Weekly Awards

Classroom Activities
Principal’s Note
Welcome to my Principal’s Note for Week 2.
It is hard to believe that we are at the end of the second week of school already. Students and staff appear to have settled quickly into the new school year and it is great to see productive engagement throughout the school. Well done to all, for an outstanding start to 2017!

School Expectations
At Surat State School, we currently follow four expectations to ensure our school community is the best it can be. They are: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Committed.

Attendance
The 2017 School Attendance Target is 95%, for Week 1 our school’s attendance rate was 94.9%.

Week 1 Attendance Data: Prep – 96.15%, Yr 1/2 – 89.29%, Yr 2/3 – 100%, Yr 4 – 99.17%, Yr 5/6 – 92.65%, Yr 7-10 – 86.36%.

Highest attendance for Week 1: Year 2/3 100%
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.

Why Student Attendance is Important – Improved Outcomes for Students
Students who stay in education for longer have better educational, occupational and social outcomes. Being at school is one of the best investments young people can make for their future. Regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve educational success and increase their career and life options.

It is not only students who benefit from regular attendance. Teachers, parents, caregivers and the wider community all benefit when students are attending school and achieving. These benefits include greater student safety, community well-being and a sense of connectedness for all.

Our school, families and community can work together to send a strong collective message about the importance of going to school; student attendance must be a priority.

It is important for all students to be at school every day. A child should be at school unless;
• The child is too sick to leave the house. Generally, if a child is not sick enough to need to see a doctor, then he or she should be at school.
• The child has an infectious disease like measles, chicken pox or mumps.
• The child has an injury preventing movement around school.
• The class teacher is provided with any genuine and acceptable reason preventing the child’s attendance.
• A medical or dental appointment could not be made out of school hours (wherever possible, appointments should be made out of school hours).

Upon return to school, a note must be supplied to explain the days missed. You should also contact the school in advance if you know your child will be away. If your child has seen a medical practitioner (eg doctor or dentist) a certificate or appointment card will help explain the absence.

Remember:
• If students miss the basic skills in the early years of schooling they often experience learning difficulties later on.
• There is a direct link between attendance and achievement.
• It has been shown that poor patterns of attendance in the early years can lead to poor patterns of attendance throughout the school years.
• Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive friendships with their peers.

School Sport
On Monday 6 February, a team of students will represent our school at the Roma & District Swimming Carnival. Nominated students would have received a note this week.

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

For Sale by Tender
• A number of metal lockers ideal for shed storage
• A range of office and small desks
• 1 x Reverse cycle wall airconditioner unit in working as is condition.

Please submit your expression of interest / offer the School Office by Friday 10 February.
Welcome to Year 5/6!
The Year 5/6 class is off to a great start this year and everyone has settled in really well. There are lots of great things to look forward to this year; here are a few things that the class is excited for...

Bob and Greg are excited about Kitchen Garden; "I'm looking forward to growing produce and using it in our cooking," said Bob.

Jack and Khye are excited about learning some Japanese.

Most of all, the class and I are all really excited about the year ahead.

Miss Ludik and Year 5/6

RREAP Funding
The Rural and Remote Education Access Program (RREAP) helps schools and school communities improve the educational outcomes and opportunities of students who are disadvantaged because of their geographical isolation so that students’ learning outcomes match those of other students. RREAP funds are available to assist Queensland state schools and school communities to support and enrich a curriculum that is appropriate for the educational needs of geographically isolated primary and secondary school students. Community-based organisations within the Maranoa Regional Council, working in partnership with RREAP schools to provide extra-curricular programs to school students, are eligible to apply for RREAP funding. Please contact your local school for information about funding & application guidelines.

Lunch Orders - CAFÉ
First lunch can be ordered from the Café. Orders can be made and paid for at the CAFÉ and lunches will be delivered at 10:45am.

Important Dates - 2017

FEBRUARY
6th Prep Parent Info Session - 3:10pm
Roma & District Swimming
14th P & C Meeting - 3:15pm
18th P & C Prawn Night

MARCH
20th School Photos
31st Last day of Term 1

P&G News
Please check out the Prawn Night flyer in this newsletter! Cold meats and salads, as well as cheese platters are also available. Bar - Live Entertainment - Monster Auction! Please come along for a great night. Prepaid tickets only - available from the school office phone 0746264333. RSVP by Friday 3rd February. This will be our major fundraiser for the year. Any support would be gratefully accepted.

Tuckshop
Please note: NO TUCKSHOP until further notice

Volunteers for 2017 tuckshop required please! We are keen to kickstart the tuckshop off as soon as possible.

