Week 08 Activities
South West Athletics Trials

Literacy & Numeracy Week Activities
Principal's Note

Hello and welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 8.
Well done to all, for another awesome week of teaching, learning and having fun at Surat State School.
It was great to see so many parents and grandparents throughout the school during our Open Classrooms on Wednesday. It is also great to see our Playgroup on Wednesday mornings offering meaningful learning and play experiences for the next generation of students.

Bubble wrap kids by Stepping Stones Triple P:
It’s natural to want to keep your children safe – to protect them with a layer of bubble wrap may appeal to some parents. While this is an important part of parenting there is danger that by “over-protecting” you may deny your child the opportunities needed to develop independent skills. They’ll also be better off if you help them bounce back after a challenge and to cope with their emotions.
You can start by letting them know that feeling emotions such as being stressed, upset or angry is healthy and normal. Help them understand that feelings like this will pass.
Your child might be facing something that’s making them feel anxious, like a trip to the doctors. They might even try to avoid it. If they’ve got your support, they are more likely to give it a go.
Remember that you are a role model for your kids. They’ll have hope if they see you talking your problems through and moving forward again.

Attendance
The 2015 School Attendance Target is 95%. Currently our school’s attendance rate is 92.4%. 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 – 92.66%, Yr 1 – 91.9%, Yr 2 – 93.3%, Yr 3/4 – 93.82%, Yr 5/6 – 95.13%, Yr 7/8 – 90.07%, Yr 9/10 – 83.63%.

Staffing
Next week, we welcome back Mrs Amalie Price. She will be completing another teaching practicum with our Year 1 class.
We also welcome Mrs Carissa Gill as the relieving Year 2 teacher for the final two weeks of term. Mrs Gill will be replacing Miss Grenning while she is on leave.

School Sport
Well done to Thomas Schutt, Iva Price, Zach Tattam and Amber Donaldson for representing our school and the Roma District at the South West Athletics in St George last Friday. Congratulations to Thomas and Amber for being selected to compete at the State Titles later in the year.

Good Luck
Good luck to our High School Campers, as they ventured off to Canberra and Sydney today. I trust that the trip will be educational, exciting and rewarding. Hopefully it won’t be too cold at Perisher.
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

Facebook
Don’t forget to stay tuned to our school’s Facebook page.
**Student of the Week - Week 7**

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<th>Thomas Sims - for showing a responsible attitude and helping your team tidy up! Keep up the great attitude!</th>
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<td>Year 1:</td>
<td>Darcy Harth - for consistently displaying positive behaviour in the classroom.</td>
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<td>Year 2:</td>
<td>Ruby Ferrier - for explaining your thinking when identifying numbers in Maths. Archie McLean - for great independent working and concentrating on your work.</td>
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<td>Year 3/4:</td>
<td>Tim Chandler - for consistently working to the best of his ability.</td>
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<td>Year 5/6:</td>
<td>Lucy Packer – for always being actively involved in class discussions. Tom Schutt - for always completing homework neatly and on time.</td>
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<td>Secondary:</td>
<td>Macey Moore – for demonstrating commitment to her learning. Matt Sutton – for being a respectful, kind and polite class member. Year 7/8 Geography – for demonstrating commitment of our Community visit to the Surat Hospital.</td>
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**Principal Award**

Sariah Ellem - for following the school's four expectations!

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**Important Dates**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 4-11th  Secondary Sydney/Canberra Camp
- 18th  Jump Rope For Heart
- **End of Term**

**OCTOBER**

- 5th  Labour Day Holiday
- 6th  School Resumes

**Playgroup**

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

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**Tuckshop Roster - Term 3**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 9th  Chrissy Chandler/Tanya Thompson/Helen Price
- 16th  Karla Harth & Bre Ziesemer

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**Lost Property**

There is a lot of unnamed winter clothing in the lost property box under the Primary Building. Please come and check to see if any belongs to your child/ren.

Thank you

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**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).
**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 carmel.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

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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 centres. 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 on Balonne Gallery

presents an exhibition of works by

Betty Scarle & Kathy Ellem

On display 3rd October to 15th November

Join us for wine & nibbles @ the

OPENING FUNCTION: 6.30pm Saturday 3rd October

Surat on Balonne, Cobb & Co Changing Station, 62 Burrowes Street, SURAT Q, 4417
P 4626 5136 | e suratlibrary@maranoa.qld.gov.au | w www.suratonbalonnegallery.webs.com

CCRA Golf Series

Game 1

Sunday 13 September

At Surat Golf Course, King Street

2 Person Ambrose

Mens, Ladies, Juniors

Overall Champion, Team of Two Most Improved Juvenile Player (17 & under)

*HOT Food
*Bar
*Raffles
*Drink Cart

Enquiries 07 4626 576 374

Raising funds for the CCRA to buy shirts for the National Finals Rodeo in Dalby 30th & 31st October. CCRA Thank the MRC for their continued support.

maranoa FOOD & FIRE ART COMPETITION

CALL FOR ENTRIES OF FOOD OR FIRE THEMED ARTWORK, SCULPTURE, JEWELLERY OR PHOTOGRAPHY. Open to all ages.

OVER $2000 IN PRIZES TO BE WON

Entries close Friday, 4 September 2015

CATEGORIES & PRIZES

- Open 2D: $400 Painting or drawing in any medium
- Open 3D: $400 Sculpture, weaving, ceramics or drawing in any medium
- Photography: $400
- Open People's Choice Award: $100
- Novelty Awards:

DIARY OF DATES

Entries Close & Works Delivered: Sunday, 4 September 2015
Exhibitions: Saturday, 11 September 2015
Feast to be collected: From Barn, Saturday, 11 September 2015

An independent judge will review entries and an acknowledgement of Gourmet Challenge will be awarded under each of the five categories. Judges' decision will be final, and no correspondence from the public will be accepted. No entries after 4 September 2015.
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 Burrowes Street, Surat
RSVP: By Wednesday 23 September 2015
Jess Akers 07 4637 9866
Steve Connelly 0421 633 321
Jess@swin.org.au steve@cpgrroup.com.au

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

RUN SHEET

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<td>11:00am - 11:45am</td>
<td>Dusty Wilson, Jess Akers, Steve Connelly</td>
<td>* Arrive at The Hub and set up for workshop and community BBQ</td>
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| 12:00pm - 2:00pm | Dusty Wilson, Jess Akers | * Introduction to SWIN, including background, history, aims and objectives
* Benefits of membership and different membership options |
| | Jess Akers | * Small grants, including background, different categories, eligibility, new guidelines, funding dates |
| | Steve Connelly | * SWIN’s legal structure and what it means to be an incorporated association
* Strategic Plan and ideas for the future
* Codes of Conduct
* Club TAGS training and mentoring |
| 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Community BBQ | * Held at The Hub |

COMMIT EXCEL SUCCEED
NATIONAL SKATE PARK DAY

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

FOOD PROVIDED
LIVE MUSIC
SKATE COMPETITION
PRIZES TO BE WON!
$2 BBQ DINNER FROM 5:30PM

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

The Surat Dance Troop will be performing a 'mini concert' to showcase their dances that they have been working on all year!

When: Friday 18th September
Where: Surat Shire Hall
Time: 6:00pm sharp

Gold coin entry
Raffles up for grabs!

BYO drink, nibbles will be provided
All money raised will be donated to the Saving Abel Foundation

Don’t miss this fantastic opportunity to see the local kids and adults perform! As there is a total of 5 dances; it will only be a short show, but well worth it. Looking forward to seeing you all down there!