Orchard Tree Planting Ceremony

P & C Working Bee
Hello and welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 1. It is great to be back after a refreshing two week break. I trust that you all had a restful time away from school and that all students and staff are re-energised for the final 2015 school term.

**Turning Young People Into Adults**

The major task for us as parents is to support the development of our children into adulthood, so that they become functioning, well-adjusted members of our community, with a strong sense of self-worth and self-discipline. Children need to learn how to live in a family so that they know how to live within a community.

Limit-setting and creating boundaries for acceptable behaviour provide children/young people with valuable lessons in learning how to manage their frustrations, how to get on with others and how their actions impact on others.

The role of boundary setting encourages:

- Development of self control, so that children learn how to deal with strong emotions such as anger, jealousy and fear.
- Respect for other’s rights; to speak politely, respect other’s belongings and learn manners are important life skills.
- Appropriate expression of emotions. Talking about feelings can help prevent misunderstandings and develop the ability to care for his/her own emotions and eventually others.
- Building self esteem through praise and positive feedback for when things go well.
- Self-reliance and self-confidence through experiencing their ability to cooperate and problem solve effectively.
- Development of habits which will support their ability to function well at school, at home and in the community.

Having a number of clear, age appropriate rules which apply to everyone in the family allows everyone to know what is acceptable. As they grow, rules and boundaries need to begin to shift to ensure that young people have the opportunity to begin to take more responsibility and learn from their experiences.

School Crossing

Parents, I strongly encourage you to reinforce the road safety message and to use the School Crossings with your children to set a safe example for them and others.

**Classroom Help and School Volunteers**

It is great to have so many willing parent volunteers working within and across our school. Having this ongoing support and assistance ensures that all sectors of our great school are catered for and supported.

Due to the nature of the business that we all work and volunteer in, it is very important to understand the boundaries and conduct that is to be displayed while working within our school.

A Code of Conduct is to be adhered to by:

- any Queensland public service agency employee whether permanent, temporary, full-time, part-time or casual, and
- any volunteer, student, contractor, consultant or anyone who works in any other capacity for a Queensland public service agency.

Most parents were informed/reminded during our Classroom Information Sessions at the beginning of the year, of the expectations and importance around confidentiality. I trust that all classroom helpers and school volunteers understand that it is very important that staff and volunteers abide by these expectations. A good example is to not discuss any business that identifies students or other individuals due to their involvement within the school our classroom. Student and staff abilities or behaviour (positive or negative) should not become a topic for conversation outside of the school. Also, all visitors and volunteers need to ensure they sign in and out via the Office each time they visit.

If you require more information around the expectations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Curriculum**

If you are interested in finding out more about what informs schools around curriculum programs and what is taught within schools, please visit the following sites: Queensland Studies Authority at [http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/index.html](http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/index.html) and the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) at [http://www.acara.edu.au/default.asp](http://www.acara.edu.au/default.asp)

**Welcome**

This week we welcome Miss Jessica Schofield back to our school as a Pre-service Teacher completing her Internship. I anticipate that Miss Schofield’s time with our school will be rewarding and productive.

**Thanks**

Thank you Team, for another great start to a new school term!

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

Enjoy the 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
Year 3/4 News - Kidblog

Students in Year 3/4 have begun reading *Rowan of Rin* by Emily Rodda. It is a story that entails an epic quest. Throughout the novel, students are engaging in an online discussion board on https://kidblog.org/class/surat/posts. This site is open for you to see posts that students in Year 3/4 have put on, however, posting is only available by student login. The online discussion board allows students to read posts that are written by their peers and respond to others’ comments and ideas by adding their own post. Kidblog gives students’ writing a meaningful purpose and an authentic audience. Students are motivated to write for their peers and engage with a global network.

Miss Muller

Facebook

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

Sporting Schools

After school sport will commence on Tuesday 13th October from 3:15 – 4:15. The sport focused on this term is futsal (similar to soccer) and will be delivered by Mr Blomdale & Miss Schofield. We hope to see you there!

