Weekly Awards

Playgroup
Principal’s Note
Welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 5.
The recent week of teaching and learning has been another period of gains and rewards. The entire school community was engaged with many learning experiences throughout the week. It is always refreshing to observe students and staff working cooperatively both in and out of the classroom. Thank you to all, for your ongoing commitment to ensuring that every student, in every classroom, is learning and achieving everyday.

Attendance
The 2016 School Attendance Target is 95%. For Week 4 our school’s attendance rate was 90.4%.

Week 4 Attendance Data: Prep – 75%, Yr 1/2 – 91.11%, Yr 3/4L – 88.33%, Yr 3/4D – 96.92%, Yr 5/6 – 94.55%, Yr 7-10 – 94%.

Attendance Trophy for Week 4 – Well Done Yr3/4D!
At Surat State School, all students are committed to be here everyday. Let’s continue to provide the best opportunity for our students to attend school everyday. As we reach the halfway point of Term 3, parents are reminded of the importance of sending their children to school each day. Being at school every day counts. One day absent each week quickly adds up to two months of missed lessons in a year. 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. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

Communicating
Of all the living species on our planet, humans are the luckiest; we have a spoken and written language which allows us to share our thoughts and feelings with each other and record them for others to read in the future. Sometimes saying what we really mean isn’t easy and can be made even harder when others just don’t seem to understand what we are trying to say. We all need a little help communicating at different times in our lives! Talk to your children about these ideas:
If you are the speaker, try to remember:
• use eye contact as much as possible,
• choose your words carefully if you are upset or angry,
• ask the listener if they understand what you are saying,
• give the listener time to respond; don’t dominate the conversation,
• speak with respect; treat others in the way you wish to be treated,
• try not to ‘waffle’ on; be specific and get to the point,
• use an appropriate tone and volume for the situation,

Your body is speaking at the same time as your voice!

If you are the listener, try to remember:
• not to interrupt,
• don’t pretend to understand; ask for clarification,
• look at the speaker,
• not to give advice unless it is requested,
• to focus on the content as well as their feelings,
• give the speaker your full attention; keep your mind on the conversation,

Your body is listening at the same time as your ears!

Good communication results from saying what you mean and meaning what you say. It is also about being a good listener.

Sport
Well done to all students who represented our school at the Roma and District Athletics trials on Monday this week. Thank you to parents for your ongoing commitment to ensuring our students have the opportunity to participate.

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

Tuckshop Roster

August
17th Karla Harth / Bre Ziesemer
24th Michelle Newman / Robin Sims
31st Julie Schutt / Deanna Freeman

September
7th Suzie Barber / Penny Peterson
14th Chrissy C / Tanya T / Helen P
FOOTBALL GRAND FINAL

13th August 2016

Under 8
Cities Oval 8:45am Surat vs RSCW

Facebook
Don’t forget to stay tuned to our school’s Facebook page.

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

Student of the Week - Week 4

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<td>Evie Chandler</td>
<td>For independently using your reading strategies!</td>
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<td>Lah-ni Denton</td>
<td>For always participating in class discussions and activities. Ruby Murray</td>
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<td>Year 3/4D</td>
<td>Ava Washington</td>
<td>For showing commitment to her learning.</td>
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<td>Campbell Schutt</td>
<td>For participating in class discussions.</td>
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<td>Harry Packer</td>
<td>For working independently on set tasks and demonstrating excellent behaviour.</td>
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Principal’s Award

George Broadhead – For always being respectful to staff and students

High School News

In English this term, the Year 9 and 10 students have been learning how to write an interview script based on the play ‘Twelve Angry Men’. The Year 7 and 8 students are learning how to write a biography based on someone who has displayed courage. We have begun our assessment tasks and are working hard to complete our biographies and interview scripts during class time.

Enjoy your weekend 😊

Mrs Nolan

Sporting Schools

As of August 16th, our Sporting Schools Programme will only be running on a Tuesday afternoon from 3:15pm - 4:15pm. The sport this term will be cricket.

Choir News

This year, the Surat State School Choir will be participating in the Roma and District Eisteddfod, held from the 12th-14th October. We have been very busy practising weekly for this event and are excited to have the opportunity to showcase our singing.

Next week is Seniors Week. On Tuesday the 16th at 10:10am, choir students will be visiting the folk at the hospital and singing our “Surat Promise” song to them. If you do not wish your child to leave the school grounds next Tuesday, please provide a note to the school office.