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.

Once tuckshop commences, 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.

Next Meeting - Please note change of date
Our next general meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 3.15pm in the High School Building (upstairs). All welcome. The agenda items include; Tuckshop, AOP (Annual Operating Plan) - a draft will be presented for feedback, Setting a date for Annual General Meeting (AGM), Prawn Night, Hospital Fete BBQ. Should you have any items to add to the agenda, please email pandc@suratss.eq.au before 3pm Friday 10th February.

Rural & Remote Education
The Department of Education and Training is developing a new strategy around Rural and Remote education which will ensure that state school students have access to high quality learning opportunities within their local communities and beyond. Principals’, teaching staff, P&C Executive and Committee members, parents and relevant community members input and feedback is a vital part of our initial consultation process. As valued members of rural and remote communities you are invited to have your say by taking part in a community consultation to be held at Roma Senior College – Jubilee Hall on 13 February 2017.

Venue: Roma Senior College – Jubilee Hall
Date: 13 February 2017 – Roma (RSVP closes 9 February)
Time: 4.00pm (3.30pm registration) – 6.00pm
RSVP: To attend this session and to help shape the future of rural and remote education in state schools, please RSVP via email to ruralandremote@det.qld.gov.au by 9 February 2017.

Please follow this link for further information or to complete the online survey or alternatively you can make a written submission via email to ruralandremote@det.qld.gov.au by 21 February 2017.

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

Our school is hosting a community playgroup on Mondays from 9.00-11.00. Playgroup is open to children from 0-5 years of age. At playgroup, parents and caregivers spend relaxed time with their children making friends and support networks. Meanwhile, children develop physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually, as they discover new experiences, gain self-confidence and make new friends too.

For more information, please contact Mrs Sally Broadhead via the School's Office.

Student of the Week - Week 1

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<td>Bayley Allwood</td>
<td>For being committed to his learning.</td>
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<td>Riley Coveney</td>
<td>For being an active participant in classroom discussions.</td>
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<td>Khye O’Neile</td>
<td>For starting the year off with a positive attitude towards learning.</td>
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<td>Tom Watson</td>
<td>For a great start to Term 1 with a positive attitude towards learning and interacting with others.</td>
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Roma & District Rep Football Trials

**Under 10’s (Under 35kg)**
- **Date**: 11th February 2017
- **Venue**: RSC Middle Campus
- **Time**: Registrations at 7:30 with games to start at 8:00am

**Under 11’s**
- **Date**: 11th February 2017
- **Venue**: St Johns Roma
- **Time**: Registrations at 7:30 with games to start at 8:00am

**Under 12’s**
- **Date**: 18th February 2017
- **Venue**: St John’s School
- **Time**: Registrations at 7:30 with games to start at 8:00am

Just a reminder that only kids under 35kg’s are eligible for the Under 10’s Rep Team. 10 year old kids who are over 35kg are welcome to trial for the Under 11’s Rep Team. With regards to all trials - only kids who wish to trial need to attend.

Also just to reiterate, kids will need to be registered before the trials. Players who were registered to play with a School (within the Roma & District area) or Mitchell JRLFC in 2016 will still be registered at the time of the trials. Participants who were not registered in 2016 will need to register with their preferred Club on PlayNRL before the trial dates (or they will not be allowed to play). If just one child who is not registered takes the field then ALL insurance for ALL kids playing can be made void.

If there is any issues with regards to any of the above please contact Grant Lorenz on 0427 776 579.

Thank you all for your support. We look forward to getting the 2017 season underway and seeing kids play footy!
Welcome to The Green Patch Surat News. It is exciting to be starting a new year in our Kitchen Garden especially now that all classes in the school are joining in. As I write this most of the primary classes have had their first taste of the garden and the enthusiasm is contagious. This week, they will be introduced to the kitchen classroom.

With the inclusion of all primary classes, we are looking to extend the garden to include beds that are a range of organic shapes with pathways, where they will plant a mixture of vegetables and flowers – as suggested by the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program. Down the track we are planning the addition of chickens and our own garden shed. To allow for this extension, we will be removing a number of the trees to the north of the present garden. This will also help our present garden retain moisture and make it a much safer place for our students to be working - there are often small branches on the ground, obviously fallen from these trees. The removal of trees will happen in the next few weeks. Once they are on the ground we will be asking for some helpers to load and cart them away. The sooner the job is done, the sooner the classes can get the garden started.

