Week 8 Activities

Weekly Awards

Kitchen Garden
Principal’s Note

Hello and welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 8!
The term has passed by so quickly and it is hard to believe that Week 8 is over. The past week has been business as usual and hectic for most. As we are now in assessment mode and culminating activities are taking place, it is extremely important that all students are in attendance each day. Every day counts!

It was great to finally launch “The Surat Promise” during parade on Monday. I am sure most were as excited as I was to see the final product of our school’s hard work last year. We should all agree that the clip is of a great standard and sends a true message about our school’s current position in regards to our overall focus and direction. Well done to all involved. I am very proud to call Surat home and to work with the great people at school and within the community. “The Surat Promise” can be view on YouTube and will be available on iTunes after Easter.

P & C

Thank you to the outgoing P & C Executive (Sania Bradford, Tanya Thompson, Julie Schutt and Deanna Freeman) for your great work and commitment during the 2014 school year. Your support to the school was much appreciated.

Congratulations and thank you to our new P & C Executive for accepting the responsibility of managing our parent group for 2015.

President – Josh Broadhead
Vice President – Chris Packer
Secretary – Bre Ziesemer / Julie Schutt
Treasurer – Megan Coveney

Parent Teacher Interviews

During Week 9 and 10 of this term, we will be conducting parent teacher interviews. This will ensure you are well-informed on your child’s progress and achievements thus far, and you are able to identify any areas they need to improve before the reporting period at the end of the semester.

During these interviews you should expect to see:

- Indicators of your child’s knowledges and skills in literacy and numeracy
- Any assessment tasks that your child has completed.
- Work samples from a range of learning areas to show your child’s progress.
- Student targets that have been set in line with our school’s improvement agenda.

The interview will also provide you with the opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have about your child’s learning.

Your requested interview time needs to be returned to the school’s office ASAP. You will be informed of your interview time after the scheduling is complete.

Curriculum

If you are interested in finding out more about what informs schools around curriculum programs and what is taught within schools, please visit the following sites: Queensland Studies Authority at [http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/index.html](http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/index.html) and the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) at [http://www.acara.edu.au/default.asp](http://www.acara.edu.au/default.asp)

Clean Up Australia Day

Our school will be involved in Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday 22 March and you are invited to participate along with your child.

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.

Good Luck

Good luck to all students with the Opening Day and first Rugby League and Netball games in Roma this Saturday. I may see you there.

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

Mr Justin Washington
Principal
REMINDERS
Parent/Teacher Interviews - Weeks 9 & 10
Please return your interview slips with times marked ASAP if you require an interview.

ICAS Test Nominations - Years 3 – 10
Nominations are due back Thursday 2nd April.

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

Student of the Week - Week 7
Prep: Neveah Mullings - for demonstrating commitment and respectful behaviour in all learning tasks. Well done!

Year 1: Nate Freeman – For neat bookwork and showing enthusiasm in class.

Year 2: Hannah Packer – For displaying a positive and committed attitude towards school.
Archie McLean – For completing work in allocated time. Well done and keep it up!

Year 3/4: Alec Ziesemer – For his persistence in completing class work.
Emily Coveney – For always demonstrating leadership and responsibility. Always asking if she can lend a hand.

Year 5/6: Emma Packer: For always using descriptive language and complex sentences in her writing.

Secondary: Riley Dehnert - for making mature choices!

Principal's Award
Riley Dehnert - for being committed!

TUCKSHOP ROSTER - TERM 1

MARCH
25th Chris Packer & Julie Schutt

APRIL
1st Robyn Sims & Michelle Newman

Important Dates

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

APRIL
2nd End of Term 1
3rd GOOD FRIDAY
P & C Easter Multi-Draw Raffle

We've had a great response so far with the Easter draw!!

Please keep the ticket sales going and the Easter treats coming in! Not long to go!

Donations and tickets need to be dropped into the school office no later than Wednesday April 1.

If you would like more tickets, they are available from the School Office.

Please contact me with any questions.

Thanks heaps,

Kylie Washington - 0497362929

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.

