Weekly Awards

High School Sydney/Canberra Camp
Principal's Note
Hello and welcome to my final Principal’s Note for Term 3. It is very hard to believe that another term is done and dusted. The past ten weeks were jam-packed with excitement and educational experiences that continually challenged and reinforced student learning and knowledge. During the two week break from school, I trust that students, parents and staff will enjoy their time away and use it to relax and re-energise for the final term for the year.

The Best Homework
Some parents worry because their children don’t seem to do enough homework; others worry because they seem to have too much. More than a few parents tell of distressing stories of tearful children and harassed parents who didn’t know the correct terms to use or whose calculating methods are different from those taught today!

The most useful homework of all has little to do with textbooks and worksheets, but it can be guaranteed to help children become better learners and happier human beings. This is some of the home work that really makes a difference:

- lots and lots of family conversations
- shared bed-time stories with Mum or Dad reading to the children
- private reading in bed before lights out
- family games, activities and hobbies
- regular visits to the local library
- discussing news items from the newspaper or TV
- outings to all kinds of places of social, historic or natural interest
- join sporting clubs and activity groups
- lots of imaginative play that comes naturally to children of all ages
- cooking, building or gardening together
- songs, board and card games.

The famous Swiss psychologist, Jean Piaget, once remarked, “Play is the child’s work.” It is important that children have some ‘down time’ and just enjoy being children and playing, as only children can.

School Holidays
Have a safe and enjoyable holiday everyone. We look forward to seeing you all for the start of Term 4 on Tuesday 6 October.

Staffing
This week, we say good luck and thanks to Mrs Anne Osborne as she officially retires at the end of Term 3. Mrs Osborne has been the school’s Administration Officer and a Teacher Aide for almost the past 40 years. Thanks Mrs Osborne, for your commitment and dedication to our school for so many years. Farewell and good luck with your well-earned retirement.

This week, we also say good luck to Mrs Sania Bradford as she and her family will be relocating to Roma. Thanks Mrs Bradford for your ongoing support and commitment to our school over the past two years. Good luck in the “big smoke”.

Thanks
- Mrs Lenore Gray for your continued effort with the delivery of our School’s Religious Instruction Program.
- Mrs Betty Mickelbourgh for ensuring our students are transported safely to and from school each day.
- Mrs Kathy Murray and your band of tuckshop helpers for keeping us all fed on Wednesdays.
- Parents and Grandparents for ensuring your children are prepared for learning each day.
- Students for your outstanding behaviour and commitment over the past term.

Staff for your dedication and tireless work at our great school. Have a great break away from school!

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

Important Dates

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**My experience with Year One**

Over the past two months I have spent four weeks in the Year One classroom for my first professional placement in my teaching degree. After previously working in an administration role within the school, it has been great to get into a classroom and interact with students. It has been great to be able to utilise the skills I have been learning at university and the entire experience has reiterated why I want to be a teacher. It also has been wonderful to get to know the ten individual personalities in Year One, as well as observing and interacting with the entire school community.

Once again, I have been reminded why Surat State School is such a great learning environment for children and will be sad to say goodbye.

Wishing everyone the best for the holidays. I hope to see you all again soon.

Mrs Amalie Price

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**Surat State School P & C - Paver Project Opening**

As you may recall, Surat State School P & C ran a fundraising initiative in 2014 selling personalised engraved pavers to be incorporated in the new courtyard between the library and high school buildings. The project has taken longer than expected, however, we are very excited to inform you that the pavers have been placed in the designated area and we would love for you to attend an official opening to mark this occasion.

This project has transformed what was a dusty, unattractive area that was not at all useful, to a beautiful, functional space, which adds to what is already the wonderful environment of Surat State School.

You are invited to attend a morning tea to celebrate the opening of this space at the newly developed area outside the school library, Monday 12th October, 9:30 am. Please bring a plate of morning tea to share.

The P & C is very thankful for the support provided from many areas of our community to assist us in completing this project.

P & C Committee

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**Facebook**

Don’t forget to stay tuned to our school’s Facebook page.
To complete the planting stage of the gardens around the new paved area, we are asking for donations of plants and/or your assistance in a working bee to fill, plant and mulch these gardens. Below is a list of plants suggested, however, we will be very grateful for any similar plants you may be able to provide. Cuttings from existing plants are also welcome.

We will be holding a working bee on Friday 2nd October, commencing at 2pm. If you could bring your plants to Mr Newman’s shed either on the Friday or Thursday that would be very much appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support in this.

