Weekly Awards

Clean Up
Australia Day

Handball Competition
Principal's Note

Hello All!

It is hard to believe that we have only nine school days to go before we draw a close to Term 1.

This week, I had the opportunity to showcase the great work our school (namely Mr Macbeth and the students) has been doing in the Digital Technologies space through the Robotics Program. I was invited to share our journey with principals from across the Darling Downs South West Region during workshops in Toowoomba and Roma. As daunting as it appeared to me to be presenting to “big school” principals, I quickly learnt via their feedback and engagement during my presentations, that our school is one of a very few which is implementing and embracing the Coding and Robotics agenda that was released last year. We are certainly leading the way in this space and are quite envied by many.

It was great to share the successes and innovation of our school with the region.

Attendance

The 2016 School Attendance Target is 95%, currently our school’s attendance rate is 95.3%. As you can see, the school’s overall attendance rate is on track, but we will need to stay committed to remain on track.

Year to Date Attendance Data: Prep – 92.94%, Yr 1/2 – 95.26%, Yr 3/4L – 92.82%, Yr 3/4D – 96.77%, Yr 5/6 – 95.61%, Yr 7/8 – 98.62%, Yr 9/10 – 97.85%.

It is great to see most classes 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!

Parent Teacher Interviews

During Week 9 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 that your child 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 that 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.

Rugby League and Netball Opening Day

The opening day for the Roma and District School Rugby League and Netball season is Saturday 12 March 2016. All Surat State School students involved in the Rugby League and Netball teams are involved in this March Past.

Students are asked to assemble in the public carpark behind Landmark located in Arthur Street no later than 8.00am. Students are required to wear full school uniform. All students must also wear the school bucket hat as per our school dress code.

Please note - Football boots are not to be worn for the March Past.

Students will be accompanied by Surat State School staff and will march from the carpark to the Recreation Centre where a formal opening ceremony will be held. Parents and caregivers are invited to attend the ceremony and students are to be collected from the Recreation Centre at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Thanks

Staff, students and parents, thanks for another awesome week!

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

Position Vacant

Expressions of Interest are required for a temporary appointment as School Cleaner from Monday 11 April – 29 April. 3 hours per day.

Please forward your written Expression of Interest and contact details for 2 referees to The Principal at Surat State School before Thursday 17 March.

Please note that you must be eligible for a Working With Children Suitability Card (Blue Card).

Please contact The Principal on 46264333 for further information.

Playgroup

Our school is hosting a community playgroup on Wednesdays from 9.00-11.00. Playgroup is open to children from 0-5 years of age. At playgroup, parents and caregivers spend relaxed time with their children making friends and support networks. Meanwhile, children develop physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually, as they discover new experiences, gain self-confidence and make new friends too.

For more information, please contact Mrs Sally Broadhead via the School’s Office.

Week 8 School Expectation:

Be Responsible- Accept consequences for your actions.
Important Dates

**MARCH**

12th  Netball & Football Opening Day
18th  World’s Greatest Shave
22nd  P & C AGM - 3:15pm
23rd  Easter Bonnet Parade
25th  GOOD FRIDAY

Tuckshop Roster - Term 1

**March**

16th  Kathy Murray/Suzie Barber/Rose Kirstenfedlt
23rd  Robyn Sims & Michelle Newman

High School News

In History we are learning about the Industrial Revolution. We are learning about the short and long term effects inventions created during this time have on society. We are also learning the skills needed for Historical Inquiries; creating inquiry questions (Thick Vs. Thin Questions) and using historical sources (Primary Vs. Secondary) etc.

In English we are learning how the author’s use of language features and text structures influence audiences. We are beginning our preparation for NAPLAN and using the comprehension strategy QAR (Question Answer Relationships) to improve our reading and comprehension skills.

We look forward to a productive end to Term 1 and of course our holidays.

