up-to-date medical and contact details if in the event of an emergency and to also ensure your child receives support for their needs.

If your child’s medical needs have changed please see Mrs Rios in the office.

**Hearing Screens**

Are you concerned your child ...

- Cannot understand simple words or instructions?
- Is difficult to understand at times?
- Has frequent ear infections or persistent middle ear fluid?
- Has poor educational outcomes?
- Has problems with balance?

**Has your child’s hearing been checked lately?**

It is recommended that children have hearing screens every two years.

Regular check-ups ensure your child is progressing normally. As hearing is essential to a child’s social, emotional cognitive development it is vital that hearing loss is detected early.

Hearing loss can cause significant speech and language delays, social and emotional development and your child’s success in school may be affected if not supported.

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**CURRICULUM HAPPENINGS**

**Before School Reading Program** — Each term different year levels and reading levels are targeted. A reminder that the before school reading program starts at 8:30am.

Below are the locations for each group. Please check the days your child’s group is run as we have a couple of groups running on different days this term. Happy reading!!

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FROM THE TUCKSHOP

This week’s meal deal. Chicken burger, milk or juice—$7.00

CLASSROOM CAPERS

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This Term we are working very hard to push our grades higher. We are looking at our data and setting achievable learning goals. Some of us are now taking home readers to improve our reading and comprehension skills, while others are participating in rapid reading.

UNIFY Critical Thinking

Congratulations to our Round 1 participants!

The Round 2 UNIFY Extension Learning project commences this week.

Five of our students were selected and funding approved for them to participate in Write On Creative Writing. Congratulations to Alice Coleborn, Scott Roy, Aleia Golding, Jake Pattillo and Caitlin Kent on their selection.
AROUND THE SCHOOL AND P&C

BIG SAMBA PERCUSSION PERFORMANCE — THIS FRIDAY 22nd MAY

• 9am in the school hall.
• All children are invited to attend.
• **Cost is $5.50.**
• Invoices and payment envelopes have been sent home.
• Please place the correct money in envelope and return to school by **Thursday 21 May.**
• If you have not received an invoice, please see Mrs Rios in the office.

BOOK FAIR — STARTING NEXT WEEK

• All students will be shown the Book Fair on Tuesday 26 May.
• Sales are before school only in the library
• **Wednesday** 27 May and Thursday 28 May - **8.15am—8.45am**

The school library receives 25% of all sales. This is a great way to help the school get new resources; also, for your child to purchase new reading material.

Janelle Roy

Community Notice Board

*Advancedlife Studios* will be coming to South in the near future. All families will be notified as soon as dates have been booked.