Weekly Awards

Year 5/6

Phil Kettle Writing Workshop
Welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 9.

Another week done and only one to go before Term 3 is over. Over the past week, a lot has happened at our school and it is becoming apparent that it is almost holiday time. I remind all families of the school’s high expectations around attendance even during the last week of school. **All students are expected to be in attendance until 3pm Friday of Week 10.**

**Attendance**

The 2016 School Attendance Target is 95%, for Week 8 our school’s attendance rate was **95.9%**.

Week 8 Attendance Data: Prep – 92.5%, Yr 1/2 – 96.67%, Yr 3/4L – 95%, Yr 3/4D – 100%, Yr 5/6 – 96.36%, Yr 7-10 – 94%.

**Attendance Trophy for Week 8 – Well Done Yr 3/4D!**

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.

**Rewards Afternoon**

On Thursday September 15, all students with 0-2 Detentions or Office Referrals for minor behaviour in Term 3, 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 3.

Students with three or more Detentions or Office Referrals for minor behaviour, or one major behaviour referral for Term 3, will be engaged in a School Expectation Refresher Workshop to reflect on appropriate behaviour choices instead of attending the Rockin Rewards afternoon.

Invitations will be sent home early next week.

**Making Friends**

Friendships are a very important part of life. Making friends and keeping friends can be a very difficult ‘job’ for many people. Children especially, may find the issue of friendship difficult and it is in fact one of the major issues that teachers deal with in your child’s social education. Some children, like adults, just have the ‘knack’ for easily making and developing strong friendships. However, for other children it can be a nightmare and they need to be taught the skills of making and keeping friends.

Often children will say that they have no friends. In most cases, this is not the fact, but more often it is a case of a particular social situation that has resulted in them ‘falling out’ of a particular friendship grouping. Children are extremely sensitive to the dynamics of friendships and often struggle to understand how, in some cases, their actions or the actions of others, have contributed to a temporary ‘falling out’ with friends.

While there is no ‘magic recipe’ for making and keeping friends, the following are some helpful points:

- Friendships are like planting flower seeds. You need to nurture and care for them in order for them to blossom.
- Sometimes, despite all your best efforts, a friend might just remain as someone you know.
- Finding and becoming best friends takes time, don’t be in a hurry to move from someone you know to regular friend and then best friend.
- What makes a good friend? Talk to someone about this and list all the things that other people do to become good friends.
- Look for groups who seem to have interests which you share or know something about.
- Helping others is a good way to make friends, but remember to be kind, not bossy.
- Be a good listener so others can tell that you are really interested in what they are saying.

Be a positive person. Talk about other people in a positive way.

Remember, “The Surat State School way is to commit to our learning, strive for excellence and succeed in all 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!

Family Fun Day
Come along to a day where adults & children can get active in a social game of Touch Football.

When: 22nd October 2016
Time: 2pm - 5pm
Where: Surat Recreation Grounds
Mixed touch Teams (10 per team)
Adults & children
Water & energy drinks supplied
Names/Teams to Miss Muller-clmul0@eq.edu.au or Anita Hobbs - 0407694861 by 3rd October 2016. I will be looking for some referees for the day so if you have any experience in touch and wouldn’t mind helping out, please let me know.

Help Needed
We are asking for donations of cakes, slices or savoury items to support the Glenmorgan family of ‘Little Andrew’ at the celebration of his life on Tuesday 13th September. Donations can be dropped off to the Surat School office or to Sally Broadhead by Monday 12th September. Thanks for your support.

Sally Broadhead - 0400827981

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P&C News
Thank you - Cake Stall!
Thank you to everyone who donated baked goods and other items, made donations and purchased from our Cake Stall at the Riverside Markets. It is very much appreciated. Thanks also to Mr Macbeth who helped us out with the tent and tables. Well done to the Student Council for being so entertaining and enthusiastic with their stall and to Mrs Pointon and the Kitchen Garden Students for having such a delicious treats at the Kitchen Garden stall!

Next Meeting
Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday 18th October at 3.15pm in the High School Building. All welcome.

P&C Committee

Reminders
P-2 Camp
Please return camp notes and payment to the school office ASAP and ensure that you complete the medical form.

Gala Day
Don’t forget Years 3-6 Netball/Cricket Gala Day next Tuesday 13th September at Wandoan. If you haven't returned your $10 and/or medical form, please return to the office ASAP.
SEP News

In the Special Education Program (SEP) students have been working very hard and diligently on their Maths, English and Social Skills. We have been incorporating a variety of resources and technologies to ensure that each student can access and study the Australian Curriculum e.g. adjusted hands-on resources, iPads, computers and visuals. In SEP we have been working together with classroom teachers to assist and provide support for students who may need that extra assistance. We are continuing to achieve our main goals for SEP which are to ensure that we combine 21st century teaching and learning with a focus on 21st century student outcomes of adjusting and differentiating specific skills, content, knowledge and expertise. We strive to provide innovative support systems to help our students’ master the multi-dimensional abilities required of them to live, learn and participate in the 21st century.

Interesting read from SEP – Inclusive Education

Today I’d thought I would write about inclusive education.

