Weekly Awards

Prep-Yr 2 Camp

Yr 5/6 Christmas Luncheon
Principal’s Note
Hello and welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 9. Wow! Where have the days gone? As we draw a close to another jam packed week of teaching and learning at Surat State School, I can’t help but look back over the term that we have just endured. It has been a great term with lots of great achievements. This time next week, we will be all done for another school year.

Attendance
The 2016 School Attendance Target is 95%, for Week 8 our school’s attendance rate was 91.9%.

Week 8 Attendance Data: Prep – 90%, Yr 1/2 – 90%, Yr 3/4 – 78.33%, Yr 5/6 – 100%, Yr 7-10 – 93%.

Highest attendance for Week 8: Year 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.

Making Every Day Count
As we near the end of the school year, it’s important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term which is 9 December. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience. For more information, visit http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts.

Rewards Afternoon
On Thursday 8 December, all students who have been invited to the Term 2, 3 rewards afternoons, and are eligible for Term 4 with 0-2 Detentions or Office Referrals for minor behaviour and no Office Referrals for major behaviour in Term 4, will be invited to attend and participate in the Rewards afternoon. This end of year reward activity is for those students who have consistently demonstrated appropriate behaviour throughout Term 2, 3 and 4.

Students with three or more Detentions or Office Referrals for minor behaviour or one major behaviour referral for Term 2, 3 and 4 will engage in a School Expectation Refresher Workshop to reflect on appropriate behaviour choices instead of attending the Rewards afternoon.

Robotics
At the end of next week, our school’s Robotics Team will travel to Sydney to compete at the National Lego Robotics Competition. Students, staff and family members will fly to Sydney next Thursday to be ready for competition on Saturday. I trust that our team will do their best. We look forward to hearing the stories upon their return.

2017 Prospectus & Book List
On Thursday 8 December, families will receive along with report cards, our 2017 Prospectus. Included in the Prospectus are the book lists for each Year level. Please note that parents are responsible for ensuring their children have all necessary items to commence the school year.

Staffing
The following teachers have been appointed and will commence duty at our school at the beginning of 2017. Graduate teachers Mrs Narina Close, Mrs Amber Gill and Miss Abbey Hoskins will join our team along with experienced teachers Mrs Andrea Frith and Miss Kelly Cavanough.

Teacher placements are still being finalised and should be announced in the newsletter next week.

Farewell
Next Friday, our school community will be saying farewell to Miss Muller and Mr Blomdale. On behalf of the school community, I wish them all the best for their final week and trust that their future is prosperous. Miss Grenning will be on leave for the duration of the 2017 School year.

Report Cards
Report cards for Semester 2 will be issued and sent home with students on Thursday 8 December.

Thanks
Thank you to all, for another glorious week at our great school!

Remember, “The Surat State School way is to commit to our learning, strive for excellence and succeed in all that we do.”

Mr Justin Washington
Principal

Important Dates
DECEMBER
8th Reports Sent Home
9th END OF TERM
**Reminder: BIG BEHAVIOUR BASH**
Next Thursday afternoon, 8th December, eligible students will be engaging in a rewards afternoon consisting of a sausage sizzle at school and then heading down to the pool and Skate Park. Students will need to remember to bring:
- swim shirt
- school hat
- water bottle
- scooters/bikes and helmets for those that are attending the Skate Park.
Invitations will be handed out Wednesday next week along with notes for non-attenders.

**P & C News**

**Tuckshop** - **REMINDER - THERE IS NO TUCKSHOP IN THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL!**

Volunteers for 2017 tuckshop required please! We are keen to kick start the tuckshop off as soon as possible at the start of the new school year. Please contact Kathy Murray (ph 0439 809 005), our tuckshop co-ordinator, to add your name to the roster. Tuckshop is very well received and enjoyed by most of the school, so please consider helping out! A minimum number of volunteers are required before we can start providing tuckshop. If you would like more information on what volunteering for tuckshop entails, please contact Kathy or one of the executive. Thank you in advance for supporting our students and staff.

**Note changes to tuckshop** - tuckshop orders are to revert back to being placed on Wednesday mornings. Sushi is being removed from the menu. Our long standing volunteer tuckshop co-ordinator, Kathy Murray, has advised us that she will not be continuing in this position for 2017. If you are interested in taking on this role, with guidance from Kathy, if required, please let us know.

