Week 3 Activities

Weekly Awards

Arts Council

Saturday’s Home Games
7th May, 2015

**Principal’s Note**
Hello and welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 3.
Thank you and well done Surat State School for committing to another great week of teaching and learning.

**Attendance**
The 2015 School Attendance Target is 95%. Currently our school’s attendance rate is 94.31%. As you can see, the school’s overall attendance only needs to be improved a bit in order for our target to be achieved.

Year-to-Date Attendance Data: Prep – 93.69%, Yr 1 - 94.42%, Yr 2 – 95.11%, Yr 3/4 - 94.89%, Yr 5/6 - 95%, Yr 7/8 – 89.89%, Yr 9/10 – 83.06%.

It is great to see some classes close to and/or exceeding our school’s attendance target. Regular attendance leads to enhanced achievement and learning progress. Let’s ensure all students attend school to reap the rewards of consistent participation and engagement.

As part of our school routine and focus on attendance, Student Attendance Letters are often sent home to families regarding unexplained absences. This process has been established to assist the school and families involved with monitoring student attendance. The letter states the days noted as absent without an explanation, and requests that details are provided to school within 3 days of receiving the letter.

**School Crossing**
On Robert Street and Cordelia Street, there are pedestrian crossings that are in place for all to use to assist with crossing the road safely.

Parents, I strongly encourage you to reinforce the road safety message and to use the School Crossings with your children to set a safe example for them and others.

**Is Your Child Getting Enough Sleep?**
Just like adults, children and teenagers may need more or less sleep than their friends. Children aged 6-9 years need about ten to eleven hours of sleep a night; once they reach the age of 10-12 years, they will need about nine to ten hours sleep and as an adolescent they will need between eight and nine hours of sleep. Of course, there will be times in their lives when they need much more than this: recovering from an illness, a day in the sun, a particularly active day, a party, a late night etc.

It is easy to recognise the signs of overtiredness or lack of sleep in others; irritability, short-temper, emotional, limited concentration, frequent blinking and yawning, general lack of energy and a tendency to rub the eyes. If your child is suffering from sleep deprivation it can affect their performance at school. They will have difficulty retaining new information and will struggle to complete the simplest of tasks. They will ‘tune out’ when instructions are given and spend a great deal of time ‘day dreaming’ instead of doing their work. This can cause them to fall behind in their work and sometimes be asked to complete it in their own time.

Sleep deprivation can add up over time; an hour less each night can equal a whole night by the end of a fortnight. Help your child by establishing regular bedtime routines and sleep patterns. There is no one way to help your child become a good sleeper, but every child can become a better sleeper with the right support.

**NAPLAN**
On Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the NAP website (http://www.nap.edu.au/).

If you have any concerns, please contact the school.

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

Mr Justin Washington
Principal

**NAPLAN Tests – Next week**
Testing will be on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May, starting at 8.45am. Tests are targeted at students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. All participating students are expected to be well prepared with pencils, erasers and pencils sharpeners please. Breakfast Club will be available to NAPLAN students on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30am.

For further enquiries please contact the school office.

Many thanks,

Libby McLean
**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:
- 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.

**Important Dates**

**MAY**

8th ROMA SHOW HOLIDAY
12th-14th NAPLAN

**JUNE**

8th QUEENS B’DAY HOLIDAY
23rd NAIDOC Celebration Day
26th LAST DAY OF TERM 2

**Playgroup**

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

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**Year 5/6 News**

This term in year 5/6, we are very excited to be entering *The Wonder of Science* competition. As part of this competition, we have been lucky enough to have an ambassador from the Wonder of Science team visit and do some awesome activities with us.

Our focus for the competition is looking at how a seismograph works, so we will be doing lots of activities that revolve around earthquakes and how they are measured. As part of this, we have began a class blog which allows each student the opportunity to post new discoveries and information about earthquakes to our class page. We look forward to posting weekly blogs and sharing them with you towards the end of term.

