Weekly Awards

Book Week Parade
Welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 8.

It is always great to observe all students actively engaged in productive and meaningful learning experiences. The past week was busy with a range of activities and it appeared that all students and staff were making the most of every opportunity to make a difference.

**Attendance**

The 2016 School Attendance Target is 95%, for Week 7 our school’s attendance rate was 91.7%.

Week 7 Attendance Data: Prep – 92.5%, Yr 1/2 – 96.67%, Yr 3/4L – 91.67%, Yr 3/4D – 92.31%, Yr 5/6 – 89.09%, Yr 7-10 – 90%.

**Attendance Trophy for Week 7 – Well Done Yr 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. Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

**School Review**

**Executive summary - Key findings**

- Staff members, students and parents hold the school in high regard. Staff members demonstrate an understanding of the importance of positive and caring relationships to successful learning and work actively to build partnerships with students, parents and the community.

Community members commend the school for the proactive work in engaging the wider school community in planning and feedback regarding school development. The four key values of respect, safety, commitment and responsibility are reinforced through reward systems in most classes. Artefacts are displayed in prominent locations around the school to remind students of key values. The school motto Commit, Succeed, Excel is used by teachers to reinforce the values.

- The principal and teaching staff members are united and committed to the School Improvement Agenda (SIA) that is established in reading and numeracy.

The recent improvement in National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) data is attributed by staff members to the sharper focus on reading. It is apparent a range of other priorities are being implemented across the school with targets for each of the priorities varying in depth regarding high expectations. A clear and consistent strategic planning process based on collaboration with all stakeholders is yet to be developed.

- The school has published a comprehensive Standardised and Diagnostic Data Collection Overview outlining data collection timelines, expectations of classroom teachers in recording of data and instruments to be used.

Most teachers articulate the difficulty in balancing planning and teaching delivery with time to collect and record the broad array of data sets. Some teachers advocate for a reduction in the number of data sets used.

- Teachers develop their curriculum units and agreed assessment tasks in consultation with their Head of Curriculum (HOC).

The school has developed a wide range of curriculum support documentation which clearly details expectations for teaching across the Australian Curriculum (AC) using the multi-age Curriculum to the Classroom (C2C) resources as the key reference. Teachers are aware of what they want students to know, do and apply to be successful with their learning. Guides to Making Judgements (GTMJ) aligned to the planned assessment tasks are a part of this process. Some teachers indicate they do not use the curriculum plan as a working document due to its expansive nature.

- Parents, students and members of the wider community express the view that the stability and professionalism of staff members is highly valued within the community.

The principal has taken proactive steps with the region and universities to endeavour to ensure there is a quality pool of teaching staff members.

- The school is considering strategies to enhance the profile of junior secondary area.

A clear junior secondary identity and response to this challenge is yet to be articulated.

- Classrooms are welcoming places in which to learn and teachers take pride in the presentation of these environments.

Students report their classrooms are conducive to learning and they feel supported by their teachers in the learning process. Some students interviewed indicated they would like to see more extension activities and a greater variety of learning experiences to engage them in the learning. A pedagogical framework documenting the preferred school teaching and learning strategies is in place. Teachers application of the strategies associated with explicit teaching are embedded across all learning environments. Teachers’ connection to the full range of strategies documented in the pedagogical framework and feedback to teachers from instructional leaders varies.

**Key improvement strategies**

- Develop and communicate the strategic planning process for establishing and monitoring school priorities.

- Review the pedagogical framework with a view to condensing the key strategies and aligning explicit feedback from instructional leaders.

- Review and condense the curriculum plan to ensure relevance and accessibility for all teaching staff members.

- Re-develop the data plan and associated skilling to ensure the range of data compliments the teaching and learning process.

- Collaboratively develop a school community action plan to identify a junior secondary identity and opportunities for leadership and mentoring of younger students.

This Executive Summary will be placed on the school website.

**Gala Day**

Our students will have the opportunity to enjoy a fun day of developing skills, engaging with students from outside of our school and playing sport in a non-competitive environment on Tuesday 13 September. A note was sent home earlier this week with the finer details.

There may be some seats available for parents wishing to go to Wandoan for the day as volunteers. Parents will need to contact the School Office to ascertain if there are seats available and pay $10.

**Sport**

Well done to Noah, Paul, Thomas Schutt and Iva for their participation at the South West Regional Track and Field Trials which are in Chinchilla on today.

**Junior Rugby League Update**

On Tuesday 30 August, the inaugural Executive Committee was elected for the Wallumbilla/Surat/Yuleba Junior Rugby League Club. Thank you to all parents and community members from Wallumbilla, Yuleba and Surat for their attendance and commitment to ensuring our kids’ rugby league future in the district is supported.

President: Stuart Mauder (Wallumbilla), Vice-President: Grant Harland (Yuleba), Secretary: Libby McLean (Surat), Treasurer: Justin Washington (Surat).

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
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!

