Easter Raffle & Bonnet Parade
Principal’s Note
Hello and welcome to my first Principal’s Note for Term 2. I trust that the Easter break was restful and that all students are now re-energized and ready to commit to another term of learning at school.

It is great to see almost all of our students return to school with a commitment to be safe, respectful, responsible and committed.

I look forward to continuing the great work with the school community on ensuring every student is learning and achieving every day.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. The testing days for 2015 are: Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum and are not the only means to measure students’ abilities. These test results should be used in conjunction with other assessment used at school to determine a student’s overall achievement.

The NAPLAN tests are a routine part of the school calendar. However, students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer if there are religious beliefs or philosophical objections to testing. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with their child’s school. A formal application in the manner specified by the relevant Test Administration Authority (TAA) must be received by the principal prior to the testing. Please make contact with your child’s teacher should you wish to withdraw your child.

Attendance
As we begin a brand new term, parents are reminded of the importance of sending their children to school each day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that they will be at school learning every day of the school year.

School Uniform
It is always great to see the entire student population attending school each day wearing our uniform with pride. Well done students and parents!

ANZAC Day
All students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

School Student Leaders are expected to attend.

Students are required to wear full school uniform and to meet teachers at the Council Chambers from 11:15am to be ready for the 11:30am start.

The March will commence at the Council Chambers on Burrows St and conclude at Memorial Park. The Memorial Service will commence at Surat Memorial Park on Marcus St following the March.

See you there!

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

Mr Justin Washington
Principal

Playgroup
Wednesday 9am -11am
0-5 Years
Bring morning tea or order tuckshop (orders in by 9am), hat, sunscreen
Gold coin donation
All Welcome!

BOOK CLUB IS DUE BACK 1ST MAY!

Football/Netball Home Game - 2nd May
Our first Football/Netball home game will be held next weekend, 2nd May. Once again we are asking parents if they could please bring along some home baking to sell on the morning. Please drop off baked goodies to the football grounds. Thank you for supporting our P & C.

Helen Price - 0428265044
Social Tennis Night
Friday Night 24th April 6pm

Surat Tennis Club invites you to a fun night of social tennis—all welcome including whippersnappers!

Friday 24th April to start at 6pm - no need to book or RSVP, just turn up and play!

Come and enjoy a fun night of tennis, enjoy a social beverage or two and bring along a plate of finger food to share!

$5 per person to play.

Hope to see you there!

WE NEED YOUR HELP
Four workshops have been conducted in our new museum project – The History of Surat: From exploration to 1950 – focusing on the first 100 years of development, expansion and advancement.

Most of the research has been assigned and is well under way. Our sections / chapters are:-

1. Exploration
2. Surveying
3. Settling
4. Early Services & Infrastructure
5. Lifestyle & Recreation

CAN YOU HELP? We need the following objects for the display:

⇒ Exploration / Surveying
1. Theodolite, sextant, circumferenter
2. Sketch pad, old diary, writing implements
3. Saddle bags, saddle from the era

⇒ Selection / Squatting
1. Surveyor’s chain – Gunter’s Chain
2. Old tools from the land

⇒ Early Services & Infrastructure
1. Midwives Kit
2. Snakebite Kit
3. Slate, old copy books
4. Decimal currency
⇒ Lifestyle & Recreation
1. Dance cards
2. Old picnic basket and blanket
3. Old swimming costumes
4. Ball gown & gloves

If you know of someone who can help us out with any of these objects, please contact them on the Museum’s behalf. All objects need to be within the relevant time frame (the older the better) and also relevant only to Surat.

We are also looking for old sayings and phrases to incorporate in the display so maybe you can help in this way. Any assistance or ideas will be greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL FLU SEASON VACCINES
The Surat Hospital is running the regular flu clinic. Please phone 4626 5166 to make an appointment if you are eligible for the annual flu vaccine.

Eligible groups for funded influenza vaccination:
♦ All adults aged 65 years and over
♦ Pregnant women during any trimester
♦ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 15 years and over
♦ Anyone over 6 months of age with medical conditions predisposing them to severe influenza

Current available dates:
♦ Monday 4th May
♦ Wednesday 6th May
♦ Friday 15th May
♦ Monday 18th May
♦ Wednesday 20th May

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact Karla Harth at the Surat Hospital.

Year 2 News
This week we have looked at ANZAC day and what it means. We have read stories and poems, as well as made poppies. Yesterday we went to the Surat Hospital’s ANZAC day lunch and listened to some interesting stories told by some of our elderly community members. We also recited this poem about poppies (below). See you tomorrow at the ANZAC day parade!

Poppy Poppy
Poppy poppy, what do you say?
Wear me on Anzac Day.
Poppy poppy, what do you tell?
Many soldiers in battle fell.
Poppy poppy, what should we know?
That peace on earth should,
Grow, grow, grow

Miss Grenning

Important Dates

APRIL
25th ANZAC DAY
29th Rugby League Visit

MAY
1st BOOK CLUB DUE
2nd Netball/Football Home Game
7th Cross Country
8th ROMA SHOW HOLIDAY
12th-14th NAPLAN

Miss Grenning
ANZAC DAY SERVICE
SURAT
25 APRIL 2015

The Surat RSL Sub Branch invite community members to take part in this year’s Anzac Day commemorations.

11:30am Parade assemble at Council Chambers and march to Memorial Park.
12 noon Memorial Service and Wreath Laying at Memorial Park.
1:00pm Lunch, Fellowship and Two Up at New Royal Hotel.

9th ANNUAL DULACCA
WINTER ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETIC PROGRAM FOR 3 TO 12 YEARS
Awarding Gold, Silver and Bronze Medallions for winners of finals in each event and Individual Age Champion Trophies

Saturday 27 June 2015
Dulacca State School Oval, 9am start

Special guest appearance from paralympian and inspirational sporting champion Darren Thrupp

Entry $2/person – Canteen and BBQ operating all day

Nominations and enquiries to
Davina Young 0498 275 536 or Tony Hindman 4627 6399

DULACCA STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION