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Weekly Awards

Week 1 Activities

P & C Paver Project Opening

Deadly Australians

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P & C President: Josh Broadhead
Chaplain: Yanto Hall

16th October, 2015
Principal’s Note
Hello and welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 2.

It has been another busy week at our great school and as usual, all school community members have been actively engaged in numerous teaching and learning experiences throughout the school. It always good to witness students participating in classroom learning programs and interacting with their peers and teachers. Well done to students and staff for your ongoing commitment.

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 – 92.3%, Yr 1 – 91.8%, Yr 2 – 94.3%, Yr 3/4 – 95.16%, Yr 5/6 – 95.62%, Yr 7/8 – 91.63%, Yr 9/10 – 84.51%.
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.

Remember, every day counts!

School Uniform
It is great to see the entire student population attending school each day wearing our uniform with pride. Well done students and parents! Remember to have all items named to allow prompt return if required.

BULLYWATCHERS
I would love to say that we have no bullying at Surat State School, but unfortunately bullying is a fact of life. I do know that we are fortunate to have relatively small numbers of bullying incidents and most of this bullying is considered ‘low level’ bullying. ‘Low level’ bullying includes hurtful teasing, pushing or shoving, subtle but nasty body language and exclusion from games/groups. Make no mistake; I am disgusted by bullying behaviour. It is one of the most insidious actions humans can do to each other. My number one role as Principal is to ensure that every child is feeling safe and happy at school. Therefore, at Surat State School we take the issue of bullying seriously.

Reducing bullying is however, everyone’s responsibility. While teachers and parents are vigilant in monitoring children’s happiness and well-being, the simple fact is that we can’t be everywhere, all the time. Over ninety percent of children (in primary school) report having witnessed bullying occurring. Bullying often continues because people who are involved do not talk about it or seek help. This includes people who observe bullying; the bullywatchers. A bullywatcher is someone who sees the bullying or knows that it is happening to someone else, but does nothing about it. There is an old adage which says that if you see something wrong happening and you do nothing about it, you are then giving it approval. While we are not advocating that every child who witnesses a bullying incident needs to get involved, they do need to do something about it. Remember, if we are to reduce bullying, then we ALL have to be vigilant.

If children see another child being bullied they could:
• Immediately seek a teacher or support person for help.
• If appropriate, let the bully know that what they are doing is not acceptable; “You are being a bully and we don’t do that here.”
• Refuse to be part of the bullywatchers and walk away.
• Support the child who is being bullied, either during or after.
• Be a supportive friend and protect them from being bullied by being there for them. Children who are alone are more likely to be a target of bullying.
• Inform you so that you can contact the school.

What you can do at home to assist everyone in reducing bullying incidents:
• Talk with your children about what is acceptable behaviour and what is not, e.g. “We should not tease people to make them feel bad.”
• Work together with your family to establish simple rules and expectations about how to treat each other amongst the family members.
• Encourage and provide opportunities for your children to openly discuss bullying issues with the family.
• Discuss friendship and help your children make friends by encouraging them to play with other children at school, at home or in the neighbourhood.

Staffing
As hard as it is to say, but at the end of Week 4, we will be saying good luck to Miss Stephanie Breen as she will be commencing leave from our school for remainder of this year and 2016. In her absence, Miss Jess Schofield will be temporarily replacing her.

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
16th October, 2015

**Important Dates**

| OCTOBER | | NOVEMBER | | DECEMBER |
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| 19th | PUPIL FREE DAY | 2nd | P & C Meeting |
| 20th-28th | Book Fair | Week 6 | Class Swimming Commences |
| 21st-23rd | Roma Eisteddfod | 11-13th | Year 3/4 Columboola Camp |
| 21st-23rd | Roma Eisteddfod | 19th | Swimming Carnival |
| 21st-23rd | Roma Eisteddfod | 23rd | Celebration Night |
| 21st-23rd | Roma Eisteddfod | 27th | Year 10’s Last Day |

**Student of the Week - Week 2**

| Prep: | | Year 1: | | Year 2: | | Year 3/4: | | Year 5/6: | | Secondary: | | Principal Award |
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| Ruby Murray - for showing commitment to your learning and beginning tasks straight away. Keep up the great attitude! | Sam Schwennesen – for being respectful by continuously raising his hand to speak. | Alex Freeman - for displaying fantastic effort when writing your poetry reconstruction. | Nikita Proud - for outstanding achievement in making a great start to term four with her writing and reading. Alec Ziesemer - for outstanding achievement in his focus to improve in handwriting. | Kyle McMillan - for approaching all tasks with an enthusiastic attitude. | Cody Donaldson - for always demonstrating commitment to his learning. | Kyran Brown - for following the school's expectation of Being Respectful! |

**Prep for 2016**

Any parent who has a child starting Prep in 2016, can obtain an enrolment form from our school website - www.suratss.eq.edu.au or from the school office.