Citizenship Shield Points
OGILVIE CROTHERS
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Junior Netball Update
On Saturday 3 September, a meeting will be held at the White Bull Tavern from 12:30pm to form a Sub-Committee to operate under Maranoa Netball Association. If you are interested in being involved with Junior Netball for 2017 or would simply like more information, please attend this meeting or make contact with your local School Principal or the Maranoa Netball Executive.

Maranoa Netball Association is committed to ensuring that all junior netball players are provided with the opportunity to participate in a quality netball and development program. The only condition is that a strong and committed sub-committee needs to be formed to ensure the 2017 Junior Netball Program is run effectively. Positions to be filled to ensure the Junior Netball Program will commence in 2017 are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Convener, Canteen Coordinator, Coach and Umpire Coordinator.

It is anticipated that players will register under Maranoa Netball Association and teams will be formed to participate in the program in a central location which will be Roma, and in time be making full use of the proposed new Netball Complex at Bassett Park. The program will be open to any player within Roma and District and may extend to players outside of our district who don’t have access to regular Netball programs eg, Wandoan, Taroom, Miles etc.

Student of the Week - Week 7

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<td>Prep</td>
<td>Thomas Sims</td>
<td>For displaying enthusiasm and commitment towards reading!</td>
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<td>Tori Price</td>
<td>For always approaching tasks with a positive attitude.</td>
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<td>Year 3/4D</td>
<td>Kyran Brown</td>
<td>For showing respect to his peers.</td>
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<td>Bella Harth</td>
<td>For including detail and a range of sentences in daily quick writes.</td>
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<td>Year 5/6</td>
<td>Tim Chandler</td>
<td>For making valuable contributions to class discussions.</td>
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St George Junior Cricket
The St George Junior Cricket club is set to start the 2016/17 season on Saturday 22nd October 2016. Muster/Registration day - 8th September, 5pm at Rowden Park.

The committee is looking at running an inter town competition in conjunction with our training sessions on a Saturday. (2/ month competition game - 2/month coaching session)

For this to be successful, we are looking at communities that would be interested, and to gauge the ages of the interested players.

For any further information, please contact Kelvin Bella (President) on 0428717284

Kitchen Garden
Our garden is coming along slowly…the year 9/10 boys (under the supervision of Mr Newman) have constructed a new garden bed – for a crop of corn…hopefully. The 7/8 boys continue to work their compost – turning it each week to assist with the decomposing…. it is turning into a mighty fine brew that before too long we will be able to incorporate it into our garden beds. While the girls’ vegie patch has grown beautifully with an abundance of carrots, broccoli, beetroot, snow peas, spinach, silver beet, sugarloaf cabbages…and onions. We also have leeks, kale, shallots and strawberries growing. We have just planted seeds for future crops…corn, eggplant, capsicum, tomatoes, zucchini, pumpkin, watermelon, rockmelon and cucumber. All going well, our garden will be flourishing in a few weeks' time …

We are working towards raising money for a shade cover for our vegie patch – with the P & C's support, we sold goods we made in class at the local markets. Thank you everyone who supported our stall.

Mrs Pointon

Tuckshop Roster
September
7th Suzie Barber / Penny Peterson
14th Chrissy C / Tanya T / Helen P
Prep News
This term, Prep students have been learning about rhyme. We have been very busy creating, writing, reading, listening to and speaking many different rhymes. Here are a few of our rhymes we have thought of...!!

Here is a cute and precious pig. It can jump and dig. (Ivy)

That is a fierce cat. It can jump on the mat. (Mavrick)

Here is a sparkly cat. She is scratching the mat. (Gemma)

There is a yummy pear. It can roll under the chair. (Evie)

There is a cute lamb. It can eat the jam. (Jack)

Here is a scary rat. She is carrying a bat. (Maddie)

Here is a tall bun. It can listen and run. (Daniel)

Here is a fluffy pig. She can dig with a wig. (Thomas)

Miss Greening

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER
5, 6 & 7 Parent/Teacher Interview
13th Cricket & Netball Gala Day
16th End of Term 3

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

NOVEMBER
23rd Celebration Night

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.

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

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2017
P&C Major Fundraiser

PRAWN NIGHT
with cold meats & salads

BAR
LIVE BAND
AUCTION

More information to follow
Women's Basketball
SKILLS TRAINING SESSION

... with 4 x NBL Championship Winner & ex Brisbane Bullets coach Brian Kerle

SATURDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
1 - 3PM at Maranoa PCYC

FREE, of charge, thanks to

14 years and over. Afternoon tea provided. Register your interest via maranoabasketball@gmail.com

UNDER 13s SESSION - Saturday Sept 10, 11am - 12.30pm at Maranoa PCYC
UNDER 19s SESSION - Saturday Sept 10, 3pm - 5pm at Maranoa PCYC
WHERE: YOUTH ZONE

WHEN: FRIDAY, 2nd SEPTEMBER
      5.30 PM

NIBBLES PROVIDED

BRING A FRIEND AND A SMILE