Year 3/4 Plays

Andy Jones Visit

Yr 1/2 Probability Fair
Hello and welcome to my final Principal’s Note for 2016. Well there you go, another year of teaching and learning, completed. This week saw the culmination of a very busy year of productivity and learning. It was great to see students and teachers making the most of the final days of school this week. The 2017 school year will be here before we know it, so enjoy your break. With the summer vacation already upon us, I wish all families a safe and happy holiday. I trust that your time with family and friends will be enjoyable and fulfilling.

Reports and 2017 Book List

Today, report cards and our 2017 Prospectus were sent home with students. 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.

School Office

The School Office will be open from Monday 16 January. Please contact the office if you have any queries regarding school prior to returning the following week. Term 1 will commence on Monday 23 January.

2017 Classroom Arrangements

Prep (Miss Angie Rhodes) – Current Prep classroom
Year 1/2 (Miss Abbey Hoskins) – Current Year 3/4 classroom
Year 2/3 (Mrs Andrea Frith & Mrs Narina Close) – Current Year 3/4 spare classroom
Year 4 (Miss Kelly Cavanough) – Current Year 1/2 classroom
Year 5/6 (Miss Ashley Ludik) – Current Year 5/6 classroom
Secondary Classes – Secondary Block

Thanks

Thank you all, for another great term and year.
See you next year!

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

Kitchen Garden & The Arts

WOW! Where did 2016 go?? It is incredible to think school is done for another year. And what a busy year we have had in Kitchen Garden and The Arts.

Kitchen Garden

Thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout the year... without it we wouldn’t be able to enjoy the experiences and successes we have had... even the failures offer important learning experiences for us all. From Anzac biscuits to Christmas Treats; dishes for dinner and staff lunches; the mulberries, nectarines, peaches, lettuce, onions, leeks, zucchini, strawberries, broccoli, basil, parsley, cucumbers (and various other crops); the possums, the insects, the frosts, the heat, and no bees... through all this we have prevailed and learnt heaps. Thanks also to Mr Newman for his continued assistance and support ...and for the extra effort keeping water up to the vegies and orchard in the heat of the past week. Much appreciated. We are looking forward to 2017 and the changes and challenges that will occur.

The Arts

In 2016 from Prep to Year 10, we have collaged, carved and printed lino, created clay animals, used the ipad to make an advertisement, practiced clowning elements, made a short documentary, acted out a rescue, created ostinatos, sung and played percussion instruments, made a slideshow about our holidays...a very busy year...some of it fun...some of it not so fun...but lots of learning. 2017 promises to be just as busy... so relax, enjoy the break and charge your batteries for the challenges of a new year in The Arts.

Mrs Pointon

Important Dates - 2017

**JANUARY**

23rd School Resumes
26th Australia Day
Volunteers for 2017 tuckshop required please! We are keen to kickstart 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.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Thank you for your support this year. Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and safe holiday!

P&C Committee

email: pandc@suratss.eq.edu.au
There are 194 school days in 2017. Semester 1 2018 commences for teachers on January 18 and for students on January 22.

**STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**
Staff professional development days for teachers are January 19, 20, April 3, 4, 5, and October 16. Schools are able to decide when their flexible days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or one-of-school hours.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS**
Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister. Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

**FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE**
November 17 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 24 is the final date for student attendance in years 10 and 11.
Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 1.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (September 2016) but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit www.education.qld.gov.au
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

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,

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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<td>Warrabai Sports Complex</td>
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<td>Maranoa Netball Clinic: Coaching &amp; Practice - Free afternoons</td>
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**WHO CAN ATTEND:** Young people between the ages of 10 to 25 years. Some activities are open to younger children; however, **CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT.** Activities held within a Library require children aged under 10 years to be accompanied by a responsible adult. Age restrictions have been set for safety reasons and must be strictly adhered to. It will be taken that any child under the age of 10 who participates in any programmed activity has permission of a responsible adult. **PLEASE NOTE**: This applies under all circumstances, even if a child is accompanied by an adult. Proceeds from all events will be donated to local charities. **CHILDREN UNDER 10 YEARS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT.**