**Battery Muster**

Another call out for old batteries please! We are hoping to have our batteries collected this month. Donations of any old batteries would be much appreciated. These can be dropped off at the school or we can collect from you. Just let us know. Thank you for your support.

**Events to Note in early 2017**

Prawn Night - 18th February 2017
Hospital Fete - 11th March 2017

**Next Meeting**
Our next general meeting will be held on Monday 6th February 2017 at 3.15pm in the High School Building. All welcome.

P&C Committee
email: pandc@suratss.eq.edu.au

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**Father Christmas Letters**

Join in the fun and share the magic of Christmas by helping your child write to Father Christmas!

Your Local Lions Club will ensure that all the letters get to Santa’s Workshop at the North Pole safely, and bring your special reply letter back.

All are welcome to participate. It’s easy!

Send your letter to:
“Father Christmas” or “Santa”,
The North Pole,
c/o Surat Lions Club,
Qld 4417
SURAT COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Supported by the Surat Local Ambulance Christmas Carnival Committee

Saturday 3rd December
Surat Recreation Grounds from 6pm

I’ll see you there!

Live Entertainment by
Amanda Faulkner
Ham wheels ✦ Bar & BBQ
Ice-cream van ✦ fresh donuts
hot chips ✦ cold drinks
Lucky envelopes
✦ FREE jumping castle,
Merry-go-round and train rides

“This event has been supported by the Department of Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services Community Drought Support Package. Maranoa Regional Council received funding from the Queensland Government to provide social events and drought specific information to residents within the Maranoa region.”

Event info: Joh Hancock on 1300 007 662

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Queensland Government
Teachers’ role vital in building a brighter future

An amazing array of learning goes in schools every day. We are living in contemporary social and political circumstances which are placing greater and greater pressure on schools to address student learning in everything from financial literacy to healthy eating to cyber safety. We’re teaching them personal safety, respectful relationships and that it is wrong to bully others. Schools are a microcosm of society, and there has never been a time when learning in the classroom could be quarantined from what is happening beyond the school gate.

The emergence of several politicians, both domestically and in other countries, serving up their own peculiar brands of fear of those who are different from them, climate change denial and an intolerance for the provision of welfare for society’s most needy, is at best frustrating and at the worst dangerous.

Students come to school with their own knowledge and understanding. Their views are shaped by family, peers, role models and the various media they have access to. Of our schools are to remain peaceful places where all students feel safe to learn and are encouraged to respect and understand others, it is more important than ever that we are teaching critical literacy, respectful relationships and giving strong messages to students about building tolerance and understanding in society.

The general capabilities in the Australian Curriculum encompass knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions in students. The seven general capabilities are: literacy, numeracy, ICT capability, critical and creative thinking, personal and social capability, ethical understanding and intercultural understanding. They are designed to “equip young Australians to live and work successfully in the 21st century”.

One of the things that makes teaching such a complex and demanding profession is that teachers weave the general capabilities across and within the content they are teaching. Teachers provide students with the opportunity to apply the general capabilities in a range of learning experiences at school and beyond. Just as teachers reflect on their own practice, we encourage students to reflect on their reactions to the ideas and situations they find themselves in.

Schools are preparing our students for the challenging times we live in and those ahead. The fact that they manage to do it while still promoting a love of learning and creating school environments that are safe and motivating is testimony to the dedicated and professional teachers and school leaders who work in them.

This is my final article and I would just like to thank the Surat Community for the love and support I have received throughout the past 2 years. It has been an absolute pleasure teaching at your school and I wish everyone the very best for 2017.

Mr Blomdale
2016 NRL
Summer Camp

Special Guest Coach: PJ Marsh
(former NRL and Qld State of Origin Star)

DECEMBER 12TH - 14TH

Venue: Capricorn Coast (PCYC) Leadership Development Camp, Cooee Bay
Times: Registration 10am Monday 12th December
       Concludes 12pm Wednesday 14th December
For players aged: 10 - 16yrs (born in 2000 - 2006)

PRICE INCLUDES
- Accommodation for 2 nights – all meals included
- Expert Coaching by NRL & QRL staff
- 2 Camp shirts
- Variety of fun activities including a League Tag Competition,
- Water bottle, football, hat, & gear bag
- Cost $295 (inc GST) discount for multiple online registrations

PRIVACY STATEMENT: The personal information provided on this registration form, will be used by National Rugby League for general administration, communication within Rugby League, and other matters of welfare relating to your child’s participation in the program. The information will be stored securely and will not be provided to any third parties for any purpose other than those outlined.

