Prep

Kitchen Garden
Many parents on receiving their child’s report card for the first time are un-
aware that their child is achieving the best they can. This grade should be celebrated with
pride. It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of another school term.
With ten days of teaching and learning to complete, I suspect that our school community will be making the most of every teaching and learning oppor-
tunity of the coming weeks. Over the past weeks, teachers have been final-
ising assessment and writing Semester 1 Report Cards as part of our
school’s reporting requirements.

Below is an article that may help parents understand the Student Report
Card when it arrives home with students on Thursday June 23.

Report Card Time
Over recent years, parents, students and teachers across Queensland have
become more familiar with a more uniform process for reporting in all
schools. The use of a more consistent 5-point scale has been one of the
significant developments.

Most of us who were schooled in generations past are familiar with the A-E
scale and for many it offers a great deal more comfort and better under-
standing of achievement.

An important point that deserves clarification though is that the 5 point scale
has some subtle differences these days. When we see a “Working With,
Sound or C” on our child’s report card it means something a little different to
what it used to on our own report cards, many years ago.

In the past, the achievement scale used a “Bell Curve” distribution which
means that a small group of top students in the class got an “A”, the next
group got a “B”, the majority of the class were given a “C” and so on until the
whole class represented a distribution from A-E. This means that it was
tarter to get an “A” in a school filled with academic students and easier to
get one in a school with less academic students.

The new system works on “benchmarks of achievement” or “criteria” such
that, what constitutes an “A”, “B”, “C” etc is predetermined. Any student who
shows evidence of meeting that level deserves that grade.

This is where we consider the difference in what a “Working With, Sound
or C” really means:

- A “Working With, Sound or C” no longer means that the student is
simply in the middle of the class, it means that the student has
met the criteria for a learner at the appropriate age level.
- A “Working With, Sound or C” means that the student is doing
everything required at their Year Level
- The best description is that a “Working With, Sound or C” means
a student’s academic development is exactly where it needs to be –
A “Working With, Sound or C” is ON TARGET or AT YEAR LEVEL
STANDARD.

With all of this in mind, we must accept that it may be harder to get an “A” or
a “B” than it used to be. These grades are no longer awarded simply to the
top students in the class; they are only given to students who show that they
are independently capable of working beyond the criteria for their year level.
So what does all this mean?

- Many parents are likely to see more “Working With, Sound or C”
grades on their child’s report cards
- The “Effort” grades are a really important reflection of whether your
child is achieving the best they can. This grade should be celebrated with
students because they have worked hard to be where they need to be.

How to Read your child’s Report Card
Many parents on receiving their child’s report card for the first time are un-
sure of how to read it. All parents of children enrolled in a Queensland State
School receive the same formatted report card twice a year.

These written reports are a culmination of how a child has achieved in their
academic studies over a school semester. The report cards contain the
following information:
- An overall academic achievement for each subject
- An effort achievement
- A comment

The academic and effort achievements are consistent across all Queens-
land State Schools however, each school is permitted to use the comment
box how they see fit. Currently at Surat State School, teachers comment on
what the children have studied in each subject area.

As mentioned previously, the end of semester report card is a culmination of
your child’s results over the semester. With parent teacher interviews being
offered to all parents and our open door policy, parents will already be well
informed of their child’s academic progress.

As always, if you have any concerns about your child’s progress, please see
your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Attendance
The 2016 School Attendance Target is 95%, for Week 8 our school’s
attendance rate was 95.2%.
Week Eight Attendance Data: Prep – 92.5%, Yr 1/2 – 100%,
Yr 3/4L – 90.77%, Yr 3/4D – 97.33%, Yr 5/6 – 96.67%, Yr 7-
10 – 90%.

Attendance Trophy for Week 8 – Well Done Year 1/2!
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!

Under 8’s Day
On Friday June 24, our school will be hosting an Under 8’s Day morning
from 9:12:00pm. The morning will be filled with fun activities for children
aged 0-8. All children from our community and surrounding area are most
welcome to join our school for a memorable occasion. For further infor-
mation, please contact the School’s Office.

Thanks
Thank you to everyone for another great week at Surat State School.
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!
**Prep News**

In English this term, we have been reading, listening to, creating, acting out and writing about Fairy Tales. We have particularly loved making a castle for the story “Jack and the Beanstalk” and “Cinderella”. It has tall walls, flags, a moat, bridge and even crocodiles...! The Year 3/4D class has even come to help us make it! This week we have been busy writing a retell of our favourite fairy tale and next week we are looking forward to presenting them.