In the meantime, when we have garden lessons, the classes will be making their own miniature greenhouse from a strawberry/cherry tomato punnet and cardboard rolls. It would be appreciated if you could keep the ones you use and send them along to school rather than throw them away. Also, if any families have unwanted foam boxes please send them in to school as well – we can also use these to begin planting our vegies.

Beginning next week, classes are timetabled as below. Remember to ask your child about their lesson…if they don't tell you about it first.

Prep  Thursday Lesson 6
Year 1 2 Wednesday Lesson 3
Year 2 3 Wednesday Lesson 4
Year 4 Friday Lesson 1
Year 5 6 Thursday Lessons 7 & 8
Year 7 8 Wednesday Lessons 5 & 6
Year 9 10 Kitchen Classes Thursday Lesson 4 & 5

I am looking forward to an exciting, productive and rewarding year working with all the students.

Regards, Denise Pointon
(Kitchen Garden Co-ordinator)
**Maranoa Junior Basketball**

**Sign on Day & Season Start**

**Friday 3 Feb at Maranoa PCYC**

**Free annual registration & first term playing fees**

For all junior players who register on the day.

**Junior Basketball**... Friday afternoons at Maranoa PCYC

U10: 3.30pm - 4.30pm  U13: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Details: Katrina Hollingworth 0427 379 275  Mat Gane 0407 692 445
Maranoa Basketball Association

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**Surat MPHS Fete**

Rack & Roll theme (best dressed boy & girl)

11th March 2017 | 6pm til late

Surat Hospital Grounds
Free entry

Live music by ‘Let’s Dance Band’
(Fortunato, Frank & Phil)

Bar & BBQ | Family entertainment | Market stalls | Vintage Car Exhibition

Proceeds to go to MPHS Auxiliary
Ph 4626 5166 for more information

This event is proudly supported by Maranoa Regional Council Community Grants Program

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**Surat on Balonne Gallery**

**Recycled Materials Workshop**

Following the official opening of **Material Matters**

Kay S Lawrence

Saturday, 18 February
1.00pm to 4.00pm

Limited spots available

The aim of the workshop is to create a community piece that will be permanently on display in Cade’s Court.

Please contact the Gallery on 4626 5136 to book your spot

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For more information call 1300 907 662 or visit our website www.maranoa.qld.gov.au
FEBRUARY 2, 2017
RE: 2017 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

DEAR PARENTS,

The upcoming 2017 Junior Rugby League is quickly approaching. Now that our club has been established and we have direction about how to move forward, we need children who are wanting to play junior rugby league this year, to be registered with our club.

If you have a child who has previously been registered in 2016 or prior (past players), then you should have received email notification on how to re-register your child. Please click on the link that you will find in the email from Play NRL or go to www.playnrl.com, and follow the steps through the re-registration process. Towards the finalization of the re-registration process, a notification box will appear giving you details about how your child will require clearance from their nominated club. This clearance will be automatically approved, and then you will be prompted to go on to finalise this process. Once complete, your child will officially be a Wallumbilla/Surat/Yuleba Junior Rugby League Player (aka Benderoo Bull).

For new players, identification will be required. Go to www.playnrl.com and follow the registration prompts. Players from the ages of 5 and up are encouraged to register. Annual Membership fees to be a club player will be $85 per player. You can pay online via the registration process, or use another payment method detailed below.

Teams will be organized into the following age groups:

| Under 6 | Under 8 | Under 10 | Under 12 | Under 14 |

Once the annual membership fee payment has been received, each player will be allocated their Benderoo Bulls Club Kit including: club socks, shorts and a bucket hat. The kits will be distributed at our Club Muster Day this term (date and venue TBA). All insurances are also included in the membership fee.

If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact our Club Registrar Janet Harland 0439 764 165 janet.harland@bigpond.com.

Many thanks,

Libby McLean

PAYMENT DETAILS:

**DIRECT DEPOSIT**
- Account name: Wallumbilla Surat Yuleba Junior Rugby League (WSYJRRL)
- BSB: 084 915
- Account no: 502027019

(include surname in message)

**CHEQUE:**
- Payable to: Wallumbilla Surat Yuleba Junior Rugby League (WSYJRRL)
- Postal address: WSYJRRL Inc, 55 Bertha St, Surat Q 4417

**IN PERSON:**
- Payments (cash/cheque) can be made in person at the Club Muster Day (date & venue to be advised).
Parenting Program

1-2-3 Magic PARENTING

- 123 Magic is a simple yet effective behaviour management program for parents/carers of children between 3-12 years of age.
- 123 Magic when used effectively eliminates arguing, yelling and smacking. It gives parents a simple and structured approach to:
  - Controlling obnoxious behaviour (arguing, whining, fighting, tantrums)
  - Encouraging good behaviour (listening, going to bed, completing homework)
  - Strengthening their relationship with their child/ren

Day: Monday
When: 6, 13 & 27 March, 2017
Time: 10:00 – 12:00
Where: Venue TBA

Contact Glenda Corlett (Social Worker) on 4620 2265 for more information or RSVP. Or contact Surat Hospital on 4626 5166 to RSVP

The program is FREE. Refreshments are provided and each family will receive a FREE Workbook valued at $10!

