Netball & Football Opening Day
Principal's Note

Greetings!

The past week has passed us by so quickly and it is hard to believe that Term 1 will be over in four school days. Well done to all for the outstanding commitment that is evident throughout the school each day. It is great to see students engaged and striving to complete all tasks to the best of their ability.

I remind all families of the school's high expectations around attendance even during the last week of school. **All students are expected to be in attendance until 3pm Thursday of Week 9.**

Attendance

The 2016 School Attendance Target is 95%, currently our school's attendance rate is 95.4%. 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 – 92.77%, Yr 1/2 – 95.13%, Yr 3/4L – 95.19%, Yr 3/4D – 96.77%, Yr 5/6 – 95.75%, Yr 7/8 – 98.66%, Yr 9/10 – 97.92%.

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

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held from Monday to Thursday next week.

Thank you for your prompt return of notes.

Investing for Success

You may recall, in 2015, the State Government announced the Great Results Guarantee fund boost to ensure improved literacy and numeracy outcomes were achieved by all students. The year the school will receive funding under the **Investing for Success Program**. Below are the details of the proposed plan that our school has developed to enhance student outcomes.

School will receive an additional $41810 to enhance student outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy. **As a school, we will:**

- Ensure that every student will either:
  |- Achieve NMS in literacy and numeracy.
  |- Have an Evidence Based Plan in place to address specific learning needs.
- Increase the % of students in Prep to Year 10 achieving A-C or equivalent rating in English and Mathematics.
- Increase the % of students meeting NAPLAN National Minimum Standard in Year 3, 5, 7 & 9 Reading and Numeracy.
- Increase the % of students achieving the Regional Benchmarks for Reading & Numeracy in Prep to Year 10.

Thanks

Staff, students and parents, thanks for another sensational 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

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**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.

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**Week 9 School Expectation:**

Be Respectful- Respect school property
**Important Dates**

**MARCH**
- 21st: Colouring Competition Due
- 22nd: P & C AGM - 3:15pm
- 24th: Easter Bonnet Parade
- 25th: GOOD FRIDAY

**APRIL**
- 11th: School Resumes
- 25th: ANZAC DAY

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**Mr Robinson’s News**

On Saturday the Rugby League and Netball contingent from Surat State School made their way to Roma to participate in the annual Roma and District Saturday sport march past. All students looked fantastic in their school uniform and marched with great pride. Once the march was finished and the formalities had taken place students were finally able to get there new sneakers on the netball court and bite into their mouthguards before going into their first tackle. It was great to hear that all students participated in a safe and respectful manner. I hope throughout the season we can continue to see this level of involvement and attitude towards the competition. Thank you to all the parents who travel far and wide to provide their children with the opportunity to play sport. Finally, I leave this message for the competitors. It is not the final result or the pain in sport that matters, but the mateship and strength that you gain from the experience that makes all the difference. Have a lovely weekend.

**Mr Robinson**

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**Tuckshop Roster - Term 1**

**March**
- 23rd: Robyn Sims & Michelle Newman

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**Student of the Week - Week 8**

- **Prep**: Gemma Dean - For using your ‘Picture Pig’ reading strategy to work out tricky words!
- **Year 1/2**: Jackson Nolan - For always showing commitment to class work and homework.
  - Sam Schwennesen - For always completing work neatly and on time - keep it up!
  - Nate Freeman - For consistently displaying the four school expectations.
- **Year 3/4L**: Emily Coveney - For always having a positive attitude towards learning.
- **Year 5/6**: Harry Packer - For participating in all classroom discussion and demonstrating positive behaviours.
  - Lachlan Murray - For demonstrating the 4 expectations in Project 600.

**Principal Award**

Lucy Schwennesen - For always being respectful!

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**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:** Riwayatiyanto Hall  
**Position:** Chaplain  
**Favourite Food:** savoury lamb  
**Favourite sport:** Badminton  
**Favourite Subject:** SOSE  
**Hobby:** song writing  
**Words of wisdom:** Love others as Christ loves you
**P & C Notice**

**Rodeo Canteen** - Our first fundraiser for Term 2 will be the rodeo canteen on Saturday, 16th April (first weekend back after the school holidays). We require volunteers to help serve at the canteen from 11am until late evening. We will need ‘all hands on deck’ for this one! We anticipate this to be a very beneficial fundraiser and would be grateful for your support. Please contact Julie Schutt on email candjschutt@bigpond.com or phone 0746265353 to lock in your preferred time on the roster.

**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 Coordinator, 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. They may be left at the school office. 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 by next **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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## Netball & Football Draw - 19th March 2016

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES ON NEW NETBALL DRAW SENT HOME ON WEDNESDAY

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Please join us for an Easter Bonnet Parade!
Thursday March 24th 2016
2:30pm at the Big Shed
Students are encouraged to bring along and parade their Easter Bonnets.