Weekly Awards

Mural Painting
Principal’s Note
Greetings All!

The past week was filled with various learning experiences throughout the entire school. It is always impressive to observe students actively engaging with their peers, support staff and teachers to make the most of every minute available to improve skills and enhance knowledge. Well done Team!

Attendance

The 2016 School Attendance Target is 95%, currently our school’s attendance rate is 94.9%. As you can see, the school’s overall attendance rate is below the target. We need to stay committed to remain on track.


Attendance Trophy for Week 1 – Well Done Year 5/6

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!

NAPLAN

On Tuesday 10, Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 May, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN, as it is commonly known.

Skills that will be tested include: reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

These tests are done here at school and are considered just another part of the curriculum.

It is important for you and your child to know that NAPLAN is not a pass/fail test. It simply looks at what level students are achieving in literacy and numeracy against National Standards and compared with student peers throughout Australia.

NAPLAN cannot be studied for and students are not expected to do so. The best way you can help your child prepare for NAPLAN is to let them know that it is just a routine part of their school program, and to urge them to do the best they can on the day.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN testing.

Later in the year we will send you an individual student NAPLAN report that you can use to view and monitor how your child is progressing.

More information is available on the NAP website (http://www.nap.edu.au/). If you have any concerns, please contact the school.

Homework Club

As you would know, Homework Club is available to students wishing to access support from staff to assist with their homework. It is great to see the program being used by a large number of students each day. It is important that students follow the School’s Expectations and make the most of the support that is on offer.

Parents, to ensure student safety, it is expected that you inform the Office if your child is not attending Homework Club on specific days.

School Sport

This weekend is our first home game for School Netball and Rugby League. I trust that it will be a great occasion and that all students participate and enjoy their games to the best of their abilities.

As you would be aware, Saturday netball and rugby league are school sport events and the expectations around student, parent and spectator behaviour is no different to any other school activity. The school has an obligation to ensure students are supervised effectively and participate to the best of their abilities during training sessions and game days.

It is great to have parents and teachers involved in coaching our teams each week to ensure they have the skills to promote ongoing personal development in their game. Thank you and keep up the great work!

ANZAC Day

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

Students are required to wear full school uniform and to meet teachers at the Council Chambers from 11am. The March will commence at 11:30 from the Council Chambers on Burrows St and conclude at Memorial Park. The Memorial Service will commence at Surat Memorial Park on Marcus St following the March.

See you there!

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
Important Dates

**APRIL**
- 23rd: Netball/Football Home Game
- 25th: ANZAC DAY
- 26th: Year 7 - 8 Needles - Round 2
- 28th: Roma & District U/12 Touch Trials Wallumbilla - 10am - 2pm
- 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

P & C Notice

**Netball/Football Home Game - this Saturday**
Our netball and football home games are on this Saturday 23rd April. Netball will be held at the school, with games commencing at 8.30am and Football at the Rec Oval commencing at 9.00am. A sausage sizzle will be available at both venues, along with hot and cold drinks, and home baking.

P & C Committee

Playgroup

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

Citizenship Shield Points

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Student of the Week - Week 1

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<td>For great concentration and trying your best in every task!</td>
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<td>For your fantastic writing in English- well done!</td>
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<td>Wylie Newman</td>
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<td>For using higher order thinking to give an interesting perspective during persuasive writing.</td>
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<td>Lucy Schwennesen</td>
<td>For following the schools four expectations!</td>
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<td>Egan Brown</td>
<td>For demonstrating responsible behaviour inside and outside the classroom</td>
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Robotics Club

The Robotics Club kicked off this week with 13 enthusiastic students ready to take the challenge that robotics has to offer. The objective of this session was to allow kids to explore how to work as a team with a very open-ended challenge. Their goal was to successfully program six robots to do the Mexican Wave without any support from the teacher. This meant that students had to take initiative, use effective communication skills and accept any help from their peers all while having fun. I WAS IMPRESSED! The students completed this challenge in under 15 minutes. There was not one dispute or unproductive work during this challenge and plenty of laughs were exchanged in the process. Their next mission…to create a dance routine with three robots. I’m excited to see what they will come up with.