Mrs Nolan

**RREAP Funding**

The Rural and Remote Education Access Program (RREAP) helps schools and school communities improve the educational outcomes and opportunities of students who are disadvantaged because of their geographical isolation so that students’ learning outcomes match those of other students. RREAP funds are available to assist Queensland state schools and school communities to support and enrich a curriculum that is appropriate for the educational needs of geographically isolated primary and secondary school students. Community-based organisations within the Maranoa Regional Council, working in partnership with RREAP schools to provide extra-curricular programs to school students, are eligible to apply for RREAP funding. Please contact your local school for information about funding & application guidelines.

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Staff Profile:

- **Name:** Angie Rhodes
- **Position:** Year 1/2 Classroom Teacher
- **Favourite Food:** Strawberries dipped in chocolate
- **Favourite Sport:** Netball
- **Favourite Subject:** Mathematics
- **Hobby:** Shopping
- **Words of wisdom:** Laugh as much as you breathe!
P & C Notice
Battery Muster - Last call for any old/used batteries. These can be dropped off at school or we can collect from you. We need these ASAP. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

Easter Raffle - Raffle tickets have been sent home to families. Any donations of Easter goodies would be very much appreciated. These can be left at the school office. Thank you in advance for your support.

AGM Notice - Our next meeting will be our Annual General Meeting which is to be held on Tuesday, 22 March at 3.15pm in the High School Building. All executive and officer positions will become vacant and are open for election at our AGM. These positions include; President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tuckshop Co-ordinator, Uniform Co-ordinator, Saturday Sports Representative, QCPCA Representative, Chaplaincy Representative and Music Representative.

If you are interested in nominating for a position, a Quick Guide for P&C Executive Officers is available on the P&C’s Qld website (www.pandcsqld.com.au) and provides an overview of executive positions.

Memberships - All memberships will expire at our AGM. New Membership Application Forms for 2016, along with the code of conduct, were included in the newsletter last week. If you wish to become a member please complete these prior to the AGM. Spare Application Forms are available at the school office. Becoming a member of the P&C is a great way to show your support for our organisation and the work that it does to support the School and our Students.

P&C Committee
Contact - candjschutt@bigpond.com

P&C Easter Multi-Draw Raffle
The P&C are once again fundraising with the ever popular Easter Multi-Draw Raffle. Any donations of chocolates, Easter eggs or the like would be greatly appreciated. Donations need to be dropped into the school office no later than Wednesday 23rd March.

If you would like extra tickets they will be available from the school office.

This is quite a ‘hassle free’ way of raising funds for each of our students, so please join in the fun and show your support!

If you have any questions please contact the school office – 4626 4333

PlayNRL Sporting Schools Program
The PlayNRL after-school program is an exciting initiative that aims to introduce students to Rugby League in a safe, non-competitive and fun environment.

The program equips students with the tools to play a version of our great game in any setting while delivering important education, health and welfare messages.

The program will be run for five weeks each Thursday afternoon from 3:15 to 4:15 at school with Grant Bignell (NRL Development Officer).

ICAS Testing
A note regarding this year’s ICAS testing will be sent home in the coming days. Please be aware of the following dates and costs for each test.

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SURAT PONY CLUB
The Surat Pony Club is having its Sign on Day and first Rally Day for the year. We invite anyone wishing to join to come along and participate.

Memberships will need to be filled in and paid for on the day.

Membership Costs: $40.00 a Riding Member & $35.00 Non Riding.

Date: Sunday 20th March 2016
Where: Surat Show Grounds
Time: 8.30am

For further information please contact
President: Danni Bright-0428 585 829
Secretary: Ali Rollinson-0427 265 506
Treasurer: Stacey Murray-0413 729 629

CANDACE HARRIES
Principal
Rugby League & Netball Opening day—Saturday 12th March

8:00 am Teams to assemble at the Car Park on Wyndham Street
8.25 am March from Wyndham Street Carpark to the PCYC Recreational Centre
8:40am Teams assemble at the PCYC
8.45am Opening of the 2016 Season