In 2002 Education Queensland described inclusive education as “Education for All: A process of responding to the uniqueness of individuals, increasing Presence, Access, Participation, and Achievement in a learning society”. This definition captured important elements of inclusive education but left out the most vital feature….. that the learning “society” or environment in which this process takes place is the general education system, i.e. regular schools and classrooms.

Inclusion is about ALL of us, includes the following features:

- Inclusion is about living full lives – about learning to live together
- Inclusion treasures diversity and builds community
- Inclusion is about our ‘ability’ – our gifts and how to share them
- Inclusion is NOT just a ‘disability’ issue.

Regular students and students with disability experience inclusive education when:

- They are seen as people first, rather than just as a disability label
- Their capacity to develop and learn is recognised
- Their education occurs in regular settings and with access to the general curriculum
- They are encouraged to lead typical lives
- They are part of regular educational services alongside their peers
- It is recognised that they make a positive and valuable contribution to their schools
- Extra supports and assistance are provided, when necessary, so that they can participate fully in regular educational services.

Inclusion is the way to go as it provides the academic and social outcomes to assist your child in becoming modelled 21st century citizens who live fulfilling lives.

Academic

Academic outcomes from hundreds of individual studies consistently reveal that children educated inclusively made greater academic progress than those who were segregated. Segregated environments still achieved progress but bot to the same degree. Additionally the degree of integration was a significant predictor of progress. The greater the pro-

Tuckshop Roster

September

14th Chrissy C / Tanya T / Helen P

Important Dates

SEPTEMBER

13th Cricket & Netball Gala Day
15th Prep-Yr 2 Overnight Camp
16th End of Term 3

OCTOBER

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

NOVEMBER

23rd Celebration Night
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

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UNDER 13s SESSION - Saturday Sept 10, 11am - 12:30pm at Maranoa PCYC
UNDER 19s SESSION - Saturday Sept 10, 3pm - 5pm at Maranoa PCYC

COMMIT EXCEL SUCCEED
Meet local Olympic Champion
EMILEE CHERRY
Gold medalist at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games in Women’s Rugby Sevens.

YOU CAN CATCH UP WITH EMILEE AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

Council Civic Reception
Date: Friday, 9 September 2016
Time: 8.30am – 9.30am
Location: Maranoa PCYC
34 – 44 George Street Roma

Souvenir Signing & skills development session
Date: Saturday, 10 September 2016
Time: From 10am-12pm
Location: Roma Touch Football Fields
Bungil Street Roma
Sausage sizzle and canteen available

For more information about the upcoming events, please contact Customer Service on 1300 007 662, visit us on www.maranoa.qld.gov.au or follow us on Facebook by searching ‘My Maranoa’
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EISTEDDFOD
ENTRIES CLOSE
THIS WEEK!

Important Dates:

1. Eisteddfod Competition will be run over three days – 12, 13, 14 October at the Roma Cultural Centre.
2. Entries can be handed in this week, by Friday 9th September. Contact us on romaeisteddfod@gmail.com if you need help, or are experiencing any difficulties.

What you need to do to enter the Eisteddfod:

1. Email romaeisteddfod@gmail.com to receive a copy of the 2016 syllabus. Information regarding the sections students can enter, and the entry forms are included in this document.
2. Email completed forms to the above address, or drop paper copies to the front desk at CondonTreasure Accountants in the Maranoa Business Centre, Hawthorne St, or to St John’s Catholic School front office. Instructions for payment are included in the syllabus, with options for Direct Deposit if this is easier for you.
3. All schools will have had a folder delivered to them with a paper copy of the syllabus and copies of the set songs. If you choose to enter any of the other sections you will need to hand a photocopy of the music to your school office or coordinator to be filed in this folder. The adjudicator will need copies of all songs and pieces played during the eisteddfod. This is explained further in the syllabus.

Support for Singers:

1. The Roma and District Eisteddfod, with financial assistance from Maranoa Regional Council ($5000), St John’s Catholic School ($2000) and Roma State College ($1000), has facilitated a series of workshops for 10 schools across the district. Choir groups have spent time with Michael Bradshaw, preparing their performances for the eisteddfod.
2. We will do all we can to provide accompanists if you do not have access to someone who can play for you. The Set Songs for each age group will be available via Google Drive – (see instructions below). These piano accompaniments are very ‘rough’, but hopefully they will be good enough to allow for practise at home! If needed, Mrs Carmel Treasure will be available to play for students participating in the Set Song Sections regardless of which school they attend.

Type the below link into the address bar of your browser. We recommend you use Chrome if you wish to play the songs in the browser.

tinyurl.com/eisteddfodsoundfiles

1. Follow the link.
2. If you are signed into google (via gmai.gogledrive, googlemaps etc) you will be able to rightclick on the song you want, and will then be able to download it to listen to the sound file.
3. Otherwise, you can download files by clicking on the song you want. The screen will change and may start to play your song. If you move your mouse towards the top of the black screen, you will find the download button.
4. Good luck – contact carmel.treasure@twb.catholic.edu.au if you are experiencing difficulties!