**Prep Transition for 2016**

This term Kindy will be joining us from 9:30am – 11:00am for transition into Prep for 2016. They will also join us for lunch in our Prep yard.

**Date for Transition**

Transition 2: October 29th
Transition 3: November 12th
Transition 4: November 26th

**Facebook**

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

**Citizenship Shield Points**

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SEP News
Throughout 2015 the Special Education Program (SEP) has been working very hard and diligently with students on their Maths, English and Social Skills. We have incorporated a variety of resources and technologies to ensure that each student can access and study the Australian Curriculum e.g. adjusted hands-on resources, iPads, computers and visuals. In SEP we have been working together with classroom teachers to assist and provide support for students who may need that extra assistance.

For 2016 we will continue to foster and work towards ensuring that all students with impairments and disabilities access 21st century teaching and learning with a focus on 21st century student outcomes of adjusting and differentiating specific skills, content, knowledge and expertise. We will also continue to provide innovative support systems to help our students master the multi-dimensional abilities required of them to live, learn and participate in the 21st century.

Interesting read from SEP – National Disability Insurance Scheme

What is the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)?
The NDIS supports people with a permanent and significant disability that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities. This scheme will roll out through the state system. They will employ agencies to work with families to identify supports you need to live your life. Supports may help you achieve goals in many aspects of your life, including independence, involvement in your community, education, employment and health and wellbeing.
The NDIS gives you more choice and control over how, when and where your supports are provided, and gives you certainty you will receive the support you need over your lifetime.
It also focuses on early intervention where getting early supports can reduce the impact of disability on you or your child.

For people who access the NDIS (participants)
If you have a child that is able to access the NDIS as a participant, agencies will look at the supports your child currently receive and how well they are working for you. This may include your family, friends, mainstream or other community services.
If required, the NDIS will also fund reasonable and necessary supports that help your child achieve needs and goals such as therapies, equipment, home modifications, mobility equipment, taking part in community activities or assistance with employment.
A plan of supports tailored to your child’s individual needs will be developed to help you achieve their goals. This could include your existing supports if you are happy with your arrangements and if they meet your needs and goals.

How can the NDIS support families and carers?
The NDIS along with involved agencies can provide better access to information about the most effective support options, links to local support groups, clubs and programs, or referrals to relevant community services and supports.
State agencies work with families and carers to make sure the support they give can be sustained. They consider the carer’s role when developing plans with participants including the support they provide, other responsibilities, and their own life plans. Finally the NDIS recognises some people with disability may want the support of family and carers to make informed decisions, and we value their views, knowledge and experience.
The NDIS starts in Queensland next year. The NDIS will be a new way of supporting people with a disability across Australia. People who currently receive disability support will need to move to the new scheme between July 2016 and June 2019. Other eligible people with a disability, who do not currently receive support, will also be able to access the scheme.
The NDIS provides an important impetus for people to think anew about what would make (or build upon) a good life for them or their family member, and the supports that will suit the person and help them enjoy a good life which is sustainable over time.

If you would like to learn more about the NDIS please visit the following link: http://www.ndis.gov.au/
Have a fantastic term 4
Yours in Special Education

Mr. Steven Blomdale
Thursday Nights
Starting 22\textsuperscript{nd} October 2015
Sausage Sizzle
Names in by 6:30pm to 46265169
Play 7pm
$7 to play
Everyone welcome

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.
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
The MANGO FUNDRAISER

Fresh North Queensland Mangoes
Direct from the farm to you!  NOTE: Orders must be paid before delivery.

Order Form

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Remember to offer this to your family, co-workers, friends and neighbours.
Please return this form and payment to Yuleba State School.

By: W&L 28th October 2015

Mangoes should be ready for collection on Monday 30th November. (This date may vary slightly depending on the mangoes ripening).

We will call you to confirm arrival date.

Preferred delivery dates are only a guide to the transport company and every effort will be made to have the orders delivered on that date but some dates may not be do-able by the transport company.

NOTE: ORDERS MUST BE PAID BEFORE DELIVERY.

Money & order to be back to Karin at Solar Loop before 25/10.