**NETBALL**
Under 8 - RSC Middle Campus  
Under 10 - PCYC  
Under 12 - PCYC  
Under 15 - PCYC

**FOOTBALL**
Under 8 - RSC Junior Campus  
Under 10 - RSC Middle Campus  
Under 12 - St John’s School

**Expectations of Parents and Spectators’**

### Parents Code of Conduct
- Cooperate with the school to achieve the best outcomes for your child
- Support team and event officials in maintaining a safe and respectful learning environment for all students
- Maintain positive relationships with team officials regarding your child’s learning, wellbeing and behaviour
- Encourage participation by your children.
- Provide a model of good sportsmanship for your child to copy.
- Be courteous and constructive in your communication with players, team officials, game officials and sport administrators.
- Encourage honest effort, skilled performance and team loyalty.
- Make any new parents feel welcome on all occasions.
- Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.
- Support School Sport Australia’s policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment.
- Behave in a manner that respects the rights of others regardless of mediums of communication used e.g. digital mediums such as twitter, facebook, email and texts

### Spectators’ Code of Conduct
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour at QSS events.
- Remember children play for enjoyment, please don’t let your behaviour detract from their enjoyment.
- Let game officials conduct events without interference.
- Support skilled performances and team play with generous applause.
- Demonstrate respect for opposing players and their supporters.
- Support our policy of a smoke and alcohol free environment
Surat State School Student Council is holding World's Greatest Shave/Colour on Friday 18th March at 11am, under Secondary Building. Gold coin donation (per colour) Support a great cause.

Please join us for an Easter Bonnet Parade!
Thursday March 23rd 2016
2:30pm at the Big Shed
Students are encouraged to bring along and parade their Easter Bonnets.
# SURAT STATE SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERS

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HATS: (s/m, m/l, l/xl) $9.00 4331BH

Size and Quantity .................................$9.00 = $

NAME: .................................. TOTAL PAYABLE:

Contact Number: ..................................

PAID BY: □ Cash □ Cheque (payable to SSS P&C)

PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM IN A SEALED ENVELOPE WITH MONEY BY:

18th MARCH, 2016

*****PLEASE NOTE*****

• OLD STYLE SCHOOL POLO SHIRTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR A DISCOUNTED PRICE OF $15.00.
• GIRLS YR 7-10 BLOUSES ARE AVAILABLE FROM HANNAS IN TOOWOOMBA. (ASK FOR SURATSTATEDSCHOOL CHECKED BLOUSE) TO BE WORN WITH NAVY SKIRT/SKORTS.
• UNFORTUNATELY, SECONDARY BOYS SHIRTS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE IN PACKS OF 4, HOWEVER YOU MAY WANT TO SHARE A PACK IF SOMEONE ELSE NEEDS THE SAME SIZE.

PLEASE CONTACT CHRISSY CHANDLER – 0428265251 - ac_chandler@hotmail.com
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR P&C ASSOCIATION

This Code of Conduct clarifies the expected standards of all P&C Association members. It has been adopted to aid all members of our school community to work as a cohesive group in partnership with the school.

The Code is intended to promote and maintain the highest standard of ethical behaviour by P&C Association members. Members of a P&C Association should adhere to the Code of Conduct at all times. This Code applies to each member of a P&C Association.

P&C Association members are to:
• act in the best interest of the total school community at all times
• conduct and present themselves in a professional manner and act ethically and with integrity at all times
• act with courtesy and demonstrate respect for all persons, whether fellow P&C Association members, school staff, parents/carers, students, community members
• remain objective and avoid personal bias at all times
• represent all members of the school community
• engage the school and wider community in developing and effecting school priorities, policies and decisions in a manner that is consultative, respectful and fair
• declare any conflicts of interest and not misuse their office to advance individual views or for personal gain
• make fair, transparent and consistent decisions
• provide objective and independent advice
• listen and be tolerant of the views and opinions of others, even if those views and opinions differ from their own
• treat official information with care and use it only for the purpose for which it was collected or authorised
• respect confidentiality and information privacy (about the school, community members, staff or students) at all times and not disclose confidential information
• not use confidential or privileged information to further personal interests
• be responsive to the requirements of the school community
• seek to achieve excellence in educational outcomes for all students at the school
• listen and respond to issues and concerns regarding strategy and policy
• work within the boundaries of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, the Education (General Provisions) Regulation 2006 and the Department of Education and Training’s policies and procedures relevant to P&C Association operations.
Application for P&C Membership for 2016
Surat State School P&C Association

