Week 7 Activities

Weekly Awards

Playgroup

Shave For a Cure
13th March, 2015

**Principal’s Note**

Hello and welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 7! Thank you to the entire school community for another great week of teaching and learning. It is always great to observe students striving to do their best. Well done team, keep up the awesome work!

**Easter in the Country**

The time is drawing nearer and the excitement is building as we ready our school communities for the launch of the Small Town Culture Roma Cluster iTunes album! Students and staff from Yuleba, Wallumbilla, Mitchell, Surat, Injune, Roma State College and St Johns will participate in the festival and perform live on stage with Josh Arnold on Saturday 4 April.

We need as many students as possible to attend, particularly to represent schools in the street parade.

**Easter in the Country Street Parade**

- Our aim is to have **200+ students** in the street parade.
- ALL students from ALL schools are welcome to walk in the street parade.
- All staff and students to meet at Spencer Street, near the Swimming Pool, by **8.30am**.
- Judging of the floats occurs BEFORE the street parade so it is critical we impress with NUMBERS.
- The street parade begins at 9am and will finish at 10am at the Fire Station.

**Surat Promise Launch**

On Monday 16 Monday, we will be launching the song and video clip (The Surat Promise) which was developed late last year as part of the Small Town Culture Project with Josh Arnold. The launch will be held during parade prior to the clip being uploaded onto Youtube. All welcome.

**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.

**Literacy**

This week all teachers and support staff at our school completed another stage of THRASS training. The training was another huge investment in building staff capacity, our student outcomes and improvement agenda. I am very privileged to be working with and leading a team of committed and enthusiastic educators. The five hours of training this week were very demanding and engaging.

The recent training reinforced Surat State School’s commitment to using THRASS as the basis for all phonics teaching and its **Meaning, Analysis, Synthesis, Using memory, Testing, Applying (MASUTA)** spelling sequence to develop students’ spelling skills and strategies.

**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.
**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 Coordinator; Uniform Coordinator; 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 weeks 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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**Prep News**
We have been having so much fun in Prep this term! It has been exciting to watch our group of twelve settle into new routines, environments and learning experiences.

Some highlights so far have included:

- Peer modelling our behaviour expectations through role-play
- Exploring positional language through the book ‘We’re going on a bear hunt’ and transforming our Prep foyer into the story. We even turned Miss Kealey’s office into a bear cave! Please come and visit!
- Exploring THRASS and learning new phonemes – come and see all our fish with /f/ sounds!
- Learning about communities and the importance of working as a team to achieve a common goal. We are creating a library, supermarket, fire station and pet shop in our thinking play and modelling our social skills!

We are working towards our Thinking Play Showcase in Week 10 where our families will be joining us for the afternoon. This is a time where we will be showcasing the community we have created in Prep and our families can learn alongside us and engage with this space! We will also be showcasing all the achievements and learning we have done this term. We cannot wait to see our Prep world come ‘ALIVE’ for this afternoon!

If you ever want to come on a bear hunt and possibly get a little scared in our bear cave, please stop by!

Lots of fun, laughter and learning,

Miss Kealey and the Prep Crew

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**Student of the Week - Week 6**

| Prep: Lah-ni Denton: for a fantastic effort to play fairly this week! Beautiful manners and inclusion of others! |
| Year 1: Jamie Bradford: for reading with expression. Mia Stevenson: for playing fairly and being a helpful member of year one. |
| Year 2: Jadee Denton: For being a committed student at Surat State School! Keep up the great effort and participation! Ava Washington: For having an enthusiastic and committed attitude towards learning new things! |
| Year 3/4: Bella Harth – awarded for persisting in all tasks and demonstrating her commitment to work. Tim Chandler – awarded for demonstrating his commitment to work by putting 100% effort in at all times. |
| Year 5/6: Ellie Watson- for always completing homework tasks to a high standard. |
| Secondary: Macey Moore- for contributing to class discussions. |

**Principal’s Award**
Mathew Bradford - for being committed and respectful.

**POSITION VACANT**
**Surat State School**
School Officer – Facilities & Grounds (Permanent)

**HOURS OF DUTY**
38 hours per week plus ADO

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**
Application Package is available at Surat State School Office