Alexander Kitchen Garden News

Surat State School is thrilled to be a part of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation this year, and our green-thumbed gardeners and cooks are off to a flying start! We are planting, maintaining, growing and harvesting a variety of organic vegetables and herbs from our thriving Kitchen Garden to create balanced, nutritious and delicious meals during Kitchen class. Who knew silverbeet was such an amazing pizza topping? We have learnt valuable cooking skills and have made dishes encompassing “International Favours”- salads, pasta from scratch, pizza dough and toppings, risotto, rice paper rolls, quiche, healthy dips- all utilising the “fruits” of our labour from our garden. “I loved making the silverbeet and pumpkin risotto the most, because of the texture of the dish, the taste and the fresh vegetables” (Jarod Mundy, Year 9). The students in Year 5-10 should be extremely proud of their efforts in maintaining our garden and being brave and adventurous cooks in our kitchen!

We welcome you to take a tour of our Kitchen Garden. Next term we will be inviting parent and community donations of time, goods and services to really get our Kitchen Garden pumping. Stay tuned for more exciting Kitchen Garden adventures! We hope you are as impressed with our efforts as we are!

Rhiannon Downie
Secondary Teacher

Tennis Coaching

If you interested in tennis lessons for your child, please contact Peter Macbeth on 46264333.
Keep Maranoa Beautiful

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

Where: Surat Riverside Parklands, Marcus Street
Help keep our communities tidy and enjoy a FREE BBQ breakfast before the clean up activities.  Students will earn points for their School House.

Support local Op Shops: Australian Red Cross, The Salvos and Vinnies
Council is joining forces with the National Association of Charitable Recyclers to promote our local Op Shops. Donating clothes and furniture is a great way of helping out the community, while getting rid of your unwanted goods. Make your donation count - check it’s clean, deposit it into the collection bin or, for larger items, call to arrange pick-up. If in doubt, contact your local charity recycler directly.

Get rid of old mobile phones with MobileMuster
Get rid of old mobile phones safely by taking them to your local post office or the collection bin at your local library.

Participate in Earth Hour 2015
Earth Hour is an international initiative that encourages and educates communities about sustainable energy consumption. Join in by switching off your lights for an hour on 28 March between 8:30pm and 9:30pm.

Cobb & Co Store Museum • Workshop 2
Thursday 26th March 2015
Cobb & Co Changing Station
Workroom (at rear of complex)
9.30am

- Recap on storyline and characters
- Review theme/design style/mood/colour palette/materials
- Research skills - where and how and what
- Exhibition Space Audit
- Examining the available floor space
  - Space for objects – list of possible objects / space for walking through and around, safety of objects
  - Is electricity required or extra lighting or safety barriers etc
  - Hanging limitations - weight / wall loading restrictions
  - Space for storyboards, images, documents - viewers comfort
- Maintenance required
- Safety – public and workplace issues
- Exhibition route/plan
- Backdrops, furniture and fittings required
- Review and update skills, roles & responsibilities
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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Grant Types | Round 2 Opens | Round 2 Closes | Applicants Notified
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Major Grant ($15,001 – $50,000) | 2 February 2015 | 31 March 2015 | May 2015
Community Grants ($101 – $15,000) | | | |

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Contact your Local Development Officer on 1300 007 662 or visit www.maranoa.qld.gov.au

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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
Rugby League
9s Carnival

In memory of
Kirstin Albeck

Venue: Gallas Fox Park
Date: Saturday 28th March 2015
Starting time: 2pm
Entry: Gold Coin donation

A bar and canteen will be operating throughout the day.
Jumping Castle for the kids
Raffles and an auction

If you would like to nominate a team please email Jude at ju_ju_76@y7mail.com. Nominations close 20 March.

Thank you to our major supporters:

PRIZE
$1,500

In memory of Kirstin and her courageous battle with Ewing Sarcoma. We are asking for your support to raise money to help her partner Sam Glasby, their gorgeous little girl Alexis and her family.

Kirstin was a beautiful and strong young woman loved by her family, friends and work colleagues. She lived her whole life and was just starting a new life with her partner and daughter.

Kirstin supported many sporting organisations, over many years, so let’s return the favour by pulling on the footy boots and showing our support for this courageous woman and her family.