Miss Rhodes & 5/6

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**Roma Family Dental**

77 Arthur Street, Roma
Ph: (07) 4622 4022

**FREE DENTAL VISUAL SCREENINGS UNTIL END OF MAY 2015**

The Dentists at Roma Family Dental are offering **FREE** Dental Visual Screenings to patients to promote dental awareness as well as our friendly staff and clinic to our community.

To book an appointment for your free Dental Visual Screening, please contact us on (07) 4622 4022 and mention this advert.

**Please note:** Comprehensive examination, x-rays and treatment are not included in the free Dental Visual Screenings. Should any extra treatment be required appointments can be made at the clinic.
### Student of the Week - Week 1

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<th>Reason for Recognition</th>
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<td>Tori Price</td>
<td>For showing a fantastic responsible attitude in all learning tasks including helping your team clean up the classroom. Keep up the great attitude!</td>
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<td>Year 1</td>
<td>Zara Ziesemer</td>
<td>For always having beautiful presentation in your bookwork, especially home work. Nate Freeman - for behaving so maturely during literacy rotations.</td>
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<td>Year 2</td>
<td>Bethany Walsh</td>
<td>For showing great effort with writing sentences independently!</td>
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<td>Year 3/4</td>
<td>Bella Harth</td>
<td>For an improved effort in her writing. Alex Ellem - for working hard to achieve his goals in spelling.</td>
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<td>Year 5/6</td>
<td>Abbey Coveney</td>
<td>For always showing commitment and taking pride in her work.</td>
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<td>Secondary</td>
<td>Cody Donaldson</td>
<td>For being a respectful student</td>
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### Principal’s Award

Jackson Nolan - for following the school’s four expectations!
NAIDOC DAY 2015
Tuesday 23rd June
Surat State School

We all Stand on Sacred Ground:
Learn, Respect & Celebrate

Contact
Angie Walsh, Megan Allan & Bob Nobbs
46291288 or 46205522

Starting at
9:30am-1:30pm

Overall Program
Lunch Break—Welcome to countryraising of flag & Traditional Dance

Different Tradition Activities
• Traditional Art
• Traditional Games
• Traditional Food
• Traditional Fire painting by Susie Klein
• First seed Indigenous ceremony

Closing Ceremony

Fancy Dress Day
Aboriginal Colours
Red, Yellow & Black

HALFWAY
Artistically acclaimed 8-piece band

Halfway’s song ‘Petticoat Bank’ was named in the Courier-Mail’s 50 Greatest Queensland Songs Ever in 2013

SHOWING:
Barmount Hall 3 July
Surat Hall 4 July

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT 6PM DINNER & LIVE MUSIC

For more information visit www.maranoa.qld.gov.au or phone 1300 007 662.

2015 Volunteers’ Week Movie Night

Wednesday, 13 May 2015
Showing ‘The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel’ at Cinema Roma

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE
PLEASE MEET AT THE BELOW LOCATIONS BY 5.30PM:
Mitchell, Injune, Surat & Yuleba depart from Council Offices & Wallumbilla depart from Calico Cottage.
Arrive at Cinema Roma by 6.30pm.

RSVP to your Local Development Officer by 7 May 2015
Evening includes movie entry and complimentary supper and drinks on arrival.

For more information contact your Local Development Officer on 1300 007 662 or visit www.maranoa.qld.gov.au
Run for Jake

Join our Bridge to Brisbane team to raise money for the Mater Foundation and to celebrate the life of our friend Jake Broadhead!

How can you support us?

1. Register to walk, jog or run 5km in the Bridge to Brisbane on August 30th 2015
2. Donate to the Mater Foundation via our website

www.b2b2015.everydayhero.com/au/run-for-jake

For more information go to our website or contact Lauren Kealey at Surat State School on 4626 4333 or lkeal4@eq.edu.au