Weekly Awards

Year 1/2 & 3/4L
Construction Task
Principal’s Note

Welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 10.

It was another busy week of teaching, learning and having fun at our great school. Well done and thank you to all school community members for continuing to make our school the best place to be.

As we approach the end of Term 2, please be reminded that we expect all students to be in full attendance until 3pm Friday 24 June. It is still business as usual until 3pm Friday.

Attendance

The 2016 School Attendance Target is 95%, for Week Nine our school’s attendance rate was 92.4%.

Week Nine Attendance Data: Prep – 95%, Yr 1/2 – 92.94%, Yr 3/4L – 90.77%, Yr 3/4D – 90.67%, Yr 5/6 – 95%, Yr 7-10 – 96%.

Attendance Trophy for Week 9 – 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!

Under 8’s Day

On Friday June 24, our school will be hosting an Under 8’s Day morning from 9-11am. 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 information, please contact the School’s Office.

Rewards Afternoon

On Thursday June 23, all students with 0-2 Detentions or Office Referrals for minor behaviour in Term 2 will be invited to attend and participate in the Rockin Rewards afternoon. This end of term reward activity is for those students who have consistently demonstrated appropriate behaviour throughout Term 2.

Students with three or more Detentions or Office Referrals for minor behaviour or one major behaviour referral for Term 2 will be engaged in a School Expectation Refresher Workshop to reflect on appropriate behaviour choices instead of attending the Rockin Rewards afternoon.

NAIDOC Day

On Tuesday 21 June (next week), our school will be engaging in a range of activities at school run by the Surat Aboriginal Corporation in recognition of NAIDOC Week which falls on the school holidays. All students will be participating in the activities throughout the afternoon on Tuesday.

Students are encouraged to dress in indigenous colours (red, black, yellow) for the day.

Netball

Well done to our Under 10 Netball Team and Coach Mr Macbeth for making to the Grand Final this weekend. I trust that the team will participate to the best of their ability and be humble in either defeat or victory.

Thanks

Thank you to everyone for another outstanding 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 wet weekend!

Mr Justin Washington
Principal

School Attendance Award

Years 7-10

Playgroup

Monday 9am -11am
0-5 Years
Bring morning tea, hat, sunscreen
Gold coin donation
All Welcome!
17th June, 2016

Student of the Week

Prep  Jack Freeman - For working hard to complete your retell on “Jack and the Beanstalk”.

Year 1/2  Darcy Podham – For being a kind class member and always helping out his peers.
           Darcy Harth - For completing work to the best of his ability- keep it up!

Year 3/4L  Hunter Price - For displaying a positive and committed attitude towards learning

Year 3/4D  Lacey Harth – for working hard to finish assessment.

Year 5/6  Harry Packer - for working well when completing assessments and trying your best.

Important Dates

**JUNE**

20th  ICAS Testing - Writing
21st  NAIDOC Day
23rd  Rewards afternoon
24th  Under 8’s Day - 9am - 12pm

24th  END OF TERM

**JULY**

11th  SCHOOL RESUMES

22nd  ATHLETICS DAY

P&C News

Thank You!

A huge thank you to Kylie Washington who kindly coordinated the Pie Drive Fundraiser this year. It is much appreciated. Our thanks also go to all the school families, staff and the local community who placed orders and to those who were on hand to help pack and sort on delivery day. Thank you for your generous support.

Batteries

We are currently organising collection of our stored batteries. If there are any last minute donation of old batteries, these need to be dropped off at school as soon as possible. Thank you.

Help Needed - Shane Webcke Dinner

Our P&C is providing dinner at the fast approaching Shane Webcke dinner on Friday 8th July at the Shire Hall. This will be a big boost for our P&C! We would really appreciate your help. If you are able to help out in any way, either with cooking, donating food or helping out on the night. Please contact Libby McLean – 04124442356 – loanfordlib@bigpond.com or Kylie Washington – 0407362929 – kjwasho@bigpond.com.

Next Meeting

Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26th July at 3.15pm in the High School Building. All welcome.

P&C Committee

Citizenship Shield Points

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Year 5/6 Kitchen Garden

Next 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.

