Greetings!

It is my pleasure to be addressing you all for the beginning of Term 4, 2016. What a year it has been thus far! Week 1 of this term has been positive and busy, with students and staff returning from their holiday period seemingly refreshed and ready to get back into it.

Mr Washington has taken some much deserved long-service leave for Week 1 and 2 this term, therefore, I have had the privilege of taking on a few extra duties in his absence (including the weekly newsletter article, so bear with me!).

Attendance

Congratulations to those students who were awarded their Attendance Certificates on assembly this week, for achieving greater than 95% in attendance for Term 3. It is truly pleasing to see the ongoing effort from students and their parents to ensure they are committed to learning and education. On behalf of the school, I extend my thanks to you; we really appreciate your enthusiasm and commitment to school by encouraging your children to be here every day.

ICAS Test Awards

I’d also like to extend my congratulations to those students who received awards for the ICAS English test this year. Participation in ICAS tests are voluntary, however they provide a great opportunity for students to challenge their knowledge and skills in a range of learning areas. This year, our students received a number of Distinction, Merit, Credit and Participation awards, which is very commendable. It is so pleasing to see such outstanding results in a competition that is recognised internationally. Well done!

PBL

At Surat, our students are consistently displaying their understanding of the school’s 4 Expectations; Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Committed. These expectations are clearly seen across the school on banners and posters, and I often hear conversations between students and staff about the 4 expectations. Through our PBL journey, we have developed and established a common understanding of expectations and behaviour through a common language. I encourage you, as parents and caregivers, to use the same language with your children at home. Ask your children about the school’s 4 expectations; what are they; what do they mean; what do they look like through your children’s eyes? How can these expectations be integrated at home? Our 4 expectations are certainly applicable in all areas of life, not just within the school grounds, so I strongly encourage you to talk about them at home with your children, so as to further develop the learning partnerships between school and home.

Year 5/6 Intern Teacher

She’s already a familiar face to us, however Mrs Narina Close’s role for the first 4 weeks of Term 4 is as Intern Teacher in the Year 5/6 class, being mentored by Miss Courtney Muller. I wish Mrs Close all the best for her internship here at Surat, and trust that her experience will be rewarding, challenging and positive.

Teacher Aides

Relieving Mrs Close in her Teacher Aide position are Mrs Kylie Washington and Mrs Tanya Thompson until the end of Week 4 this term. I hope that their experiences here are also rewarding and positive.

Roma Eisteddfod

Next week, the Surat State School Choir will travel to Roma to perform in the Roma Eisteddfod. I wish all choir students, as well as any other students who are partaking in the Eisteddfod, all the very best for their performances. I trust that all students will represent our school with pride, respect and commitment. Good luck!

Junior Rugby League – Wallumbilla/Yuleba/Surat

As Secretary of the Wallumbilla/Yuleba/Surat Junior Rugby League Club Committee, I’d like to remind you about the upcoming meeting next week. It will be held at the Yuleba State School Library, on Tuesday starting at 6pm. If you have a child/children who may be interested in playing Rugby League in 2017, I encourage you to attend.

Student Free Day

I’d like to remind you of the school’s upcoming Student Free Day on Monday 17th October 2016. The school will be closed to students; while staff will be involved in professional development and training on this day.

Thank you all for a wonderful week!

Kindest regards,

Libby McLean

Acting Principal/Head of Curriculum

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**Roma Junior Cricket Sign-On Day**

Saturday, 8 October 2016

Roma & District Cricket Grounds opposite the Big Rig.

8am until 10am

**Under 8, 10, 12 and 14**

$75 registration fee [covers affiliation fees and insurance levy]

all Under 8 players receive a Cricket Australia kit.
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!

P&C News
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GET YOUR TEAM READY

For
Surat SS P & C & the Green Patch Surat

Trivia Night

15TH OCTOBER
fun and fundraising for

The Green Patch – our vegie patch at the school.

trivia...lucky door...games...prizes...

WIN...a night @ QUEST TOOWOOMBA + 10 PIN BOWLING
VOUCHER...a night @ DALBY MIDTOWN MOTOR INN...

Book your table...call Megan 46264333

or show up on the night

Proceeds for a greenhouse shade for our vegie patch

VENUE:
FUNCTION ROOM @
THE NEW ROYAL HOTEL
15th October
7:00pm for a 7:30pm start
AMBULANCE WEEK
12 - 16 September 2016
SURAT LOCAL EVENT – Saturday OCT 8th 2016

QAS SURAT & Surat Local Ambulance Committee (LAC) invites all members of the public to attend the launch of the recently purchased Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). The AED will be located permanently at the Surat New Royal Hotel. CPR Awareness training / AED training and personal health checks will be provided free of charge on the day. Morning tea will also be provided. Please come along and show your support to this life saving community initiative.

Date: Saturday 8th October 2016
Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm
Place: Surat New Royal Hotel.

RSVP – QAS Surat Ph.: 4626 5368 or email qas.oicsurat@ambulance.qld.gov.au

We look forward to seeing you all there.
FAMILY FUN DAY

COME ALONG TO A DAY WHERE CHILDREN & ADULTS CAN GET ACTIVE IN A SOCIAL GAME OF TOUCH FOOTBALL.

WHERE: SURAT RECREATIONAL GROUNDS

TIME: 2PM - 5PM

WHEN: 22nd OCTOBER 2016

This is a non alcohol event

All funds raised will be donated to Bob Hobbs who is battling Crohn's Disease.

NAME TEAMS TO MISS MULLER @ chambers edu au OR ANITA HOBBS 0407848531 BY 31ST OCTOBER 2016. COURTNEY & ANITA WILL BE LOOKING FOR SOME REFESSES FOR THE DAY SO IF YOU HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE IN TOUCH AND WOULDN'T MIND HELPING OUT PLEASE LET THEM KNOW.

Activities and games for young children provided.

Water & energy drinks supplied.

Children's teams & adult's teams.

Touch teams (10 per team).

Commit Excel Succeed
**Tuckshop Roster**

**OCTOBER**

12th  Karla Harth/Bre Ziesemer

19th  Michelle Newman/Robin Sims

26th  Julie Schutt /Deanna Freeman

**NOVEMBER**

2nd   Kathy Murray/Penny Peterson

9th   Chrissy/Tanya/Helen P

16th  Ali Packer/Erica Smith/Donna Cook

23rd  Karla Harth/Bre Ziesemer

30th  Michelle Newman/Robin Sims

**DECEMBER**

7th   NO TUCKSHOP

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**Surat on Balonne Gallery**

Featuring selected works from the art collection of the Surat on Balonne Gallery

**VENUE:**

Surat State School Library
18th October
7:00pm - 11:00pm

On display from 10 September to 23 October 2016

For more information call 07 4131 1010 or visit our website www.maranoa.qld.gov.au