From the Principal - Mr David Hillhouse

**2017 Staffing**

Last Thursday, all schools across Queensland participated in a process known as the Day 8 Enrolment Calculation. On the 8th day of the school year our staffing allocation is confirmed based on the number of children enrolled at the school and a range of other data.

Our planned staffing and class arrangements were accurate which meant no changes are required at this time. This means that we can continue to enact all our support and school wide programs which we have planned for implementation throughout 2017.

**Striving for Success School Wide Intervention**

In 2017, our goal, is for all students to achieve a year’s growth in mathematics and reading for a year’s input of teaching. In all our classrooms, we have children with various learning needs. Some children require extra support and assistance to help master some concepts while others require enrichment and extension to cater for their needs.

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**Key to Success this fortnight: Getting Along**

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**Methods of Payment**

- **Eftpos available** at office. Minimum $10.00
- **Correct Cash payments taken**—No Change available.
- **Centrepay available**—please contact the BSM, Mrs Brady on: 41970333

**Bank Account details** for direct payment:

BSB: 064-426
ACC: 10065993
Reference: Quote Invoice Number or Student Name/Payment for

**Note:** Please ensure BPoint & EFT are submitted at least 2 days prior to due date as processing time is required.

**Change of Details:** Please let the office know if your contact or emergency details change.

**Student Absences:** Please call the absence line on: 41970360.

Sandy Strait State School Office Hours:

8am to 4pm Mon- Thurs, 8am to 3.30pm Friday.
Date Claimers  2017

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10/02  Leaders Induction Assembly
—Hall 9.00am
13/02  Meet and Greet 3.00pm
15/02  Yr 6 GRIP Leadership Workshop—Brolga,
Maryborough—7.15am SSSS Senior Assembly—Hall
2/03  Richard Watt Optometrist Screening Yrs 1&4
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**In achieving this goal, support needs to be very specific, target a select group of students and be delivered in small group situations that compliment class programs. It is also paramount that children are present and punctually arrive at school every day, so that they can access the programs.**

This year, we have once again been fortunate to access funding through the ‘Investing for Success Initiative’ to employ additional staff to implement our unique programs. To ensure the success of our Intensive Intervention Programs we have allocated dedicated teaching spaces and classrooms in which our Intervention Team can work with groups of children, giving them every chance at success. The following Intensive Intervention Staff commenced their Intervention programs last week across all year levels:

**Prep and Year 1**
- Ms Shaloam Robe (Literacy Intervention Teacher) and Mrs Kylie Smith (Literacy Intervention Teacher) and Mrs Carol Lamacq Literacy Intervention Teacher Aide).

**Year 2 and 3**
- Ms Diana Ashcroft (Literacy Intervention Teacher) and Mrs Alison Perske (Literacy Intervention Teacher Aide).

**Year 4 and 5**
- Mrs Lauren Rosentreter (Literacy Intervention Teacher) and Mrs Lyn Fallon (Literacy Intervention Teacher Aide).

**Year 6**
- Mrs Melanie Mills (Teacher Librarian and Literacy Intervention Teacher) and Mrs Alison Perske (Literacy Intervention Teacher Aide).

**Years 3 - 6**
- Mr Russell Pitts is fulfilling the role of Numeracy Intervention/Extension teacher working initially with identified children in Years 3 and 5 for intervention and years 4 and 6 for extension.

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**Striving for Success Meet and Greet Afternoon**

Building our school community and strengthening relationships between home and school play an essential role in our goal for all students to achieve a year’s growth in mathematics and reading for a year’s input of teaching.

On Monday 13th February, all parents and students are invited to our Whole School Open Afternoon Meet and Greet Event.

- All classrooms and teaching spaces across the school will be open with teachers and staff in rooms.
- Parents are welcome to wander and visit their children’s classrooms, meet the teachers and learn more about what is happening in our classes throughout the afternoon. There is no set time to be in any classroom as all rooms are open between 3.00- 3.45pm

**Parents are encouraged to bring their children along so they can show you around their classroom, and share their work and learning with you.**

- If children participate in Intensive Literacy Intervention Programs this is also a great opportunity to visit these classrooms, meet the teachers who have been working with your children and learn more about the programs.

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**Keeping Hydrated**

With the relatively high temperatures we have been experiencing, I would like to remind parents of the importance of sending your child to school with a water bottle. At various stages throughout the day our teachers have been providing students with a drink break to keep them hydrated and cool. Staying hydrated has been found to boost both concentration and energy levels throughout the day.

