Week 7 Activities
Year 3/4 Shopping

Weekly Awards

South West Cross Country Trials

Fire Safety
Principal’s Note

Hello and welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 7.

It has been another week packed with excitement and commitment. Well done to all students, teachers, staff and parents for always doing their best.

Attendance

The 2015 School Attendance Target is 95%. Currently our school’s attendance rate is 92.8%. As you can see, the school’s overall attendance needs to be improved a bit in order for our target to be achieved.

Year-to-Date Attendance Data: Prep – 93.77%, Yr 1 – 93.69%, Yr 2 – 93.51%, Yr 3/4 – 95.01%, Yr 5/6 – 95.56%, Yr 7/8 – 91.16%, Yr 9/10 – 85.05%.

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.

Choral Fanfare

Well done to all Choir students for your outstanding commitment and performance at the Roma Choral Fanfare yesterday.

Thank you to all parents for ensuring our students arrived on time and to be ready to perform. Great work Miss Grenning for your ongoing commitment as the Conductor, Miss Kealey as a support person and Mrs Bradford and Mrs Coveney for your assistance with supervision in Roma.

TEACH KIDS TO ASK FOR WHAT THEY WANT

Do you sometimes feel you have to be a mind reader to understand what your child wants? Effective children know how to get the cooperation of others, so it’s important that kids know how to ask for what they want. That means they don’t throw tantrums, whinge or sulk and hope parents guess what is on their minds.

When children are young, parents can help children find the words to express themselves. We become experts after a while interpreting what toddlers say, repeating back to them what they are saying. We carry this onto childhood and adolescence, interpreting the silences of young people, sometimes second guessing grunts and shrugs. While we need to be patient with toddlers, we need also to give older children the chance and opportunity to ask for what they want.

Sometimes we need to ignore shrugs and grunts and to expect them to articulate their wishes. This is the basis for civil behaviour, as well as the basic human skill for asking for what you want. Here’s two ways you can put this into practice:

1. Help children find the words they need to ask for what they want from you and others. Use prompts such as "Take a minute and think through what it is you want me to do". "What would you like me to do?"

2. Encourage children to ask for what they want in the following way:
   - Make eye contact
   - Speak clearly and to a person
   - Use a moderate, firm voice as opposed to a wingy or loud voice
   - Accept that the answer they receive may not be the one they want

The basic task for parents is a teaching task. And teaching kids how to ask for what they want is simple, but a powerful lesson we can pass on - Michael Grose

School Mission Statement and Motto

Proposed new School Mission Statement: The Surat State School way is to commit to our learning, strive for excellence and succeed in all we do.

Proposed new School Motto: Commit, Excel, Succeed.

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

Enjoy the long weekend.

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!
Student of the Week - Week 7

Prep:
Thomas Sims - For showing a fantastic attitude towards your peers and staff when helping in the classroom. Keep up the great initiative!

Year 1:
Mia Stevenson: For always being willing to help others.

Year 2:
Hunter Price - For showing great concentration and working well independently when writing a retell of a fairy tale!
William Barber - For great participation in class discussions!

Year 3/4:
Emily Coveney - for contributing to class discussions and completing work on time

Year 5/6:
Kyle McMillan - For showing a big improvement in his spelling and always trying hard in maths.

Secondary:
Zach Kelly-Gale, Amber Donaldson, Robert Castles, Jarod Mundy & Liam Brown – for preparing a sensational staff lunch in Kitchen Garden.

Principal Award
Sariah Ellem - for following our school’s four expectations!

Important Dates

**JUNE**

- 8th: QUEEN’S B’DAY HOLIDAY
- 9th: Men of League Sock Order/Money Due
- 23rd: NAIDOC Celebration Day
- 10th: ICAS Spelling & Writing Test
- 12th: PIE DRIVE FORM & MONEY DUE
- 25th: Report Cards Issued
- 26th: LAST DAY OF TERM 2

**JULY**

- 13th: School Resumes
- 18th: Netball/Football Home Game
- 24th: Athletics Carnival

South West Cross Country

With the extraordinary efforts from all students at the Surat State School Cross Country Carnival, the ‘speedsters’ from these races went on to compete at the South West Cross Country Carnival. These students ran fantastically against students from all over the region, giving it their all and striving to beat their personal bests. The parents and I were very impressed with the persistence and determination these students demonstrated throughout the day. Showing the Surat Promise, our students displayed respect by packing up all the tents, picking up any rubbish and helping the coordinators in many other ways. Congratulations to these students.

**10yrs Boys – 2km**
- Iva Price – 8:32.17
- Tom Schutt – 8:59.25
- Harry Packer - 9:48.72

**11yrs Girls – 3km**
- Ellie Watson – 18:17.10

**14yrs Girls – 4km**
- Macey Moore – 26:34.57
- Zach Tattam – 12:17.14

**13yrs Boys - 3km**
- Zach Kelly – 12:48.23

P & C Pie Drive

Don’t forget to return your Homestyle Bake order forms and payment to Megan at the school office by Friday 12th June. Pies will be available for pick up from school on the afternoon of Tuesday 23rd June (last week of school).

Extra forms are available at the school office if needed.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Cheers,

P & C Executive
Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

As part of our school’s agenda for achieving school-wide positive behaviour students of Surat SS have a behaviour focus for each week. Each week, students are included in targeted lessons around the focus behaviour. The lessons are central to our school’s 4 expectations of student conduct:

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Committed

Students are expected to adhere to these at all times to ensure quality learning is occurring in all learning areas.

Each week in the school newsletter, we will be including the PBL focus expectation and behaviours for the following week, so that students can be encouraged at home to follow the same expectations.

PBL Focus for next week:
Be Committed

With a specific behaviour focus on…

Being organised – students will be focusing on being organised for their learning. They will explore skills and strategies to help them achieve this.

Ways you can help encourage this at home:

- Lead by example – show your child what being organised looks like
- Set up a jobs chart – give them one or two key responsibilities that they have to ensure they complete, and check these off as they complete them
- Use visual prompts to help with routine activities e.g. a sequence of activities that needs to be done each morning/night
- Prepare their school bags the night before – encourage children to think about what they need to remember to take to school the following day

With a consistent approach to behaviour and learning at home and at school, we are far more likely to achieve success in our kids!
Surat Family Worship Service

- When: 7th June from 6pm-7pm
- What: Worship, message and supper
- Where: “The Hub” – Burrowes Street
- Guest speaker: Shane Matterson

For more information please contact Emma on 46265521

“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”

Romans 5:8