Week 2 Activities

Weekly Awards

Arts Council
6th February, 2015

Principal’s Note
Hello and welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 2. It has been another jam-packed week of teaching and learning. Students, staff, parents and other school community members have been consistently engaged with a range of meaningful learning experiences throughout the past week. Well done Team for another successful and enjoyable time at our great school!

Class Information Sessions
Class Information Sessions will be held for each class on Thursday 19 February. More information regarding times for each class will be sent out next week.

School Expectations
At Surat State School, we currently follow four expectations to ensure our school community is the best it can be. They are: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Committed. During the last two weeks of school, students have been explicitly taught how to line up and to raise their hand before speaking.

Complaints & Concerns – A positive approach
Concerns arise at schools for a variety of reasons. Schools are very busy places – there are lots of things that happen and there are many decisions made every day. At the same time, the school community is quite diverse, with many individuals or groups having vastly different opinions on how things should be done.

It is inevitable therefore, that times will arise when some parents agree with the school’s actions while others disagree and wish to discuss the matter and seek clarification with the school. We welcome such discussions and encourage parents to raise issues so that they can be dealt with speedily and resolved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Raising concerns or seeking clarification is not a negative experience if everyone focuses on it being a solution-focused experience by valuing everyone’s opinions. The following is the process for presenting and managing parental concerns. It works well and it is the way we manage all concerns at our school.

Complaints Procedure:
The following procedures are to be used to resolve complaints or concerns at our school.

STEP 1: Try and find out the facts before contacting the school. Many concerns are quickly resolved once the parent is aware of all the facts.

STEP 2: Let the school (class teacher in first instance) know via letter, email, telephone or in person that you have a concern, providing details of the issue.

STEP 3: The school will investigate the concern and the most appropriate person will contact you to discuss the matter or organise a meeting. Almost 100% of problems are resolved at this point.

STEP 4: If however, the matter remains unresolved, make a formal appointment to discuss the issue with the Principal.

Points To Remember:
• Problems are best resolved by a positive attitude. Anger is counter-productive to solving problems.
• People need time to investigate and resolve many problems; a quick fix is not always possible or desirable.
• Schools are large and complex – very few decisions will suit everybody.
• There are always at least 2 sides to every story – with students there are often as many stories as there are children.
• Not all disagreements can be resolved – sometimes we simply have to agree to disagree.
• Opinions vary widely – disagreement is a natural part of life.
• Everybody aims to achieve the best possible outcome for all involved in the school community.
• Win-Win is always the desired outcome to any issue.

“The important thing about a problem is not its solution, but the strength we gain in finding the solution.” Unknown

Homework Group
Homework Group is offered to students for the completion of homework or assignments on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 3-4pm. Homework Group is coordinated by Mrs Close in the School Library. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to seek help and/or stay on top of their study commitments.

Please remember that this service is for homework or assignment completion. Students must have work set by their teachers. If students do not have appropriate work to complete, parents will be contacted to collect them. This service cannot be used as a child minding service.

Sport
On Monday 9 February, a team of students will represent our school at the Roma & District Swimming Carnival. Nominated students should have received a note yesterday.

Roma & District School Boy Rugby League & Netball - The AGM will be held on Wednesday 11 February from 6.00pm at St John’s. For any sport related information, please contact Mr Peter Macbeth at school.

Remember, at Surat P-10 State School “we always do our best and treat others with respect”.

Mr Justin Washington
Principal

Playgroup
Our school is hosting a community playgroup on Wednesdays from 9.00-11.00. Playgroup is open to children from 0-5 years of age. At playgroup, parents and caregivers spend relaxed time with their children making friends and support networks. Meanwhile children develop physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually, as they discover new experiences, gain self-confidence and make new friends too.