Miss Grenning and Prep students

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**Student of the Week - Week 8**

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<td>Year 1/2</td>
<td>Ruby Murray - For using THRASS to help with your writing!</td>
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<td>Jadee Denton - For writing mysterious sizzling starts in English. Campbell Schutt - For being enthusiastically engaged in mathematics.</td>
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<td>Will Chandler –For creating a great persuasive magazine article!</td>
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<td>Year 5/6</td>
<td>Jacob Coveney - For using descriptive language within his assessments.</td>
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**Principal Award**

Ella McLean - For always using exceptional manners and having a positive attitude towards all school activities.

**Year 5/6 Kitchen Garden**

On Friday 24th June at 11am, the 5/6 Class will be holding a healthy snack stall. Students are invited to bring a gold coin donation for the opportunity to try a healthy snack that the 5/6 class has prepared in Kitchen Garden class. It will be on a first come, first served basis until all gone, and the portion size will not replace normal lunches. Some examples of the snacks on offer are snack size mini pizzas, healthy wraps, sushi, sweet potato chips and zucchini fritters.

**Netball & Football Draw - 11th June 2016**

**NETBALL**

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**FOOTBALL**

NO FOOTBALL THIS WEEKEND - FULL ROUND BYE
**School Disco**
The Surat State School Disco is back on again. This year’s theme is ‘Cartoon’, so arrive in your best dressed outfit.
When: 6:00pm – 8:00pm on Friday 17th June, 2016
Where: The School Auditorium
Cost: $5.00 which includes entry, a sausage and glow stick. Sausages, glow sticks and soft drinks will be available to purchase.

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**TUCKSHOP ROSTER - TERM 2**

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

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**DATE CLAIMER – Keep an eye out for more details coming soon!**

"A Yarn with Shane Webcke"

**FRIDAY, 8 JULY 2016**
6.30pm
Surat Shire Hall
Come along and enjoy an evening with Shane Webcke.
FREE Family Event with dinner provided.
Children’s entertainment in the supper room.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL FOR CATERING & CHILDRENS ENTERTAINMENT.

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**CAR BOOT SALE**
Saturday, 11th June, 2016
$20 per site, incl. Insurance
A DEADLY CHOICE IS A HEALTHY CHOICE

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SURAT 16TH JUNE, MITCHELL 16TH JUNE
MORVEN 21ST JUNE, RUGATHILLA 23RD JUNE
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Surat on Balonne Gallery

You're invited to join us for the opening of

SHOT
SURAT SHUTTERBUGS

Monday 13th June | 9.30am | Morning tea
Cobbs & Co Changing Station, 67 Burrows St, SURAT Q 4417

Please RSVP by 10th June ~ 4626 5136

10th ANNUAL DULACCA
WINTER ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETIC PROGRAM FOR 5 TO 12 YEARS
Awarding Gold, Silver and Bronze Medallions for winners of finals in each event and Individual Age Champion Trophies

Saturday 25 June 2016
Dulacca State School Oval, 9am start
Children from all areas welcome to compete at Dulacca
Entry $2/person — Canteen and BBQ operating all day
Special guest appearance from paralympian and inspirational sporting champion Darren Thrupp

Nominations and enquiries to
Andrew Coleburn 0428 320 279 or Tony Hindmarsh 4627 6899

DULACCA STATE SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

Appearing at Myall Park Botanic Garden from July 20, 2016

Offshoots
A Plantagen from Cairns Botanical Gardens is a vibrant exhibition of contemporary botanical illustration by Cairns artist Julie McEnery. Offshoots is a selection of botanical illustrations by Julie McEnery with a special focus on plants of ecological or cultural significance. The making of the offshoots collection is a five year story about a working relationship between the artist, the curator and the Cairns Botanical Gardens. McEnery employs both contemporary and traditional botanical illustration techniques.

OPENING OF EXHIBITION
Wednesday July 20th 6 pm

Please join us for Complimentary Champagne and strawberries.

RSVP The Gallery: 07 4065 6705 or email: myallparkbotanic@bigpond.com

The exhibition will be on display until October 5, 2016.

Julie McEnery: Snow Pandani, 2011 Watercolour on paper, 194 x 71cm Courtesy of the artist
You are invited to our Under 8's “Fabulous Fairy Tale” morning!

Dress up as your favourite fairy tale character!

Who: Children aged 8 and under and their parents

When: 9am-12pm, 24th June 2016

Where: Prep classroom at Surat State School

What to bring: Lunch, fruit or vegetable snack, hat, drink bottle

Please contact the school if your child has any food allergies.