Then, on Tuesday the 23rd August (Week 7) from 1-3pm in the school auditorium, choir students will be participating in a workshop with an experienced musician and lecturer, Michael Bradshaw.

These are all very exciting and fantastic experiences for our choir students!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

Miss Emma Grenning
exgre5@eq.edu.au

19th August
**P&C News**

**Prawn Night**

Our major fundraiser for next year will be a Prawn Night to be held on **Saturday 18th February 2017**. We are currently forming an organising committee for this event. At this stage we still require more volunteers for the organising of this event to progress. If you would like to be part of this committee or would like to contribute in some way, please contact Bre via email kentbrez@gmail.com.

Thank you for your interest and help in advance.

**Cake Stall**

Our next fundraiser will be the cake stall at the Riverside Markets to be held on Saturday 27th August from 8am. Donations of cakes, slices, biscuits or anything suitable would be much appreciated. These can be brought along on the morning or left at the school office before 3pm on Friday 26th August. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Next Meeting**

Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th August 3.15pm in the High School Building. All welcome.

P&C Committee

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**Important Dates**

**AUGUST**

15th  ICAS - Mathematics
19th  Arts Council
29th  Positive Parenting Program - 9am

Year 7/8 Vaccinations

**SEPTEMBER**

16th  End of Term 3

**OCTOBER**

3rd  PUBLIC HOLIDAY
4th  School Resumes
18th-24th Book Fair

**NOVEMBER**

23rd  Celebration Night

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*******DATE CLAIMER*****

**SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2017**

P&C Major Fundraiser

PRAWN NIGHT
with cold meats & salads

BAR
LIVE BAND
AUCTION

More information to follow

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**COMMIT**

**EXCEL**

**SUCCEED**
Title: Triple P, Positive Parenting

**Take the guesswork out of parenting!**

Want to see less of the behaviour you don’t like and see more of the behaviour you do like? Come along to a Triple P – Positive Parenting Program seminar. There are three seminars available for parents of children up to 12 years old.

**Raising Confident, Competent Children**

Monday, 11th August, 2016 9am
Sunrise State School

**Raising Resilient Children**

Monday, 25th August, 2016 9am
Sunrise State School

Find out more about why kids behave the way they do, and pick up tips and strategies to help make family life easier – and more fun!

**Book your free place now!** www.triplep-parenting.net

Title: PlayNRL

**Play NRL WOD Camp**

(Age: 6-11 yr old boys) Cost: $25

Date: Starts 9am Monday 25th – Wednesday 26th September 2018

Junior NRL WOD camp will be held at USC Gatton Campus. Over 2 nights and 3 days. Price includes - Accommodation, all meals, 2 camp shirts, NRL Trucker Cap, Water Bottle, Backpack, Football

**PlayNRL International Development Camp**

(Age: 12-15 yr old boys) Cost: $275

Date: Starts 9am Wednesday 25th – Friday 28th September 2018

PlayNRL International Camp will be held at USC Gatton Campus. Over 3 nights and 3 days. Price includes - Accommodation, all meals, 2 camp shirts, NRL Trucker Cap, Water Bottle, Backpack, Football

**PlayNRL Girls Only Development Camp**

(Age: 10-11 year old girls) Cost: $200

Date: Starts 9am Friday 27th September – Saturday 1st October 2018

PlayNRL Girls camp will be held at USC Gatton Campus. Held over 1 night and 2 days. Price includes - Accommodation, all meals, 2 camp shirts, NRL Trucker Cap, Water Bottle, Backpack, Football

**REGISTER ONLINE TODAY** www.playnrl.com

Title: Flying Scientists

**Celebrate National Science Week and meet a Flying Scientist!**

FREE Roma community event – with activities for the whole family!

When: Thursday 18 August 6.30 pm for 7.00pm start

Where: Cultural Centre – Cnr Bungil St & Northern Rd, Roma

- Meet Dr Paul Pounds – a Flying Scientist from The University of Queensland and find out about his passion for Robotics and Drone Technology
- Learn about exciting science career options for your children
- See scientific presentations from Roma State College students as well as robotic displays from St John’s students.
- Robotics displays and workshops plus a science lucky dip for every child attending!

**Note:** Attendance is FREE and includes a light supper.

Register to attend: [lexie.ryan@uq.edu.au](mailto:lexie.ryan@uq.edu.au) or phone 3443 7981

This event is brought to you by Wonder of Science in partnership with the Office of the Queensland Chief Scientist – proudly supporting the Queensland Government’s Inclusive Queensland Initiative.