**SUGGESTED PLANT LIST**

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P & C Committee
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 Bunowra Street, Surat
RSVP: By Wednesday 23 September 2015
Jesp Akers
07 4637 9865
OR
Steve Connelly
0421 633 321
seq@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>• Introduction to SWIN, including background, history, aims and objectives</td>
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<td>Jesp Akers</td>
<td>• Benefits of membership and different membership options</td>
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<td>Steve Connelly</td>
<td>• SWIN’s legal structure and what it means to be an incorporated association</td>
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<td>• Strategic Plan and ideas for the future</td>
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<td>Community BBQ</td>
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COMMIT EXCEL SUCCEED
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!

BATTERY MUSTER

SUPPORTING SURAT STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOC

WHAT WE NEED: Your old recyclable batteries (cars, trucks etc)
WHEN: Now until 13th November 2015
HOW: We will collect from you!
CONTACT: Megan on 4626 4333

All monies raised from this collection will go towards supporting Surat State School
Expression of interest
Roma Touch Association - Roma Junior Touch

In an effort to help improve our Junior Players (10 to 18 year olds) through skill development and the opportunity to participate in away carnivals, Roma Touch Association will be running a junior competition, through an affiliation with Queensland Touch Football and Touch Football Australia.

Initially the Junior Competition will be open to 7 to 12 year olds, with u6’s being eligible for skill development training. This Junior Competition will run during Term 4 and Term 1 of school (i.e. October to March, with breaks during the school holidays).

Students 13 years and older can currently participate in the adult fixtures held in Roma on Monday/Tuesday night throughout the year. These older students (13 to 18 year olds) will also be eligible for dual registration with Queensland Touch Football, giving them access to development training and the opportunity to join local representative teams to participate in various away competitions. A list of Queensland Touch Football potential away competitions are provided on the back of this flyer.

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<td>Skill Development and Game Sense &amp; Awareness</td>
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<td>Season Affiliation Fee</td>
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<td>$60 per person per team (affiliation and ball fee) for Monday/Tuesday night fixtures Additional $20 to affiliate with Queensland Touch Football</td>
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<td>Time</td>
<td>4:15pm to 5:15pm</td>
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<td>Varies depending on draw. Anywhere from 5:30pm to 8:30pm</td>
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<td>Roma Touch Grounds</td>
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<td>Shirt Cost</td>
<td>Some teams may require players to purchase a shirt (where sponsorship hasn’t been obtained). Shirts may cost up to $35.</td>
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<td>Additional Benefits</td>
<td>Affiliation with Queensland Touch Football also gives our junior access to development officers who can run clinics (skills, drills, set plays, game sense &amp; awareness) plus coaching and referring courses in Roma</td>
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While Roma may not participate in all, here is a list of potential Queensland Touch sponsored carnivals / events for 2016

- Swans Junior Cup (late April or early May)
- Redlands, Brisbane, and Gold Coast events (May to June).
- Junior State Cup at Hervey Bay (last week of July school holidays).
- Junior State Champs (late August or Early September). This is a rep event and players need to make the regional Swans teams to attend.
- National Youth Championships in September. This is an 18 and under event and players need to make the regional Swans team.
- Qld junior tour of NZ (usually) for U14 and U16.

Additional Carnivals:
- Roma vs Chinchilla day round robin (usually October)
- Potential western carnival with other Queensland Touch Football affiliated clubs
- Allschool Touch competitions (organised and run through the schools)

Without volunteers/parent helpers Roma Junior Touch cannot go ahead.

Parent/ Volunteer Coach/Helpers:
Parent coaches and helpers are a necessity for Roma Junior touch. As a Coach or helper you will be given the opportunity to attend coaching/ refereeing/ selecting clinics run by development officers with Queensland Touch Football. You will also be assigned a mentor from the Roma Touch Association and an outline of weekly skill sessions. Roma Touch also hopes to run an introductory coaching clinic during the upcoming school holidays for anyone interested.

What is ATA? And what does this mean for my child?
The opportunity to expand skills and knowledge of touch football within ATA international Touch Football rules, The opportunity to attend regional carnivals and trial for the South West Qld Swans to attend Junior State Champs and National Youth Champs.

To express your interest- please return this slip via email to: romatouch1@gmail.com by 21st September 2015, as we hope to run an introductory coaching clinic in the school holidays, for those available.

☐ We are interested in joining Roma Junior Touch as a team player:
   Name: ___________________________ DOB: ___________________________
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   Email: ___________________________

☐ I am interested in being a parent coach / helper / Referee (circle one):
   Name: ___________________________ Ph: ___________________________
   Email: ___________________________

☐ I would be interested in being a sponsor for Roma Junior Touch:
   Name: ___________________________
   Email: ___________________________ Ph: ___________________________