Term 1 in Review
Principal’s Note

Hello and welcome to my first Principal’s Note for Term 2. It great to see students and staff promptly re-establish classroom and school routines as we return from the Easter holidays. Like all new beginnings, it is obviously an exciting time for our school community to be back and wondering what this term will have to offer. I trust that we will all make the most of the 10 weeks of schooling which is ahead of us.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. The testing days for 2016 are: Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:
- Reading
- Writing
- Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum and are not the only means to measure students’ abilities. These test results should be used in conjunction with other assessment use at school to determine a student’s overall achievement.

The NAPLAN tests are a routine part of the school calendar. However students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/carer if there are religious beliefs or philosophical objections to testing. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with their child’s school. A formal application in the manner specified by the relevant Test Administration Authority (TAA) must be received by the principal prior to the testing. Please make contact with your child’s teacher should you wish to withdraw your child.

Attendance

The 2016 School Attendance Target is 95%, currently our school’s attendance rate is 95%. 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 – 94.19%, Yr 1/2 – 94.73%, Yr 3/4L – 94.99%, Yr 3/4D – 96.2%, Yr 5/6 – 94.86%, Yr 7/8 – 98.34%, Yr 9/10 – 94.57%.

It is great to see some 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!

School Uniform

It is always great to see the entire student population attending school each day wearing our uniform with pride. Well done students and parents!

ANZAC Day

On Monday 25 April, all students and parents are strongly encouraged to attend. School Student Leaders are expected to attend.

Students are required to wear full school uniform and to meet teachers at the Council Chambers. Time to be confirmed.

The March will commence at the Council Chambers on Burrows St and conclude at Surat Memorial Park. The Memorial Service will commence at Surat Memorial Park on Marcus St following the March.

See you there!

Thanks

Staff, students and parents, thanks for another tremendous 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 that we do.”

Enjoy the weekend!

Mr Justin Washington
Principal

Book club is due back on FRIDAY 22nd April.
**Important Dates**

**APRIL**
- 21st: TRAX Tour Visit
- 23rd: Netball/Football Home Game
- 25th: ANZAC DAY
- 26th: Year 7-8 Needles - round 2
- 28th: Roma & District U/12 Touch Trials Wallumbilla
- 29th: CROSS COUNTRY - 12pm

**MAY**
- 2nd: LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
- 3rd: P & C Meeting - 3:15pm
- 6th: ROMA SHOW HOLIDAY
- 10th-12th: NAPLAN TESTING
- 23rd: Arts Council - Funky Chicken 1:45pm
- 24th: Instrumental Music - Fan Fare
- 30th: ICAS Test - Science

**JUNE**
- 2nd: Arts Council - True Culture 1:50pm
- 13th: ICAS Testing - Writing & Spelling
- 24th: END OF TERM

**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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**Year 1/2 News**
Welcome back to Term 2! Year 1/2 have had a restful break and are excited to begin Term 2. This term will be jam-packed with exciting learning experiences. In English we will be exploring persuasive texts, in Maths we will be looking at shape, time and patterns. Science this term will consist of exploring materials and in History we will be comparing the past with our lives today. We look forward to the term ahead.

Miss Rhodes & Year 1/2

**Playgroup**
Monday 9am -11am
0-5 Years
Bring morning tea, hat, sunscreen
Gold coin donation
All Welcome!

**TUCKSHOP ROSTER - TERM 2**

**APRIL**
- 20th: Julie Schutt & Deanna Freeman
- 27th: Chrissy Chandler / Tanya Thompson / Helen Price

**MAY**
- 4th: Karla Harth & Bre Ziesemer
- 11th: Robyn Sims & Michelle Newman
- 18th: Ali Packer / Erica Smith / Donna Cook
- 25th: Kathy Murray & Kylie Washington

**JUNE**
- 1st: Penny Peterson & Rose Kirstenfedl
- 8th: Julie Schutt & Donna Freeman
- 15th: Susie Barber & Mel Sutton
- 22nd: Chrissy Chandler / Tanya Thompson / Helen Price

Parent reminder - Please place 3/4 D or 3/4 L on your child's tuckshop bag as this will help our Tuckshop helpers in knowing which box to place the lunch.
### Netball & Football Draw - 16th April 2016

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### School Bulletin

South West Hospital and Health Service in collaboration with the Western Queensland Primary Healthcare Network are undertaking to develop a health service plan for the South West region. Consultation with the community, councils and health service providers is a major part of the development of the plan. We would like your input into creating a health service plan for your community and to understand what you consider

- The health needs and health service issues for your community
- How the MPHS/hospital and community services are addressing these health needs and health service issues, and
- The priority health areas for health services are.

You are invited to attend a community forum to discuss these issues on Wednesday 4th May 2016. At the Surat Shire Hall Supper room at 8.30 -11am

Whether you attend the forum or not we would also appreciate your feedback online. Please find below a link to the South West health service plan online survey. The survey poses six questions for those wishing to make an online comment. Hard copies of the survey will be provided at the forum.

[www.surveymethods.com/xxxxxxxxx](http://www.surveymethods.com/xxxxxxxxx)
They date back to World War I, and were eaten by our troops on the shores of Gallipoli and in the fields of Flanders so let’s commemorate ANZAC Day with

~ Anzac Biscuits ~

7 / 8 Kitchen Garden class are taking orders for Anzac Biscuits

- orders due back Friday week 1 (15.04) hand in at office
  - collect Friday week 2 (22.04) from the kitchen

Single: 50c
½ Doz: $2.50
1 Doz: $5.00

Get your orders in early so you don’t miss out & tell your friends and neighbours!
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