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**News from Chaplain**

Well, what a great holiday! It’s lovely to be back at school all refreshed and ready to start a new year of learning.

I would love to welcome the new Welfare Leaders:-
Liam, Macayla, Ruby, Montanna, Jamie, Tyler and Cooper.

These leaders will be busy welcoming new students to the school, providing support to those who have difficulty making friends and of course, helping with Chappy activities.

The programs happening in Chaplaincy this term:-
- **Breakfast Club**- has kicked off again on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, this year, it will be held in the hall, from 8.00-8.30am.
- **Chappy Activities**- students developing social skills through creativity, will be held on **Wednesday lunch time** outside the cottage.

A fantastic start to the year.

Cheers
Chappy
Pastorok, an educational specialist, suggests the following tips for a successful route back-to-school:

Focus on the Positives

- Talk to your children about what they achieved during holidays. The summer gives a child the opportunity to excel in swimming, explore the arts and form relationships with friends and family. Be sure to point out the skills that helped your child succeed and explain how these skills can be applied to school.
- Reassure your child that you believe in his or her ability to learn. Don’t put extra pressure on your child or make unrealistic demands, which can hinder the child’s motivation and potential.
- Play down your child’s fears about the coming year and potential.

Create an Educational Environment at Home

- Set up a quiet, clean, smoke-free and well-ventilated area for your child to study with minimal traffic. Ideally, the area should be closed off to siblings, pets, and free of stereo, TV, radio, telephone, video games and other enticing distractions. Children should have a neatly organized area with proper seating and a solid flat surface on which to write, paint, draw or type.
- Provide your child with ample materials for school work, including pens, paper, rulers, scissors, erasers, colored pencils or markers. The study area should also contain an age-appropriate dictionary, thesaurus and encyclopedias, and children should be given easy access to newspapers, magazines, journals, books and classic literature to support their studies.
- Develop a consistent homework routine early in the school year to help your child learn effectively beyond the school day. Homework is often the first challenge your child encounters. Set aside a common “study time” period at home for studying, reading and quiet activities, and do your utmost to avoid and curtail arguments during that time.
- Schedule time to help your children by answering their questions, explaining concepts, extending lessons and proofreading papers, reports and projects. For younger children, start a routine of checking what is in their bag to help keep their materials neat and organized.

Form a Partnership and Develop a Plan

- Make time to get acquainted with your child’s teachers. These partnerships will help ensure that the student, teacher and parent are all striving toward a common goal and will form a basis for resolving academic challenges that may arise during the school year.

Balance Your Child’s Lifestyle

- Avoid overbooking your child in sports, dance, skating, karate, music, and other organized activities. One leisure and one educational activity a season may be sufficient.

- Be there for your child by attending plays, excursions, school events, teacher meetings and homework sessions.
- Give your child up to two hours a day of “quality time” to engage in learning, reading or even playing together.
- Let your child play, be a ‘kid’ and develop creativity independently.
- Try not to make your child fulfill “your” dreams by forcing them to be the ‘gifted,’ ‘artistic,’ ‘athletic’ or ‘beautiful’ children.

Meet Your Child’s Teacher

Parents are encouraged to accept the invitation to meet with their child’s teacher next Monday. Here are a few questions parents might want to consider asking teachers during the interview:

- How is my child doing in your class?
- How does my child’s work compare to your expectations?
- Do you have any concerns about their academic progress?
- Does my child listen in class?
- Does my child contribute to class discussions?
- Are they confident talking in front of the whole class?
- How are their social skills? Do they get along with other students?
- Who are their friends? Who do they play with?
- Is my child liked by other students?
- Are there any issues in the playground? Do they behave appropriately?
- Are there any subjects which my child is reluctant to participate in?
- What can I do to help?

Year 6 Camp

Our 2017 Year 6 Adventure Leadership camp to be held at the Sunshine Coast Recreation Centre, located at Currimundi on the Sunshine Coast, will be held from Monday 20 March to Wednesday 22 March 2017.

This camp is an integral component of our students’ “Leadership Program”. Students will engage in experimental learning, personal development and team building skills. They will participate in various physical challenges and enjoy the opportunity to enhance their friendships and make new friends.

