Weekly Awards

Under 8’s Grand Final Day
**Principal’s Note**

Welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 6.

It has been another productive week at Surat State School. All students and staff have been actively engaged with teaching and learning throughout the entire school. We are constantly striving to meet the expectations and demands of modern day schooling. The overall commitment across the school appears to have been intensified by most students in most areas of school, however there is still a need to increase and improve the attendance rate for our school.

**Attendance**

The 2016 School Attendance Target is 95%, for Week 5 our school’s attendance rate was 95.4%.

Week 5 Attendance Data: Prep – 95%, Yr 1/2 – 97.78%, Yr 3/4L – 95%, Yr 3/4D – 89.23%, Yr 5/6 – 100%, Yr 7/10 – 96%.

**Attendance Trophy for Week 5 – Well Done Yr 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. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

**School Review**

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week, our school will be engaged in a School Review. A School Review is to help Queensland state schools continue to lift their performance and improve outcomes for students, tailored school reviews were introduced in 2015.

The reviews replace the teaching and learning audits and will ensure every school gets the support it needs.

Every state school, including independent public schools, will be reviewed at least every four years. This is the same frequency as the teaching and learning audits, but it’s no longer a one-size-fits-all approach.

The new reviews are tailored to the individual needs and context of schools. For example, high-performing schools will be given autonomy and some funding to organise their own reviews and appoint reviewers. Schools needing extra support will receive it as a priority. The reviews are administered by the School Improvement Unit (SIU), which has been established as an independent monitor of state school performance.

**Swearing**

Swearing may cause stress and conflict in the home, particularly if your child has not sworn before. Before dealing with it, both parents need to discuss their own values about swearing and what they think is acceptable. In some families one parent swears and the other does not, or one parent disapproves of swearing while the other does not – this gives mixed messages to the children. Some families think it is fine for adults to swear but not for children – this also gives mixed messages to the children.

Children will hear swearing around them at sporting events, parties and gatherings, on television and in movies. They need to learn that there are many unacceptable forms of language and that there are times and places when its use may cause distress to others.

Listed below are some suggestions for dealing with swearing at home:

- Try to be matter of fact and say something like, “We don’t use that word in our family and I don’t want to hear it again.”
- If children are experimenting with a word you could offer an alternative suggestion. For example if they are calling out a word you don’t like, you could make up a fun word and suggest they try that instead. e.g. “I know a better word than that, what about saying ‘ping’.”
- If your children say a swear word when they are angry or distressed it is probably most helpful to show them how to say what they really mean, e.g. “I can see you feel really cross/upset/disappointed ... ” rather than make a big fuss about the use of the word.
- Set up a penalty box. If anyone swears or uses unacceptable language they are fined an agreed amount. Money collected in the box is donated to a worthy cause.
- Try not to overreact if your children swear at home; sometimes that is their sole purpose! Make sure that they know you are not impressed with their choice or use of language.
- Discuss the use of inappropriate language as a family. Set family rules.
- Both children and adults may sometimes swear out of habit. If this is the case, help them to find new ways of expressing themselves.
- Consider your own use of language. If there are words you do not want your children to use, remove them from your own language; remember that children learn best by example!

Swearing is not tolerated at Surat State School and will be dealt with seriously. Staff at our school have a ‘zero tolerance’ to swearing. You will be notified immediately if your child is caught swearing at 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

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**Tuckshop Roster**

**August**

24th Michelle Newman / Robin Sims
31st Julie Schutt / Deanna Freeman

**September**

7th Suzie Barber / Penny Peterson
14th Chrissy C / Tanya T / Helen P
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!

The Great Book swap
Leading up to Literacy and Numeracy Week, we are asking students to give any books they would like to donate or swap. Students may bring in books during week 7 before school (from 8:30am) to Year 5/6 classroom.
The Great Book Swap will begin in week 8 for Literacy and Numeracy Week. Students are able to come in and choose a book for a gold coin donation from the Year 5/6 classroom. Proceeds go towards The Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Student of the Week - Week 5

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<td>For being a happy and respectful student!</td>
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<td>Jack Peterson</td>
<td>For being such an enthusiastic reader- keep it up!</td>
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<td>Ella McLean</td>
<td>For always giving 100% effort to all school tasks</td>
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<td>Gregory Neal</td>
<td>For his increased participation in class activities.</td>
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<td>Bella Harth</td>
<td>For working diligently in English to finish and edit her recount.</td>
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<td>Year 5/6</td>
<td>Egan Brown</td>
<td>For participating respectfully in classroom activities.</td>
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<td>Secondary</td>
<td>Noah Walsh</td>
<td>For an increase in commitment and effort towards all aspects of his schooling.</td>
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HPE News
HPE this term has been stacked with variety; the Prep class have been engaging with numerous games, displaying their cooperation and teamwork skills. The 1/2 class have been skipping away, practising their hopping, running and jumping skills. The 3/4 classes have had an athletic focus with students demonstrating their skills in a range of athletic events. The 5/6 class have had some theory this term, with their focus on the body and the FITT component. The 7/8 class have also had some theory, delving into the components of fitness through touch football. The 9/10 boys have had the luxury of engaging themselves in the world of BMX, using drill cards to enhance one another's skills. Thanks students and parents for a great term so far, keep up the good work.