Supported by Surat Lions Club

Other Parenting Programs run this year will include:
- Engaging Adolescents for parents/carers of teenagers
- Circle of Security for parents/carers of 0-6 year olds

These programs can be completed individually, rather than in a group, or organised for a group on a different day. For further information regarding these programs contact Glenda Corlett on 4620 2265, or email glenda.corlett@health.qld.gov.au
30 January 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers, players and community members

The MIA Junior Subcommittee is responsible for the organisation and communication of information regarding the 2017 Netball Competition for girls in the Roma and District. For new parents / carers to the area, the junior committee members for 2017 are as follows:

- Peter Macbeth – President – Surat State School Teacher
- Kate Gordon – Vice President – Injune State School Parent
- Sue Anderson – Secretary – Injune State School Principal (Retired)
- Anna Lucas – Secretary/Uniform Coordinator – St John’s School Parent
- Natalie Packer – Treasurer – St John’s School Parent
- Pauline Bain – Fixtures Coordinator
- Wendy Steinhoft – Coaches Coordinator – previous Roma State College Parent, with assistance from Nicole Box and Kirsten York
- Melissa Graham - Media and Sponsorship Coordinator – Wallumbilla State School Principal
- Kerri Emery – Canteen Convener – Wallumbilla State School

We wish to clarify the age groups for students wishing to play netball in 2017. These are listed below:

- U 6  Born 2012, 2011
- U 8  Born 2009, 2010
- U10  Born 2007, 2008
- U12  Born 2005, 2006

We ask that any parents / carers who have not yet completed the Expression of Interest to play netball in 2017, that is attached to this letter, to please do so by Friday February 3.

The following is information about the set-up of the new club

- Age groups – Under 6, Under 8, Under 10, under 12 and Under 15

- Players - All players will nominate their interest to play. They will be split into equal teams according to their preferred playing position and playing ability. This will hopefully ensure a strong competition, with evenly matched teams.
  - Please note that the subcommittee will do their best to ensure as many players from outlying areas are placed in the same team for travel purposes.

- Approximate Cost - $100 per player, this will include all court hire fees, administration costs, equipment costs, insurance, refereeing costs and a playing shirt.

- Uniforms – all players will be given a playing shirt; each team will have a different shirt so that they are easily identifiable. Players will be able to wear any black bottoms they feel comfortable to play in.

- Location – All games will be played in Roma at the PCYC Recreation Centre, except for Under 6’s who will play at the Roma State College Middle Campus.
• Length of season – it is envisaged that the season will go for 15 rounds, with the first round of fixtures being held on the first Saturday after the Easter break.

• Time frames – All games will be played on a Saturday morning, commencing at 8.30 am and finishing by no later than 3.00 pm.

• Training – Due to teams having players from all over the region in them, **training will occur either before or after their game on a Saturday morning.**

• Important Dates:
  - First sign on Day – 25 February 2017
  - Second sign on day – 4 March 2017
  - Grading / training days – 11 March, 18 March, 25 March 2017
  - First fixture game – 22 April 2017 (first Saturday after Easter break)

As you are aware these competitions do not run without umpires, coaches and managers. If you are interested in umpiring, coaching or managing a team would you please complete the form below and return it to the MNA juniors email address listed below.

If you would like to keep up-to-date with what is happening with the Juniors please go to our facebook page at **Maranoa Netball Association Juniors**.

If you have any questions regarding the competition for 2017 or would like more information, please email mnaunivers@outlook.com. We look forward to working with you all to keep netball strong in the community in 2017.

Yours sincerely

Kayleen Hall  
MNA President

Peter McBeth  
MNA Juniors President
MNA Juniors
2017 Season Players Expression of Interest

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MNA Juniors
2017 Season Volunteers Expression of Interest

Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
Email: ___________________________
Mobile Number: ____________________

I wish to volunteer to: (please circle/highlight your choices)

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Age group that I would be interested in coaching/managing are:

Age group/s that I would feel comfortable umpiring are:

Please complete this form and return to mnajuniors@outlook.com by Friday February 3 2017.