Week 07 Activities

Student of the Week

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

With another very busy week all but over, it is refreshing to see a consistent level of enthusiasm from students, staff and parents (even after 7 weeks) throughout our school. Well done to all for your exceptional efforts at school.

This week I had the privilege of traveling to and assisting with the South West Regional Athletics Carnival at St George. It was great to see a small number of our students representing our school and district with pride and commitment. Thank you Parents for providing transport for our students to participate. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

TIMELESS NANA TIPS

According to Michael Grose

1. **Do what’s right, not what is easy.**

   This tip has almost religious overtones but it is very apt for today. Basically, this tip was about considering others when making choices, which can come at times at the expense of a child or a young person’s needs. In the current age of individual entitlement I see many young people making decisions that suit themselves at the expense of their friends and family. One example of this is when a young person accepts an invitation to go to a friend’s house yet overlooks this when a better offer or invitation comes along. The right thing is to ignore the better offer but of course, that is not always easy to do.

2. **Get a good night sleep and things will be right in the morning.**

   This tried and true idea is a great success and mental health strategy. It’s ideal as many children and teenagers stew over their problems, working themselves into a lather rather than simply letting go. Accessing devices into the wee hours and never being able to “switch off” only exacerbates the issue. Also we currently live in a sleep deprived nation and overlook the benefits of sleep. With the high number of children currently experiencing anxiety and depression one great place to start is a good night’s sleep.

3. **If at first you don’t succeed, try and try again.**

   This message of persistence is as valuable now as five or even ten decades ago. In an era of instant gratification the ability to push through a learning dip is important whether you’re learning a musical instrument, a foreign language or trying to come to grips with a new teacher.

   The world is at times unrecognisable from the days when my nana would make these saga suggestions, but these tips are timeless in their simplicity and relevant for kids today.

Attendance

**The 2015 School Attendance Target is 95%.** Currently our school’s attendance rate is 92.2%. 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 – 93.1%, Yr 1 – 91.5%, Yr 2 – 94.2%, Yr 3/4 – 93.7%, Yr 5/6 – 95.15%, Yr 7/8 – 90.79%, Yr 9/10 – 83.18%.

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.

The Yr 5/6 and Yr 7/8 class attendance show a small improvement compared to previous weeks, while others had a decline in attendance.

As you can see below on our School Attendance Tracker, Monday and Friday appear to be the days most likely for students to be away.

Remember, every day counts!

Teacher Aide Day

Each year on the first Friday in September (Friday 4 September), schools celebrate and acknowledge the support provided to students and teachers by their teacher aides.

This celebration day enables the school community to recognise the skills, abilities and flexibility that teacher aides contribute to the daily life of the school. I personally would like to congratulate all of Teacher Aides (Mrs Wehl, Mrs Dingle, Mrs Bradford, Mrs Hobbs, Miss Erica, Mrs Broadhead and Mrs Close) on the great work they do throughout our school.

Parent Teacher Interviews

During remaining weeks 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 needs 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 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 with their teacher.

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

Have a great weekend!

Remember, “The Surat State School way is to commit to our learning, strive for excellence and succeed in all we do.”

Mr Justin Washington
Principal
**Student of the Week - Week 6**

**Prep:**
Daniel Sims - For showing fantastic sharing skills and commitment to your learning in maths this week! Well done Daniel!  
Jaedyn Kilah - For being an encouraging friend and modelling excellent 5 L's of listening behaviour on the carpet. Keep up the great effort!

**Year 1:**
Darcy Podham - For always having a cheerful and positive attitude at school.

**Year 2:**
Riley Coveney – For being committed to learning and achieving your goals.  
Ava Washington - For following teacher directions immediately and with a cheerful attitude!

**Year 3/4:**
Lacey Harth – Iva Price - For completing his work on time using exceptional handwriting.

**Year 5/6:**
Egan Brown – For being committed to work and putting in effort to make sure assessment is completed on time.  
Kyle McMillan - For improving in work completion and ignoring distractions.

**Secondary:**
Paul Walsh - For showing a positive and enthusiastic approach towards Robotics classes.

**Principal Award**
Bayley Allwood – for showing commitment by having an outstanding attitude towards school.

**Sporting Schools**
Sporting Schools is a new after-school sport initiative replacing Active After School Communities. This program is aimed to coach skills for a particular sport while having fun in the process. This will continue every Tuesday afternoon from 3:15-4:15pm for week 8 and 9 of this term. Fruit snack will no longer be provided so please pack an extra snack for your child.

Mr Macbeth

**Tuckshop Roster - Term 3**

**SEPTEMBER**

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**Facebook**

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

**Important Dates**

**AUGUST**

31 - 4th Sept  
Literacy/Numeracy Week

**SEPTEMBER**

4-11th  
Secondary Sydney/Canberra Camp

18th  
Jump Rope For Heart

End of Term

**Playgroup**

Wednesday 9am -11am  
0-5 Years

Bring morning tea or order tuckshop (orders in by 9am), hat, sun-screen

Gold coin donation

**Community Based Falls Prevention Program**

Every Thursday & alternative

Tuesday 9:30 - 10:30 Surat Hospital

- Free Physiotherapy directed falls prevention class (runs for 6 week blocks).
- Must have physiotherapy initial assessment completed prior to class.