School Disco

The Surat State School Disco is back on again. This years 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.
Not all Learning can be tested

Literacy, numeracy, curriculum learning areas, and cross-curricular priorities are all important. But what makes teaching so complex and makes the role of a teacher so pivotal to shaping the kind of society we want to see are the types of learning that happen in schools every day. They are intangible lessons learned in and out of the classroom.

In society today there are many things that can't be assessed with a pen a paper test, and it is a timely reminder that when we talk about student outcomes, we must remember to take a broad view.

It is in our classrooms that students learn to be kind. To be empathetic and generous. They learn to see the world through the eyes of another. To embrace ways of doing and being that will shape the kind of person they will become.

Students learn to share, they learn to help others, and they learn to ask for help when they need it. They learn that you’re not weak if you ask for help. Students learn about the different abilities and personalities of those around them. They learn that there are some people who are more like them and some people who are less like them and that’s okay.

We teach them resilience, but also that it’s okay to cry or be sad or to be hurt or disappointed when things don’t go our way. We teach them to express themselves and to be thoughtful and to consider consequences before they act or the feelings of others before they speak.

We teach them to be safe and to look after themselves. We teach them that they can always tell someone if they do not feel safe or when something has happened. Sometimes we are there for them when they feel that no else is.

When we see them, we call them by their name and we smile at them and say hello. We tell them that we care about them, we want them to learn well and then we back up those words by sticking with them. We encourage them to set goals, also give the critical feedback that can both help them improve and also give them a realistic view of their own capacities. We teach them to apologise, to take responsibility and that no one has to be defined by the last bad choice they made.

You can’t count the thousands of ways that students are influenced by their teachers during their time at school, and you certainly can’t test it or display it on a dashboard or data wall. Anyone looking to judge the success of a school won’t find these things in a league table or listed on the MySchool website. Anyone taking a narrow view of student achievements and outcomes won’t see the full picture of the distance travelled or improved outcomes of the kids.

Some students won’t like school, but they love their teachers and that’s what keeps them there. As the saying goes, people may not always remember exactly what you’ve said, but they will always remember how you made them feel. The impact of a teacher resonates throughout a person’s life.

Even people in old age, in deep despair, at the heights of their career, will point to the teachers who influenced them. Teachers frame the way their students see education for their own children. Teachers inspire students to go on and become teachers.

Character traits are developed through modelling. The very things that teachers do every day as they lead learning give students strong and diverse exemplars of the type of people they can be. We are not trying to take the place of parents or caregivers – that’s not fair to us or the families. But we as teachers play a big role in the “village” it takes to raise a child. In the 21st Century society wants our kids to achieve academic success. But we also want them to be happy, to be hopeful for the future and kind to those around them.

Mr Blomdale

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Netball & Football Draw - 18th June 2016

NETBALL - GRAND FINAL

Under 10 - PCYC 8:30am  Surat/W’Billa Blue vs Injune - Court 1
Under 12 - PCYC 9:30am  Surat/W’Billa/RSC Blue vs ST Johns Blue- Court 1

FOOTBALL

Under 8 - RSC Junior Campus 9:45am  Surat vs Wallumbilla
Under 10 - Middle Campus 9:00am  Surat/RSCB vs RSCR - (Eastern)
Under 12 - Middle Campus 9:45am  Surat/RSCB vs Wallumbilla - (Western)
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.

TUCKSHOP ROSTER - TERM 2

JUNE

22nd
Chrissy Chandler / Tanya Thompson / Helen Price

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.

Don’t dump it, recycle it for FREE!
Take your unwanted television/s and computers to the Mitchell or Roma Waste Facilities for free E-Waste collection from 28 June until 5 July.
This service is open to all residents and small business owners wanting to dispose of old computers, printers, keyboards and televisions. Please note, items such as mobile phones, game consoles, DVD players, stereos and appliances are not accepted.

Appearing at Myall Park Botanic Garden from July 20, 2016

Offshoots
A Plantegum 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 4665 6705 or email: myallparkbotanic@bigpond.com

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

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 Thrupe

Nominations and enquiries to: Andrew Coleborn 0428 220 279 or Tony Hindmarsh 4627 6899

DULACCA STATE SCHOOL P& C ASSOCIATION
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.