Dear Families,

What an amazing year it has been for the students, staff and parents of San Remo Primary School.

It is hard to believe that a whole year has flashed past us at an alarming rate.

We have had many wonderful events at the school this year.

The first memorable moment for me was the coffee van on the first morning. What a lovely way to meet the students and families that I have loved working with this year. Next was the Chanel Challenge with the amazing parents that cooked sausages and hamburgers and sold tickets for a rather large crayfish and our lovely family BBQ.

The children participated in the following sports this year: Swimming, athletics, netball, football, cross country, soccer, basketball, softball, cricket and surfing. We even had a student reach State level of cross country and our boys' basketball team moved through to the next level of competition and we had our House Sports.

The students at San Remo PS had the circus come to town in term one along with Funky Hair Day, Japanese was introduced by Toko, the first Walk/Ride to School Day and some of our year five students ventured off to Woorabinda Camp. Our beautiful prep student's commenced school and are now ready and fired up to head off to grade one!

Term 2 saw a very pregnant Mrs Hamer take the grade three four students off to Forest Lodge Camp with Mr Manning and Mrs Hodgkin. The students participated in a St John’s First Aid incursion, Community Connections with our wonderful parents once again supporting students to cook, create, go fishing and do photography. The preps, ones and twos went off to Moonlight Sanctuary with Mr. Steel, Mrs Wilson, Miss. Young, Meisha and some parent helpers. They had a great time and the reports the student's wrote after were brilliant. We had our first Book Fair for the year and The Mother's Day stall and pasta day.

Term 3 commenced with Sarina and Maya Foster visiting their family on the island. They then enrolled at SRPS and enjoyed their “holiday” catching up with friends at SRPS as they have done in previous years. We had the roof fixed in the OSHC for free (YEAH). Good Companions ran for the grade four students at the Bass Coast Community Health Centre. The pre-production commenced for A Swinging ’n ‘Summertime: Costumes, backdrops, lines to learn, tickets to sell, music and songs to be learnt, setting up a mammoth undertaking. NEVERTHELESS we got there and it was outstanding! The children made Fantastic Racers for the Secondary College and we WON! The Coastal Ambassadors went off to the Nobbies and were instrumental in organising Sulo bins from the Bass Coast Shire to stop the ibis from getting into the old rubbish bins. The Fundraising...
Committee amongst the production ran a highly successful Father's Day stall.

Term 4 started with a BANG. Melbourne Camp for the 5/6 students, the Barry Sheehan Memorial Race. The prep/one/twos had their swimming program. Nikki Williams represented SRPS at the public speaking competition in Wonthaggi. We welcomed our 2016 preps and their families through our transition program.

Last night was the delightful Grade Six Graduation evening. How beautiful, mature and confident they all were. Each student's song choice brought a smile to my face to once again learn a little more about these future citizens. I was very proud of them all and I did see a couple of family members wipe away a proud tear or two!

I hope I haven't forgotten anything!!

I would especially like to thank the School Council members who have been a delight to work with this year. There have been some tough decisions made at school council this year that tugged on people's heart strings. However all decisions were undertaken with integrity and transparency. I look forward to working with you all again in term one 2016. You have been a great team to work with.

THE STAFF:

I hope I have conveyed to you all throughout the year and as 2015 comes to a close just how wonderful it has been to work with each and every one of you. Each of you brings your own special “magic” to each and every student that you teach, talk to, listen to and care about every single day. You all create the family atmosphere that San Remo Primary School is renowned for and have made it a very rewarding and special year in my chosen vocation as an educator.

To our lovely students: For those of you heading off to secondary college or new places I wish you all the very best for the future. It has been an amazing year and I am richer for having played, listened and hugged you all.

I wish everyone in the San Remo Primary School Family a happy, healthy and safe holiday. It will be wonderful to see some families returning and others starting at our school after the holidays. Students will be taller, glowing with new shoes and haircuts!

Meet you at the coffee van on Thursday 28th January 2016.

Merry Christmas everyone, from my family to yours.

Regards Sharyne

GRADE 6 GRADUATION

Last night we celebrated the achievements of our 2015 grade 6 students during their time at San Remo Primary School. There was not a dry eye in the house. The following students received special awards on the night:-

Finn Merryful - Outstanding Achievement award
Cassie Richards - Citizenship award
Jorja Holmes - Performing Arts award
Poppy Corbett - Sports award
**LUNCH ORDERS**

**NOTE:** There will be NO lunch orders this Friday.

**2016 FRED BORG SCHOLARSHIPS**

Congratulations to Matthew Clarke and Syon Macs who each received a $200 scholarship as a citizenship award from the Bendigo Bank. These funds will assist each student financially next year. Well done boys!!!