Mr. Macbeth
Netball & Football Draw - 23rd April 2016

NETBALL

Under 8 - Surat State School  9:30am  Surat vs RSC Gold - Court 2
Under 10 - Surat State School  10:30am  Surat/W’Billa Blue vs RSC Gold - Court 1
Under 12 - Surat State School  9:30am  Surat/W’Billa/RSC Blue vs RSC Gold - Court 1
Under 15 - Surat State School  8:30am  Surat/W’Billa/RSC Blue vs RSC Gold - Court 1

FOOTBALL

Under 8 - Surat Rec Oval  9:00am  Surat vs RSC Gold
Under 10 - Surat Rec Oval  9:45am  Surat/RSCB vs RSC Gold
Under 12 - Surat Rec Oval  10:30am  Surat/RSCB vs RSC Gold

Tennis Lessons

Tennis lessons will begin this term through the Surat Tennis Club with Mr Macbeth as the coach. Coaching times for students will vary depending on the number of children interested. To express your child’s interest in tennis lessons, contact Mr Macbeth by Wednesday 20th April so a timetable can be created and lessons can begin soon. Please note that these lessons are provided by the Surat Tennis Club, therefore any queries must come through the club and not Surat State School.

Mr Macbeth

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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TUCKSHOP ROSTER - TERM 2

APRIL

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 Kirstenfedlt
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.
ANZAC DAY SERVICE
SURAT
25 APRIL 2016

The Surat RSL Sub Branch invite community members to take part in this year’s Anzac Day commemorations.

11:30am Parade assemble at Council Chambers and march to Memorial Park.
12noon Memorial Service and Wreath Laying at Memorial Park.
1:00pm Lunch at the New Royal Hotel.

Volunteer Week Event 2016
Big Rig Night Show and Mystery Film

WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2016
Evening includes entry, complimentary supper and drinks on arrival.
Transportation Available
PLEASE MEET AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS BY 5.30pm
Mitchell, Injune, Surat & Yuleba depart from Council Offices.
Wallumbilla depart from Calico Cottage at 6:00pm
Arrive at Big Rig by 6:30pm
RSVP to your Local Development Officer by Monday, 9 May 2016

Yuleba State School P&C Motorbike Gymkhana
25th June 2016
Yuleba Recreation Grounds
Perry St, Yuleba

Raising funds for our All of School 2016 camp—providing opportunities for our children to experience the city and educational places of interest.

Followed by an evening of live entertainment, Bar and BBQ.
Free Camping—showers and toilets available.

Please contact Karen Hibbs on 0428492582 or Tammy Bell on 0427573777
NAPLAN provides benefits from the ground up for students, schools and Australian education systems.

You're not alone... 1 MILLION STUDENTS sit the NAPLAN test.

Students take the test in years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

No pass. No fail. Familiarisation is important. Drilling and excessive practice is unnecessary.

STUDENT

SCHOOL

TEST DOMAINS

WHO BENEFITS?

Students and parents: Discuss progress with teachers, and compare performance against national peers.

WHO BENEFITS?

TEACHERS:
Help teachers to challenge higher performers and identify students needing support.

SCHOOLS:
Map student progress, identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and set goals.

EQUITY:
A large enrolment of Australian students.

KNOWLEDGE:
Open conversation about the importance of literacy and numeracy.

NATIONAL STANDARDS:
Comparable data about literacy and numeracy standards.

AUSTRALIAN EDUCATION SYSTEMS

WHO BENEFITS?

School systems and governments: Valuable data to support good teaching and learning, and school improvement.

The data and information we gain from NAPLAN drives ongoing improvement at school, state and national levels.

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COMMIT

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SUCCEED
Surat’s Family Secret Weight Mega Fishing Competition & Carp Buster

Saturday 30th April & Sunday 1st May 2016

Nominations commence 9am Saturday

Surat Fisherman’s Park—Northern side of Surat Bridge

Many prizes to be won!
Total Prize Pool $4,350.00

Two Continuous Weigh Ins
Saturday 12noon – 6pm  Sunday 7am – 2pm
(Fish need to be in enclosure by 2pm Sunday)

Major Adult Prize – Boat, Motor & Accessories worth $2000
Major Junior Prize – Camping Package Valued at $250

You only have to nominate to win the Major Prizes
(Please remember competitors must be present to claim Major Prizes & Spot Prizes – otherwise will be redrawn)

Saturday Night—Spectacular Fireworks Display by Sparky’s Fireworks
Music supplied by DJ Johnny Mac

Secret Weight Prizes & Overall Prizes for Murray Cod, Golden Perch, Silver Perch, Dewfish & Carp

Surat’s famous Duck Race 2pm Sunday followed by the announcement of spot prizes, prizes and draw of major prizes

This Carp Buster is part of the Queensland Murray-Darling Committee Carp Buster Fishing Series 2015/2016

Total Prize Pool $3,500.
Visit: www.qmdc.org.au for more information
Ph: Greg & Deb: 0418 402 755  -  07 4626 5298
Jake: 0409 061 349
Ronald: 0427 172 914

Come and enjoy the weekend by wetting a line or sinking a tinny!!