Mr Robinson

Literacy & Numeracy Week/ Book Week
29th August – 2nd September 2016

Book Parade
“Australia”
We invite you to transform into your favourite book character with an ‘Australian’ theme for Book Week Parade, to be held in Literacy & Numeracy Week.
Date: Friday 2nd September 2015
Time: 9am
School Auditorium
Don’t forget to bring your favourite book along with you!
All welcome!

Expression of Interest
All interested persons are invited to attend a special meeting which will be held at Surat State School on 30 August 2016 at 5.00pm. The purpose of this meeting is to consider the requirements of setting up a combined Wallumbilla/Surat/Yuleba Junior Rugby League Club. It is planned to also elect office bearers and to establish a committee to oversee the establishment of this club during Term 4, in readiness for the 2017 Roma and District Junior Rugby League competition. This is a wonderful opportunity to be involved for community people interested in promoting football for our youth in our local area.
More information is available by contacting Principals of Surat, Yuleba or Wallumbilla State Schools.
P&C News

Cake Stall - Saturday 27th August - Riverside Markets - 7am

Donations of cakes, slices, biscuits or you may have homegrown produce - eggs, lemons, oranges, mandarins or jams, chutneys - any items would be very much appreciated! These can be brought along on the morning or left at the school office before 3pm on Friday 26th August. Please note that the market starting time has changed back to a 7am start. Thank you in advance for your support.

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.

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

Important Dates

AUGUST

29th Positive Parenting Program - 9am

Year 7/8 Vaccinations

29th-2nd National Literacy & Numeracy Week

SEPTEMBER

2nd Book Week Parade - 9am

16th End of Term 3

OCTOBER

3rd PUBLIC HOLIDAY

4th School Resumes

18th-24th Book Fair

NOVEMBER

23rd Celebration Night

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

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2017

P&C Major Fundraiser

PRAWN NIGHT
with cold meats & salads

BAR
LIVE BAND
AUCTION

More information to follow
**Triple P, Positive Parenting**

**Take the guesswork out of parenting!**

Want to see more of the behaviour you like and less of the behaviour you don't like? Come along to a Triple P - Positive Parenting Workshop seminar. There are two seminars available for parents of children up to 12 years old.

- **Raising Excellent Children**
  - Monday, 29th August, 2016
  - Dorat 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

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**Free Parenting Seminars**

**Flying Fox Management in Surat**

Maranoa Regional Council, in partnership with Boobook, would like to share information with the community and seek feedback about flying fox management of the local colony that visits our region each year. Topics will include:

- Understanding this species and native trees
- Learning about their habits, diet and movements
- Management strategies

**When:** Monday 22 August 2016
**Where:** Surat Hall Supper Room
**Time:** 11am

If you can’t make the seminar, and would like to find out more about the information provided, contact the Regional Manager or contact the customer service on (07) 4697 7495.

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**PlayNRL School Holiday Camps**

**2016 ComE and Try Motorcycle Sport: Give it a Go**

Roma District Motorcycle Club
Saturday 20th August 2016
Starting 12:30pm

This is a free event for riders that have never held an annual motorcycling licence before.

Come and try out the sport at an accredited track under the guidance of experienced riders and officials.

All ages and abilities welcome – bring your own bike.

Riders MUST wear boots, helmet, goggles, gloves, long pants and shirt, body armour for Juniors.
St George State High School P&C
Presents
A DAY TO
create

A day for women to experience various art workshops in St George
SATURDAY
22nd October 2016
8.30am to 4pm
Registration & Stalls open 8.00am
Venue: Balonne Skill Centre
2 Victoria St, St George

Cost: $100 per participant which includes tuition fee, high tea morning tea, lunch and gift bag. Minimum age 12. Participants complete two 2.5 hour workshops with a tutor.

2016 Tutors
Patricia Heymans: Watercolour Painting
Olivia Ross: Photography
Sylvia Bridge: Patchwork
Mary Jibson: Embroidery
Lola Caffe: Quilting

Limited Spaces so book early! RSVP by 10th October.
Registration Forms Available from:
St George State High School Office
Or
St George State High School Website
Or
Email: awood142@eq.edu.au

Further information contact: Annette Woodrow on 0429657354