Weekly Awards

Year 3/4 PE - Skate Park
Principal’s Note

Greetings All! Welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 6.

The past week of teaching and learning at Surat State School was filled with routine activities. It was back to business as usual and staff and students went about their daily business, committing to strive for success and make the most of every opportunity.

Attendance

The 2016 School Attendance Target is 95%, for Week 5 our school’s attendance rate was 97.7%.

Week Four Attendance Data: Prep – 95%, Yr 1/2 – 95.29%, Yr 3/4L – 100%, Yr 3/4D – 100%, Yr 5/6 – 97.5%, Yr 7-10 – 100%.

Attendance Trophy for Week 5 – Well Done Year 7-10!

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 Meetings

Thank you to most parents for following our expectations around meeting with teachers and booking meeting times in advance.

Parents, if you require a meeting to discuss your children or any issues with a teacher or the Principal, one of the following methods must be used to arrange a meeting:

1. Contact the office via phone or face to face, to arrange a meeting time
2. Use your child’s communication book if available
3. Send an email

To avoid disappointment, do not just turn up and expect a meeting to occur.

All parents and visitors to our school must sign in at the office. Administration staff will phone teachers to confirm availability for a meeting. Parents or visitors must not go directly to classrooms or staffrooms to seek out teachers without signing in at the office; this includes visitors to the Secondary block.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this expectation.

BACK TO BASICS

Many parents are worried about what is commonly referred to as a lack of ‘basics’. I am sure that parents don’t want a return to old-fashioned methods or to recreate schooling of yesteryear; rather, parents want to be sure that certain areas are given appropriate emphasis. If you ask any parent, this is what they will most likely want for their children:

- To read fluently
- To write with correct spelling, grammar and punctuation
- To express themselves clearly
- To be competent in numeracy skills
- To have a sound understanding and appreciation of the world in which we live

What could be more reasonable? I cannot imagine any teacher or other educational professional who would not share these objectives. The only problem is this list is not complete! For students living and working in the 21st century, schools need to provide a lot more, and they do!

Schools and society owe each child the following, which go far beyond the traditional basics as defined by the 3 ‘R’s’. The ‘new basics’ include:

- Learning to understand oneself as a ‘learner’.
- Communicating effectively in speech and writing.
- Logical reasoning and clarification of issues.
- Thinking critically about local, national and international issues.
- Understanding of our own and other cultures.
- Cooperating with others in work and social life.
- Investigating and solving a wide range of problems.
- Appreciating and modelling approaches to healthy living.
- Expressing ourselves through the arts.
- Valuing those qualities which make a civilised and compassionate society.
- Applying information in everyday life situations.
- Being actively involved in their own communities.
- Learning via a range of multi-media applications.

Meeting these ‘new basics’ is an exciting challenge for schools and school communities.

School Expectations

At Surat State School, we currently follow four expectations to ensure our school community is the best it can be. They are: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Committed.

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

Playgroup

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

Book Club is due Friday 27th May.

School Attendance Award

Year 7-10
P & C NOTICE

Thank you to everyone who helped make our home netball/football games a successful day. Once again, our thanks also go to the Surat Butchery, The Pantry and the Wagon Wheel Cafe for their support. It is much appreciated.

A reminder that pie order forms are due back on Tuesday 24th May, should you wish to order. Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser.

P&C Committee

Student of the Week - Week 5

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<td>Lah-ni Denton - For always using manners and being respectful to all staff and peers.</td>
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<td>Lily Ferrier –For being a responsible role model.</td>
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<td>Alec Ziesemer - For being an active group member and making meaningful contributions.</td>
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<td>Kyle McMillan - For consistently showing respect towards his teachers.</td>
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High School News

The High School students are learning about Ned Kelly in English this term. We are deciding whether he was a villain, hero or victim. We will be writing an imaginative recount from the point of view of one of the characters. We are really enjoying this unit and are happy to be learning about a significant person from our Australian history. Enjoy the rest of term! 😊

Mrs Nolan

Important Dates

**MAY**

23rd  Arts Council - Funky Chicken 1:45pm
24th  Instrumental Music - Fan Fare

**PIE DRIVE ORDERS & MONEY DUE**

30th  ICAS Test - Science

**JUNE**

2nd   Arts Council - True Culture 1:50pm
9th   Pie Drive Delivery
13th  ICAS Testing - Writing & Spelling
24th  END OF TERM

Netball & Football Draw - 21th May 2016

**NETBALL**

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**FOOTBALL**

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P & C Notice - PIE DRIVE TIME!!!

Please return order forms and payment to Megan at the school office by Tuesday 24th May. Pies will be available for pick up from school on Thursday 9th June. Pick up time to be confirmed.

If you know of anyone who might not already have a connection to our school community but might be interested in ordering, please let us know and we will post an order form to them.

Thanks in advance for your support.

The P & C Executive

### TUCKSHOP ROSTER - TERM 2

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Parent reminder - Please place 3/4D or 3/4L on your childs tuckshop bag as this will help our Tuckshop helpers in knowing which box to place the lunch.

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Citizenship Shield Points

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ZONTA LADIES RACE DAY

21 MAY 2016

Lunch 12noon to 2.30pm

Ticket: $20 - includes entry, a complimentary drink & light lunch and a donation to the Zonta Club of Roma Inc to support Victims of Domestic Violence.