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS**
2.00pm Tuesday 31 March 2015
Applications will remain current for 12 months

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**Important Dates**

**MARCH**
21st RUGBY LEAGUE/NETBALL OPENING DAY
26th SCHOOL PHOTOS

**APRIL**
2nd End of Term 1
3rd GOOD FRIDAY
TUCKSHOP ROSTER - TERM 1

MARCH
18th  Kathy Murray & Donna Hockey
25th  Chris Packer & Julie Schutt

APRIL
1st   Robyn Sims & Michelle Newman

Tennis Coaching

If you interested in tennis lesson for your child, please contact Peter Macbeth on 46264333 for more information.

SURTAT FISHING & RESTOCKING CLUB

FINGERLING RELEASE

Saturday 14th March 2015

WHERE:- Boat Ramp
(northern side of Surat Bridge)

TIME:- around 10 - 10.30am

EVERYONE WELCOME

For inquiries contact 0418 402 753

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 last week’s newsletter was one booklet of tickets. The P & C strongly encourage you to sell at least one booklet. If you would like further, they will be available from the School 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

Keep Maranoa Beautiful
SURAT

Annual kerbside collection
Wednesday, 4 March
Donate to your local Op Shops
Get rid of old mobile phones with MobileMuster
Maranoa’s Clean Up
Australia Day
Sunday, 22 March

Enquiries
Contact your Local Development Officer on 1300 007 662 or visit www.maranoa.qld.gov.au
APPLY NOW for the Maranoa Regional Council
Community Grants Program

Maranoa Regional Council is committed to helping community groups make our region a better place to live and work.

Funding for one-off projects, events and activities for Major and Community Grants will be available under the following categories:
- Community Development
- Culture and Heritage
- Environment
- Community Events
- Sport and Recreation
- Economic Development

**Tips for Success**
- Discuss your project and application with your Local Development Officer
- Organise support letters and documentation
- Submit your application early and ask for feedback
- Answer all questions and sign where required

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Rural Libraries Queensland your local library network

**Make a Poppy**

to help commemorate 100 years of Anzac

Come along to your local library and make a poppy 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
MARANOA YOUTH WEEK

FINDING YOUR GROOVE

NATHAN HULLS
TEEN BEHAVIOR EXPERT, YOUTH SPEAKER, CAREERS + SUCCESS COACH
‘Finding Your Groove’ will inspire students to achieve their best at school, equipping them with practical strategies for successful study and improved academic performance, as well as finding passion filled career pathways.

With more than a decade as a youth and high school motivational speaker and team mentor, Nathan has engaged audiences in Australia and internationally. His stories of overcoming adversity and disability at a young age, to follow his dreams and achieve success have inspired others to do the same. Featured on Channel Nine’s Today Show and In Girlfriend Magazine to name a few, Nathan’s inspiring stories and success strategies have helped thousands of teens around Australia.

Monday, 30 March
Roma Pounds Station (Ernest Bock Room, Cultural Centre)
6.30pm - 7.30pm

Tuesday, 31 March
Mitchell State School
9.00am - 10.30am
Wakurumba State School
1.30pm - 3.00pm
Wakurumba Parents Session (Wakurumba School Library)
3.00pm - 4.15pm

Wednesday, 1 April
Surat State School
9.00am - 10.30am
Injune Parents Session (Injune Library)
3.30pm - 5pm

Thursday, 2 April
Roma State College
9.00am - 11.30am

FINDING YOUR POTENTIAL

TRISHA TELFORD
ETIQUETTE TRAINER
‘Finding Your Potential’ is designed to develop a positive sense of identity to help teenagers deal with life and peer pressures by discovering their own potential.

Trisha’s etiquette classes resonate with teenagers as they focus on self-reliance and personal empowerment.

While working in Cunnamulla guiding students to a real in school based traineeships and finding future employment, I saw the need to help teenagers develop self-esteem, confidence and a positive sense of who they can become. Success comes when you have confidence in yourself as a person.”

- Trisha Telford, Director TMT Department

For more information contact your Local Development Officer on 1300 007 662

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