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Week 02 Activities
Student of the Week

Yr 5/6 Tallebudgera Camp
Principal's Note
Hello and welcome to my Principal's Note for Week 2.
The past week has been a busy time for our entire school community. It was great to see a range of productive and rewarding activities on display throughout the school. Well done to all, for the continued support and commitment to learning at our school.

Attendance
The 2015 School Attendance Target is 95%. Currently our school's attendance rate is 92.6%. 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 – 93.95%, Yr 1 – 92.48%, Yr 2 – 93.47%, Yr 3/4 – 94.59%, Yr 5/6 – 95.85%, Yr 7/8 – 91.36%, Yr 9/10 – 84.4%.
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 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.

Homework Group
Homework Group is offered to students for the completion of homework or assignments on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-4pm.
Homework Group is coordinated by Mrs Close in the School Library. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to seek help and/or stay on top of their study commitments. Please remember that this service is for homework or assignment completion. Students must have work set by their teachers. If students do not have appropriate work to complete, parents will be contacted to collect them. This service cannot be used as a child minding service.

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.

Late Arrivals
Students arriving late to school (after 8:50am) need to be signed in at the Office by a parent. School begins at 8:50am. Please ensure students arrive to school on time.
Remember, “The Surat State School way is to commit to our learning, strive for excellence and succeed in all we do.”

Have a great weekend!

Mr Justin Washington
Principal

Year 5/6 Camp News
Last week the Year 5/6 class, along with classes from Wallumbilla and Yuleba, were lucky enough to attend camp at Tallebudgera. We participated in lots of fun activities including tobogganing, body boarding, mountain climbing, tandem bicycle riding, beach activities, canoeing and a visit to Dreamworld. We all enjoyed participating in these activities and valued the opportunity to meet students and teachers from other schools.
While on camp, we also focussed on the five keys to success and happiness; organisation, persistence, resilience, getting along and confidence. All students demonstrated these skills whilst on camp and were fantastic representatives of Surat State School. A special thank you to Mr Hall who attended camp with us; we really appreciated your help and enthusiasm.

Miss Rhodes & Yr 5/6
**Important Dates**

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**Facebook**

Don't forget to stay tuned to our school's Facebook page.

**Playgroup**

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

**School Opinion Survey**

The School Opinion Survey is undertaken by Education Queensland each year to obtain opinion information from parents/caregivers, students and school staff to help schools further understand how to better meet the needs of their community. The information collected will help to highlight areas of strength at this school and areas that could be improved.

You may be one of a number of parents/caregivers selected to provide your opinions about this school. Participation in this survey is anonymous and all the information that you provide will be treated confidentially. Your feedback will be provided back to this school in such a way that you cannot be identified.

This year, surveys will be completed online. Online surveys open for completion until Friday 31 July. Attached to some Student Report Cards was a Parent/Caregiver Survey Form to be used to complete the 2015 survey. I aim to have a very high completion rate for these surveys to ensure we gather as much data as possible to help us make this great school even better in the future.

**Thank You**

A big thank you to Mr MacBeth for all the time and work he has put into making our home netball/football games run smoothly. We really appreciate it.

Also a big thank you to everyone who helped out on the day- Sports Trainers, Canteen Helpers, Home Baking, Referees and Coaches.

Thanks to family and friends who came to support the kids.

Helen Price

**Glasses Found**

Is anyone missing a pair of reading glasses? The glasses were found at the school. If you have lost them please contact the school office.
Tuckshop Price List

**Wednesday First Break ONLY**

- **Sausage Roll** $2.50
- **Tomato Sauce Sachets** $0.25
- **Pizza**
  - **Ham & Pineapple** $2.00
- **Hot Dog**
  - **(Served with Tomato Sauce)** $3.50
- **Ham Dog**
- **Hot Dog**
- **Chicken Burger**
  - **(Lettuce, mayo, cheese, beetroot)** $4.30
- **Salad Roll or Sandwich**
  - **(Ham/Chicken, tomato, lettuce, carrot, beetroot)** $3.30
- **Toasted Sandwich**
  - **(Ham/Chicken, cheese, tomato)** $3.30
- **MULTIGRAIN BREAD AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**
- **CHICKEN AND HAM AVAILABLE**
- **SALAD AVAILABLE: LETTUCE, CHEESE, TOMATO, CARROT & BEETROOT**
- **Muffins** $2.00
- **Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt Cups** $2.00
- **Juice Poppers**
  - **Apple** $1.50
  - **Apple & Blackcurrant** $1.50
  - **Orange** $1.50
- **Milk 250ml Poppers**
  - **Chocolate** $1.50
  - **Strawberry** $1.50

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**Tuckshop Roster - Term 3**