Bassett Park (in front of the Grandstand)

Contact: Teresa on 0427 050 106 or teresa.office.temp@gmail.com

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Work as a polling official and make votes count

Temporary positions are available in your local area for weeks or election day.

Even if you haven't worked on an election we want you here from you. Training is provided.


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COMMIT EXCEL SUCCEED
Flu shots available now at Surat Medical Practice, phone 46265166 to make an appointment.

GET THE FLU SHOT BEFORE THE FLU GETS YOU
Flu shot available now

**Consumer fact sheet**

- Vaccination is the single most effective way of preventing the spread of flu in the community.
- If you want to protect yourself from the flu, get vaccinated every year because the flu virus is constantly changing.
- The flu vaccine is available free under the National Immunisation Program from April 2016 for those people who have the greatest risk of becoming severely ill from flu.
- Flu vaccines are age-specific; all parents should tell their doctor the age of their child before vaccinating.

**WHAT IS THE FLU?**
Influenza (flu) is a highly contagious viral infection that spreads easily from person to person through coughing, sneezing and close contact.

The virus infects your nose, throat and sometimes your lungs. Unlike a cold, symptoms such as fever, sore throat and muscle aches develop suddenly with flu and last about a week. In some cases, severe illness and complications such as pneumonia and bronchitis can develop, which can result in hospitalisation and even death. The flu can also make some existing medical conditions worse.

**WHY SHOULD I GET THE FLU SHOT?**
Annual vaccination is the best way of preventing the flu and any associated illness.

You should get the flu shot every year because the flu virus is constantly changing. Every year, the flu vaccine changes too, so it protects against the flu strains which are most likely to be around during that winter.

Being vaccinated in autumn allows time for the vaccine to work before the flu season starts and offers protection throughout the winter months. Even if you received a flu shot towards the end of the last flu season, you should still be vaccinated again before this flu season.

The flu vaccine does not contain any live virus, so you cannot get the flu from the vaccine.

**FLU VACCINE FOR CHILDREN**
The flu vaccines are age-specific. Make sure your vaccination provider knows how old your child is so they can receive the correct dose and brand of vaccine.

**FLU VACCINE SAFETY**
Common side effects usually occur within one to two days following flu vaccination and include soreness, redness, pain and swelling at the injection site, drowsiness, tiredness, muscle aches and low grade fever. If these side effects occur they are usually mild and go away within a few days, usually without any treatment.

There may be a small increase in the risk of fever when a child receives both the flu vaccine and the pneumococcal disease vaccine (Prevenar 13) at the same time. These two vaccines can be given separately, with at least a three day interval between them, to reduce the likelihood of fever. If you are concerned, you should discuss this option with your doctor or vaccination provider.

You are encouraged to report any adverse event following the flu vaccine to your doctor or vaccination provider, to the Adverse Medicines Events Line on 1300134 237, or to the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) through the 'Report a problem' link on the TGA website.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE FREE FLU SHOT?**
Vaccination experts recommend the flu vaccine for everyone from six months of age, however the vaccine is free under the National Immunisation Program for people at high risk of complications. They are:

- **Pregnant women**
- Pregnant women are at higher risk of severe complications associated with the flu. Vaccinating against flu at any stage during pregnancy is safe and also provides some protection for babies during their first, vulnerable months of life.

- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people**
- All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people from six months to less than five years of age, and 15 years of age and over, are eligible for free flu shots.

- **People 65 years and over**
- People aged 65 years and over have the highest risk of complications associated with seasonal flu.

- **People with certain medical conditions**
- People with some existing medical conditions are more likely to experience complications from flu. These include anyone who is six months of age and over who has:
  - heart disease
  - severe asthma
  - chronic lung condition
  - chronic illness requiring medical follow-up or hospitalisation in the past year
  - diseases of the nervous system
  - impaired immunity
  - diabetes
  - children aged six months to 10 years on long-term aspirin therapy

For more information about the 2016 seasonal influenza vaccine, visit immunise.health.gov.au or call the Immunise Australia Information line 1800 671 811.

A more detailed fact sheet, Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI) information for individuals and families on the influenza vaccines available in 2016, is also available on the Immunise Australia website.

All information in this fact sheet is correct as at 12 March 2016 and valid for the 2016 influenza season.
CPR COURSE!

Gain or update your CPR Certification. Learn this essential life saving skill. You never know when you may need it!

**When:** Wednesday 25th May 2016  
**Where:** Surat State School  
**Time:** 3.30pm – 6.00pm approx.  
**Cost:** Aprrox. $60 when booked online

**please note all participants must be booked in and paid for prior to attending. No payments or walk-ins accepted on day of course.**

- To enroll go to [https://ambulance.qld.gov.au](https://ambulance.qld.gov.au)  
- Go to services tab and click on first aid training  
- Click on search available courses and select the course. PCPR – Provide CPR (HLTAID001) and click continue.  
- Enter postcode 4417 and Surat State School will appear. Click on Surat State School and then the Book the next available course button.  
- Enter details until booking completed.

Alternatively phone 13 QGOV (13 74 68) and ask for help with course bookings.

Further Enquiries contact John Nolan 0438 402 753