PUBLICITY STATEMENT: Photographs may be taken of the activities involved with the Summer Camps. The National Rugby League reserves the right to use these photographs for publications and the promotion of Rugby League.

Dominic Draper
NRL Game Development Officer – Central Division
Mobile: 0438 336 907    email: ddraper@nrl.com.au

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS CLOSING SOON!

2017 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Nominate your friends, family or workmates for an Australia Day award in the following categories:
- Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- Community Event of the Year Award
- Cultural Award
- Sports Award
- Junior Sports Award
- Member Contribution Award
- Achievement Award
- Andrea Murray Memorial Award

Nominations close Wednesday, 30 November 2016.

For enquiries, call your Local Development Officer on 1300 007 662 or visit www.maranoa.qld.gov.au

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## Maranoa School Holiday Fun
**December 2016 - January 2017**

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<td>Monday, 12 Dec</td>
<td>Christmas Treats - Come along to the library and create your very own Christmas cookies, cupcakes &amp; treats</td>
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<td>Surat Library, Bimations St</td>
<td>All ages*</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 13 Dec</td>
<td>Roma Bus Trip - &quot;Trolls&quot; Rated G Free bus, movie &amp; lunch.</td>
<td>8.45am - 2.00pm</td>
<td>Bus departs Surat Youth Zone at 8.45am &amp; returns back in Surat at 2.00pm</td>
<td>8 years &amp; over.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 13 Dec</td>
<td>The Art &amp; Craft of Christmas - Christmas arts &amp; crafts activities for all ages</td>
<td>10:00am - 11:00am</td>
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<td>Thursday, 15 Dec</td>
<td>On The Big Screen - Christmas Cartoons</td>
<td>10:00am - 11:00am</td>
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<td>Lighten Up Pool Party &amp; Adventure Obstacle Fun</td>
<td>5.00pm - 7.00pm</td>
<td>Surat Pool, Robert St</td>
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<td>Friday, 16 Dec</td>
<td>Christmas Scavenger Hunt - Search the Cold &amp; Co Changing Station for all the Christmas items on your list - win a Christmas prize.</td>
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<td>Friday, 24 Jan</td>
<td>Pool Movie Night - Two Movie Sessions to cater for all ages.</td>
<td>All Ages</td>
<td>Surat Pool, Robert St</td>
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<td>Monday, 10 Jan</td>
<td>Creative Cooking - Learn how to make healthy snack boxes &amp; biscuits using an exercise bike.</td>
<td>9.30am - 11.30am</td>
<td>Supper Room, Surat Shire Hall, Cordelia St</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 17 Jan</td>
<td>Let's Get Crackin' - Summer Workshops With The Crackup Sisters - Join B.T. Ruhl and Tivigis for two fun Red Hot hours of nutrition, cross skills, whispering and more! Learn how to hoop a hula hoop, juggle a ball, stand on one another, safely stretch and strengthen and crack a shocky.</td>
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<td>Friday, 20 Jan</td>
<td>Narra Gelb Racketball Challenge - $10 per person. Participants must wear closed in footware &amp; long pants.</td>
<td>6.30pm - 8.30pm</td>
<td>Warragoo Sport Chip, Surat Developmental Road</td>
<td>Preference given to young people aged 10-15 years</td>
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<td>Saturday, 21 Jan</td>
<td>Narra Gelb Netball Clinic - Coaching Lessons (free morning tea) Introduction to Umpiring (free afternoon tea)</td>
<td>9.00am - 4.00pm</td>
<td>PCYC 38-44 George St, Roma</td>
<td>11 years &amp; over, Coaching 13 years &amp; over, Umpiring 11 years &amp; over</td>
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<td>Thursday, 26 Jan</td>
<td>Australia Day Fun!</td>
<td>8.00am - noon</td>
<td>Surat Riverwalk, Nara St, Surat Pool, Robert St</td>
<td>Community Event</td>
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Surat Bowls Club
Christmas Party

Friday 9th December, 2016
From 6pm
Meals served only from
6:30pm - 8pm
(Cold meats and salads only)
Music
Everyone Welcome