Important Dates

**OCTOBER**

- 19th: Pupil Free Day
- 20th-28th: Book Fair
- 21st-23rd: Roma Eisteddfod

**NOVEMBER**

- 2nd: P & C Meeting
- 11th-13th: Year 3/4 Columboola Camp

ROMA JUNIOR TOUCH SIGN ON

**Monday 12th Oct**

4:15pm – 6pm

**Roma Touch Fields**

**Bungil Street**

**12yrs and Under Boys and Girls**

Cost $30

P&C News

Thank You!

A massive thank you to the Broadhead, Washington, Packer, Ziesemer, Coveney, Freeman, McLean and Schutt Families, Mr MacBeth and Mr Newman for rolling up your sleeves last Friday afternoon at our working bee. We shovelled, planted and mulched the gardens around the new paved area. It was a great team effort - well done!! Thank you also to those who donated plants for the garden.

Paver Project Opening

A reminder that you are invited to a morning tea to celebrate the opening of this space at the newly developed area outside the school library on Monday 12th October at 9.30am. Please bring a plate to share.

Battery Muster

A flyer has been included in the newsletter. We are running another Battery Muster from now until the 13th November. If you would like to donate any old recyclable batteries (cars, trucks etc) please contact Megan Coveney at the school office on 46 264333. Don’t forget to ask your family, friends and neighbours as well!! Thank you for your support.

Next Meeting

Our next P&C general meeting will be held on Monday, 2nd November at 3.15pm in the High School Building. All welcome.

P&C Committee
Mobile Women’s Health Service

A free and confidential service to improve and promote the health and wellbeing of women in rural and remote Queensland.

Services available:
- Pap smears
- Breast self-awareness
- Continence information
- Sexual health testing
- Referrals
- Contraception & Family planning
- Education & Information
- Women’s health counselling & support

Surat Hospital
Monday 19th October 2015

For an appointment please call Surat Hospital 46265166

For more information call the Mobile Women’s Health Nurse on 0437334980

St John’s School
Moonlight Fair
For a Great Family Night

When: 16th October 2015
Time: 5:30pm - 9:30pm
Rides: $4.00 each or grab an armband for $20.00 (unlimited rides)

Showbags, cakes and sweet stall, craft and collectables, plants and lots more.

BATTERY MUSTER
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
BOOK FAIR UNDER THE SEA
EXPLORE AN OCEAN OF BOOKS!

Place: Surat State School

Dates: 19th – 27th October, 2013

Monday 19th October: PUPIL FREE DAY
Tuesday 20th October:
8:00am - 8:45am
11:00am - 11:30am
3:00pm – 3:30pm

Wednesday 21st October:
8:00am - 8:45am
11:00am - 11:30am
3:00pm – 3:30pm

Thursday 22nd October:
8:00am - 8:45am
11:00am - 11:30am
3:00pm – 3:30pm

Friday 23rd October:
8:00am - 8:45am
11:00am - 1:00pm

Monday 26th October:
8:00am - 8:45am
11:00am - 11:30am
3:00pm – 3:30pm

Tuesday 27th October:
8:00am - 9:00am
11:00 - 11:30am
Warroo Retirement Village

SURAT

VACANCY

WE CURRENTLY HAVE UNITS AVAILABLE FOR RENT, EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE INVITED FROM THE PEOPLE OF SURAT AND DISTRICT.

FOR APPLICATION FORMS OR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT

THE SECRETARY RUTH JOHNSTONE

PO BOX 28 SURAT OR PH 46265274

The Warroo Retirement Village consists of 10 independent air conditioned living units, situated in pleasant gardens in close proximity to the Surat hospital.

The following services are available to the residents.

- Home & Community Care Provided by Blue Care
- Meals on Wheels Available
- Weekly bus to Roma. Must be member of Blue Care

ADMINISTERED BY A LOCAL
COMMITTEE WITH THE
NEEDS OF
THE RESIDENTS AT HEART.