The camp will cost $235 per student. Please pay the full amount by Friday 24th February via the school office. Parents are reminded that the Student Resource Scheme must be paid for or a payment plan implemented before their child can participate and that they may take advantage of Centrepay to start paying for these payments. Please contact the Business Services Manager, Mrs Brady on: 41970333.
Welcome to Sandy Strait State School 2017
Welcome back to our students and parents and welcome to our new students and parents as we prepare for an exciting year. Teachers were preparing for their new classes weeks before school started and are now working with your children as they ‘Strive for Success in all they undertake at school.’

Many teachers have already sent home a parent information letter with information informing you of classroom procedures, suitable times to have informal meetings with the teacher and teacher expectations. As well as this information sheet teachers will also be available next Monday afternoon 13th Feb to meet with you and share classroom practices and answer questions. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to attend this meeting if possible as it will be an excellent opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and clarify any concerns you or your child may have about their ‘new’ teacher and classroom.

Teachers are always appreciative of any support and assistance you can offer in helping your child have a successful year and communication between parents and teachers whenever necessary assists with achieving this. Teachers will provide their email address in their class information communiqué and times they are available to meet with you when necessary.

Our Major Focus Areas

Mathematics
This year we will continue to focus on maths and our coach Mark Hansen will work with teachers and students as we set goals for students and year levels to improve students understanding and use of mathematics. Please encourage your child to share what they are learning about in mathematics with you and support them to keep practising and thinking about their learning even when it is challenging.

Word Study/Spelling
Students in Prep and year one will use our school program based on SSP and will then progress from this to our school word study/spelling program that caters for student’s developmental progress in spelling. When your child presents with spelling words for homework that may seem too easy it is because our biggest challenge with spelling is having students transfer their spelling knowledge to their writing tasks. Teachers will be continuing to work with students around connecting spelling and writing this year.

Reading
Reading programs are underway with students working to decode and make meaning using our school wide reading and comprehension strategies. Please find time to read with or to your child as often as possible as this will provide a strong foundation for the many aspects of literacy learning (story sequence, rich vocabulary, rhyme, sentence structure etc.) as well as promote enjoyment of reading.

Vision Testing
Students in years 1 and 4 would have brought a permission slip home last week to have their vision tested by Richard Watt, a local optometrist. Testing will take place on February 23rd, 2nd March and 9th March. If you would like your child’s vision tested please collect a form from the office.

Care and Concern
The first few weeks back will be tiring for many of our students, especially our Preps as they adapt to a new class and teacher so please help your child with ensuring they have all the necessary school resources and make time to assure them they will soon get used to a new way of doing many things as well as new learning.

News from the Business Services Manager—Mrs Tanya Brady

Payments for the following are due:
Year 6 Adventure Leadership Camp - 24 February
Student School Resource Scheme - 31 March
Instrumental Music Levy - 31March

No LATE Payments will be accepted

Centrepay available—Please contact the BSM, Mrs Brady on: 41970333

A reminder that the school office requires payments to be made with correct money—no change is available. The correct money must be placed in payment envelopes and then placed in payment box at the office. Other options for payment are through Eftpos, Bpoint or Centrepay. Centrepay can be organised to pay for all student resource scheme fees, excursions, hats and sport shirts (limited sizes from school office).

2017 Term 1 Statements
Statements will be coming home with your child shortly. The statements will provide details of all outstanding fees payable to the school.
**News from the P&C**

The P&C wishes to welcome all new students and families to Sandy Strait.

It is fantastic to be able to look around our school and see all of the improvements completed over the holiday period. We wish to thank our school community as your support has contributed to these improvements.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 22nd March, 2017 at 3.00pm where all positions will be declared vacant.

We welcome all new members and would love to see you there.

Kylie Dinte
P&C Principal

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**News from the Tuckshop, School Banking & Bookclub—Mrs Sulzenbacher & Mrs Thornton**

**Tuckshop**

Tuckshop is now open three (3) days a week.

**Monday, Thursday and Friday**

Eftpos is available.

Thank you to the parents who have volunteered to assist us in the tuckshop this term. A roster will be forwarded shortly.

**School Banking**

Banking will be collected on Tuesday of every week. The reward tokens have changed and they will no longer be distributed through the banking book. They will be automatically totalled through the system and the students will receive them when they have reached their prize goal.

**Bookclub**

Bookclub will be sent home with students at the beginning of March. All orders are to be completed online. No cash will be accepted.

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**News from Helping Hands—OSHC**

**Helping Hands**

Outside School Hours Care
Sandy Strait

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**Before School Care from $3.96 per session**
**After School Care From $4.18 per session**
**Vacation Care from $3.62 per day**

*Based on your income for 1 child in care per session after CCB and CCR

COME IN AND CHECK OUT OUR PROGRAM!