Please complete and return to the P&C Secretary

Name:
Address:
Home phone:
Mobile phone:
Email address:

I am:
● a parent of a student attending the school
● a staff member of the school
● an adult interested in the school’s welfare, and my date of birth is:__________.

I am:
● applying for new membership
● renewing my membership.

I apply for membership in the Surat State School Parents and Citizens’ Association and I undertake to:
a) promote the interests of and facilitate the development and further improvement of the School and the good order and management of the School; and
b) comply with the constitution of the P&C Association, including the P&C Association Code of Conduct as specified in Schedule 2 of the constitution, and any valid resolutions passed by the Association.

If a person has been convicted of an indictable offence, it is grounds for removal in accordance with the Education (General Provision) Act 2006.

Signature:...........................................................................................

Date: .................................................................................................

P&C Secretary Use

Date received: ........../....../...... Date accepted: ........../....../......

Secretary’s signature: ................................................................. Entered in P&C Register: ☐
Chaplaincy / Student Welfare Services

Chaplaincy services are provided at the school through the State Government Chaplaincy / Student Welfare Funding Program, the Australian Government National School Chaplaincy Programme and community funding sources. These services are optional and provide additional social, emotional and spiritual support to students to complement existing support services within the school.

The school’s P&C and Local Chaplaincy Committee provide advice to the principal on the development and implementation of the school’s chaplaincy service.

Through an Accredited Employing Authority (AEA)12/411220factsheet3, the school has engaged the services of a chaplain for 20 hours per week.

The chaplain provides support for a range of day-to-day matters affecting the school community and these activities are considered by the school’s LCC and approved by the principal.

Written informed consent is required for students to participate in ongoing one-on-one meetings with the chaplain.

The chaplain is an additional support person in the school and is involved in a number of activities which are outlined below.

The following duties are part of the approved workplan:

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Additional information on chaplaincy and student welfare services can be obtained from:

The Department of Education, Training and Employment website, or

The Australian Government, Department of Education National School Chaplaincy Programme

If you have any questions or concerns regarding chaplaincy/student welfare services please do not hesitate to contact The Principal on 46 264 333.
BRISBANE BOYS' COLLEGE

EASTER SPORTS CLINIC

RUGBY and CRICKET

FREE HOLIDAY COACHING

WHEN: Tuesday 29 March  TIME: 9am to 1pm
WHERE: Roma Echidnas Rugby Union Club  WHO: For children aged 7-14 years

Trial cricket and rugby in the one day · Presented by qualified expert coaches
Morning tea and lunch provided. Lunch to follow the clinic.

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT JARROD TURNER 0422 231 777

REGISTRATION FORM

Please return by Thursday 24 March via fax 07 3309 3667 or email j.turner@bbc.qld.edu.au

Child's Name 1:  _______________________________  Date of Birth:  _______________________________
Male  Female  (please circle)

Child's Name 2:  _______________________________  Date of Birth:  _______________________________
Male  Female  (please circle)

Address:  ____________________________________________

Email:  ____________________________________________ (email will be used to communicate information regarding the clinic)

Parent/Guardian Name:  ____________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Contact Number:  ____________________________________________

Medical Conditions/ Allergies/ Dietary Requirements:  ____________________________________________

____________________________________________________

Please act in the best interests of my child if any medical emergency should arise during the clinic. I authorise you to use for marketing purposes any still or video photographic image of my child taken at this clinic.

Parent/Guardian Signature:  ____________________________________________