



THE SUMMIT NEWSLETTER

23RD JULY 2025. TERM 3, WEEK 2

SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS

AT THE SUMMIT WE ARE:

RESPECTFUL
RESPONSIBLE
RESILIENT
SAFE

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DATE CLAIMERS

24th July:

Pillowcase Talk

29th July:

C Schools Athletics

8th August:

GB Athletics Day

13th Aug:

Greenlands SS – Arts
Performance

27th Aug:

P&C Meeting

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Welcome back to Term 3!

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We are looking forward to another wonderful 10 weeks of fun and learning here at The Summit State School.

Our Term 3 Calendar was sent out at the end of last term and includes key events and dates to be aware of. Please remember to check it regularly and note any additions that pop up as the term progresses.

IN THE CLASSROOM

We've had a fantastic start to Term 3 with all of our new units well underway. This term, many of our learning areas are closely linked, creating a more cohesive and engaging experience for students.

Through English, Media Arts, Design Technology, and Health, we are diving into our new gardening space, exploring healthy eating, sustainable practices at school, and even trying our hand at healthy cooking!

Keep an eye out later in the term—students will be writing persuasive texts in English based around these real-life topics. We can't wait to see what they come up with!

STAFFING UPDATE

We'd like to let our school community know that Mrs Kathy Gordon will be absent over the next 3–4 weeks as she recovers from a recent operation. We wish Kathy all the very best for a smooth and speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back at school soon, happy and healthy.

In her absence, we warmly welcome Mrs Elsbeth Jackson, who will be joining our team during this time. Elsbeth is a familiar face to many of our students and brings a wealth of experience, kindness, and enthusiasm to the classroom. We are thrilled to have her on board and know she will be a wonderful support to our students and staff. Please join us in making Mrs Jackson feel right at home here at The Summit!

We also welcome Mr John Fennociaro to our school community as our new groundskeeper while Mr Adrian Hill is on 12 months' leave. John also works as a groundsman at Stanthorpe State High School and will be with us each Wednesday. We are delighted to have John on board and thank him for stepping in to help care for our beautiful school grounds.

SMALL BUT MIGHTY – HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!

At The Summit State School, we are incredibly proud of the strong, close-knit community we've built. Yes, we may be a small school—but we have big hearts, big opportunities, and a whole lot of Summit pride!

There are so many advantages to being part of a small school:

- Every child is known, valued, and supported.
- Students enjoy individual attention and tailored learning.
- We foster a strong sense of belonging, where every child feels safe, seen, and included.
- We have incredible facilities for a small school.
- And most importantly, we have a team of dedicated, passionate staff who love what they do and are committed to every child's success and wellbeing.

We love our school, and we're so grateful for the amazing students and families who make The Summit the vibrant, welcoming place it is.

While we embrace the beauty of being small, we'd also love to grow our Summit family just a little more. This is where we kindly ask for your help.

If you know of families who are new to the area or looking for a school where their child will truly thrive, please tell them about us! Word of mouth is the most powerful way to share just how special our school is.

We don't just teach here, we care, we nurture, and we grow little hearts and minds every day. Thank you for your continued support in making The Summit State School the wonderful place it is.

C SCHOOLS ATHLETICS

Tuesday 30th July – Stanthorpe State High School

Next Tuesday, all students from Prep to Year 6 will attend the C Schools Athletics Carnival at Stanthorpe State High School. Please note that there will be no staff or classes running at The Summit on the day.

Students under 9 years will attend as enthusiastic supporters and take part in activities with our Teacher Aides. If you would prefer your child not attend, please notify the school as soon as possible.

We strongly encourage all students aged 9 and over to participate in the event. It's a great chance to show our Summit school spirit, support our peers, and enjoy some healthy competition.

If you haven't yet returned your permission form, please do so this week. Remember to bring:

- Warm clothing (it's usually chilly)
- Plenty of food and drinks for the whole day (no food available to purchase)

STANTHORPE HIGH VISIT

Today we welcomed representatives from Stanthorpe State High School to speak with our Year 6 students about transitioning to high school in 2026.

Students will bring home an enrolment package today. If your child will be attending Stanthorpe High next year, please complete and return the forms **directly to the high school** as soon as possible.

More information about upcoming transition days will be shared later this term.

YEAR 6 SYDNEY/CANBERRA CAMP

Eek! Camp is coming up quickly!

We are incredibly grateful to the P&C for their amazing fundraising efforts which have helped support this opportunity for our students.

Camp invoices have been sent home. Families are welcome to make payments in instalments or in full. All invoices must be paid before departure.

If you have any questions about camp, please don't hesitate to see Mrs Harvey.

A note will go home next week with everything you need to know—including expectations, a packing list, and important details.

