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Key to Success this fortnight:  Organisation

From the Principal - Sharon McMorrow

Welcome Back to Term 4

Welcome back to term 4, it is hard to believe that we are already ¾ of the way through the 2015 school year. I hope you all had a restful school holidays and were able to spend time with family and friends.

To all of our new families joining us at Sandy Strait I welcome you to our wonderful school and look forward to working together with you as we all Leap into Learning this term.

Term 4 is a very busy term with many events and celebrations as we recognise and celebrate the achievements of our children across the year levels.

Arrangements in Administration in Term 4

Mrs Forbes our Junior School Deputy Principal will be on long service leave this term. Ms Wendy Mason will acting in the Junior School Deputy Principal role during weeks 1-5 and Mrs Karlee Franz will be acting in the Junior School Deputy Principal role from weeks 6-10.

Appointments with our Principal and Deputy Principals

A large majority of the Principal and Deputy Principal's roles involve working closely with teachers, students and other Education Qld staff throughout the day on various teaching and learning agendas. Our timetables are very busy and in term 4 these agendas become even more demanding.

Often we have parents who come into the school office without an appointment, annoyed that they are unable to see the Principal or Deputy Principal as they are all involved in meetings.

Your concerns and enquiries are very important to us. Please take the time to make an appointment to ensure that we are available to meet with you without interruption.
School Wide Literacy and Numeracy Testing

Throughout week 1 and week 2 of this term classes across the school will be involved in various school wide testing tasks focussing on Reading Comprehension and Numeracy.

Students initially complete these tests in February and then in October the tests are conducted again. The results of the testing allow us to measure the “value added” and identify trends and patterns in student learning. This allows us to plan and implement targeted intervention, support and extension programs. In week 5 of the term teachers meet with their Leadership team rep and we examine class data and the achievement of all students.

Individual results from the school wide testing program are included in our Student Assessment Folios which will accompany the Student Report Cards at the end of the Semester.

School Wide Literacy and Numeracy Testing

This year we are continuing with our Pre-Prep Program to assist our children and parents to best prepare for the curriculum and learning expectations of the upcoming Prep Year.

The third in our series of Pre Prep Sessions on Early Reading Concepts is planned for Friday 16th October at 9.30am in our Prep Rooms. Please register your attendance (for yourself and your child) for our session on the 16th October to ensure we have a Take Home Resource Pack ready for you.

Please be sure to register your attendance for the sessions below.

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A Reminder about Vehicle Access and Parking in the School Grounds

To ensure the safety of our children within our school grounds, our school has had to implement procedures that minimise vehicle access to our school grounds.

Of an afternoon our school vehicle top gates are closed between 2.30-3.00 to ensure our students can exit the school safely without cars coming in and out of the grounds.

We now have an increasing issue in the mornings before school with a large number of parents using the cul-de-sac as a drop off zone. At times there are 3-4 vehicles trying to access this area at the same time.

A large amount of very visible signage has been displayed as you enter the school advising parents that there is no student drop off or pick up in the school grounds.

Parents are reminded that this area is not a drop off zone as we have many children moving about the school grounds in this area before school and bringing cars into this area endangers children.

This area is to only be accessed by special permit vehicles and for students with mobility issues before school.

I thank parents for their support with this issue as we strive to keep our precious children safe within the school grounds.

Pupil Free Day Monday October 19th

Over the last couple of years Education Qld has reallocated the majority of pupil free days out of the school terms and into school holiday periods.

All state schools across Queensland have one pupil free that is allocated on the third Monday of term 4.

On Monday 19th October all staff will be involved in Professional Development tasks and students do not attend school on this day.

Please add this date to your calendars.

Leap Into our Pre-Prep Program- Early Reading Concepts Friday 16th October

At Sandy Strait we believe it is important to provide our students with the best possible start to their first year of schooling.
Welcome Back
Welcome back to school for the last term of the year, and as usual this term like the previous three will be packed full of activities. Mid-term our teachers and their students will be heavily engaged in completing final pieces of assessments. This time of the year is sure to places some demands on students' organisation skills. With this in mind here is one tip to offer our students to help be more organised during busy times…

Make a To-Do List
Making a to-do list at the beginning of every day or week can make you feel more focused and motivated to continue your work. If you make a list of all the things you have to do, no matter how small, you will feel more accomplished when you check those items off your list and move on to the next task. This will also keep you focused on one task at a time.

- You can separate your to-do list into three lists: things to do that day, things to do the next day, and things to do that week. If you finish the tasks for that day but have some time left over, you can move on to the next set of tasks.
- Prioritize your tasks. Put the most important or hardest tasks first. It’s better to save the easier or more manageable tasks for the end of the day, when you’re more tired and less compelled to complete the hardest tasks. If you put off the hard tasks until the last minute, you’ll be dreading getting them done all day.
- Include breaks in your to-do list. You can reward yourself with breaks. If you finish three tasks, you can have a small snack, or make a quick phone call to your friend, for example. This will make you even more focused on completing the tasks at hand.

2016 Student Leadership Process
This term our Year 5 students will be invited to apply for a variety of student leadership positions for 2016. Positions will include: School Promotions Leader, Student Activities/ Welfare Leader, and House Captains. Our Year 5 teacher, Mr T, will coordinate the process. By the end of the term we should know who our student leaders for next year will be.

