Week 6 Activities

Weekly Awards

Positional language in Prep!

Classroom Activities
Principal’s Note
Hello and welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 6.
Throughout the past week, I have been privileged to observe a range of meaningful and productive learning experiences in every classroom. It is always great to see students and staff interacting to get the job done and to work towards improving student outcomes collaboratively. Well done for your awesome work this week, Team!

Last week, I was one of 1200 or so Principals that attended the 2015 State Principal’s Conference. The theme for this year’s conference, “A great school has a great school down the road”, further reinforces this region’s approach to the purposeful, collaborative work of principals.

Throughout the conference we were reminded however, that effective collaboration is more than just a meeting. The nature and quality of the collaboration determines whether there is a return on time invested. Quality collaboration requires...

- Engagement – whole-hearted commitment
- Purpose – a reason to work together
- Curiosity – a desire to learn
- Generosity – a willingness to share
- Trust – a capacity to buy into a contest of ideas

I look forward to continuing our collaborative work at Surat State School.

Identifying The Third Space was another key note that I was particularly engaged with during one session at the conference. When you learn how to use the Third Space you will consistently be your best for your work, your family, your friends and yourself. People may not remember what you say, but they will remember how you made them feel.

The Third Space is that moment of transition between one role or task and the next role or task. At its best, transition involves the steps of “reflect, rest and reset”. In shorter transitions, it is a process of asking “How do I want to be in this next meeting?”

Rugby League and Netball Opening Day
The opening day for the Roma and District School Rugby League and Netball season is Saturday 21 March 2015. All Surat State School students involved in the Rugby League and Netball teams are involved in this March Past.

Students are asked to assemble in the public carpark behind Landmark located in Arthur Street no later than 8:00am. Students are required to wear full school uniform. All students must also wear the school bucket hat as per our school dress code.

Please note - Football boots are not to be worn for the March Past.

Students will be accompanied by Surat State School staff and will march from the carpark to the Recreation Centre where a formal opening ceremony will be held. Parents and caregivers are invited to attend the ceremony and students are to be collected from the Recreation Centre at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Classroom Help and School Volunteers
It is great to have so many willing parent volunteers working within and across our school. Having this ongoing support and assistance ensures that all sectors of our great school is catered for and supported.

Due to the nature of the business that we all work and volunteer in, it is very important to understand the boundaries and conduct that is to be displayed while working within our school. A Code of Conduct is to be adhered to by:

- any Queensland public service agency employee whether permanent, temporary, full-time, part-time or casual, and
- any volunteer, student, contractor, consultant or anyone who works in any other capacity for a Queensland public service agency.

Most parents were informed / reminded during our Classroom Information Sessions at the beginning of the year of the expectations and importance around confidentiality. I trust that all classroom helpers and school volunteers understand that it is very important that staff and volunteers abide by these expectations. A good example is to not discuss any business that identifies students or other individuals due to their involvement within the school our classroom. Student and staff abilities or behaviour (positive or negative) should not become a topic for conversation outside of the school. Also, all visitors and volunteers need to ensure they sign in and out via the Office each time they visit.

If you require more information around the expectations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Religious Instruction
We are providing religious instruction (RI) for students in Years 1-6 each Thursday. Our school offers the Connect program delivered by Mrs Lenore Gray on behalf of the local church groups. Students who do not participate in RI are provided with other instruction.

The information on your child’s enrolment form is used to place them in either RI or in other instruction, unless you have provided additional written advice to the school.

If we do not already have clear advice from you about your child’s participation in RI please provide this to the school in writing.

Reminder
Parents, please be aware that students should not arrive at school before 8:30am unless prior arrangements have been made or specific activities are on. I have noticed a number of students are arriving early. Supervision does not commence until 8:30am.

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**

**MARCH**
- 9th: BOOK CLUB DUE
- 21st: RUGBY LEAGUE/NETBALL OPENING DAY
- 26th: SCHOOL PHOTOS

**APRIL**
- 2nd: End of Term 1
- 3rd: GOOD FRIDAY

**BOOK CLUB IS DUE MONDAY 9TH MARCH.**

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**P&C**

Notice of Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Tuesday, 17th March 2015 at 3.15pm in the High School Building

**AGM**

All executive and officer positions will become vacant and are open for election at our AGM. These positions include; President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer; Tuckshop Co-ordinator; Uniform Co-ordinator; Saturday Sports Representative; QCPCA Representative; Music Representative

If you are interested in nominating for a position, a Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers is available on the P&C’s Qld website (www.pandcsqld.com.au) and provides an overview of executive positions.