**GOODBYE - FAREWELL**

Each year we welcome new families to our school community which is a wonderful feeling, however we also have to say goodbye to families at the end of the year as students move on to Secondary College. This year we say a very sad goodbye to the Borg, Charles, Corbett, Dayson, James, Knight, North, Patterson, Osborne, Richards, Sammonds and Williams families. We wish you all the best for a wonderful, exciting and prosperous future.

We also farewell Miss Young and wish her all the best for a happy bright future. We wish to thank her for all the support she has given our students this year. Don’t forget us and let us know your new school Lisa.

**ANNUAL ART SHOW -**

When: Wed 16th December - TONIGHT 5pm-6pm
Where: San Remo Tennis Club Rooms & Squash court (the small room next to the Rec Centre)
Time: Official opening is at 5pm and to follow the unveiling of the Grade six 2015 Art piece.

Hope to see you all there.

**SPORTS DAY - THURSDAY 17th DECEMBER**

A whole school Sports Day will be happening tomorrow Thursday 17th December from 11:30am-3:20pm.

All students can dress in their house colours. There will also be a whole school JUMP-OFF on this day. As part of the Jump Rope For Heart fundraiser students are asked to bring a $2 gold coin donation to go to the Heart Foundation.

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

San Remo PS will be singing 2 songs at the Carols By Candlelight on the San Remo Foreshore on Friday 18th December at approximately 7pm.

**PUB RAFFLE - Friday 18th December**

San Remo Primary School’s last scheduled meat tray raffle on Friday 18th Dec will be combined with the big raffle held on the foreshore during the Christmas celebrations. We are looking for 4 volunteers to sell the raffle tickets for us. If you are able to assist please contact Roz in the school office ASAP. We have raffle tickets available in the office. Tickets are $5 each or 3 for $10 and the prizes will be drawn at 8:30pm after the Carols. Winners will be notified by telephone.

1st prize: $150 Seafood Tray donated by Bass Strait Direct and a $25 meat tray
2nd prize: $50 Seafood tray and a $25 meat tray
3rd prize: $25 meat tray

**2016 VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

We are looking for 1 or 2 parents to volunteer to run the icypole sales for next year. This is an ideal opportunity for 2 parents of children in 4 year old kinder next year to team up and take it in turns selling icypoles from 1:45pm to 2pm whilst the other picks up the children from Kinder. If you are able to assist please see Roz in the office.
SCHOOL REPORTS

School Reports will go home on Thursday 17th December.

LAST DAY TERM 4

Friday 18th December is the last day of the 2015 school year. A reminder that there is an early dismissal time of 1:30pm so students will not require a packed lunch or a lunch order. There will be a FINAL assembly at 1pm in the Recreation Centre.

DONATIONS

We are asking for donations of Boy/Girl toys for children aged 0-15yrs. If you are able to assist St Vincent De Paul gather presents for children in need please drop your donation off at the San Remo Bendigo Bank by Tuesday 15th December. There are gift cards available at the bank.

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BOOKLISTS & UNIFORMS etc

Accounts have gone home for the 2016 Essential Items. Payments for these items can be made at any time from now until school resumes in January 2016. If you would like to pay in instalments please see Roz or use the banking details printed on the front page of the newsletter. Please use your surname and 2016 as reference when making your payment by direct deposit.

Families will receive their school bonus directly from Centrelink in January.

The school office will be open on Wednesday 27th January from 11am-3:30pm for purchasing school uniforms and payment of classrooms supplies.

TERM 1 School resumes for ALL classes on Thursday 28th January 2016 at 9am.

CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund grants will be available to all low income families at the beginning of the school year. Please make sure you fill in an application form and provide a copy of your Health Care card or Pension card to the office.

2016 Grade 3-6 SWIMMING

The grade 3-6 students will participate in their swimming program at the beginning of February. Permission forms will go home on the first day of term and needs to be returned with payment by the start of the program.

UNIFORM SHOP

Open for VIEWING on

Mondays and Fridays  8.30am-9.15am (not open in the afternoon)

Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays  8:30am–9:15am & 3pm–3:45pm

PURCHASES: Uniform orders can be placed at anytime by dropping it in the permission form box in the school office with payment or with a note of your receipt number if paid by direct deposit. All completed orders will be handed out to students by the end of the day if we have it in stock.

NO PARKING ZONES. Please note that parking is restricted along Thomas Grove and you are not permitted to park on the grass area behind the Rec centre and Bowling Club. Please do NOT park in the staff car park. Please remember our preferred parking for student drop off is at the top of Wynne Ave in the Rec Centre car park.

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Children are supervised in the playground from 8:45am until 3:45pm.

Parents are reminded that all classes begin at 9am sharp.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY to
Sebastian Wolf
Samuel Schilling
Francesco Esposito