School Chaplain Application
Our school was invited, recently, to reapply to continue utilising a school chaplain as a resource to support our school community. Our application will be considered sometime this term and hopefully we will be notified that we will be in a position to continue to have Chappy Trina at our school for the next few years.

Planning Ahead for the 2016 School Year
In order to ensure that we are well prepared and staffed appropriately for the 2016 school year it is essential that our enrolment predictions are as accurate as possible.
I would ask all families who may be moving or relocating a new school for the start of the 2016 school year to please contact our school office so we can update our records.

If you have family or friends who are planning on relocating to Hervey Bay or enrolling in our school for the 2016 school year I would also ask that you encourage them to contact our school office for an enrolment pack so we can also have up to date information about new families arriving.

Your help and assistance with this would be most appreciated as we try and ensure a smooth start through accurate staffing and class numbers for the upcoming school year.

Farewell to our Business Services Manager – Charla Wood
On Friday 16 October Charla Wood will retire. Charla has been at Sandy Strait State School for the past 21 years. We wish Charla all the best in her future endeavours and we will be holding a special staff morning tea to farewell her.

News from the Tuckshop

Tuckshop is open on Thursday and Friday.
Brown Bags cost 0.10c each.
Menu from term 3 continues as well as:
Sushi - $5.00

Printers For Sale

Printers for Sale:
The school has an excess of HP Laserjet printers for sale in ‘as is’ condition with no warranty and no returns. All printers are in working condition, you may be required to download drivers from the Internet once connected for them to operate. Left over toners in various volume are included with the printer upon purchase and we have two brand new printers in boxes. Printers will be offered for sale on Monday 19 October between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm in the school hall. Money is payable on the day. Printers will be labelled with their sale price on the day.
Welcome back to Term 4

As Mrs McMorrow has mentioned earlier in the Newsletter I am acting in Mrs Forbes position for the first 5 weeks of this term. If you need to see me regarding your child in Prep to Year 3 please don’t hesitate to make an appointment. I look forward to working with the teachers and students in our junior school.

Organisation

Help your child to be ORGANISED (This week “Key To Success”)

- Label where things should go. Stick pictures or text on clear plastic containers to show what goes in each container.
- Schedule an after-dinner clean-up. Set aside five minutes after dinner to clean up areas around the house (living room, countertops). Set a timer and have the family pitch in. Make it a daily routine!
- Have your child stay put when cleaning up his / her work area. Instead of taking away the stuff that belongs in other rooms, have him / her make piles. One for the bedroom, one for the kitchen, one for the playroom. If he / she walks off to another area, chances are, he / she will get sidetracked and not complete tidying up.
- Buy your child a corkboard and pins -- for hanging up important papers that might get lost on a cluttered desk.
- Assemble a homework supply kit. Place in a see-through plastic container, with a lid, everything she will need to complete assignments -- from crayons and a glue stick to a calculator and dictionary. With this system, it does not matter where your child chooses to study. The necessary supplies can accompany him / her anywhere.
- Put up a large whiteboard that includes a space for a calendar. Give each family member a different-coloured marker to write down tasks and events for the week, so each can easily spot his or her own.
- Be prepared for the next day. Have your child organise their school equipment and uniform before they go to bed. This will help to ensure that they are at school on time.

Art Display

Come along and see our student’s wonderful pieces of Art work, which they completed during Term 3. The pieces of art are displayed in the Hall and are available for parents to view before and after school. Please enter via the glass doors at the back of the Hall.

Reagan Milstein Foundation – Soccer Day – Get Involved!!

On Sunday the 18th of October the Reagan Milstein Foundation is holding a fun day of soccer at the Hervey Bay Sports Club (Tavistock St). The day involves teams of players (have to be 18 years and older) competing against each other to support the foundation.

Teams are 5 per team (ideally 7 if you need to sub). If you would like to jump on board and put a team in please let Cameron Hanrahan know ASAP – 0414 284 850). Skill, knowledge and equipment isn’t necessary (other than sneakers – no boots, shin guards and long socks), just a smile and a good time. There is NO cost to enter!!

The day is being organised by Cameron Hanrahan, Ambassador for the Reagan Milstein Foundation and owner of SOAR Football Academy. Equipment (boots, shin guards, jerseys, shorts and playing socks) will be collected before and on the day to donate to the foundation to support less fortunate people. If you have, or know of anyone who would like to donate some gear you can hand it to Wendy Mason, at the Sandy Strait SS Office, before the day or to Meg Mason, at the Hervey Bay Soccer Fields, on the day.

What is the Reagan Milstein Foundation?
The RMF was created in memory of a sports loving teenager who died tragically in 2010. The aim of the foundation is to empower and help disadvantaged children to get involved in sports. If you would like to know more about this great cause you can check the Reagan Milstein Foundation on Facebook.

“Achieving equality and opportunity through football”

Thank you Wendy Mason
Continued.....—Community News

KAWUNGAN STATE SCHOOL
PARENT AND CITIZENS ASSOCIATION'S TRIVIA NIGHT

When: Friday, 23rd October, 2015

Where: Kawungan State School Hall

Time: Doors open at 6:30pm.

Trivia will start at 7:00pm.

Teams of max. 8 people: $10 per person, includes light refreshments for your team.

Licensed bar available

Multi draw raffle

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