**Memberships**

All Memberships will expire at our AGM. New Membership Application Forms, along with the Code of Conduct, were attached to last week's newsletter or are available to collect from the school office now and once complete can be left at the school office.

These can be completed prior, or at the AGM. Membership Application Forms may also be accepted at General Meetings during the year. Becoming a member of the P&C is a great way to show your support for our organisation and the work that it does to support the School and our Students.

**Minutes**

Anyone who would like to join our email list for receiving meeting minutes, please do not hesitate to contact me. This is a good opportunity to stay informed with what is happening in your P&C and School.

Julie Schutt
Secretary
candjschutt@bigpond.com

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**High School News**

The high school has undergone a massive overhaul this year with the introduction of new and exciting subjects (including Kitchen Garden and Robotics) as well as giving each student the opportunity to participate in all of the different subjects.

We have started the year in Science with several hands on experiments, allowing each student to demonstrate their ability to work safely in a Science lab and earn their own safety licence.

Last week we received an exciting phone call, offering our high school students the opportunity to participate once again in the Wonder of Science program. Not only do students participate in hands on, engaging science lessons, they also receive visits from Young Science Ambassadors from QUT and are invited to the Wonder of Science conference to showcase their hard work from throughout the term. This is a wonderful program aiming to inspire students into the field of Science.

Miss Breen

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**Student of the Week - Week 5**

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<th>Mathew Sun: for a fantastic effort in using ‘lips the fish’ reading strategy this week! Well done for achieving your goals!</th>
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<td>Year 1:</td>
<td>Sam Schwennesen: For always having a positive attitude towards learning and following all school expectations</td>
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<td>Archie McLean: For always using appropriate greetings! George Broadhead: For displaying a positive and committed attitude towards school work!</td>
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<td>Year 3/4:</td>
<td>Kyran Brown: Awarded for improvement in his efforts towards school work.</td>
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<td>Year 5/6:</td>
<td>Abbey Coveney: For always following out four school expectations and setting a great example for other students.</td>
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<td>Secondary:</td>
<td>Zach Kelly-Gale: for working with enthusiasm in many subject areas.</td>
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### TUCKSHOP ROSTER - TERM 1

#### MARCH

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### Tender

Tenders are invited for the following items:
- 2 x Rover push mowers (not in working condition), 1 x Husqvarna ride on mower (some maintenance required), 1 x Pearl full drum kit.

Items are in as is condition and are separate items.

Written tenders close at 2:00 pm Friday 13 March 2015. Please address your written tender to The Principal at Surat State School, 55 Robert St Q 4417.

### P & C Easter Multi-Draw Raffle

The P & C are once again fundraising with the ever popular Easter Multi-Draw Raffle. Any donations of chocolates, Easter Eggs or the like would be greatly appreciated. Donations need to be dropped into the school office no later than Wednesday April 1.

Attached to today's newsletter is one booklet of tickets. The P & C strongly encourage you sell at least one booklet, if you would like further, they will be available from the schools office.

This is quite a 'hassle free' way of raising funds for each of our students, so please join the fun and show your support!

Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks heaps,
Kylie Washington - 0497362929

### Tuckshop Price List

#### Wednesday First Break ONLY

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**2015 In Focus Photography Competition & Exhibition**

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Saturday 14th March

Cobb’s Court, Cobb & Co Changing Station
62 Burrows Street, SURAT Q 4417

12pm for a light lunch

RSVP Wednesday 11th March (for catering purposes) - 4626 5136

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to help commemorate
100 years of Anzac

Come along to your local library and make a
poppies to commemorate 100 years of Anzac.
All poppies will be displayed to celebrate
Anzac Day in your community.

For more information contact your local library on
1300 007 662 or visit www.maranoa.qld.gov.au

Go Overseas

Applications are now open for WEP student exchange programs
commencing from July 2015 onwards.

Imagine:
- Hopping on a yellow school bus and dressing up in preparation for Friday night football games
- Making friends with people from all corners of the world
- Becoming a member of an overseas host family

Find Out More

Host an Exchange Student with WEP

We are now looking for welcoming volunteer host families for our exchange students due to arrive in July 2015 for a semester or year.

Imagine:
- Having a photo taken and sent overseas of a meal you have prepared, because it looks so different!
- Knowing someone who is amazed that we can travel for hours and still be in the same state of one country!

Request a FREE information pack for your family today!
www.wep.org.au 1300 884 733 info@wep.org.au