**JULY**
- 29th Karla Hart & Bre Ziesemaker

**AUGUST**
- 5th Karita Ferrier & Shelley Stevenson
- 12th NO TUCKSHOP
- 19th Kathy Murray & Mel Sutton
- 26th Robyn Sims & Michelle Newman

**SEPTEMBER**
- 2nd Julie Schutt & Chris Packer
- 9th Chrissy Chandler/Tanya Thompson/Helen Price
- 16th Karla Hart & Bre Ziesemaker

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**Student of the Week - Week 1**

- **Prep:** Wylie Newman - for showing a fantastic effort in all learning tasks this week. Keep up the great attitude Wylie!
- **Year 1:** Bayley Allwood - for starting the term off really well and trying his best.
- **Year 2:** Jorja Murray: For being an honest and committed class member! Alex Freeman: For working well during independent tasks!
- **Year 3/4:** Khye O’Niele-Brown – for following all instructions and completing his work on time. Bob Denhert – for demonstrating commitment by following instructions.
- **Year 5/6:** Luke Thompson - For being a great representative of Surat State School while on camp.
- **Secondary:** Sarah Ellem - For giving 100% effort in class discussions

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**Principal Award**

Ava Washington, Tori Price, Pip Proud & Hannah Packer - for always following the School’s expectations!
Dear Parent

Welcome to LiteracyPlanet Word Mania 2015!

Free online word building competition for Years 1 to 6.

Your child can have fun improving their literacy skills and win loads of awesome prizes by playing LiteracyPlanet Word Mania 2015. It’s free to play through their LiteracyPlanet school login.

LiteracyPlanet Login

Username: 
Password: 

How to Play
Children log in to their online LiteracyPlanet account and click on the Word Mania Play button or download the LiteracyPlanet Word Mania App and log in. Players are given 15 randomly selected letter tiles and three minutes to form as many words as they can. Word building involves many different literacy skills: phonemes, morphemes including affixes and plurals, spelling, word recognition, vocabulary and word knowledge. It’s so much fun you will want to play too!

Competition Dates

LiteracyPlanet Word Mania 2015 is open for practise from June 8. There are three rounds of online competition and a national final for individuals.
Round 1 - Monday, July 27 to Sunday, August 2.
Round 2 - Monday, August 3 to Sunday, August 9.
Round 3 - Monday, August 10 to Sunday, August 16.
Final - Thursday, September 3.

How to Win

Every valid word formed earns points. Longer and more complex words score higher, and scores can be boosted by building more words consecutively, and using special Gold and Diamond letter tiles.
Players can play as many games as they like. The sum of a player’s highest 10 game scores in each round will be their score for that round. The sum of a player’s highest 30 game scores throughout the competition will be their overall score. The 10 highest scoring students will be invited to play at the final in Sydney on September 3, 2015.

More than $50,000 in Prizes!

There is loads of cool swag to win, for children and their schools. Medals, trophies, LiteracyPlanet subscriptions, Australian Geographic library and book packs, GoPro Hero3 cameras, JB Hi-Fi vouchers, a family holiday to Warner Bros. Movie World, SeaWorld and Wet’n’Wild, and more than $10,000 worth of school IT supplies.

For more information visit:


Help us reach the goal of 10 Million Minutes of Literacy!

Another child who wants to play at home?

LiteracyPlanet Word Mania 2015 is free and open to any child in Years 1 to 6. If you have another child who wants to play, simply register them for a free login at www.literacyplanet.com.au/wordmania.
Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we'll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
The XXXX Gold Variety Bash will be heading through your town soon, so be sure to come and say hello!

WED 12TH AUGUST

CALL 07 3907 9300 FOR MORE INFO OR VISIT WWW.VARIETY.ORG.AU/QLDBASH

Variety Bash...ya gotta do it!
RUN FOR JAKE
COMMUNITY RAFFLE
$2 PER TICKET

Support our Bridge to Brisbane team who are running to celebrate the life of Jake Broadhead. All funds raised go to the Mater Foundation.

Prizes

1. $200 cash prize donated by Margaret and Mark Johnson
2. $200 cash prize donated by the Freeman family
3. $150 basic service voucher for Bayly's Motors Surat
4. $100 Surat Butchery voucher donated by the Surat Gym
5. $100 Inky and Moss gift voucher
6. $50 Timber Crate voucher
7. $50 New Royal Hotel meal voucher
8. $50 voucher for The Pantry
9. Dinner for 2 meal voucher for the Surat Bowls Club
10. Vintage wall clock donated by the Surat Post Office
11. $30 Surat Butchery voucher
12. Gift pack by the Surat Pharmacy

Thank you to our local sponsors

The Pantry • Surat Bowls Club •
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Draw August 28