For more information, please contact Mrs Sally Broadhead via the School’s Office.
Important Dates

**FEBRUARY**
- 9th: R & D Swimming Carnival
- 10th: E-Race Guest Speaker - Secondary

**APRIL**
- 3rd: GOOD FRIDAY

Tuckshop Price List

**Wednesday First Break ONLY**

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Parent Information Session: THRASS/Literacy

Date: Thursday 19th February
Time: 3.15pm-3.45pm
Venue: School Library
All welcome

For further details contact Libby McLean
lmcle138@eq.edu.au

Book Club is due back Friday 13th February.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER - TERM 1

**FEBRUARY**
- 11th: Chris Packer & Julie Schutt
- 18th: Kylie Washington & Michelle Newman
- 25th: Chrissy Chandler/Helen Price/Tanya Thompson

**MARCH**
- 4th: Karla Harth & Bre Ziesemer
- 11th: Karita Ferrier & Shelley Stevenson
- 18th: Kathy Murray & Donna Hockey
- 25th: Chris Packer & Julie Schutt

**APRIL**
- 1st: Kylie Washington & Michelle Newman

Year 2 News

This week we started our combined Literacy Rotations with the Year 1 class. Our rotations include guided reading, writing, word work and comprehension activities, as well as Reading Eggs and Literacy Planet on the laptops and iPads. Our reading focus for this week has been ‘Making Connections’, which involves making connections between the text we are reading to our own experiences, to other texts or websites and to the world around us. We are also very lucky to have lots of help from many parents – thank you again!!

Miss Grenning and Year 2
6th February, 2015

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**Student of the Week - Week 1**

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<td>Darcy Podham - For displaying great active listening skills. Well done!</td>
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<td>Nakisha Brown – for lining up appropriately in our school! Alex Freeman – for listening well and contributing some great ideas during class discussions.</td>
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<td>Nikita Proud - For transitioning smoothly into our school by following our expectations.</td>
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<td>Lucy Packer- For always being actively involved in all class discussions. Matthew Bradford- For trying especially hard to have neat bookwork.</td>
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<td>Secondary:</td>
<td>Tom Watson – for keeping a focused and committed attitude towards school work.</td>
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**Principal Awards**

| Samuel Scott | for being respectful by always using manners and presenting with a happy and cheerful attitude. |

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**P&C News**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th of February at 3:15 pm. Meetings are held in the high school building and all Mums and Dads, aunts and uncles, grandparents and interested community members are welcome to attend. We try to keep our meetings brief and school aged children are able to attend homework club or active after school activities while the meeting is on.

The March meeting will also include our AGM. At this meeting, all positions will become vacant, and all memberships will need to be renewed. Come along, renew your membership, and help our P&C continue to support our great little school. Please think about whether you would be able to volunteer for a position as our association would benefit from all four positions being filled.

The date for the AGM will be decided at the February meeting.

Our Tuckshop is up and running again this year, thanks to our convenor, Kathy Murray and all the people who have generously given their time in advance to help fill our roster.

Tuckshop is available to order for first break each Wednesday and also available to those parents and children who attend playgroup at our school on those days.

P & C Committee

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**Dance**

Starting 9th February at Supper Room

This year we are offering ballet and jazz, however this will be combined into the one class.

**Age Limit**

- Ballet/Jazz: 4-10 years: 4:30pm-5:00pm
- Junior Hip-Hop: 4-10 years: 5:00pm-5:30pm
- Intermediate Hip-Hop: 11+ 5:30pm-6:15pm

**Fees**

- 1 Child: $25
- Family (2 or more): $35
- Dance Lessons: $5.00 per child per lesson

Hope Ferguson

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**Surat Tennis Club**

Are you Interested in Playing Tennis Fixtures?

Please let Debbie Wehl on 46265167 or Erica McPherson on 46265734. You must be 16yrs and up to play in fixtures.
Surat Bowls Club
PINK/BLUE RIBBON
OPEN DAY

ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO BREAST CANCER & PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH

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Saturday 21st February

Start 3:30pm - 5:30pm
BBQ Tea - 6pm - 7pm
7:30pm - 9pm
Cost $12.00 (Bowls & Tea)
Names in by 2:30pm to 46265169

Make a fun day of it and wear something pink or blue