For more information call Hannah (Physiotherapist) on 4624 2904 or alternatively speak to Wendy or Liz (Recreational Officers Surat Aged Care Unit).
Year 2 News:
In Science this term we are learning about living things and their life cycles. To assist with this learning, we purchased a Mal-lee Darkling Beetle kit online, which included 5 larvae, 5 beetles, and a terrarium. It was very exciting to see them arrive in a special box in the mail! Students have each had a turn of taking home our beetles for a night and completing there regular afternoon activities with them (e.g. completing homework, reading a book, watching the footy grand final, etc). We think they are perfect little pets – they don’t bite or need to be walked; we don’t need to wash them or clip their hair, and they’re easy to transport around the place. Soon we should see the egg and pupa stages of our beetles’ life cycle… which may mean we could see new little pets to take care of…. EEEKK!!

Miss Grenning and Year 2

Eisteddfod: October 21, 22 and 23rd
This year’s Roma and District Eisteddfod is fast approaching! Below is a message from the organisers about this event. If your child expresses an interest in performing, please let Miss Grenning know. She will be available every Thursday 2nd break (starting in Term 4) to provide assistance to students wanting to polish their performances.

The month of August is your time to think about entering into this year’s Roma and District Eisteddfod! Entries close in September, but you don’t have to perform until early in Term 4! This year the eisteddfod focuses on Poetry and Reading skills. You can get a copy of the syllabus by emailing romaisteddfod@gmail.com.

An eisteddfod is a great place for children to gain confidence in speaking and performing in public. The audience is always kind and respectful, and the students learn so much by watching others perform, and by listening to the great feedback given to them by the adjudicator. This year, Damian Overton, a young film/ play writer/ producer is coming from Brisbane. This will be his first eisteddfod as an adjudicator, but he has lots of experience with Drama Festivals!

Your child really is capable of performing, and will gain a lot from the experience. Please email caramel.treasure@twb.catholic.edu.au if you have any questions or concerns about your child taking part. There are sections that would suit every child at the school, from year 1 to year 12.

Miss Grenning
**‘Run for Jake’ Multi Draw Winner**

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**Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015**

Dear Parents,

As you would be aware the Surat State School has been 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.

This promotion closes on **Tuesday 8th September**. So if you or someone in your family has been collecting the Earn & Learn Stickers, please drop them off at the school office.
Surat State School

**Literacy & Numeracy Week/ Book Week 2015- “Books Light Up Our World”**

**Date: Monday 31st August 2015**

We invite you to transform into your favourite book character for this year’s Book Week Parade, to be held in Literacy & Numeracy Week. Wear your favourite costume!

*Time: 9am*

School Auditorium

Don’t forget to bring your favourite along book with you!

After the parade, we welcome parents to stay for our **Literacy & Numeracy rotations**. Students will be engaging in exciting and fun activities with a Literacy or Numeracy focus.

*Time: 9:30-12:30pm*

We invite the parents to join the staff in a morning tea during our First break on this day. Come and have a cuppa and a chat with our fabulous staff and other parents.

*Time: 10:45am-11:30am*

Please bring a plate to share with the other adults.

**Date: Wednesday 2nd September**

We are inviting our parents and caregivers to join us in the classroom to be an active part of the wonderful learning at Surat State School. Follow your student as they engage in their normal timetable on Wednesday.

*Time: 9am-10am*

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*We are looking forward to welcoming you!*
FREE WORKSHOP AND COMMUNITY BBQ
South West Indigenous Network (SWIN)

As part of SWIN’s 2015 community engagement program, the association will host a free workshop and community BBQ in Surat on Monday 28 September from 12:00pm - 3:00pm.

The event will be an opportunity to learn how SWIN operates and how you can take part in a range of exciting sport, recreation and community programs and services. You will also be able to provide feedback regarding any new activities you would like to see delivered locally.

SWIN staff will provide information regarding the SWIN Small Grants Program and explain how you can access this assistance.

This free workshop and community BBQ is open to anyone from the local community.

What: Free workshop and community BBQ
Date: Monday 28 September 2015
Time: 12:00pm – 3:00pm
Where: ‘The Hub’
68 Bunowes Street, Surat
RSVP: By Wednesday 23 September 2015
Jess Akers 07 4637 9855
Steve Connelly 0421 633 321
sew@swin.org.au
steve@cppgroup.com.au

SOUTH WEST INDIGENOUS NETWORK
FREE WORKSHOP AND COMMUNITY BBQ
SURAT, MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2015

RUN SHEET

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NATIONAL SKATE PARK DAY

Saturday, 19 September 2015
1pm - 5pm
Roma Skate Park, McDowall Street

For further information please contact Greg Caletti
Maranoa PCYC
07 4622 8446