Hi to all the families of Sandy Strait State school,

Welcome back, as it is the beginning of a new year we want your children to join in on all the fun. We run before school, after school and vacation care. You don’t have to use us all the time, if you are running late from work, held up at an appointment or extending a long lunch, a quick text is all it takes to have your children in the session you need. Or you can book your children in on certain, regular days. We are super flexible and always are here to help. We pride ourselves on creating quality relationships with the children at Sandy Strait State School.

Please feel free to pop in and have a chat or send me an email, and I am happy to let you know your individual prices in relation to Child care benefits etc.

Jade and Christina — co-ordinator of Sandy Strait State School
Community News Continued ……. 

Community assistance is needed to find out where our frogs are living from Burrum Heads south to Perigean and west to Conondale Range, Kilikan and Mt Walsh. Frogs are a vital component of ecosystems and can be good indicators of environmental health. But they are in trouble world-wide due to habitat loss, pollution and disease and we need to know more about where they are.

Can you help? We want to improve our knowledge in the Mary, Noosa, Burrum River catchments and coastal region in between.

Information gathered will help to improve the plight of frogs through awareness and thoughtful management.

All records will be stored in the WildNet database (Queensland Government) where is can be accessed by researchers, planners and anyone who is interested.

Jump into being a frog searcher this February. You don’t need to be able to identify frogs, just record your observations, take photos and/or record their calls. We will do the identification.

A copy of the Queensland Museum pocket guide; ‘Frogs of South East Queensland’ is available to the first 200 frog finders.

Record sheets are available through the Mary River Catchment Coordinating committee office or website

www.mrccc.org.au
25 Stewart Terrace, Gympie,
Phone 5482 4766
Email admin@mrccc.org.au

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Circle of Security Parenting Group

There are times when most parents feel a little unsure about what their child needs from them.

The Circle of Security Parenting Group offers parents/caregivers ideas & skills to better understand & respond to a child’s needs & their behaviours, & helps parents/caregivers to understand their own responses. Attending this group can lead to happier family relationships.

If caring for a child and parenting is feeling stressful - phone for more information about this 8 week group being offered in 2017 by Wide Bay Hospital & Health Service on Fraser Coast at:

Hervey Bay: Feb-Mar (Th 9:30-11 am), May-June (Th 1:30-3 pm)
July-Aug (Th 9:30-11 am), Oct-Nov (Wed 1:30 pm)
Maryborough: Jan-Feb (Mon 9:30 - 11 am)

Find out if this group is for you!
RING: 4122 8739
and talk with the facilitators.
For more info watch this youtube clip

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wpz8m0BFM8

Wide Bay Hospital & Health Service
Sport & Fitness Activity Schedule

At PCYC Hervey Bay we offer a wide range of sporting, recreational, welfare and cultural activities that cater for all abilities and ages. All activities are free to the indigenous community, we do offer transport but it can be limited. Please see below for more details...

**Starts 14 February unless stated otherwise below:**

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<td>Social Cricket - Kids/Teens/Adults 3.00 – 4.30PM <em>(Starts 9 Feb)</em> No experience needed, come along and learn some new skills or, simply have some fun at the PCYC outdoor area. Cricket Coach from Cricket Australia.</td>
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<td>Strength &amp; Conditioning Training - Teens 3.30 – 4.30PM A program specifically designed for competitive sports in our PCYC Gym. Please bring a towel and drink/water bottle.</td>
<td>Circuit Class – Adults All Ages 5.30PM (50 MINUTE CLASS) A total body workout designed to improve balance, strength, flexibility and co-ordination in the Pulse room at the PCYC. Please bring a towel and drink/water bottle. AIRCONDITIONED &amp; TRANSPORT AVAILABLE.</td>
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<td>Bunburra Training – 14-17Yrs 3.30 – 4.30PM Bunburra Indigenous Beach Touch Football 2017 competition training starts February at Torquay Beach. Coach: Les Raveneau &amp; Lee Evans.</td>
<td>Boxing – 16+ 5.30 – 6.30PM <em>(Starts now)</em> Fully qualified instructors at the PCYC. Work your way up to sparring or competing. All fitness levels. Please bring a towel and drink/water bottle. <em>(TRANSPORT AVAILABLE).</em></td>
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Indigenous Community Sport & Recreation Officer: Ms Lee Evans (Saunders) BA Hons AES IAHA
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