Year 5/6 Camp – Dietary Requirement Forms

Dietary Requirement Forms for our Year 5 and 6 students attending camp are being sent home again today with this newsletter. These forms are very important as we need to pass on all dietary information to Crisps Coaches and camp staff as soon as possible to ensure the wellbeing of all students.

Please return these completed forms by TOMORROW (Thursday, 24th July).

We greatly appreciate your prompt attention to this request!

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY 2025

Parents will shortly receive an email invitation to participate in the 2025 School Opinion Survey. This annual survey is a valuable opportunity for families to share their feedback, and we greatly appreciate your participation.

If you do not have access to a computer or device to complete the survey, you are more than welcome to use one of the school laptops. Please come in and see us, we're happy to help!

While the School Opinion Survey is conducted only once a year, our doors are always open. If at any time you would like to share feedback, ask questions, or have a chat, please don't hesitate to pop in.

P&C NEWS

SNOWFLAKES IN STANTHORPE FUNDRAISER

A HUGE thank you to all families, especially our Year 5–6 families, for supporting our P&C Snowflakes fundraiser across all three days.

Your time, effort, and team spirit helped make it a very successful event. We appreciate your support immensely!



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PBL Focus – Weeks 1 & 2: We Are Safe – Walk Carefully Around the School

At The Summit State School, we explicitly teach and reinforce positive behaviour expectations as part of our PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) approach.

For the first two weeks of Term 3, our focus has been on:

We are Safe: Walk carefully around the school.

What this looks like at school:

Students have been learning and practising how to:

- Walk on all concrete areas,
- Walk safely inside classrooms and buildings,
- Move carefully and respectfully in hallways and shared spaces, and
- Be aware of others around them when moving around the school.

Staff are consistently reinforcing these behaviours with positive feedback and reminders. Students are also being recognised with Summit Stars and praise when demonstrating safe walking throughout the day.

Helpful hints for home:

Families can support this focus by:

- Talking with your child about why walking in certain places (like near roads, shops, or at school) keeps everyone safe.
- Practising walking safely together in different settings (e.g., shopping centres, footpaths, car parks).
- Praising your child when you notice them walking calmly and safely and reminding them gently when they forget.

Reinforcing these behaviours at home helps build consistency for our learners and supports a safe and respectful environment at school.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us promote positive behaviours across our school community!



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PBL Focus – Weeks 3: We Are Responsible – Put Rubbish in the Right Bin

At The Summit State School, we are building a culture of responsibility by teaching students how to care for their environment.

In week 3 this term, our behaviour focus is:

We are Responsible: Put rubbish in the right bin.

What this looks like at school

- Students are learning how to:
- Place general waste in the regular bin,
- Use yellow recycling bins correctly for paper, cardboard, and recyclables,
- Put food scraps into our compost bins or worm farm, and
- Place eligible containers, like poppers and water bottles in our Containers for Change bin.

These practices help reduce waste, care for our environment, and support sustainability initiatives already happening in our school garden and kitchen programs.

Helpful hints for home:

Families can support this focus by:

- Talking about what goes in each bin at home (you might even create your own waste-sorting system together),
- Encouraging children to rinse and recycle bottles and containers properly,
- Collecting Containers for Change items for return or bringing them into school, and
- Starting a small compost bin or worm farm for food scraps if you have the space.

By practising these habits at school and home, our students are learning lifelong skills about caring for the planet and taking responsibility for their actions. Every small step helps!

Thank you for working with us to build respectful, responsible, and environmentally conscious learners.



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PBL Update – Have Your Say!

Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) journey is continuing to build momentum here at The Summit State School, and we're excited about everything already in place, well ahead of our official launch in 2026!

So far, the students have responded incredibly well to our focus on positive behaviours, both in and out of the classroom. It's been a great process involving staff professional development, the creation of whole-school documents, and importantly, student voice through classroom discussions and feedback on what PBL means to them.

Now, we'd love to hear from you, our parents and carers!

As part of shaping our school's PBL identity, we are working on a school-wide PBL mission statement. Staff have reviewed possible directions and we've narrowed it down to two options.

We would love for families to share their thoughts. Which statement do you feel best represents who we are and what we stand for as a school community?

Option 1:

At The Summit State School, we promote a culture of respect, responsibility and resilience through purposeful teaching, positive behaviour, and strong school-community partnerships. We empower confident, self-motivated learners who take pride in their learning, act with integrity, and thrive in a safe, inclusive environment.

Option 2:

The Summit State School empowers students to become respectful, responsible, and resilient learners. Through purposeful teaching and a supportive school-community partnership, we foster a safe and inclusive environment where every student is inspired to grow, take pride in their learning, and act with integrity.

We'd love your input!

Feel free to:

- Pop in and chat with one of our teachers
- Send a quick text to let us know your preferred option

Let's continue to work together to make The Summit the best it can be for every student.